

# You are welcome here and you belong!

Known as The Hilltop City, **Summit** has evolved from a farming and milling community to a resort area for Manhattan industry icons, to an evolving sustainable community which boasts a vibrant commercial district, green space, diverse neighborhoods, an award-winning public school district and national historic sites.

**Summit** newcomers have always brought with them their customs, language, values, social culture, talents and faith traditions resulting in a diverse place where all who live, work, worship or volunteer can belong.



Achieving a safe and caring community involves dialogue and collaboration. The volunteer-led **Summit Interfaith Council** exists to “seek the welfare of the city” and recognizes common spiritual ground while celebrating the diversity of each member’s respective traditions. Summit's own police and fire departments collaborate with first aid squad volunteers and Overlook Medical Center as well as neighboring hospitals to deliver state-of-the-art community care.

**The Mayor’s Forum on Diversity** was formed in 1995 to create an open public setting for matters of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging to be discussed; and for initiatives to be identified and implemented.

The ever-evolving work of the forum is guided by its mission and vision for **Summit**.



The Mayor's Forum on Diversity has a vision for Summit as a welcoming place where everyone can belong.

As a diverse and inclusive community, we value kindness, empathy, equity and equality, respecting and cherishing the unique contributions we all make.



Together, we are constantly evolving, breaking down barriers and building a united community where diversity is respected and cherished.

## Participating Organizations

Overlook Medical Center [atlantichealth.org](http://atlantichealth.org)

Reeves-Reed Arboretum [reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://reeves-reedarboretum.org)

Summit Board of Education [summit.k12.nj.us](http://summit.k12.nj.us)

Summit Downtown, Inc. [summitdowntown.org](http://summitdowntown.org)

Summit Fire Department [cityofsummit.org/fire](http://cityofsummit.org/fire)

Summit Free Public Library [summitlibrary.org](http://summitlibrary.org)

Summit Police Department [cityofsummit.org/police](http://cityofsummit.org/police)

Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad [summitems.org](http://summitems.org)

The Connection [theconnectiononline.org](http://theconnectiononline.org)

Summit Community Center [summitcommunityprograms.com](http://summitcommunityprograms.com)

The Summit Interfaith Council [summitinterfaith.org](http://summitinterfaith.org)

The Summit Y [thesay.org](http://thesay.org)

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey [artcenternj.org](http://artcenternj.org)



## Join us at a meeting!

The Mayor's Forum on Diversity welcomes community members, cultural affinity groups, speakers, liaisons at the county and state level, community group volunteers, foundations, business leaders and other stakeholders.

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