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Reving Engines, Creative Sparks: Summit's Arts & Cars Festival Hits a New Gear!

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Do you remember... The 21st DAY of September? On Sunday, September 21, 2025, more than 4,000 visitors filled Downtown Summit for the annual *Arts & Cars Festival* - a beloved community tradition celebrating creativity, craftsmanship, and community. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown streets came alive with artwork, classic, custom, and unique vehicles, live music, food, and family fun.

The event once again united two local favorites: the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey's Arts Festival and the prestigious Peotter's Car Show. This year's standout vehicle was a 1990 Lamborghini LM002, which earned two awards including the newly digitized People's Choice Award. Attendees voted electronically for the first time using QR codes, bringing a modern touch to the classic car show.

Festival-goers enjoyed live performances on the Main Stage from Four the Record, Carnival Dogs, and the Maura Glynn Band, while the Beer & Wine Garden offered an all-new feature this year - a large-screen TV showing Sunday football games. Guests also relaxed to music by the Beth Sherby Duo and Firepit. Nearby, Summit's own DJ Mr. Socks kept the Car Show energy high, and a surprise flash mob by School of Nimbus Dance intrigued the crowd.

Families flocked to Springfield Avenue for a full lineup of children's activities, including - face painting, airbrush tattoos, a photo booth, mini golf, and remote-controlled car racing. It also had interactive robot games hosted by downtown Summit's Robot Revolution, balloon art by Shawn Yaney, exciting entertainment from Krazy Kevin, and creative projects like sand-art from local non-profits that added to the excitement. The Summit YMCA, the Junior League of Summit, the Summit Free Public Library, and The Connection all joined in, showcasing the strong spirit of community engagement that defines Summit.

"The Arts & Cars festival isn't just an event; it's practically a Summit holiday," said Assistant Director Wyndham Rothblatt, "the amazing turnout, the fantastic new features and additions, the beautiful weather, and of course, the incredible backing from our sponsors, artists, and car lovers truly made this year's event one to remember."

Special thanks to this year's sponsors:

- **Visual Arts Center of New Jersey** (Arts Festival)
- **Peotter's Autobody & Spa** (Car Show)
- **Summit Hearing Aid Center** (Music)
- **Dwell NJ** and **Saint Patrick School** (Entertainment)
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Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a vibrant downtown community in downtown Summit, NJ. Through events, business support, and community engagement, SDI helps make Summit a premier destination for shopping, dining, and local experiences.

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