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To a Special Summit Resident,

Under new leadership, The Summit Taxpayers Association cordially invites you to join an organization of families that is organized exclusively to represent you as a Summit taxpayer. We are committed to common sense economy in government. We seek to encourage judicious spending of public funds by public officials. The Association, a non-profit organization, conducts non-partisan analysis thru studies and research for public information purposes. In fact, we are the only such group organized to represent taxpayers like you. And we've been doing it since 1943.

We are not, however an exclusive organization. Our Membership is open to all Summit residents. Our dues are a modest \$10.00 a year per family. In return, we are dedicated to informing you about city, county, state and national fiscal issues that have significant impact on your local taxes.

Members monitor the activities of Summit's Common Council, Board of Education and Union County Board of Freeholders. We act as an organization to mobilize public opinion to keep spending at fiscally responsibly levels. And now we have a website to keep you up to date: www.summittaxpayers.org.

On the back of this page is information that explains the demographics of Summit. If you wish to invest in fiscal responsibility, simply fill out the membership application below and send it with a \$10.00 check for your first year's dues. Please make your check payable to The Summit Taxpayers Association, and mail it to P.O. Box 474, Summit, NJ 07902-0474.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Vant, Jr., President, The Summit Taxpayers Association

Yes, I'd like to join the Summit Taxpayers Association. Enclosed is my \$ 10.00, first year's dues.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____



Summit Demographics

In 2000, US Census Bureau counted 7,900 households, 5,400, paying real estate taxes directly, while 2,500 households paid these taxes indirectly thru monthly rent payments. In the census year there were 4,550 children. Currently, there are 3,650 children enrolled in public schools. Allowing for growth since the last, it is estimated about 900 attend parochial or private school. No one knows for sure how many families use our schools, but it is estimated about 25-30% maximum.

At the census date, 2,050 households contain at least one individual 65 years or older. This 26% of total households is approximately the same size as are in the public schools population. Schools are clearly our # 1 community asset, but now command more than 50 % of our tax dollars. The total burden of schools + city + county will be \$12,570. on average household this year. It is a burden many of our taxpayers can no longer afford. This is another 7 % increase, twice the rate of inflation. These large increases year after year prohibit young families from moving to Summit, and force senior citizens to leave their beloved hometown. These two segments of the population offer the diversity that Summit desires to maintain.

The Challenge: To back The Summit Taxpayers Association simply enroll for membership now, and agree to be part of our volunteer effort. Our impact depends principally on the number of residents we represent. Together we can assure a better Summit. Join us!

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