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### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Thurs. June 23  
8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Emergency Management Office  
Top Floor of the Fire House  
200 Mountain Ave.

Members and non-members are invited to Chamber meetings. Free coffee and donuts are served.

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## FOUR NEW OFFICERS ENTER THE RANKS OF SPRINGFIELD'S ALL VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE



Standing Lt. Angelo Palumbo, Auxiliary Police Chief of Staff Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Police Chief Nick D'Achille, Plainfield Police Officer and Academy Instructor Russell Gottlick, Academy Chief Anton Danko, Officer in Charge of the Springfield Police Department John Cook, Deputy Auxiliary Police Chief Scott Seidel, OEM Coordinator John Cottage, Auxiliary Sergeant Robert Abraham and Auxiliary Officer Jeff Lewis. Seated (Graduates) Officers Garan Dickson, Scott Schumacher, Avi Nissani and Ercan Sidar

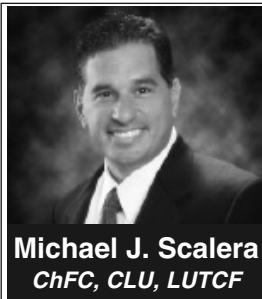
On May 10, 2011, Scott Schumacher, Ercan Sidar, Avi Nissani and Garan Dickson took the Oath of Honor at the John H. Stamler Police Academy together with 17 other Auxiliary Officers from other towns within the County in front of a crowd of over 150 officers and family members. These individuals underwent an extensive training program which commenced in February, and included classes in self-defense, use of force, arrest, search & seizure and many other law enforcement topics. Officer Schumacher was the President of Auxiliary Class 15 as well and addressed the audience. These officers will now join the ranks of the Springfield Auxiliary Police where their training will continue. Auxiliary Officers augment the regular Police Department assisting with traffic, crowd control, emergencies and special events in Town. They must volunteer a minimum of 96 hours per year to maintain their positions. Auxiliary Officers have full police powers when they are working and can be exposed to the same hazards and dangers of regular police officers. Springfield Auxiliary Officers have received firearms training and are authorized to

carry their department issued weapon while on duty. The four new members will receive their firearms training later this year in a comprehensive firearms training class.

Any resident and US Citizen 18 years or older may apply by contacting The Office of Emergency Management at 973-467-3388. Further information is available at <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/emergency-management.html>.

### ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL

On June 16, 2011, the Springfield Public Schools along with the Springfield Police, Fire, First Aid and Emergency Management Departments, will be holding an Active Shooter Drill at the Jonathan Dayton High School in the afternoon. Staff and specially selected students will be participating in the drill along with emergency personnel. Pursuant to 18A:41-1, schools are required to hold annually a minimum of two of each of the following security drills: active shooter, evacuation (non-fire), bomb threat and lockdown.



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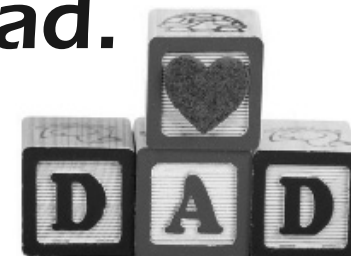
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## Celebrate Dad.

Father's Day is June 19, 2011

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### Message from the Mayor

On Memorial Day we take stock in the men and women serving in the uniformed services. They are called on to meet challenges that must be met and to tackle them with creativity and strength. The young who serve our country learn certain great values: the strength of a united people, the uniqueness of our form of government which protects the right of the people to choose those who would govern, and the consequences of national choices.

In American cities and towns today, flags will be placed on graves in cemeteries; public officials will speak of the sacrifice and the valor of the many that fought American's wars from the American Revolution to today's war on terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world. As we observe Memorial Day, we rise in gratitude to express thanks to our Veterans who have died, who were prisoners of war, and all those who were declared missing in action. We honor all veterans for their dedication to America. Our words cannot compensate you adequately. But we can at least say that in Springfield, there is no such thing as a forgotten veteran.

*Mayor Hugh Keffer*

### TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
1st four Tuesdays of the month at 7:30

**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, 8 p.m. – Annex

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

### BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD

June 23, 1780 was the date of the decisive Battle of Springfield which ended the British pursuit of the War for Independence in the northern colonies/states. In celebration of the 231st anniversary, the Historic Cannon Ball House will be open to the public from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, June 26th. The Cannon Ball House was in the heart of the fighting in which 5,000 British troops fought with 1500 of Washington's army and the local militias. It survived not only the battle but the burning of the village of Springfield by the the defeated and retreating British forces.

Members of the Springfield Historical Society which is headquartered at the House will host tours and answer any questions. The Society is participating with the Library during the month of June-July as part of their exploration of the developing concept of Freedom in America. The exhibition opens at the Library on Saturday, June 25th.

A donation of \$2 per adult is requested to visit the House (max \$10 per family) which is also open by appointment. For further information, call 973 376 4784

### EXCITING NEWS AT SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS

Springfield Orthodontics is excited to offer a special for people interested in Invisalign treatment. There will be no charge for any diagnostic records taken (up to a \$350.00 savings) and we will discount up to \$500 for Invisalign treatment. Please call our office at 973-379-3803 to set up an appointment. You can also find out more about us on our website at [www.springfieldorthodontics.net](http://www.springfieldorthodontics.net) and Facebook.

Drs Kaswiner and Handsman provide excellent, state-of-the-art patient care while making orthodontics fun. Dr. Kaswiner has been practicing orthodontics for over 28 years and is Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He completed his postdoctoral training at New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Handsman completed his postdoctoral training at SUNY Stony Brook and has been practicing since 2002. He is an attending orthodontist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality orthodontic treatment available anywhere for both children and adults. Our personalized hands-on-treatment is designed to achieve lasting results. We don't believe in mass production, "conveyer belt" treatment. Each individual is important to us.

We are involved in the Springfield community, and will be hosting a day with the entire fourth grade class from Caldwell Elementary School this June.

We emphasize creating smiles by balancing features, taking into consideration patient growth, ethnicity and other individual attributes. We also believe that interceptive orthodontic treatment, frequently done without braces, can be critical, allowing for the proper fit and balance of all teeth in regard to facial structure. This may greatly decrease the severity of orthodontic problems in the future. We utilize a variety of appliances including: Invisalign, ceramic braces, metal braces, removable appliances, functional appliances, TMJ treatments, habit control and interceptive appliances. We have recently added digital radiography. For our patients, this means more accurate, immediate and lower dose x-rays for diagnosis and treatment planning purposes. For your comfort we have a new state-of-the-art facility with plasma TVs, video games, DVD, and vision goggles for your enjoyment.

Dr. Lee and Dr. Brett, as they are affectionately known, are premier providers of Invisalign, completing over 450 cases. They are in the top 3% of providers in the United States.

If you are in need of orthodontic treatment please call our office (973-379-3803). There is no charge for an initial consultation. Dr. Lee and Dr. Brett will be happy to meet with you and discuss your orthodontic options. Remember "You're smiles ahead with Springfield Orthodontics."



### "STRIKE OUT BULLYING"

On 5/24/2011 P.O. Kahora of the Springfield Police Department along with the Somerset Patriots conducted a "Strike Out Bullying" campaign to the Dare students at Sandmeier and St. James schools. The program is lead by the Patriots Third Base/Hitting Coach Travis Anderson, a former catcher with team. Sparkee The Mascot assists Anderson throughout the program, which ran 45 minutes. The "Strike Out Bullying" campaign is designed to reinforce the six pillars of character already used in the school systems to remind students of the value of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. By following all of the pillars, students learn the difference between right and wrong and help curb bullying by how they treat one another.

**GATES OPEN AT 5PM!**

**\$5 DONATION**

# J SPRINGFIELD'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**JULY 4TH @ 5:00 PM  
MEISEL AVENUE PARK**

- FIREWORKS
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- GAMES

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## ★ TAKE PRIDE IN SPRINGFIELD ★ *Giant 4th of July Celebration*

The Take Pride in Springfield and Fourth of July Committees are pleased to announce that Springfield's 2011 July 4th celebration will take place on Monday, July 4th. This year's event will feature TWO nationally recognized bands for entertainment, The 1910 Fruitgum Company and The Toys featuring Barbara Harris. In addition to their own hits, they will perform a mix of popular 60's & 70's tune. The bands will start playing at 7:30 PM.

According to Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chairman, Pat Paoletta, the Take Pride in Springfield Committee, is comprised of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Township's Emergency Management Organization who have banded together to plan this year's event.

Starting at 5 pm there will be rides, a petting zoo, pony rides and a trackless train for children. The fireworks will start at dusk. A donation of \$5.00 per person will be collected at the gates and children under 2 are free. Food and beverages will be available for sale at reasonable prices.

There will also be a giant 50-50 raffle by the Rotary Club of Springfield. According to 4th of

July committee Co-Chairman, Scott Seidel, in the event of inclement weather, the fireworks display will be held on the next clear night. This year's "family picnic" theme, with the gates opening at 5:00 pm, encourages families to bring chairs and blankets and enjoy a family picnic. Please note alcoholic beverages are not permitted on County Park Property. Emergency Management Coordinator and 4th of July Co-Chairman, John Cottage, advises people to get there early and enjoy the festivities. Seidel noted that a limited amount of handicapped and preferred parking for guests is available on Meisel Ave. which will be closed adjacent to the Field between Southgate and Linden Ave. from 3 pm until 11 pm that day. The Garden State Fireworks Company of Millington, New Jersey provides and sets off the fireworks.

Assisting this year will be the Springfield Fire Departments, the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Springfield Police Department and the Springfield First Aid Squad. Fencing and logistic support around the field is supplied by the Township Department of Public Works.

Anyone wishing to help out on the fourth can call the Springfield Town Hall at 973-912-2200. Additional information will be available shortly on the Township's website, [www.springfield-nj.us](http://www.springfield-nj.us)

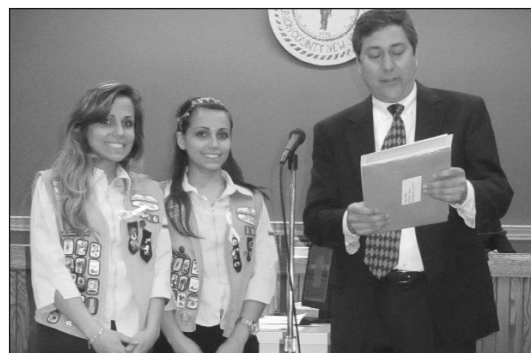
*Please help us celebrate  
on the Fourth!*

## LOU DEL MAURO CONTINUES DONATING



*Springfield Police Captain and Officer in Charge John Cook, Lou Del Mauro and his wife, Renee, and children Luigi and Nina, Mayor Hugh Keffer, Springfield FMBA President Joe Popolo, Chamber Co-Chair Scott Seidel, Springfield First Aid Squad Captain Apu Mullick, Auxiliary Police Chief Nick D'Achille and Springfield HOPE Trustee Gary Hecht.*

Lou Del Mauro of L. Del Mauro & Sons Landscaping, Inc. continued his practice of making donations to Five Springfield Organizations at the May 17, 2011 Township Committee meeting. Members from Springfield HOPE, the Springfield FMBA, Springfield PBA, Springfield Auxiliary Police and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad were on hand to receive their checks. According to Lou, he wanted to "give something back" to his community so he contacted Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair Scott Seidel and requested the Chamber coordinate the presentation by getting all of organizations together at a Committee Meeting.



*Mayor Hugh Keffer reads two proclamations presented to Girl Scouts Elsa Goncalves and Marisa Goncalves in recognition of achieving Scouting's highest rank, The Gold Award, which they each received for completing their respective projects, submitting a plan to change the way the 11th Grade Health Class is taught and working with adolescents in North Plainfield's DYFS Program.*



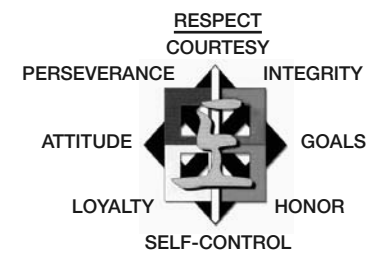
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## THE 2011 SPRINGFIELD FARMER'S MARKET OPENING DAY IS MONDAY, JUNE 27TH!

This season opens with farmers and vendors selling products that will appeal to almost anyone. Come browse the selection between noon and six pm. You will find a wonderful array of fruits and vegetables. In addition, you can purchase dried fruits and nuts, hot sauces and spice rubs, pickles, Italian specialty dishes, fresh cheeses and sauces.

The Farmer's Market will be every Monday starting June 27th thru October 31st. Visit the market at Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot starting in June and follow us to Ruby field in early September.

**Support Springfield's Farmer's Market!**

**Springfield Seniors Trip to the Sands Casino in PA on June 15, 2011. Cost is \$25 per person. Includes transportation, \$20 slot cash casino bonus and \$5 food voucher.**  
**Bus Leaves 8:45am and returns approx 4pm**  
**Space is limited**  
**Springfield Recreation 973.912.2226**

## Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

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

### SUMMER HOURS STARTING JULY 1ST

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday & Friday**

**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday**

**June 1st - October 2nd**

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Monday, July 4th Independence Day**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**June 25th—July 21st**

**Exhibit— Freedom:**

**A History of US—Loaned by  
The Gilder Lehrman Institute**

### LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

**Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 P.M.**

Lecture – Creating Social Media Strategies That Work Presented By Score. Registration Suggested.

**Thursday, June 23rd, 7:00 P.M.**

Lecture—Latest Treatment Options For Hip & Knee Pain Presented By An Dr. Michael Rieber, Orthopedic Surgeon From St. Barnabas Hospital. Registration Suggested.

**Wednesday, June 29th**

Lecture—American Freedom—Presented By Renowned Reception – 6:00 P.M. Historian And Columbia University Professor Eric Foner Lecture – 7:00 P.M.

**Monday, July 11th, 7:00 P.M.**

Lecture – The Fight For Women’s Freedom – Presented By Rutgers University Professor And Author Beryl Satter

**Monday, July 18th, 7:00 P.M.**

Lecture – Freedom Not Far Distant – Presented By Rutgers Professor And Author Clement A. Price

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

**Saturday June 18 @ 11am- Father’s Day  
Craft and Story with Babe**

**Thursday, June 16th, 10 A.M.**

Great Books Discussion Group – On Liberty By John Stuart Mill

**Thursday, June 23rd & July 14th, 10:15 A.M.**

Memoir Writing Group Led By Zella Geltman

### FILMS

**Monday, June 13th, 12:00 P.M.**

Lunchtime Video – “Classics From The Post War Era” Series – The Big Sleep Starring Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall

**Monday, June 27th, 12:00 P.M.**

Lunchtime Video— “Classics From The Post War Era” Starring Lana Turner & John Garfield

**Monday, June 27th, 7:00 P.M.**

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us, First Four Episodes: Independence, Revolution, Liberty For All?, Wake Up America.

**Wednesday, July 6th, 7:00 P.M.**

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us – A Fatal Contradiction, A War To End Slavery, What Is Freedom?, Whose Land Is This?

**Thursday, July 7th, 12:00 & 6:45 P.M.**

International Film - The King's Speech (Uk, 2010)

**Monday, July 11th, 12:00 P.M.**

Lunchtime Video - "Film Noir - A Selection Of Classics From The Post-War Era" Series

**Wednesday, July 13th, 7:00 P.M.**

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us – Working For Freedom, Yearning To Breathe Free, Safe For Democracy, Depression & War

**Thursday, July 14th, 12:00 & 7:00 P.M.**

International Film - White Wedding (South Africa, 2009)

**Wednesday, July 20th, 7:00 P.M.**

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us – Democracy And Struggles, Let Freedom Ring, Marching To Freedom Land, Becoming Free

### COMPUTER TRAINING

**10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS, BY APPOINTMENT.**

### HOBBIES

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

**Wednesday Wii games June 1st and 8th only @ 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, July 6th, 7:00 P.M.**  
Special Make-Up Scrabble Session

**Monday, June 27th & July 25th, 10:00 A.M.**  
Knit Wits Knitting Group

**Tuesday, June 28th, 10:00 Am – 1:00 Pm**  
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (Ship) Individual Medicare Counseling By Appointment Only

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am**  
(ages baby through pre-school):

**Saturday June 4**

**Tuesday June 7**

**Friday June 17**

**Thursday June 30**

Up and coming, back by popular demand—! SFPL’s Booklover’s Bookswap for kids and young adults in grades 1 thru 12. Beginning June 1, bring your gently used, good condition books to the Youth Services Dept. and receive a voucher to ‘spend’ on new books during the two weeks of Bookswap, June 20 thru July 2. A great way to clean out unwanted titles and get new books for summer reading! The vouchers are good for an exact swap: a hardcover swaps for a hardcover, a paperback for a paperback, etc. We accept DVDs. \*NO Board Books, Textbooks or VHS.

**Monday June 27 @ 10:30 am**

**Music Together** Share the Joy of Family Music with your child. Infants to age 5.

**Thursday June 30th @ 7pm**

**All ages, kids thru adult**

Kick off the summer with Guitar Bob’s Red, White and Blues: A Celebration of American Music

*Get Ready for a Super Summer @ Your Library with our traditional Summer Reading Club for grades Kindergarten thru 4 with Treasure Chest prizes for reading books, and Grades 5 and up with our famous Video Snack Pack for logging in those reading hours.*

*Stay tuned for July’s activities: Chess group, crafts for kiddies, writing club, Wii games, Lunchtime Math for Middle School Braniacs, and MORE!*

### THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Wednesday, June 8th, at 7:00 P.M., Paul Cirillo will explain the design of the Station and “how it all works.” He will describe the 10 year assembly sequence and tell which countries are involved and what each built. He will answer what it is like to spend 6 months living and working on a space station and will tell us how we can easily see the ISS from our backyards.

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## SECOND ANNUAL STEP UP FOR THE ARC T-SHIRT CONTEST KICKS OFF

The Arc of Union County invites Union County schoolchildren in Grades 1- 5 to enter its second annual Step Up for The Arc T-Shirt Design Contest. Submissions should be created around the theme "Achieving Together" and are accepted in color or black and white and must be on an 8 ½ x 11 white piece of paper. Artwork is due by August 1, 2011. The winning design will be printed on the official Step Up for The Arc T-Shirt, which will be worn by walkers and runners who participate in the Step Up For The Arc 5K Walk/Run on September 24th. Additionally, the top three designers will receive a savings bond courtesy of Step Up's Presenting Sponsor, Provident Bank.



The following school district superintendents have already distributed information to their elementary school students: Mountainside, Roselle Park and Springfield.

This year's Step Up for The Arc sponsors are Provident Bank, Applebee's, Hinkle, Fingles & Prior and the New Jersey Masons.

*Last year's first place winner, Isabella Jeczo of Springfield, had her artwork featured on The Arc's Step Up for The Arc 5K Walk/Run commemorative T-Shirt and received a \$250 savings bond. Isabella with her family John Przybylinski and Charles Mancuso of Provident Bank.*



L to R: Jalpa Patel, PA-C (physician assistant who screened patients with the dr.) Dr. Alexander Doctoroff and Maryellen Brennan, Assistant to the Administrator for the Township of Springfield (she helped coordinate the screening).

### SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In honor of Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Springfield resident and board certified dermatologist Dr. Alexander Doctoroff held a free skin cancer screening for all Springfield Township

employees. Dr. Doctoroff is always eager to give back to his community, saying "though the screenings take just a short amount of time, they really do save lives. I get tremendous personal satisfaction knowing that this work truly makes a difference". According to the American Cancer Society, cancer of the skin, including melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, is the most common of all cancers — more than cancers of the prostate, breast, lung, colon, uterus, ovaries, and pancreas combined. More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, with most of these thought to be related to sun exposure and man-made sources, such as indoor tanning lamps. The good news is


that skin cancer can be found and treated early.

Dr. Doctoroff shares the following skin cancer prevention tips:

1. Opt for the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
2. Cover up with a broad-brimmed hat, UV-blocking sunglasses, and clothing
3. Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher
4. See your physician every year for a professional skin exam

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## SPRINGFIELD POLICE INCREASE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Township residents should be noticing an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers with this being done to coincide with the school summer recess. This enforcement is not merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of the township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the summer months as more people are outdoors and on the streets jogging, dog walking or simply going for strolls throughout their neighborhood. This time of year especially demands extra caution of motorists due to children playing in residential areas or walking or riding bicycles on township streets.

A new law change went into effect on April 1, 2010 that has now changed the statute that originally only required motorists to yield to pedestrians who were legally crossing in a crosswalk to now require motorists to come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Many of the intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and that are located on more heavily trafficked roadways have the noticeable yellow warning sign in the middle of these crosswalks that remind motorists to now stop for crossing pedestrians. At different times of the year, plainclothes police officers posing as pedestrians will be crossing at various intersections throughout the township and motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrian" will be stopped and issued summonses for this violation

as the Springfield Police have already made this new law changed and the pedestrian crossing operation known to the media in order to inform and educate as many persons as possible as to the need for safety at all crosswalks. The police officers will be operating at various intersections throughout the township where there have been incidents of pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by autos which also include intersections where pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed in the past.

Parents are reminded to oversee their children's operation of motor vehicles so that the new teenage drivers adhere to all of the requirements of a special learner's permit, the probationary driver license and or the provisions of Kyleigh's Law.

Other police operations being conducted are targeting some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that contribute to a high number of accidents that are also being addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections and overall aggressive driving.

The daily rush hour traffic congestion combined with more and more motorists seeming to be rushing to get to their destinations and the summer months having more children being out and about makes it vital that motorists use common sense and caution when driving. Police officers know better than most about the tragic consequences that will result from accidents caused by inattentive or careless drivers and hopefully by increased and visible traffic enforcement, accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented.

## NOETIC LEARNING MATHEMATICS CONTEST

During the week of April 11-15, 25 fifth graders and 28 fourth graders from Caldwell and Sandmeier Schools, led by teacher Bonny Collins, competed in the Noetic Math Contest.

The Noetic Math Contest is an elementary math contest held twice a year. More than 6,000 young students representing 358 teams across the country participated in this spring contest.

*The following students are the winners of their teams.*

Grade 4 (Caldwell)--Jake Pereira  
Grade 4 (Sandmeier)-Marco Tjan  
Grade 5 (Caldwell)-Kevin Haskins  
Grade 5 (Sandmeier)-Jeswin Jose

*The following students won the National Honor Roll title. Only the top 10% of participating students in the country received this honor.*

Grade 4: Marco Tjan, Jake Pereira,  
Shane Schwartz  
Grade 5: Kevin Haskins, Jeswin Jose,  
Danielle Calling, Joe McDonough

*The following students received National Honorable Mention.*

Grade 4: Rafael Felix III, Julia Horowitz,  
Elie Kapengut, Andrew  
Neuhaus, Anthony Petruzzello,  
Chris Huppert, Flip DeCiantis,  
Brendan O'Brien, James Gabriel,  
Julien Heurtuex, Daniel Friedman,  
Lisa Mayevsky, Jack Conway, Julia Kolker,  
Juliana DaSilva, Sadie Lowy  
Grade 5: Bryce Forsys, Alan Santhosh,  
Jack Huppert, Samantha Rachel,  
Carlo Lutero, Adam Gelo, Martin Given,  
Jessica Stier, Danny McBratney,  
Sophie Pleva, Portia Shaheed, Zoe Frei,  
Hannah Dvorchik, Kelly Saverino,  
Lauren Reichner, Ryan Lashuk,  
Sophia Mikros

The purpose of participating in the contest is to stimulate our students' interest in math and to inspire them to excel in math. The contest results show that our students can rise to the occasion and can meet the challenge. It also demonstrates our students' great math skills and talents.



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"We are so grateful to Marilyn and Lou Stiglitz for this extraordinary gift and for helping us create a safe haven

for grieving children and families in New Jersey," said Marisa Bolognese, Executive Director. "We are currently serving 246 children and adults every two weeks on four nights of support. With our goal of having a center of our own met, we look forward to our next phase of growth and program expansion including our Conversations on Loss educational workshops launching in May." Good Grief provides educational programs and peer support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die. Support groups are also available for parents, and young adults age 18-30.

For more information about Good Grief please call 908-522-1999 or [info@good-grief.org](mailto:info@good-grief.org)



*Pictured l-r in front of the Memory Tree at the new Good Grief Center in Morristown are Marilyn Stiglitz of Mountainside, Good Grief Founder Mary Robinson of Madison, and Board Member Irene Weinberg of Wayne.*

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**SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF HADASSAH  
INSTALLATION MEETING**

On May 26, 2011, the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah held its annual installation meeting at 12 noon, at the Springfield Public Library.

The slate of officers for the year, 2011-2012 was unanimously elected. The names of the newly elected officers follow: .President, Rona Zandel; Vice President for Education, Sheila Eidelman; Vice President for Fundraising, Harriet Singer; Vice President for Membership, Alice Weinstein and Vice President for Program, Lorraine Seidel; Corresponding Secretary, Lorraine Jayson; Recording Secretary, Selma Porter and Treasurer, Iris Segal.

In addition, this meeting marks the 55th year that Springfield Hadassah has been in existence.

**GAUDINEER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S  
STUDENT COUNCIL TAKES ACTION TO  
HELP LINDEN ANIMAL SHELTER**

Seeing television commercial showing homeless, abandoned, and abused animals is heart wrenching. Many choose to change the channel rather than see the terrified faces and starved bodies that are, indeed, painful to watch. Not so the F.M. Gaudineer Middle School's Student Council. Looking for a community service project, they enthusiastically "adopted" the Linden Animal Shelter as this year's cause. They chose to take action to help these helpless and desperate animals rather than ignore the problem.

Hundreds of dogs, cats, rabbits, and even guinea pigs pass through the caring hands of animal rescue team at the all volunteer run shelter. The tough economy has hurt the creatures here as well and the director was delighted to hear that Gaudineer's council would be putting its considerable "muscle" to gather food, towels, treats and other supplies to help these homeless and helpless four-legged residents. Led by student council advisor, Janet Gray, a teacher at Gaudineer, and owner of rescued dogs herself; the council contacted the shelter to see what was most urgently needed. To their great surprise, the volunteer Executive Director, was Walton School's own media center specialist, Allan Yorkowitz.

Yorkowitz explained that dry dog food, wet and dry cat food, paper towels, bath towels, toys, and other supplies were sorely needed. Gaudineer's council set to work sponsoring a competition among all home-rooms to see which ones would answer the call and donate the most supplies. Posters were made and hung, council members tireless campaigned throughout the building, making announcements before school, during Activity Period, and even lunchtime, and the boxes they placed in classrooms soon overflowed with donations from the philanthropic student body. Josh Kadish, 8th grade student council president explained that he felt great being able help the animals so directly. "Community Service is an important part of what student council means to us," he added. 7th grade treasurer, Sangeeth Sreekumar, agreed that, "It feels good to give back, especially when these animals have had it so hard." "Knowing what these animals have experienced, I am ecstatic that young students, such as ourselves, were eager and able to step up to such a vital role in animal assistance," adds 6th grade council president Laurianne Gutierrez.

When Yorkowitz came to pick up the supplies he was amazed by the hard work of the council members and the generosity of the student body. This will really make a positive difference to the animals who are looking for forever homes.

Gray, their advisor, praises her students' enthusiastic efforts, and applauds their devotion to this cause as well as the support the Council got from Springfield's Superintendent Michael Davino and FMG principal Tim Kieley. There is an old Jewish proverb that says, "If you have saved one life, it is as though you have saved the entire world." The F.M.G Student Council certainly has a most excellent start to making our world a better place!

The drive will continue for the next month, and anyone wishing to contribute to the shelter or to adopt one of the homeless dogs, cats, bunnies, hamsters, or guinea pigs, can call or e-mail Friends of the Linden Animal Shelter at: (732) 388-6300 and FOLAShelter@aol.com.

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## Food for Thought: Grill Safety

4<sup>th</sup> of July is fast approaching and the holiday is a popular time to host a barbeque. Here are some tips to keep your barbeque memorable for all the right reasons.

Each year, fire departments nationally respond to nearly 8,000 grill fires. Nearly 3,000 of those fires spread to a nearby structure – usually the house. Grill fires cause an annual average of 10 deaths, 120 reported injuries, and \$80 million in direct property damage. In half of the grill-related home fires, 86% of the time the fire started when either the flammable or combustible gas or liquid propane caught fire.

One-third of the structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch, which is why for people living in multiple residential properties (multi-family homes, apartments and condominiums), open flame cooking devices are prohibited for use on balconies. They are also prohibited within any interior spaces, within 5 feet of combustible exterior walls or openings in exterior walls (doors and windows), and under any building overhangs. Portable LP-gas grills are not to be stored indoors or within 5 feet of combustible portions of the building.

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be located well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the tray below the grill. Never leave your grill unattended.

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add any flammable liquids to an existing fire and keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

Although gas grills are only used 1.5 times more often than charcoal grills, they were involved in five times as many fires. Each year you should check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose before turning it on. A propane leak in the hose will cause soap bubbles. If your grill has a propane gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the grill and the gas tank. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If your grill is natural gas, turn off the grill and the pipe running to the hose. If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill and immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

If your grill does catch fire, turn off the gas, do not pour water (or any other liquid!) on a grease fire, keep the lid closed to deprive the fire of oxygen, and call the fire department. We'll do our best to save your barbeque.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPENS TWITTERACCOUNT

The Department of Public Safety is making great strides in communicating necessary information to the public. Many residents have taken advantage of my offer to call my office at (973) 921-2244 at any time to freely discuss any concern. Some have even stopped in to see me. In an effort to increase the transparency and communication, I have opened a Twitter account. I intend to share useful information with any resident who also has an account.

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*Stephanie Steiner, daughter Marissa, husband David, and son Andrew*

## NEW JERSEY'S FIRST PROMISE WALK FOR PREECLAMPSIA RAISES OVER \$12,000

SPRINGFIELD, NJ (May 10, 2011) – Lifelong Springfield resident Stephanie Steiner organized the first-ever public Promise Walk for Preeclampsia™ in New Jersey and helped to raise over \$12,000 for a disorder that almost took her life and that of her unborn child. Steiner was diagnosed with preeclampsia, a disorder that occurs during pregnancy and affects both the mother and the fetus, while awaiting her first child Marissa, now a healthy eleven-year-old girl. Promise Walk for Preeclampsia™, which was held this past Mother's Day at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, attracted 60 walkers and raised needed funds and awareness for this potentially fatal disease.

Donations are still being accepted for The Promise Walk for Preeclampsia™. Please visit [www.promisewalk.org](http://www.promisewalk.org) and click on the link for the Cranford, NJ walk to donate.

For more information on the Preeclampsia Foundation, call toll free (800) 665-9341 or visit [www.preeclampsia.org](http://www.preeclampsia.org)

## THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTED

The Township Committee passed an ordinance amending the Special Improvement District ordinance in March of 2011. The eleven member board was appointed by the Mayor and Committeemen and held their first meeting last week. The appointed Board members are Springfield business and commercial property owners, representing the interests of the business community. They are Scott Seidel, Robert Beller, Dana Zuber, Michael Scalera, Rochelle Denning, Paola Conte, Dan Murphy, Victor Kelly, Robert Schoenemann, Ken Gruskin, and Jerry Fernandez, Committee Liaison. Michael Scalera was voted Chair, Dana Zuber will serve as Vice Chair and Paola Conte was voted Treasurer.

The Special Improvement District is funded by a special assessment to the Commercial properties. The Board of Directors will put together a budget for these funds to use towards retail recruitment and retention, marketing programs to help retailers, a maintenance program for the sidewalks of the commercial district and plans for bringing in investment to the township.

The Special Improvement District Board of Directors goal is to improve the commercial areas in Springfield making them places that serve the residents and draws people from other areas to shop, dine and do business.

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