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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

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## AUXILIARY POLICE CHIEF STEPS DOWN

At the annual Springfield Auxiliary Police Holiday party, Auxiliary Chief Nick D'Achille stepped down as Chief. D'Achille, who joined the Auxiliary in 1992, has logged over 5500 hours of volunteer work as an Auxiliary Officer. Chief D'Achille will not leave the Auxiliary and he intends to keep volunteering as much as he is able. A new Chief was named by OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel at the dinner as well. Auxiliary Captain Angelo Palumbo, a 22 year veteran of the department was named the new Chief of the Auxiliary Police. Chief D'Achille was presented with the Coordinators Award for Outstanding Service as well that evening for his dedication to the Township.



(l to r) Mayor David Amlen, retired OEM Coordinator John Cottage, Chief D'Achille, OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel

## AUXILIARY POLICE NAME AUXILIARY OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



(l to r) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Officer Jeff Lewis & William Epstein, Mayor David Amlen and OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz

The Springfield Auxiliary Police named their Auxiliary Officer of the Year at their Awards dinner as well as their "Rookie" of the

year. Auxiliary Officer Jeff Lewis, with almost 900 hours of volunteer service in the last two years, received the Chief Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary of the Year Award, named after the unit's first Chief. Lewis joined OEM as a Radio Operator, earned his Amateur radio license while a member and then, when he turned 18, joined the Auxiliary Police. The Chief Harry Vargas "Rookie" of the Year Award went to Officer William Epstein, who with almost 200 hours in his first year of service, narrowly edged out his competition. According to OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Officers are required to work 96 hours per year minimum service to maintain their status. Lewis worked 880 hours in the past two years, working all facets of Auxiliary work, patrol, Court Officer, special events and emergencies. Several other officers worked as much if not more hours but they had been recipients of the award in the past few years already. William Epstein as the "Rookie" finished up the Basic Auxiliary Police Academy in March and he performed his 181 hours of service in just 9 months. OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz added that "All our members are incredibly dedicated and put in thousands of hours each year." Seidel noted that "During and after "Sandy", the Auxiliary Police worked over 1300 hours, finishing up the year with 3700 hours of service to the Township, an amazing number that each and every member can be proud of achieving."

## AUXILIARY POLICE NAME NEW CHIEF



(l to r) Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo, Retired Chief Nick D'Achille, OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel and Deputy Wally Schultz

With the retirement of Chief D'Achille, OEM leaders were quick to name a new Chief to replace Chief D'Achille. Chief Angelo Palumbo, having worked his way through the ranks during his 22 year career, was named the new Chief.

## TERRY BUCKSAR RECEIVES AWARD



Terry Bucksar of T&C Shell received the "Battle for Springfield Award 2012 at the December Awards Ceremony but was unable to attend. Mr. Bucksar helped out the township during Tropical Storm Sandy by providing the township access to critical fuel supplies while running his service station on generator power. Terry is shown standing next to his Plaque.

**ELECTION RESULTS FINALIZED!** On January 31st, the judge ruled that since the plaintiffs had not proven their claims there will be no special election. Margaret Bandrowski received three more votes than Jerry Fernandez so she retains her seat on the committee. The challenge brought by the republicans was not upheld in court.



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## Message from the Mayor

It has been one month since I was sworn in as mayor of this fine town. A lot has happened and many more wonderful things are in the works, which will be highlighted in the new township committee recap.

I would like to continue the Springfield Civics 101 started last month by explaining some of the responsibilities of the elected body. First, the township committee is comprised of five members, elected for three year staggered terms (two this year, two next year, and one the following year, and repeat the cycle). Most other governmental bodies use even year terms (president, governor, and state senators for four years, members of the house of representatives, state senators every third election cycle, and members of the assembly for two years, U.S. senators for six years). While this odd year term deviates from the state and federal cycles, it prevents either party from unduly benefitting from a top level state or federal candidate overshadowing a popular local incumbent from a different party.

Second, since the responsibilities of the township committee are executive and legislative, the committee can both oversee by providing direction for the employees of the township, as well as enact laws deemed necessary for the township (in addition to any state laws which apply). As the chairman of the committee (the "mayor"), the mayor has both the executive and legislative majority voice. Many other towns, with directly elected mayors and council members (Faulkner form of government known as a "strong mayor") have endured endless clashes of ego between their mayor and their council president. Springfield does not have this problem.

Third (and last for this month), the township committee members are extremely dedicated members of this community. We have put ourselves under public scrutiny because we want (and hope) to make a positive difference within our community. As individuals with (in many cases) families and work responsibilities, we delegate the day to day operations to our highly talented and skilled township employees. By delegating responsibilities, we are setting performance benchmarks (goals) and using set criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of their job

performance (results). Lest this sound too much like business school rhetoric, the committee sets goals and looks for results. When necessary, we enact laws to enable these results to come to fruition.

As always, the members of the committee welcome comments (both positive and negative, but constructive). The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses: David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us, Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us, David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us, Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us, and Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us, or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

### January 2013 Township Committee Recap

The new year got started with the annual re-organization meeting on January 1. David Barnett and Margaret Bandrowski were sworn in as newly elected members of the township committee for three year terms ending December 31, 2015. David Amlen was chosen as the mayor for 2013 and Richard Huber was chosen as the deputy mayor for 2013.

The first official meeting, on January 7, was a "workshop" meeting. This is an informal type of meeting with several purposes. First, each department gives a report and answers questions from both the township committee and members of the public. Second, upcoming ordinances and resolutions are discussed, but no votes are taken. Third, new ideas for future projects and ordinances are discussed with the appropriate department heads. Fourth (and last), as with all public meetings, public input is encouraged about any governmental issue.

Our first workshop meeting was quite successful and lasted until a bit past 10PM. There were two ordinances discussed: the first to return the Autonomous Board of Health (introduced during the re-organization meeting), and the second to Amend The Recreation Board meeting requirements. In addition, we discussed the formation of a Flood Mitigation Committee.

Our first legislative meeting took place on January 8. We enacted the Flood Mitigation Committee and introduced the Amended Recreation Board ordinance. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period as well as normal resolutions dealing with tax appeal refunds and overpayments and day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep running the township of Springfield (this happens during every legislative meeting). Additionally, we approved the hiring of seasonal personnel in the recreation department for winter sports programs.

Our second legislative meeting took place on January 22. We passed the Autonomous Board of Health ordinance. We approved resolutions similar to January 8. We also named the members of the Flood Mitigation Committee, named a new commissioner to represent Springfield with the Rahway Valley

Sewerage Authority (an important position since we pay more than two million dollars per year for this service), named the members of the Autonomous Board of Health, and performed the swearing in of the officers for the First Aid Squad.

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*David Amlen, Mayor 2013*

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**IDENTITY THEFT...A MATTER OF WHEN!**

*Here are some scary facts:*

Identity theft is the number one consumer complaint for the past 12 years according to statistics gathered by the FTC.

Nearly 12 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2011, an increase of 13 percent over 2010, according to a report released on February 22, 2012 by the research firm Javelin Strategy & Research (“JS&R”).

About 7 percent of all smartphone users fell victim to identity fraud in 2011, according to JS&R. Smartphone users were about a third more likely to become victims than non-users.

Although there is no proof of direct causation, users of LinkedIn, Google+, Twitter and Facebook had the highest incidence of fraud according to a report in 2011 by JS&R.

Basically, identity theft affects everyone, even children. Our kids are a big target for identity theft. Child identity theft has become a serious concern in recent times, and there are a lot of articles giving widely varying advice concerning the matter. From a practical standpoint, an 8-year-old won't be looking at his or her credit for at least eight more years, when they decide to get a car and insurance. Sadly, in a lot of these cases it is a friend or family member who commits this identity theft. This means the parents will usually not want to press charges and the identity thief counts on that.

Identity theft often involves more than simply stealing one's credit card or financial information. For example, one of the deadliest forms of identity theft involves stealing one's medical information. Medical identity theft occurs when someone uses a person's name and sometimes other parts of their identity – such as insurance information – without the person's knowledge or consent to obtain medical services or goods, or uses the person's identity information to make false claims for medical services or goods. Medical identity theft frequently results in erroneous entries being put into existing medical records, and can involve the creation of fictitious medical records in the victim's name.

We must all be vigilant about protecting our identity and the identity of those we love. Shredding documents, creating secure passwords on our smartphone, and using updated antivirus software and firewall protection on our computers can help. Consider subscribing to an identity theft protection services which can work for you by monitoring your personal information to detect and/or prevent identity theft. Unfortunately, it is no longer a matter of if your identity will be stolen, but when it will happen.

**Market/Retail Analysis Report**

In February 2012, JGSC Group began a market analysis and retail assessment of Springfield Township, at the request of the Township's Business Improvement District (BID). During the course of their work, they conducted visual assessments of commercial properties and businesses within the district, met with local stakeholders and merchants, and conducted a consumer survey of residents and visitors via paper mailers and online. They received 942 completed survey responses—well beyond their goal of 400—resulting in a low margin of error of 3.3%. They used this data to determine the Trade Area for Springfield, and to obtain syndicated economic data for the Trade Area. Analysis of that data revealed current supply and demand for more than 140 categories of retail. They blended that data with their custom research (infrastructure observations, merchant and stakeholder interviews, local ordinance review, and consumer survey findings) in order to draw conclusions on commerce in Springfield, including which retail categories would be most sustainable for the district. This report will provide their in-depth evaluation of those economic factors, as well as their recommended strategies for revitalization of local commerce.

**Here is a snapshot of their findings:**

Despite all of the shopping choices that include surrounding towns, all the nearby affluent shoppers, and all of the thousands of travelers who pass through it everyday, Springfield—as a commercial district—is poorly defined. It does not have a branded identity, nor is it known as a destination for stores or restaurants. The downtown does not function as intended—as a traditional, walkable, browse-shopping destination. The major national retailers on Route 22 limit what can be done effectively on Morris Avenue, and the merchants and restaurants of Mountain Avenue are known only to the local residents. In fact, the consumer survey disclosed that outsiders tend not to come to Springfield to shop, and Springfield residents who do shop here normally prefer to shop elsewhere. Far too much of the consumer spending of the residents of Springfield and its surrounding area is spent elsewhere.

The encouraging news is that there are measures that can be taken to improve the “capture rate” and increase the share of that spending in Springfield. Recently announced plans to redevelop the retail of downtown Morris Avenue are consistent with strategic recommendations made in this report to:

- increase the amount of total square footage of retail on Morris Avenue;
- alter the configuration of that retail space to accommodate modern retailers; and
- institute a program of retail recruitment to manage the type and quality of retail in the downtown.

This report provides us with the basic research that the District will need in order to be in position to recruit the retailers and restaurateurs it needs for a redeveloped Morris Avenue, as well as an in-depth explanation of how such a recruitment program should be implemented. The redevelopment and the recruitment program are the first steps of their multi-part strategic recommendations that also focus on enhancements for the retail corridors of Mountain Avenue and Route 22. Each component will play a coordinated part in the unified strategy that anticipates well-known national and regional retailers and auto dealers will remain on Route 22, that neighborhood goods and services will be clustered on Mountain Avenue, and that a new regional destination for distinctive retail shopping and a wide variety of full-service dining shall be created on Morris Avenue. The JGSC Group's research confirms that these are practical goals for Springfield to pursue, to take maximum advantage of its location and its many commercial opportunities. Our strategies provide the Township and the Springfield BID with the plan of action to achieve those goals.

The full report, as well as the survey results will be posted on the BID and Township websites. We are expecting to receive the final results in February.

**Redevelopment Update**

The BID and the Township Committee with the redevelopment professionals have been meeting to come up with a plan to begin implementing redevelopment in the Downtown. The BID will bring all of the involved parties together in February. The BID will be inviting the property owners located in the redevelopment zone to a luncheon to hear about the plans. They will be able to ask questions of the Township Officials and the Redevelopment Professionals. They will be informed about the process and how they can participate and provide input. This is a major step to seeing this plan through to improve the downtown and give the residents a renewed pride in their main business district.

**Google or Yelp....No Need! the Springfield APP is coming!**

The BID has engaged The Gruskin Group to create a Springfield app that can be downloaded to your smart phone. This app will allow you to find out in real time what is happening in town, where it is happening and how to get there! It will allow you to find a business, product or service at the touch of a button. You will be able to link to important services and get notifications as often as you like. We expect to have this ready to download by mid summer. We want to help our businesses by keeping them on the cutting edge of technology.

**The Springfield Business Improvement District (BID) is seeking an Administrator Assistant, 15 hours per week.**  
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Fire Chief's Column  
Chief James Sanford

## Electrical Fires in Homes

Electrical fires in homes claim the lives of 280 Americans each year and injure 1,000 more. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures, but many more are caused by incorrectly installed wiring and overloaded circuits and extension cords. There are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from electrical fires.

The winter months are the most dangerous months for electrical a fire which corresponds to more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use. The bedroom is the leading area of fire origin for residential building electrical fires. However, electrical fires that begin in the living room/family room/den areas result in the most deaths.

Most electrical distribution fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords (such as extension and appliance cords), plugs, receptacles, and switches also cause many home electrical fires. Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance, and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

### Safety Precautions:

- Buy only appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Major and small appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord. Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Keep clothes, curtains, and other items that can catch fire at least three feet from all portable electric space heaters.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
- Avoid putting cords where they can be damaged or pinched by furniture, under rugs and carpets, or across doorways.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only. Have a qualified electrician determine if additional circuits or wall outlets are needed.
- Call an electrician if you have any of the following:
  - Recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
  - A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
  - Discolored or warm wall outlets or switches
  - A burning smell or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
  - Flickering lights
  - Sparks from a wall outlet
  - Cracked or broken wall outlets

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, February 11th, 7:30 p.m.,  
Township Committee Work Session  
Firehouse Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 12th, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 11th, 7:30 p.m.,  
Workshop Mtg at Fire Department  
Tuesday, March 12th 7:30 p.m.

Township Committee Meeting  
Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall  
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

**Scott Seidel,  
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wish Adam Bulger of the  
Springfield Patch well  
in his new assignment in  
another area of New Jersey.  
It has been enjoyable  
working with Adam during  
the time he has been  
working with the  
Springfield Patch.**

**Thanks to all our readers and advertisers for allowing us to publish 16 pages this month -- the first time since we started publishing in 2008! Please keep up your support !**

## Springfield Luminary Fund a Success Despite Challenges

The Springfield Luminary Fund is pleased to announce that it has raised over \$4,000 in the 4th annual luminary fundraiser. The Jonathan Dayton Marching Band and the Senior citizens at Sarah Bailey will receive \$2,044.50 each.

The Springfield Luminary Fund was created by four residents: Carrie and Mike Dzikowski; and Dana and Vince Gatto. The fund's mission is to create an annual community event where residents purchase luminaries (bags of sand and candles) for \$2.00 each and light them at dusk on New Year's Eve. Each year our goal is to increase participation in the fundraising. This event provides a visible display of unity while raising funds to help Springfield-based organizations. We hope this tradition becomes an anticipated New Year's event.

Since 2009 the Springfield Luminary Fund has raised money for: The Springfield Free Public Library; Springfield Athletic Turf Foundation; Jonathan Dayton's baseball, softball, and basketball programs; Springfield YMCA Before and After Child Care program; Springfield Residents adversely affected by Hurricane Irene through HOPE; and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Every year in November, order forms are printed by Print Media, and mailed to each resident in the Springfield zip code. Unfortunately, this year a mailing house mislabeled the envelopes and the forms were sent to other New Jersey towns. As a result, the Luminary Fund turned to emails, word of mouth, social media, and Internet orders to solicit participation in a short amount of time. The professionalism of Print Media was outstanding through the mix-up. Despite this hindrance, it is no surprise that the Springfield community managed to come together. We would like to thank all the businesses for their contributions. Without their support this fund-raiser would never be a success!

*Have a very Healthy and Happy New Year!*

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*Thank you again to all residents that contributed and/or participated. We hope even more Springfield residents participate next year. For more information, please visit [www.springfieldluminaryfund.com](http://www.springfieldluminaryfund.com)*



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**ALVIN TERRACE STREAM DE-SILTING AND CLEANING PROJECT HAS BEGUN**

The de-silting and cleaning of a portion of the stream at the end of Alvin terrace has commenced on Friday January 25th, 2013. This contract has been awarded to Caporaso excavating, a Springfield contractor. They are working with our Department of Public Works personnel on removing debris as well as the de-silting the stream to original condition.

Access to the stream takes place on Alvin Terrace and Werner Avenue. Work will last approximately 10 days

If you have any questions please call the Engineering Department at 973-912-2219.

**RECIPIENT OF THE CENTURY 21 QUALITY SERVICE OFFICE AWARD**



*Hope Rosenberg*

Century 21 Real Estate LLC, has announced that Hope Rosenberg and CENTURY 21 Norma Altman Realtors are the recipients of the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Office award for its commitment to providing quality customer service to its clients. "Receiving this award is a great honor and a testament to the focus and attention we commit to our clients in ensuring that they understand each and every step of the home buying and selling process," stated Hope Rosenberg, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Norma Altman Realtors.



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**OVAL OFFICE TIME AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE (CBH)**

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on *Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>* from two to four. In honor of it being Presidents' Day weekend, a letter that George Washington wrote from Springfield during the Revolutionary War will be exhibited. His is not the only presidential penmanship to be examined; a piece of correspondence from Herbert Hoover will also be displayed. In addition, come see a special exhibit of antique books, written either by or about former inhabitants of the White House. An 1801 edition of Thomas Jefferson's Notes on the State of Virginia will be amongst the volumes shown.

Since it is now 2013, our ongoing exhibit to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War will change focus to 1863. This year's correspondence includes Union soldier Wellington Briant receiving a promotion to clerk and reporting on the use of ironclads to capture Savannah, Georgia. To find out what else Wellington has to report and to take in our Presidential displays, join us one day shy of Presidents' Day at the Cannon Ball House.

Hours: Sunday, February 17th from 2 to 4  
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### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

**Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11**  
**Wednesdays @ 4pm** Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

**New! Bookworms for Grades 1, 2, and 3.**  
**Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:45** Let's talk books, maybe make a craft and enjoy some snacks!

**Ariel's Storycraft (most) Fridays @ 4pm** a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

**Storytime Yoga with Miss Pam Friday February 8 and March 8 @ 10:30am** ages 2 to 5

**Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie** for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver.  
**Tuesday Feb 12, Sat Feb 16, Fri Feb 22,**  
**Tues Feb 26 @ 10:30**

**Sunday Feb 24 @ 2pm** Fit4Kids ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. Join Muscle Man Mike and his puppet Soccer Sue for "The Healthiest Show on Earth!" This joint will be jumpin' with Games, Singing, Music and EXERCISING!

**Thursday Feb 28 Art4Kids ages 5 to 8.** Kids can get creative with local artist Paula Gerber. Free media drawing and painting: Get your MOI going!

**Puppets and More! Saturday March 9 @ 10:30**  
Celebrate children around the world with two of our very own Union County Librarians! Ideal for ages 2 to 5, this program showcases the classic tale The Funny Little Woman, and includes skits with plenty of audience interaction!

**Tween Crafts (Grades 3 and up) at the Library will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday February 14, March 7, and March 28.**

**Teen Lit Review will be on Wed., February 13 and March 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** This is open to teens grades 6-12. Come and read reviews of new teen books and recommend your favorites for the library. Earn one hour community service and enjoy refreshments.

**Teen Poetry Café:** Come with a friend to share poetry and refreshments at the library. Read your own poems or share a favorite from another poet. Join us in the Teen Room at the Library,  
**Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m.**

# Springfield Free Public Library

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Wednesday through April 10th  
**AARP Tax Assistance Program**  
9:30 -12:15 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Wednesday, March 13th, 7:00 pm  
**Antiques Appraisal with Ken Jakupko.**  
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

## LECTURES

Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 pm  
Natural Solutions to Hypothyroidism by  
Dr. Robert White and Dr. Jason Kaufman.

Monday, March 11th, 1:00 pm  
Lower East Side by Martin Schneit

Monday, March 11th, 7:00 pm  
Smoking Cessation: Are You Ready to Quit?  
by St. Barnabas Hospital.

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm  
**Scrabble** - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm **Chess club**

Every Friday thru March, 12:30 pm  
**Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon**

## INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday & Thursday,  
**One-to-One Computer Training**  
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## LIBRARY DATABASES FOR KIDS

**Are you ready? We now have 62 Interactive books for kids! Zowee!**  
**Go to [www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com](http://www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com) and logon as sfpl p/w library**

Selections range from early readers (Big Boats, Big Rollercoasters, Big Dinosaurs) to Graphic Novels (Jack and the Beanstalk, Hercules, Thumbelina) to Folktales and Fables for that First Grade reading requirement. A First Grader last year brought his tablet to school with his eBook, instead of checking out a regular book from the library! Words are highlighted as the stories are read, enabling students to get the right pronunciation for the words. That is a big help when reading Jason and the Golden Fleece! On the library website [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org) look for the blue World Book Web link...on the homepage or the Kids page. Use your library card to login. The link leads to 2 wonderful databases:

1.) Early World of Learning for preschoolers to Grade 3. This includes Trek's Travels with stories, puzzles and sorting games (we also have Trek books in the library!), Welcome to Reading (read, play or watch on multiple levels) and Know It: Learn Fun Facts.  
2.) Craft Corner for kids and adults! Get instructions and images for building complete crafts by inputting the age range of the crafters, materials on hand, specific holiday, costs as well as time involved.

## ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

Do you have \$\$\$ stored in your closet or attic? Is your grandmother's vase valuable? Do you watch the Antiques Roadshow? Find out the value of the "treasures" you have always questioned.

On Wednesday, March 13th, at 7 p.m., Ken Jakupko, of Ken's Antiques located in the Summit Antiques Center, Summit, will be at the Springfield Free Public Library to offer appraisals on antiques, jewelry and other treasured objects. Jakupko has had more than 30 years of experience as an antique dealer. In addition to the Summit shop, he has locations in Allenhurst and Asbury Park. Ken's Antiques also displays at Antique Shows and Events on a monthly basis.

Participants are asked to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to sign in. Each participant is limited to 2 items. Mr. Jakupko requests that each item be tagged or labeled with the owner's name and address. The total number of items that can be appraised may be limited according to the time available. Pre-registration is highly recommended. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Donations to the Friends of the library are appreciated, and memberships are available.

## COMPOSTING 101: BASICS TO SAVE THE EARTH (AND YOUR WALLET)

"Who me? Why would I compost? It must be gross and difficult." I had the same thoughts at first but have since realized how simple it can be.

Composting reduces your amount of wet trash and provides great nutrients for your garden or lawn. I read up a little before I started (which scared me because of the specific dynamics and terminology) and realized that I would do a simplified version just to see what happens. And boy did it happen.

I now have dirt for my flower beds and enough for a small garden. I also don't have to worry about some of the trash stinking up my garage, since most of my fresh stuff goes into the compost pile. (One major exception is never to compost meat - no meat or meat by products of any kind. Rotting meat will attract raccoons, coyotes, turkey vultures and bears.)

There are many ways to compost: you can build a fenced-in area in your backyard, purchase bins, build bins to hold the compost or place it in an old trash can with a lid. You want the compost in a controlled area and away from children playing in the backyard.

There are MANY websites for home composting and most have the same information. One good site is: [http://www.recyclenow.com/home\\_composting/index.html](http://www.recyclenow.com/home_composting/index.html).

The EPA has a wonderful online pamphlet for composting. <http://epa.gov/waste/conserves/tools/greenscapes/pubs/compost-guide.pdf>

I hope that this information helps you if you are interested in composting. If you aren't quite ready, read about it and see if it is something you might do in the future.

Faith Racusin, member of the Springfield Environmental Commission.



## GRAND OPENING OF CAKE KREATION ON MORRIS AVE IN SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce co-chair Pat Paoella, Township Committeeman David Barnett, owners and employees of Cake Kreation, Township Committeeman Ziad Shehady and Business Improvement President Mike Scalera

Water Everywhere, now known as WE Springfield, meets on a bi-weekly basis at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Meeting date for the month of February are as follows:

Thursdays, February 21, 2013 and March 21, 2013

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For More Info Contact Barbara Hickey at bah0214@yahoo.com

----- All are welcome to attend. -----

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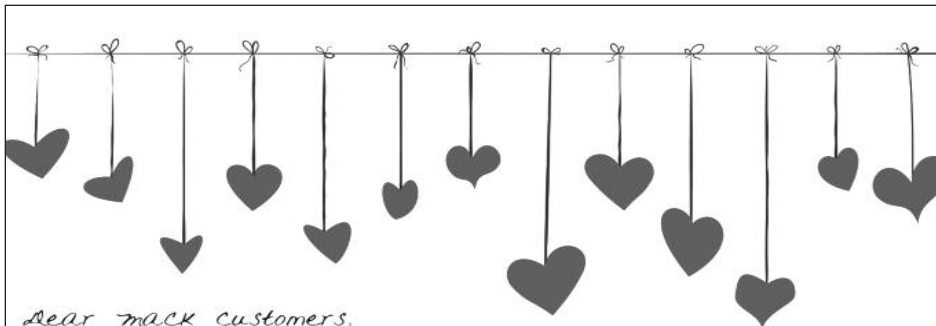
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**A Letter to the Residents of Springfield...**

Dear Springfield Residents:

I wanted to take this opportunity to explain to you changes to the recycling and garbage collection services.

The previous contracts for garbage and recycling collection started January 1, 2007 and ended December 31, 2012.

After several months of preparation, the Township advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new collections service effective January 2013. The RFP had nine options for potential bidders, offering several new options to the Township that will be cost-saving and environmentally beneficial to the Township.

The RFPs were advertised on October 4, 2012 in the **Star Ledger** and the **Local Source** newspapers. Proposals were received back on December 4, 2012. Five eligible bids were received for garbage and recycling collection services.

The bid proposals were reviewed by the Township professionals and presented to the Township Finance Sub-Committee. On December 18, 2012 at the regularly scheduled and advertised meeting, analyses and recommendations were presented at the Township Committee. After careful review and discussion, the Township Committee approved the following actions:

Garbage collection services was awarded to Regional Industries, LLC, a private hauler who had the lowest and most responsible bid for **once per week collection services**. Regional Industries is the same company that provided exceptional services to the Township for the past five years. This change to once a week collection will save the town \$101,540 per year or over \$500,000 for the term of the contract. The City of Summit and the Borough of New Providence have once a week garbage collection. The schedule change is as follows: If your garbage was picked up Monday and Thursday, your garbage collection day will be Thursday. If your garbage collection day was Tuesday and Friday, your garbage collection day will be Friday. This will start Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1, 2013, respectively. Please, no grass and recyclables mixed in with garbage pickups. Any issues regarding garbage collection residents should call Regional Industries at 908.436.1966.

Bulk garbage pick-up will remain at **4 times per year**: March 20- 21, June 12-13, September 18-19 and December 11-12. If your garbage pickup is Thursday, your bulk pickup will be the first date of the pickup - if your garbage pickup is Friday, your bulk pickup will be the second day of bulk pickup.

Collection of garbage and recyclables in public parks and public containers in retail areas will now be collected by private collectors, thereby freeing up Department of Public Works to focus on their core operations.

With regard to recycling, Giordano Company, the same company that did every other week recycling collection will continue picking up recycling. In previous years, we were paying \$90,800 per year for recycling collection. The new contract will cost us \$45,600 per year for **every week** recycling collection, a saving of \$226,000 over the period of the contract. Recycling collection services will be **once a week, on Wednesdays, starting January 2, 2013**. Further, we are changing to "single stream" collection of recyclable materials - - allowing residents not to separate recyclables by type, but instead allowing bottles, cans, glass, plastic containers and recyclable mixed paper products to be commingled together into a single waste stream. Single -stream makes it easier for resident to store and collect materials and will increase the volume by as much as 30% collected. Increasing recycling collection frequency to every week makes it easier for residents too. The more materials recycled will reduce materials going to our already crowded landfills, reducing the disposal costs, which is approaching 400,000 per year. In addition, the Township is eligible to receive an increase in recycling grants from the County and State. Finally, Giordano Company will be providing a rebate to the Township for every ton of recyclable materials collected and not put in landfills. Any issues regarding recycling collection, residents should call Giordano Company at 800.216.2250.

I want to thank the Springfield Environmental Commission for helping the Township with education and outreach of these services.

Updated information and holiday pickup is on the Township home page at: <http://www.springfield-nj.us/index.php?page=home> and the DPW's home page at: <http://www.springfield-nj.us/departments/departments-of-public-works.html>. Frequent updates will also be available on the **Springfield Patch**.

We must continue to reduce costs, create opportunities to increase revenue and act environmentally responsible. I hope this information is helpful in understanding the selection and changes to recycling and garbage collections services. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sincerely,

Anthony Cancro  
Township Administrator



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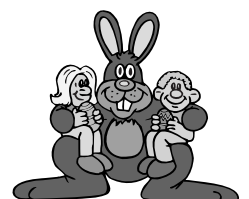


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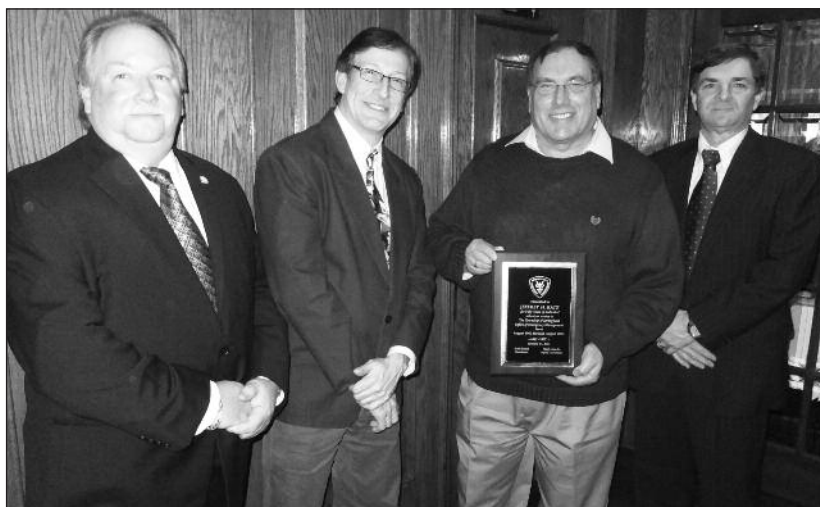
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### AUXILIARY POLICE LIEUTENANT JEFFREY KATZ RECEIVES COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR FIFTY YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



*(l to r) OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Mayor David Amlen, Auxiliary Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel*

Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz received a plaque commemorating Fifty years of volunteer service to the township. Katz, started his OEM career when it was still called Civil Defense in August of 1962 as a Radio Operator, became the Radio Officer and then joined the Auxiliary Police in 1968 shortly after it had been reorganized. During the past 50 years, in addition to his OEM work, Katz served on the Township Committee, as Mayor and as Municipal Prosecutor.

### SPRINGFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS NEW SERVICES AND NEW WEBPAGE FOR 2013

New information and links are now uploaded onto the Health Department page of the Springfield web site which all residents can access at <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/health-department.html>. The most exciting feature of the webpage is "Public Health TV" which offers informative videos directly on the home page. Some of the topics featured on this electronic TV station are: allergies, childhood obesity, sun protection, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, emergency preparedness and many more. Brief overviews and local information on other health concerns such as heating tips, storm follow-up and a listing of upcoming programs are included on the site with helpful links to more in depth information.

Additionally, the Springfield Health Department web page now has a "hot link" to the Madison Health Department site where residents can find complimentary information on the Department's current health programs and issues of concern to the public. These include flu shots, bed bug, emergency preparation advice and the re-emergence of whooping cough. We encourage residents to visit the site and learn more about the resources available to everyone in the community. Direct contact information for all health department staff is also posted on both web sites.

The Health Department has also planned some interesting programs for 2013 including interactive presentations on "Sun Protection" and "Flu and Hand washing" for Township employees, food handlers courses for local restaurants and other food establishments and senior programs aimed at helping people stay strong and healthy. We are very excited to be providing services for Springfield and look forward to meeting residents as we begin work in the community.

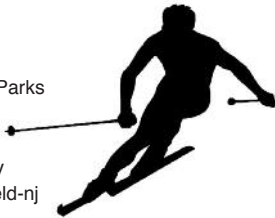
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Midweek Adult (ages 19 and over)	\$50.99	\$39.00
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### Shawnee Mountain (East Stroudsburg, PA)

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### Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Waterpark (West Berlin, NJ)

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Indoor Waterpark Admission	\$31.95	\$21.00

## WOMEN'S SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2013

Interested in getting out at night?  
Do you want to get some exercise?

**COME JOIN THE WOMEN'S SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE!**

Women's softball runs June to end of August  
Games take place during the week in the evening: Must be 21 and over  
Please Contact **Jen Cataldo** at [jencataldo@verizon.net](mailto:jencataldo@verizon.net) to be placed on a team  
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$25  
(Fee includes team shirt)

**REGISTER AT  
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### 2013 Women's Softball Registration

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2013 TEAM		

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#### ANY HEALTH OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

I have been examined by a physician and to the best of my knowledge I am physically fit to participate in this activity. Permission is hereby granted to engage in this sport. The Township of Springfield, employees, coaches, and volunteers will not be liable for any injury incurred from practices or games. I give permission for my photograph to be taken and used for any type of publications for local newspapers or Township publications.

I understand that all persons (players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators) attending a sports event for all Springfield Recreation programs must comply with the NJ Law PL 2002, Chapter 74-C.5:17, Code of Conduct Policy. Supervisors of all Recreation programs may ban the presence of any person who fails to comply with the code and violators may also be banned from subsequent sports events. Designated supervisors may also call for police assistance if needed. All persons are encouraged to refrain from engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any player, coach, official, parent, and/or spectator and also must refrain from initiating any fight or scuffle with any person. All persons are encouraged to refrain from taunting and/or using profane language or gestures. All persons are encouraged to practice good sportsmanship, which includes cheering for your team and respecting the efforts of opponents.

Player Authorization \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



- Beginning April 18th through May 23rd
- Monday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Location TBD
- Mouth guards and goggles and stick are a must
- For girls in grades 3rd – 6th
- Fee \$50.00 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)

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#### Girls Lacrosse

#### Spring 2013

NAME	PHONE	
ADDRESS	CELL PHONE	
EMAIL		
GRADE	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH

#### ANY HEALTH OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

Our child has been examined by a physician, and to the best of our knowledge is physically fit to participate in a recreation program. Permission is hereby granted to engage in this activity. The Township of Springfield, employees, or coaches will not be liable for any injury incurred from practices or games.

Parent's Authorization \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are interested in volunteering your time, please let me know.**

VOLUNTEER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



- Season starts in March and ends in May
- For boys in grades 2nd - 4th
- Fee \$50.00 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)
- Fee \$50.00 (check made payable to Springfield Lacrosse Club)
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#### Boys Lacrosse

#### Spring 2013

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GRADE	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH

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*Samantha and Emer in grade 2*



*Liv in Kindergarten*



*Nathan and his parents*



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D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

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D.M.D.

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### HOMELAND DEFENSE IS NOT NEW TO US!!!

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contact us at [oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us](mailto:oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us) or 973-467-3388. Please visit our website at [www.springfield-nj.us/oem](http://www.springfield-nj.us/oem). Be a positive force in our Township's security and safety.

The Springfield Auxiliary Police is a division of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. The members of the Auxiliary Police are required to satisfactorily complete the New Jersey State Police Training Program. Our training includes a law enforcement curriculum covering such items as; criminal law, traffic control, preservation of evidence, arrest and seizure laws, first aid and CPR, hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction awareness, personal safety and the use of firearms. Auxiliary Officers are provided with all uniforms and equipment required to perform police work.



## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

Residents and members of the business community should be wary of various fraud scams that are committed via the internet, by mail or even by fax machine. These scams, collectively known as Advanced Fee Fraud Schemes, may vary but the intent remains the same which is to get the intended victim to wire money to the suspects for supposed fees for winning a foreign lottery or supposed overpayment of monies made to a victim who is either selling an item or advertising their professional services or job hunting on line.

### FOREIGN LOTTERY SCAM

The intended victim will receive a letter or an e-mail indicating they have won either a foreign country lottery or some type of sweepstakes. The victim will be told that in order to collect their winnings they must pay certain fees in advance to receiving their prize. A false claim of fees being required for customs tariffs, excise taxes etc. will be used with a monetary amount usually around one or two thousand dollars that must be wired usually to an out of state or foreign country location. As it is illegal in the United States for any person to enter a foreign lottery, many of these scams operate out of Canada. For any lottery or sweepstakes to be legitimate, such as Publisher's Clearing House, there cannot be any request for any type of fees to be paid in advance in order to collect your prize.

### ADVANCED FEE LETTER SCAM

This scam targets both businesses and residents and used to be done by U.S. Mail or via fax machine but in keeping with modern technology is now done over the internet. The intended victim will receive various "official looking" types of correspondence where the supposed sender will claim to be a governmental official from a foreign country usually one located in Africa. The sender will require the assistance of the intended victim in being able to transfer millions of dollars out of the foreign country. A suspect will both attempt to obtain bank account information from the victim and, if successful, will then start to request that monies are wired to cover certain fees to arrange for the transfer of the millions of dollars. Much like the false lottery winning scenario, the victim is lulled into wiring the monies as they fixate on the percentage of the millions they are promised.

### INFLATED FEE-COUNTERFEIT CHECK SCAM

In this scam the victim will be targeted based upon some type of property they are trying to sell via the internet, such as Craig's List, or some type of services that they advertise or business they operate where they can be contacted on-line. These scams target persons who are selling anything which can range from a car to a couch and target persons who advertise their services on line for everything from music lessons to nanny services. The scam also is directed at businesses as well and all cons involve an individual wanting to purchase the item listed for sale or hire the person whose services are advertised and the supposed client is out of state or out of the country but is in the process of moving into Springfield. Once services are contracted or a purchase price is agreed on, the suspect will render payment via use of a purported certified bank check. The check will always be made payable to more than the agreed upon payment and the suspect will then contact the intended victim claiming the "over payment" was a mistake or that shipping fees were included etc. The victim is told to deposit the check and wire the difference immediately as the suspect knows that it may take upwards of a week for the bank to be informed that the deposited check was counterfeit.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCAMS

In this scenario the intended victim will advertise on line offering their services in areas that can range from baby sitting or house cleaning to student tutoring or music lessons. A suspect will contact the victim claiming to be in the process of moving into Springfield as they use addresses in other states or foreign countries. They agree to hire the victim and through a series of e-mails will send monies to a victim to "pay up front" for the services but the check forwarded to the victim will be in excess of the agreed upon fees. Suspects will later cancel the agreement based upon some bogus excuse of not moving or being involved in a medical emergency and the intended victim is asked to wire the monies back to the suspects with the agreement that the victim can keep a portion, usually over several hundred dollars, as a cancelation type of fee. Of course the check is counterfeit and the suspects rely on the victim wiring the monies before the true status of a check is discovered and the lure of keeping hundreds of dollars is to keep the victim preoccupied from questioning the legitimacy of the transaction.

Other frequent employment opportunity scams offer an individual to work as a "secret shopper" or to aid supposed foreign businesses in depositing checks the business receives from persons or companies in the United States. These scenarios also involve the victim being promised large percentages of the bogus checks and/or money orders they receive with the victim always required to wire a portion of the check or money order, via either Western Union or Money Gram, to out of state or foreign country locations.

### INHERITANCE SCAMS

Intended victim is contacted by e-mail by an individual claiming to be a lawyer in some foreign country who announces that the victim has been identified as the only next of kin for someone who recently died, leaving behind millions of dollars in their estate. These suspects will usually use a natural disaster such as a flood or avalanche or the crash of a commercial airplane and will send links to news articles explaining the disaster. If the victim "falls for" this ploy they will be sent sundry documents that have very official but bogus raised seals and letterheads and the victim is asked to complete the forms in order to receive the inheritance. If this is done then the victim will start being required to wire ever increasing amounts of monies for various purported legal fees and victim is lulled into continuing to do this to gain the supposed inheritance or will continue to do this as they've paid substantial amounts and cannot walk away from their monetary investment.

The best prevention in the aforementioned, and many similar, scams that are increasing during bad economic times is to just remember the old adage... "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is". If told you've won a sweepstakes or foreign lottery but must pay fees to collect your winnings... THIS IS A SCAM. If you are either selling an item on line or are hired for your on line advertised services and are paid more than the agreed upon price with the request to wire the difference of the over payment... THIS IS A SCAM. If you receive any of these scam solicitations, ask your bank to examine the check before deposit or contact the Springfield Police (973) 376-0400 for our assistance.

## SPRINGFIELD'S EMERGENCY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

The Township of Springfield has a new emergency public notification system called Community - Stat.

A public notification system, or Reverse 911 as it sometimes known, gives Township officials a chance to reach out to the public in case of an emergency or other timely and important announcements affecting residents of the Township. This system, combined with our other emergency alert methods, is designed to get critical public messages to you, quickly and effectively.

This does not preclude you from calling 911 if you need emergency information; it simply provides another opportunity for us to disseminate critical information to you if and when the need arises.

We maintain a constantly updated database of all land line telephone numbers registered in Springfield. Feel free to list any additional land line phone numbers; however we are most interested in using cell phone numbers.

If you have a Springfield address, please provide it in the street address field. In the event of a localized public or emergency your local address will integrate with the notification systems mapping capabilities.

This information will remain in the custody of the Township of Springfield at all times and will be used for official purposes only.

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Springfield H.O.P.E.

201 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

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To make it easier for residents and property owners, the Township of Springfield is now offering the option to pay your property taxes conveniently on-line through Visa or MasterCard credit cards or checking account ACH Payment (e-Check).

Using a credit card or an ACH payment is optional. It is intended as another option for paying your property taxes that may be more convenient than mail or coming in to pay your taxes and waiting on line at Town Hall. On-line payment using ACH payment (bank debit) is free.

Using a credit card does have service charge. The fee that is charged is the cost that is passed onto the Township from the credit card provider/merchant and therefore must be passed onto the taxpayer. The Township doesn't make money on this service charge.

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## MONDAY NIGHT WORKSHOPS

The new Township Committee meeting schedule has split the Legislative Session (which is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 in the municipal building) from the Workshop session. This was done for several reasons.

The previous schedule resulted in TC meetings that sometimes went for several hours which meant residents with matters to discuss had to sit through lengthy statistical reports from department heads with no real opportunity to interact with them or the Committee. By moving the Department Head reports to a separate meeting, the Tuesday legislative sessions will be more efficient and productive without going late into the evening and the single Workshop meeting will more open and flexible.

The Workshop meetings are held in the Firehouse at 7:30 PM on the Monday before the first Tuesday Regular session. The sessions are in the Joseph Pepe Training room on the second floor. The Firehouse parking lot is lit and the door will be open. The meetings, although not televised, are audio-taped, so there is no attempt to hide anything. Just

come in and either take the stair or the elevator to the second floor. No one should feel intimidated into not attending. The first meeting followed the previous pattern of reports by each department head, but the public also had the opportunity to interact with both the reporting officials and the TC members. This resulted in an informal and productive exchange of information and ideas. In future the process will be refined; since the statistical reports are furnished in advance to the TC members, we will have read them prior to the meeting and the discussion in public can be on broader topics and the meetings shorter.

You are invited to attend and engage in productive talk with your township officials with no restricting rules. Open discussion is encouraged. Please join us.

The next Workshop meeting at the Firehouse will be on Monday, February 11, at 7:30 PM; the March Workshop will be on Monday the 11th at 7:30.

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