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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Thurs., Jan. 26  
8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Emergency Management Office  
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## ZIAD ANDREW SHEHADY SWORN IN AS MAYOR OF SPRINGFIELD



*Ziad Andrew Shehady is sworn in as a member of the Township Committee by Judge Jonathan Rosenthbluth and Township Clerk Linda Donnelly*



*Shortly thereafter Ziad Shehady, surrounded by his family, is sworn in as the Mayor of Springfield by Judge Jonathan Rosenthbluth*

On Tuesday night January 3rd at 7 pm, Ziad Andrew Shehady was sworn in as a member of the Springfield Township Committee. Minutes later, Judge Jonathan Rosenthbluth swore Mr. Shehady in as Mayor of Springfield. This was not a new experience for Ziad, as he was Mayor in 2010, the youngest in New Jersey at the time. He has served on the Committee from 2008-2010 after winning his first election in November 2007. He recently won reelection to the Committee by a margin of 59 votes last November.

Surrounded by his family, with his mother holding the bible,

Ziad took the oath of Office and immediately got down to the business at hand. Appointments to key governmental positions followed quickly; Township Attorney, Municipal Judge and many other Boards and positions were filled as is the procedure for the Township each year at the reorganizational meeting. Ziad commented to the Patriot "It is good to be back on the Committee and an honor to serve as the Township's Mayor once again. I look forward to moving Springfield forward and making a positive change in my community"

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## REMARKS BY ZIAD ANDREW SHEHADY AT THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING



Good evening! On behalf of the Township Committee, I thank you all for coming to the Springfield annual organization meeting. Your support is humbling and encouraging. I would not be here today without the help and effort of countless residents who I am grateful to call my friends. I am happy to work together with all of you for the benefit of our community.

I would also like to thank the veterans, all volunteers and all municipal employees in attendance this evening. And a special thank you Judge Jon Rosenbluth for administering the Oath of Office as well as my sincere thanks to our special guests.

Finally, I want to thank Jerry Fernandez and Marc Krauss for their faith and confidence in me. I am excited to be part of the Township Committee again with you and together with Commit-

teemen Rich Huber and David Amlen, I am confident 2012 will be a productive year. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Springfield as its Mayor.

In keeping with my campaign promise to restore open government and effective representation, I would like to take this opportunity to make a few announcements.

I am designating the Township Committee meeting next week on January 10th at 7 p.m., as a "Goal Setting Meeting" for members of the Township Committee to present their priorities, initiatives and goals, for the Township Administrator to present his goals, for Department Heads to present their departmental goals, and to give the public an opportunity to offer their input and feedback.

It is no secret that much progress was halted in 2011. The Township Committee was able to do nearly twice as much with smaller government. In an effort to streamline government, our schedule will return to two public sessions per month – we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. It is clear that there is a lot of work ahead of us but I take this job very seriously and I promise to work tirelessly for you. I am hopeful that this governing body will make a greater effort to communicate with the public through the use of the Township website and the local television station. We also have several infrastructure improvements and projects that require our attention including road work, traffic and safety, flood mitigation, electric grid maintenance and, of course, the athletic turf field. I am looking forward to picking up where we left off in 2010 by continuing to work on the Springfield Downtown through the Business Improvement District and reactivating the volunteer Springfield Improvement Team.

I am reviving a tradition I started in 2009 by scheduling Open Office hours so that I can meet with residents when it is convenient for them. My first as Mayor will be this Sunday, January 8th at 2 p.m. followed by Monday, January 16th at 9 a.m. and Sunday, January 29th at 2 p.m.

I would also like to extend an invitation to an observance in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 16th at 10 a.m. here in Town Hall.

Thank you all, once again, for attending. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy, prosperous and happy new year. God bless Springfield and God bless America.

*Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers  
2nd Floor, Town Hall

### 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. – Chisholm Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

**Springfield Community Partnership Inc.  
Business Improvement District  
(BID)**

**Invites you to participate in our first Marketing Event!!**

*Meet Kurt Schwartz and his team*



We have hired MyTown Marketing to help promote and drive business in Springfield, during these challenging economic times. MyTown Marketing has worked with many local towns, with positive results.

In January, Kurt and his team will be visiting the businesses in Springfield and talking to you about how *you* can successfully market *your* business Using:

- Social Media (ie; Facebook, Twitter)
- Promotional Contests,
- Business to Business cross promotions
- Customer loyalty programs

**This program is being sponsored and paid for by the Springfield Community Partnership Inc. (BID)**

*Please welcome Kurt and help us help you to bring customers into your business!*

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us:  
973-740-8815    springfieldnjbid@gmail.com



**SPRINGFIELD NJ  
TAKING "SHOP LOCAL"  
TO A NEW LEVEL**

MyTown Marketing, a Livingston NJ-based communications firm, has been contracted by the recently formed Springfield Business Improvement District (BID) to perform "live local – shop local" marketing services. MyTown Marketing works exclusively with New Jersey townships, Business Improvement Districts and individual small businesses to promote awareness, loyalty and rewards for shopping, eating and utilizing professional services locally.

As part of their multi-level services, MyTown Marketing will establish a communications platform encompassing local newspapers, online news media, email and popular social sites like Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. Springfield businesses, non-profits and community organizations will be invited to promote themselves, free of charge, by sending information directly to MyTown Marketing for posting and promotion through these channels. "Our goal is to leverage the popularity of Facebook and other social media and use it as an effective "customer connection tool" for many of the small businesses

and community organizations in Springfield" says Kurt Schwartz, president of MyTown Marketing. "It's a wonderful and FREE way for these businesses to let people in the area see what they have to offer."

**Town-Wide Events Being Planned!**

Another aspect of this Springfield NJ marketing effort will include exciting one, two and three-day "town-wide" events. Participating Springfield businesses will collectively give residents a great deal as well as the opportunity to win many prizes. "By adding the prize winning element to a "big deal day event" we're able to create a lot of excitement and fun for the event and drive more traffic to local businesses" says Mike Mendoza, a MyTown Marketing team member. Prizes for an event typically include an iPad2 grand prize and many gift certificates from participating businesses and sponsors. Events for the 2012 season are presently being planned.

To start getting information about Springfield NJ deals, specials, community events and promotions, become a fan on Facebook (search "Springfield, New Jersey") or twitter (GoSpringfieldNJ).

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**SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 AT 6:30 PM**

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Leadership Awards Dinner at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey. Hors d'oeuvres and Cash bar will start at 6:30 PM; Dinner follows at 7:30 PM.

This year the Chamber is honoring Investors Savings as its Business of the Year and Dr. Gary Hecht as the Volunteer of the Year.

Watch this space for details to follow next month or e-mail us at [dinner@springfieldpatriot.com](mailto:dinner@springfieldpatriot.com) for reservations and/or sponsorship information.

**SPRINGFIELD RECREATION GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION GRADES 1 – 9 NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER JOB POSITIONS WITHIN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

*These positions include:  
Lifeguard; Counselors; Front Desk Staff and Maintenance positions at the pool and camps. Applications can be picked up at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center 30 Church Mall.*

**For more information call 973-912-2227 or e-mail [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)**

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.**

**TAKE NOTICE**, the Municipal Offices of the Township of Springfield will be closed for the following holidays in 2012. These holidays are in accordance with the Municipal Employees' Contract.

New Year's Day	Monday January 2nd
Martin Luther King Jr.	Monday January 16th
President's Day	Monday February 20th
Washington's Birthday	Monday February 27th
Good Friday	Friday April 6th
Memorial Day	Monday May 28th
Independence Day	Wednesday July 4th
Labor Day	Monday September 3rd
Columbus Day	Monday October 8th
Election Day	Tuesday November 6th
Veteran's Day	Monday November 12th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 22nd
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday November 23rd
Christmas	Tuesday December 25th

Pursuant to the New Jersey Public Meeting Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, the Regular Meetings of the Township Committee are held in the Kenneth Faigenbaum Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue.

The Meeting Dates for the year 2012:

<b>JANUARY</b>		
3rd Tuesday	Reorganization	7 p.m.
10th Tuesday	Goal Setting	7 p.m.
24th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
14th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
28th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>MARCH</b>		
13th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
27th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>APRIL</b>		
10th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
24th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>MAY</b>		
8th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
22nd Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>JUNE</b>		
12th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
26th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>JULY</b>		
10th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
24th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>AUGUST</b>		
14th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
28th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
11th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
25th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
9th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
23rd Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
13th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
27th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
4th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.
18th Tuesday	Regular	7 p.m.

Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced and published pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

**LINDA M. DONNELLY, RMC, Township Clerk**



**Police Chief's Column**  
*Chief John P. Cook*

In the past persons who were the victims of bunco scams or confidence schemes were looked upon as being complicit in the fraud acts committed against them under the old adage of "you can't cheat an honest man". Today that saying is no longer true as fraud scams are designed to target unsuspecting persons through sophisticated cons with the use of modern technology. Fraudsters nowadays know that it is very possible, and at times extremely easy, to "cheat an honest man" so in order to enable town residents to recognize a fraud scam attempt the police division offers the following preventative tips.

Most fraud scams that specifically target residents are done via the internet or via the telephone are designed to obtain either money from or the personal identity information of the intended victim. This will be an attempt to have monies wired to the fraudsters or obtain credit account numbers or identity information such as a Social Security number.

- Any mail received or an internet e-mail or even a telephone call that indicates a resident is a winner of any type of sweepstakes or foreign lottery where some type of monetary fee is required to be paid this is an outright scam. If you did not enter any sweepstakes or participated in any foreign lottery, there is no way you can be a winner. Whenever fees are required to be paid in advance in order to collect the supposed prize, this is a scam to con you out of your money.

- If you are selling an item over the internet or if you advertise some type of service that you perform, be wary of persons who contact you wanting to purchase items you've listed for sale or wanting to pay you for the services you offer where the subject pays by check which is payable to more monies than were agreed to. This scam specifically wants the intended victim to believe that the check was made out in the inflated amount by accident and will attempt to have the victim wire any monetary difference before the actual check is discovered to be counterfeit. The suspects will always be out of state or in a foreign country but will claim to be in the process of moving to Springfield. The scam targets persons selling any item from a car to a couch or offering services from babysitting to piano lessons.

- Do not give out personal information to callers who claim to be representatives of your bank or any business you may have a credit account with. The fraudster may also pose as a law enforcement official with the call pretending to be some type of investigation into fraud on your account. This is done to con you into giving out a Social Security number or other personal information when the caller asks you to prove your identity. This same scam, known as "phishing" can involve bogus e-mails purporting to be from a financial institution or government agency and is intended to con you into divulging your identity information.

In short, to prevent falling for the myriad of fraud schemes one old adage is as true today as it was years ago, and that is... "if something seems too good to be true, it probably is".

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
**TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**SUNDA 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

## Springfield Free Public Library

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, January 15, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
**Artist Reception**—New Jersey School of Fashion Design & Accessories

**Wednesday, January 25th,**  
**Tax Preparation - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
 9:30 am-1:00 pm

**Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays @Jan 28**

**Teen Lit Review Group.** Meet with the YA librarian to preview new teen books and make your own recommendations on which the library should select. Earn volunteer hours and enjoy refreshments. Teens grades 6-12.  
**Wednesdays, Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m.**

The Reading Stars for Grades 1 to 3  
 Most Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group with a high school volunteer

### NEW PROGRAMS

**Karate Kickers! Ages 4+ Presented by USA Karate Friday, Feb 3 @ 3:30-4** Please sign up for this program

**Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays Jan 28 @ 3:30**

**The Reading Circle for Beginning Readers Fridays @ 4:00** Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

*Your favorite programs are back!*

**Lets' Play Chess!**  
**Thursday evenings 7 to 8pm** for ages 5-12.

**Math Homework Help Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:15** a drop in service for quick questions, all grades, must bring your textbook

**Storycraft with Ariel Fridays @ 4pm**  
 ages 3 to 7

**Wii Games with Matthew**  
**Thursdays 4 to 5 pm** ages 6 to 11  
**The Reading Stars for Grades 1, 2, 3**  
**Fridays @ 4:00** Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

### LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

**Wednesday, January 25th, 7:00 pm**  
**A Natural Shopping Basket:** The Basics of a Healthful Diet - Lorraine Harwelik

**Wednesday, February 8th, 7:00 pm**  
**The Health Benefits of Familiar Culinary Herbs & Spices** – by Lorraine HarwelikEssay

### Competition for all grades.

Write an essay on an assigned topic and you could be the winner of an ice cream prize! Call or visit the Youth Services dept. or check us out online! [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

**Learn to Draw with Asialec.**  
**Mondays @ 2pm** Ages 5 and up.

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

**Storycraft with Ariel Most Fridays**  
 @ 4pm ages 3 to 7

**The Reading Stars for Grades 1 to 3**  
**Most Fridays @ 4:00** Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group with a high school volunteer

**Storytime Yoga is back!**  
 Call Library for dates and times.

**Monday evenings at 7pm**  
**Moonlight Storytime,** all ages  
 Thursday, January 19th, 10:15 am  
 Great Books Discussion Group – On Evil by Moses, son of Maimon

**Thursday, January 26TH & February 9th,**  
 Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman  
 10:15 am

**Thursday, February 2nd, 7:00 pm**  
 Really Good Book Discussion Group – Let the World Spin by Colum McCann

**Monday, February 6th, 7:00 pm**  
 Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

**Tuesdays @ 11 am**  
**Storycraft with Nicole, ages 3 to 7**  
**Thursday, January 5th, 7:00 pm**  
 Really Good Book Discussion Group –

**Monday, January 9th, 7:00 pm**  
 Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

**Thursday, January 19th, 10:15 am**  
 Great Books Discussion Group – On Evil by Moses, son of Maimon

### FILMS

**Monday, January 23rd, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film** – Elizabeth Taylor  
 Retrospective featuring Spencer Tracy

**Monday, February 6th, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film** – Elizabeth Taylor  
 Retrospective featuring Montgomery Clift

### INSTRUCTION

**Every Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm** **One-to-One Computer Training**  
 BY APPOINTMENT

**Every Tuesday & Friday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Free GED Test Prep Classes** offered by Literacy Volunteers of Union County.

**Thursday, February 2nd, 9th & 16th – 7:00 pm** Introduction to Chess for Adults by Render Cutts

### HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

**EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**SCRABBLE** - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

**Monday, January 9th, 10:00 am**  
 Knit Wits Knitting Group

**Thursday, January 19th, 7:30 pm**  
 Board of Trustees meeting-Open To The Public

**Monday, January 23rd & February 13th, 10:00 am** Knit Wits Knitting Group

**Crafts at the Library for grades 5 and up.**  
 (Seasonal Felt Craft), Jan. 18, Jan. 25 @ 4:00 p.m. Beginners welcome.

### SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TRUSTEE NAMED TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

Longtime Springfield Free Public Library Trustee Myrna Wasserman was honored as Library Trustee of the Year at the Libraries of Union County Consortium (LUCC) Reception held at the New Providence Library on October 25, 2006. This organization provides a forum for the sharing of information and library services for the residents of Union County. The group recently was successful in working with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to provide the Historical New York Times, Ancestry Library and Heritage Quest databases.

Wasserman has been a member of the Springfield Library Board of Trustees since January 1993. In her 14 years on the library board, Mrs. Wasserman has served as President several times and Treasurer many more times. During her terms on the Board, Mrs. Wasserman has been an integral part in the implementation of three major HVAC projects, a new roof, a building renovation, carpeting, a flood, more carpeting, computers, circulation systems, the Internet, the wireless network and countless other projects. She has worked with the library staff from the time of punch cards and stamp pads to laptops and e-mail. During all of these projects, Mrs. Wasserman has always been a voice of reason. She supports the mission of libraries. She stands against censorship and for the equal provision of library services for all.



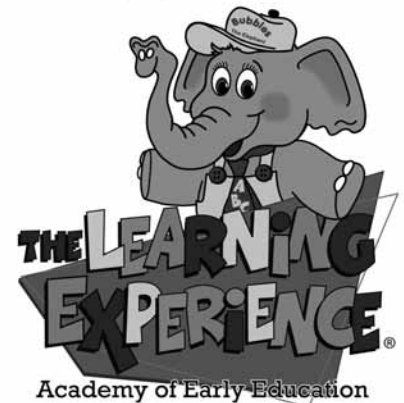
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### MYRNA WASSERMAN RECEIVES A PROCLAMATION FOR 18 YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE



*(l to r) Committeemen David Amlen, Richard Huber, Mayor Hugh Keffer, Myrna Wasserman, Committeemen Marc Krauss and Jerry Fernandez*

### CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE HELP YOUR COMMUNITY SAVE LIVES – GIVE BLOOD

NEW JERSEY, January 11, 2012 – On Tuesday, February 7, 2012 the Springfield Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey from 11:30 AM to 4:00PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. All are welcome, so come in and join us. This drive is being held in an effort to meet the urgency of the community's increasing need for blood.

Please come out to donate so the blood will be there for the patients who require life saving transfusions. Donors must be 16 years of age with consent form signed by accompanying parent/guardian, weight 120 pounds and be in general good health. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should bring a signed or picture form of identification and know their S.S. #. Please eat a meal one hour before donating and drink plenty of water.

People with a fever or sore throat should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings. For those who have recently traveled outside of the United States and for other eligibility questions, please call the blood center at 973-676-4700, ext. 132. If you require any additional information, please contact Bridget Schindo at 973-676-4700 ext. 155, during regular business hours.

The Blood Center of New Jersey (BCNJ) is an independent, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in 15 counties in New Jersey for over 60 years. BCNJ conducts an estimated 250 drives a month and must recruit approximately 100,000 blood donors annually in order to serve the hospitals and patients in our community.

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## Temple Sha'arey Shalom Presents a SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT SERVICE WITH RABBI DAVID GOLDSTEIN Friday, January 20, 2012 at 8pm



Rabbi Joshua Goldstein

Springfield, N.J. (January 4, 2012) Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield kicks off 2012 with a six-month series of special events in honor of Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, the Temple's Rabbi, who is retiring on June 30, 2012 after 30 years.

Six special programs have been planned to celebrate and recognize Rabbi Goldstein's immeasurable contribution and dedication to

the synagogue he has called home since 1982. The first program, a Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 8pm, will feature guest speaker Rabbi David Goldstein, the Rabbi's brother. Rabbi David Goldstein is Rabbi Emeritus of Touro Synagogue in New Orleans and an Adjunct Professor at Tulane University. He specializes in Spanish Jewry and his topic will be "Wine, Woman and Death: The Drama of the Golden Age of Jewish Life in Moslem Spain."



Fire Chief's Column  
Chief James Sanford

## Fire Department Run Totals -

### 2011 Busiest Year on Record

The 2011 Fire Department run totals were the highest on record -- 38% higher than 2010 and 22% higher than the five year average. Total fires were 40% lower. First Responder Medical Calls were 40% higher than 2010 and 23% higher than the five year average. Service Calls were 38% higher, which is attributed to Hurricane Irene's watercraft rescues and flooded buildings and the October Snow Storm causing multiple power lines down. Mutual Aid given to surrounding communities increased 31% due to increased multiple alarm fires and decreased manpower in the region.

Some notable incidents in 2011: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm structure fire in multi-family residence on South Springfield Avenue; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm residential structure fire on Henshaw Avenue where units arrived to fire conditions involving a motor vehicle with fire extension into the building; a passenger vehicle traveling the wrong direction on Route 78 which struck a tractor trailer head-on causing one fatality and two injuries; a childbirth in a Morris Avenue parking lot; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm basement fire in the Park Place Condominium Complex contained to the area of origin and no injuries; medical service for a patient in cardiac arrest -- performing CPR and administering an AED shock which

<b>Total 2011 Incidents – 1,890</b>
Residential Fires – 7
Commercial Fires – 2
Vehicle Fires – 9
Brush Fires – 2
Other Fires – 9
First Responder Medical – 743
False Alarms – 404
Mutual Aid Given – 38
Hazardous Materials – 79
Hazardous Conditions – 94
Service Calls – 503
Civilian Fire Injuries - 0
Civilian Fire Deaths – 0
Firefighter Injuries - 11
Firefighter Deaths - 0

regained the patient's pulse; a declared state of emergency for Hurricane Irene – 189 incidents including 80 residents removed by boat from 35 homes; 34 snow storm related incidents in October; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm response to Route 78 East at Exit 49B for an overturned tractor trailer with heavy entrapment. The extrication took 1 hour 36 minutes with assistance from Summit, Millburn, Union and Elizabeth Fire Departments; Springfield assisted Elizabeth several days during the 8<sup>th</sup> Alarm Burrie Biscuit warehouse fire.

In 2011, Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Life Hazard Use inspection activity increased by 61% which met the NJ Division of Fire Safety requirement for providing a yearly periodic inspection to all LHUs. In July, a new Non-Life Hazard Inspection program was implemented. It is anticipated that businesses in the entire town will be initially inspected and new, un-registered properties will be added to the annual cycle.

*All residents are reminded that the Springfield Fire Department will continue looking to reduce risk through collaborative efforts and community support. Have a fire-safe 2012.*

#### Fire Prevention Code Enforcement

Life Hazard Uses – 152
Initial Inspections - 155
Re-Inspections - 344
Certificates of Compliance - 109
Non-Life Hazard Uses- 415
Initial Inspections - 330
Re-Inspections - 317
Certificates of Compliance - 228
Penalties Issued - 51
Complaints Investigated - 121
Permits Issued - 43





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### GOOD GRIEF! IMAGINE, A CENTER FOR COPING WITH LOSS COMES TO WESTFIELD

Westfield, NJ – Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss will open in Westfield in the spring of 2012 and will provide peer support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die with concurrent groups for parents and guardians of the children served. The new center was founded by Mary Robinson, MA, CT, Founder and former Executive Director of Good Grief, now located in Morristown. "I'd like to see a grief support program in every county in New Jersey," said Robinson. "Over 20,000 New Jersey children annually will lose a parent to death so the need is enormous."

Robinson comes to Imagine with an extensive background in nonprofit management, information technology and fundraising. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis, a member of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, The Association for Death Education and Counseling, and the National Alliance for Grieving Children. Robinson, an advocate for grieving children everywhere, currently blogs at Westfield Patch. For more information visit [www.imagenj.org](http://www.imagenj.org) or contact info@imagenj.org or 908-334-5723.

### SOCCER CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL WITH SECOND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Members of the Soccer Club of Springfield visited Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside yesterday to deliver presents. What started last year as a one team initiative has expanded club-wide. Seventeen players ranging from age 7 to 12 from the junior, recreation and travel programs of the Soccer Club of

Springfield delivered hundreds of toys, games, toiletries and electronic devices to the patients of the hospital. After delivering the presents, the Soccer Club players got a tour of the hospital, including stops at the therapy pool, playground and gym. The staff and patients were very appreciative of our donation and will be giving the items to the children for the holidays, birthdays and as rewards for various achievements throughout the year. A special thank you to Springfield parent Joe McDonough for helping to coordinate this visit and to all of the soccer families who donated their time and money to the hospital during this holiday season.



*Soccer Club of Springfield players tour Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.*



*Seventeen members of the Soccer Club of Springfield check out the outdoor playground at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Joining the soccer players are Beth Anne Myarick, Community Relations Director and Nancy Kazanecki, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees & Assistant to the Associate VP of Outpatient Services, of Children's Specialized Hospital.*

### 2011 SPRINGFIELD LUMINARY FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Completing its third year, the Springfield Luminary Fund is pleased to announce that it has raised \$5,496.04 for this year's contribution to local Springfield organizations.

Overall, this fundraiser has donated nearly \$18,200 in the course of three years. Donations went to organizations including Springfield's Volunteer First Aid Squad, Springfield YMCA After-Care Program, Springfield Turf Foundation and the Jonathan Dayton High School Baseball and Softball Programs.

The luminaries were lit on New Year's Eve throughout the Township of Springfield. The success of the project is attributed to this supportive community which has proven to truly care and share with those in need. The 2011 recipients are:

1. The Springfield Free Public Library
2. Jonathan Dayton High School Basketball programs
3. Some Springfield residents adversely affected by Hurricane Irene (to be distributed through the H.O.P.E. Foundation)

The Springfield Luminary Project was made possible through committed residents, Mike & Carrie Dzikowski, along with Dana & Vincent Gatto who organized this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization three years ago. "We feel this is a special tradition. All members of the township can easily participate and create a better sense of community while serving as another beneficial source of assistance to the town's various needs," said Mike Dzikowski.

"Thank you for getting our luminaries to us. They looked beautiful throughout our neighborhood last night. This is a wonderful fundraiser! Thank you for doing it each year. All the best in 2012!"

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