

## **Summer Sizzles in Summit**

*A well-planned schedule of events offers something for everyone*

The summer is sizzling in Summit with a variety of events that offer something for everyone. The season kicks off with the return of the Farmers Market on June 7 and the heat turns up in July with a summer concert series each Tuesday; Super Sidewalk Sale Days on July 24 and 25; and a Food & Wine Festival July 24-26.

The ever popular **Summit Farmers Markets** returns on Sunday, June 7 at Park & Shop Lot #2 on the corner of Maple Street and DeForest Avenue. The market will be open every Sunday through December from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., rain or shine. Free parking is available in adjacent parking lots and on the street for all visitors and the market is a short walk from the train station. Fans know that the Summit Farmers Market features some of the best local and regional goods, including fresh and organic produce, plants and flowers, many specialty items, and more. Keeping in line with the inherent environmental benefits of choosing local goods, Summit Downtown Inc. (SDI) will be selling reusable shopping bags each week for the market's patrons.

Of course, what would **July 4<sup>th</sup>** be without **Summit's annual celebration!** Activities will be held at Memorial Field, off Ashland Road from 9:45 a.m. until the Annual Fireworks Display starting at 9:15 p.m. There will be the flag raising, Children's Bike Parade, Softball Game, plus rides, games, and music for all! In event of rain, the Fireworks Display will be held on the next clear night at Memorial Field.

Next on the list are the popular "**Super Sidewalk Sale Days**" on July 24 and 25. Many retailers throughout the downtown shopping district will participate in the sidewalk sale during their normal store hours. Shoppers will discover great finds in clothing, shoes and accessories for men, women, teens and children; items for the backyard, garden, home and summer entertaining; one-of-a-kind host/hostess gifts; luggage and travel accessories for summer vacations; and much more. Don't forget to take a break in one of the many restaurants, cafés and coffee shops too. A printable directory of businesses and a map of free parking are available on SDI's website at [www.summitdowntown.org](http://www.summitdowntown.org) or by calling their office at 908-277-6100.

That weekend also features the first annual **Summit Food & Wine Festival** at the Grand Summit Hotel, founded by Summit's own Ivan Ruiz of the Wine List. The festival runs July 24-26 with a series of events including cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, seminars, and food and wine pairing dinners prepared by America's most creative chefs and featuring some of the most sought-after wines on the market today. Tickets and a full schedule of the festival's events are available at [www.summitwineandfood.com](http://www.summitwineandfood.com).

Finally, summer would not be complete without the fun of an outdoor concert. The "**Hot Summer Nights Concert Series**" will run each Tuesday evening in July at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Green on Broad Street. The rain location is Summit High School. Scheduled bands include Total Soul, Jersey Sounds, The Kootz, and Parrot Beach. So bring your chairs, blanket, picnic, and the whole family for a night of music and fun.

*"See it, Shop it, Live it. Summit."*