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MEETING**

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2020

8:30 am - 9:30 am

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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR ATTRACTS CROWD FOR COSTUME CONTEST, MAGIC SHOW, AND GIVE-AWAYS



The Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween Spooktacular was held outside at Chisholm Park under gloomy-turned-sunny skies this past Saturday, October 24, 2020. With COVID-19 gathering restrictions and health and safety protocols in place, over 100 community members of all ages gathered to show off their scariest and most original costumes at the annual costume contest.

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GRAND OPENING HALO ROASTERS

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Chamber of Commerce and BID Co-Chair Mike Scalera, Township Committeeman Rich Huber, Halo Roasters owner Harry Eckert, Mayor Christopher Capodice and Deputy Mayor Chris Weber

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER CAPODICE PRESENTS DIWALI PROCLAMATION



On Sunday November 8th, Mayor Capodice commented to the Patriot: "I was honored to present a proclamation to recognize the celebration of the Festival of Diwali which symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, of good over evil and of knowledge over ignorance. Job well done by Springfield Unity Project coordinating the event!"

Photos by Frank Applegate (additional photo page 8)

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



It was a warm, drizzly Veterans Day with a light turnout due to COVID regulations and concerns and limiting on large gatherings.

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GRAND OPENING FOR CRAB DU JOUR



Present for the ribbon cutting were: (l to r) Elliot Merkin Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce VP, Township Committeeman Alex Keiser, Township Committeewoman Erica Dubois, Deputy Mayor Chris Weber, Manager/Owner Kevin Zhang, employees and staff and far right BID & Chamber Co-Chair Mike Scalera

Crab Du Jour, a Cajun Seafood Boil Restaurant, located at 205 Morris Ave., cut the ribbon and opened its doors on Friday, November 13th.

CAR REMOVED FROM GOMES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



On the evening of Sunday night October 25th at around 11:30 pm a car drove off the road on Morris Avenue and was wedged in between the foundation forms and excavation at the Gomes downtown project. It was decided to allow the car to remain in position until the foundation walls were poured and set up. On Thursday November 5th at 10:45 am the car was expertly removed from the excavation by Pat Sisbarro of Sisbarro Towing.



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Message from the Mayor

Greetings!

Believe it or not, it's time for Thanksgiving! Even though this pandemic may not give us the opportunity to see everyone we would like, I hope you take a moment to appreciate all that you are thankful for, as we begin the holiday season.

The weather is getting colder, the days shorter, and we just changed our clocks back so please be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Leaf pick up has also begun. Leaves that are left at the curb will be picked up by our DPW.

Springfield recently recognized our veteran's during our annual Veteran's Day ceremony. Thank you to all of our residents who have served, or continue to serve, in every branch of our Armed Forces. The township also celebrated Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights, in front of town hall, another example of the township's commitment to be an inclusive community. The township's annual winter celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7 pm to 8 pm on the lawn in front of Town Hall so please mark your calendars now!

I would like to welcome the opening of two new businesses in town Halo Roasters and Crab Du Jour. Please be sure to stop in and support all our local businesses this Holiday Season--they need our support now more than ever.

Lastly, COVID-19 numbers are continuing to rise again. I would like to remind everyone to both wear masks and practice social distancing whenever and wherever possible. And please, as difficult as it may be, plan your Thanksgiving Holiday carefully--we all want to be with our friends and family. If we hope to slow down this pandemic we need to limit the number of people with whom we interact.

Be safe!

Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



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OEM Deputy Coordinator Frank Applegate provided the patriotic music from the OEM Mobile Command Post and helped with the set up to meet social distancing regulations. The Department of Public Works and the Recreation Departments set up the gym in the Chisholm Community Center in the event the ceremony had to move indoors. After the ceremony, the Springfield Hillside Elks had a luncheon for the Veterans at their lodge.

Linda Donnelly, Township Clerk and member of the Hometown Heroes introduced Mayor Capodice and he read a Proclamation. The opening speech was given by American Legion Commander Gerry Gebauer. Gerry McManus read the meaning of the POW/MIA. Other Veterans participating were Marc Krauss, Michael Bartosh, Len Feiner, Sam Ferner, Don Schwerdt and Bill Sincowitz. David Penna & Veteran Eugene Beluse placed a wreath commemorating those that have served the country. Ernie DellaSala, a veteran, played a heartfelt Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America and Taps.

The Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard provided the traditional rifle volley at the conclusion of the ceremony. The event was planned and coordinated by Linda Donnelly and Geri Ann Kazimar.

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor Capodice will retain his seat on the Township Committee for a three year Term.
Unofficial vote count,
Christopher Capodice (D) 5,228
and Jerry Fernandez (R) 3,247

Board of Education unofficial results:
Blair 3,203; Miller 3,369; Rubin 4,360
Gamarekian 3,531 and Perry 2,334
according to the unofficial results of County.

VETERANS CORNER.....
By Gerry Gebauer

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Veterans Day. Hope you were at the ceremony in town. If you have some time and you are going to Washington, DC you may want to visit two new memorials. The National Native American Veteran Memorial was dedicated on November 11th, Veterans Day. It is an outdoors exhibit part of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Not far is another memorial dedicated to Dwight D. Eisenhower. It opened on September 17, 2020 and dedicated to the 34th President of the United States. Next time you are in Washington, DC you visit these memorials and still keep your social distance.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Regular Meetings

Tuesday, November 24, December 8 and 22 at 7 pm
The following meetings may not be held in November
Check the Township's website springfield-nj.us

PLANNING BOARD
1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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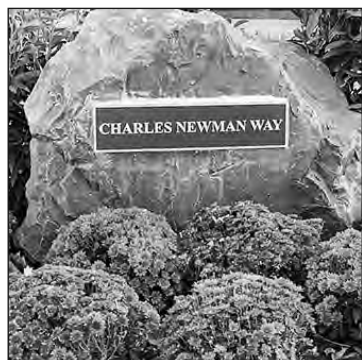
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CHARLES NEWMAN WAY DEDICATED BY FREEHOLDERS AND TRUSTEES



On Sunday, November 8, 2020, members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Trustees of New Jersey Connect and family members gathered at the Freeman Apartments, 41 Hillside Avenue in Springfield, to honor Charles Newman who passed away earlier this year. In remember "Charlie," the group dedicated the driveway to the complex as "Charles Newman Way" in his honor.

Mr. Newman was 16 years old when he broke his neck in a high school football game. Despite the personal challenges that his own quadriplegia created, Newman dedicated his life to helping others, through the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, as Director of Union County Office of the Disabled and Chairman of the Union County Advisory Board for the Disabled. However, his work reached further than just Union County or New Jersey. Newman worked to ensure passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and was invited to the signing ceremony by President George H.W. Bush.

Newman was a founding Board Member and, for twenty years, President of New Jersey Connect, Inc., a non-profit organization with a mission to create affordable, barrier-free housing so persons with physical disabilities could live independently in the community with dignity and independence. The Freeman Apartments is one of the organization's flagship projects and was the site for today's ceremonies. It is a 14-unit, fully accessible apartment building, built in 2001 in collaboration with the Township of Springfield, Union County, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with support from the Kessler Foundation.

In presenting a resolution of condolence to Newman's family, Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella recounted once asking Newman if he needed any help and being told "no, I got it." Mirabella never again need reminding him that those with physical disabilities can be independent if we create a barrier-free environment for everyone.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays nearing, readers of the Springfield Patriot Times, both residents and business owners alike, are preparing for the season. Although the COVID-19 pandemic may alter the usual seasonal routines, most readers will still be doing some type of shopping for gifts in preparation for the holidays. Unfortunately, thieves will also be out "shopping" during the months of November and December by looking to see what they can steal from you.

Many people still prefer to use cash when paying for their holiday gifts. Shoppers should be careful when they are receiving money from banks or ATM machines. Cash withdrawals should immediately be put out of sight before exiting the bank branch or ATM machine location. While paying, avoid displaying large amounts of cash, and put your wallet away quickly.

If you decide to pay with a credit or debit card, always retrieve the card back from the cashier after making a purchase. During the rush of holiday shopping it may be inadvertently left behind at the register or deliberately retained by a dishonest employee, especially when businesses hire many temporary holiday workers. If you later discover that your credit or debit card was not returned, do not waste time attempting to contact the store to see if your card was located. Instead, immediately contact the issuing bank for your card and report it lost to prevent any unauthorized use.

Anyone carrying handbags or purses should hold onto them while in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave them unattended in shopping carts. Coupons should be kept in separate envelopes or billfolds which can be left accessible in the upper part of a cart, while wallets containing currency, credit cards or checks should be safely kept on your person. Thieves will look out for unattended carts with handbags or wallets and will quickly snatch them when shoppers are busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest. Some thieves will drive up to a person who is walking in a parking lot and pretend to ask for directions. This draws the person closer, allowing the thief to grab onto the handbag strap and then rapidly speed away. If the person's bag is worn with the strap across the chest, he or she will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks. By holding a purse with your hands, or by strapping it straight over one shoulder, the purse may be gone but you are less likely to be hurt.

As handbag thefts, purse snatches, and pickpockets increase during the holiday shopping time, you should not carry with you anything that cannot be replaced. Identification cards and other documents such as checks or credit cards can be replaced, but other documents such as your Social Security card should be left at home since thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity information to commit various types of identity theft related frauds.

Readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times should remember that smartphone thefts remain on the rise throughout the country and many thieves will merely walk up and grab a phone from someone who is texting, streaming or surfing the web. Using a smartphone tends to make some people unaware of their surroundings, which could make them a more attractive target for phone thieves. Be careful when using your phone while walking through malls, parking lots and other busy public places, and if possible, wait until entering your vehicle to make a call or text.

Shoppers should park their cars in main well-lit sections of a parking lot and should make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors when exiting. Any shopping bags should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where they are not readily visible. Thieves will walk through parking lots looking for vehicles with visible shopping bags to break into and steal. Also, do not leave gifts inside of your car overnight, even in your driveway. Instead, bring them inside your home to store.

Businesses should increase the amount of times cash is removed from register drawers and make additional bank drops if necessary, to prevent large amounts of money from being left in register drawers during business hours or overnight. Bank drops should be done by multiple employees going together and the times/days should be staggered to prevent thieves from learning business routines.

Especially this year, residents will likely order some gifts online in the months leading up to the holidays. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for unattended packages left by the front doors of homes. Residents should check the tracking and delivery information for their orders, and request a delivery date/time when they will be home, if possible. If no one will be home for the delivery, they should ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve and secure their packages until they return, or request the carrier to leave any parcels at either a side or rear door of their home. Residents should be alert for slow moving vehicles driving through their neighborhood, and immediately call the police if they observe the vehicle occupants remove packages from a home.

Residents who go away for the holidays should remember to cancel their mail delivery and any newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make their homes look occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, residents can ask a neighbor or family member to park a car in their driveway and keep an eye on their home while they are away.

Scammers know that everyone wishes they had more disposable income to use during the holiday shopping season. Con artists will increase their letters, e-mails or telephone calls that fraudulently claim some type of lottery or monetary prize was won or is owed to you. You can easily recognize one of these scams, and know it is a fraud, if you are directed to pay some kind of a "fee" in order to collect the money.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling both residential areas and shopping areas in town, doing their best to deter thieves and their holiday schemes. I urge residents to immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department, and keep all of these safety tips in mind.

This holiday season will undoubtedly be different due to the pandemic, and we all must do our part to keep each other safe and healthy. Please wear your face masks and maintain social distancing whenever possible, stay home if you aren't feeling well, and follow the Governor's recommendations for holiday gatherings – even with family members. Together, we can keep Springfield safe and healthy for the holidays and well into 2021.

I hope all of you and your families have a happy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season.

HALO ROASTERS

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In an interview with the Patriot Times, Harry Eckert, owner of the newly opened Halo Roasters at 228 Mountain Avenue in Springfield, commented: "We sell specialty coffee and cafe food. We are happy to give back to Springfield filling the need for our specialty shop. Please come out and support us and the community and shop local. Hope to see you soon! The shop is open M-Th 6:30 am to 7 pm, Friday 6:30 am to 8 pm, Sunday 8 am to 7 pm."

UTILITY POLE DOWN ON CALDWELL PLACE



Verizon & JCP&L Crews worked thru the night to effect a temporary repair to the pole. Permanent repairs will require some additional work by the owner of the project before a new pole can be set.

A utility pole on Caldwell Place near Morris Avenue has partially fallen to the ground. Springfield Police officers on the scene report no injuries as a result of this incident. However, due to the live wires and the anticipated repairs by JCP&L and Verizon, the street is closed to all traffic. Residents and businesses in the area may experience a loss of power and possibly telecommunications services while repairs are performed.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

THE DANGERS OF TURKEY FRYERS

Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.

- A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.

- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.

- Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.

- Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.

- The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

SAFETY

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.

KRA INSURANCE DONATES \$1000 TO SPRINGFIELD HOPE



Springfield HOPE Trustee Scott Seidel, Heather Johnson and Michele Williams of KRA Insurance, and HOPE Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht. (Not shown Mike Rekoon, of KRA Insurance and HOPE Trustees Chief of Police John Cook and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo)

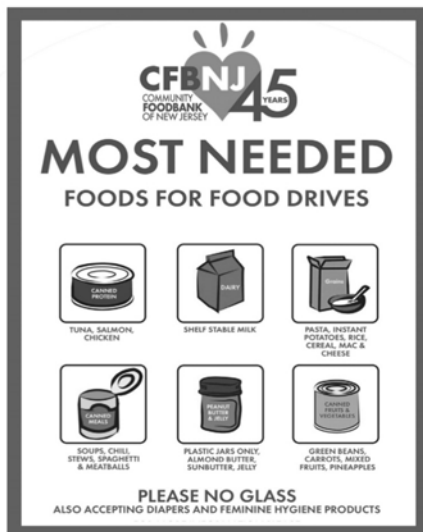
KRA Insurance, Mike Rekoon, Heather Johnson and Michele Williams wanted to give back to the community and they did so in a big way. They elected to sponsor our annual Thanksgiving dinner donation. In past years Springfield Rotary and Springfield HOPE teamed up to deliver a complete Thanksgiving dinner to 20 families in need in Springfield. This year 2020 posed special circumstances and problems to overcome. The organizations did not want to gather in person to pick up, sort and deliver food to individual homes. The groups decided to give each family a \$50 shop rite gift card instead. Dr. Hecht noted, "I was blown away by this generous donation in taking on the entire project." HOPE Trustee Scott Seidel noted, "We exist only by receiving donations from businesses and residents, no public funding is provided to Springfield HOPE. Almost 100% of every dollar donated goes to help someone in need in Springfield". Those wishing to donate to Springfield HOPE can drop off checks to Dr. Hecht's office in his lockbox outside his office at 201 Mountain Ave. or mail them to Springfield HOPE, c/o Scott Seidel, 1 Cornell Parkway, Springfield, NJ 07081.

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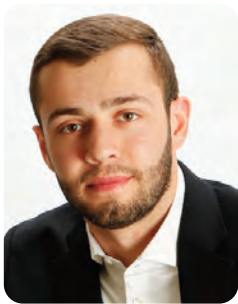


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Mayor Christopher Capodice and Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation



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4th - 5th: Zoe K., Caiden G., Sebastian K., Jerome M.



6th - 8th: Bihal P., Kelsey C., Ethan P.

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER CAPODICE RECEIVES "GOOD SCOUT AWARD"



On October 19th, Mayor Christopher Capodice received the Boys Scouts of America, Patriots Path Council, "Good Scout Award" during their virtual ceremony. Mayor Capodice was one of six recipients recognized as outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within their community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century-old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. All proceeds from the event benefited the COVID-19 Emergency relief fund.

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Tuesday, November 17 - Cards @ 12:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 18 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (registered participants only)
 Thursday, November 19 - Bus trip to Watchung Square Mall @ 10:00 am
 (RSVP)
 Friday, November 20 - Cards @ 12:00 pm
 Monday, November 23 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, November 24 - Cards @ 12:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 25 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (registered participants only)
 Monday, November 30 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, December 1 - Cards @ 12:30 pm
 Wednesday, December 2 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (registered participants only)
 Thursday, December 3 - Shopping bus trip @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Exercise class @ 11:00 am (registered participants only)
 Friday, December 4 - Cards @ 12:00 pm
 Monday, December 7 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, December 8 - Cards @ 12:30 pm
 Wednesday, December 9 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (registered participants only)
 Thursday, December 10 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am
 (registered participants only)
 Friday, December 11 - Cards @ 12:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm

SPRINGFIELD AWARDED COUNTY GRANTS OF \$40,000 FOR PLAYGROUNDS AND \$6,000 FOR TREES



The Township of Springfield was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a \$6,000 grant from Greening Union County last Thursday night, October 15, 2020, at a virtual meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Township is matching the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant to finance a reconstruction of the playground at William Trivett Memorial Park, new accessible walkways and a refill of engineered wood-carpet at various other playgrounds, and site amenities and fencing improvements throughout Springfield's parks. Both awards were increases over last year's \$30,000 playground grant and \$5,000 tree grant.

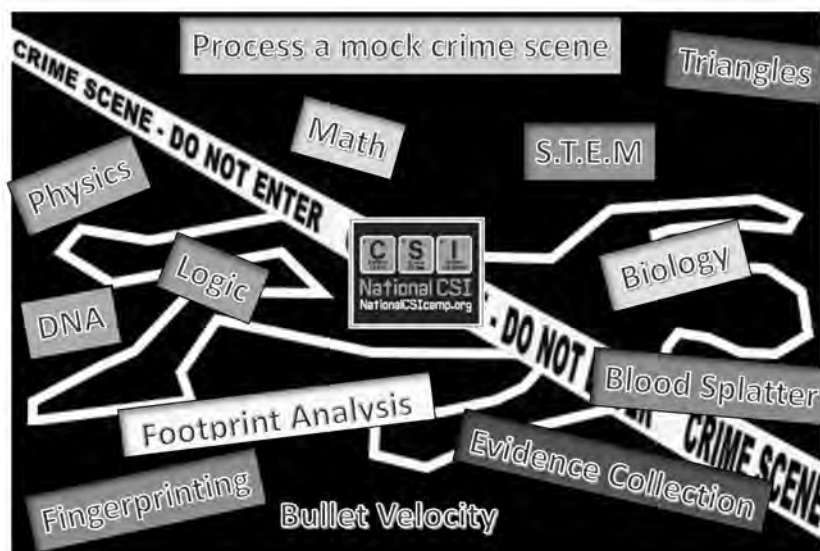
"We are grateful for the Union County Open Space Trust Fund Grants of \$40,000 and \$6,000 that have enabled the youth of our community to enjoy continued improvements to our recreational facilities and activities in Springfield. Thank you to Adam Lieb, Robert Boettcher, and their staff for continually looking for ways to improve and expand the recreational resources within the Township," said Mayor Christopher Capodice.

At William Trivett Memorial Park, off Colonial Terrace, the Springfield Recreation Department is planning to connect the three separate playground areas, expand the playground's footprint, and relocate the playground and entry ramp closer to the accessible walkway. Modern and interactive equipment to be installed include: Arch Swingset (with five total seats of three different varieties), Luge Slide, Leaf Climber, Bug Accessible Reach Panel, Climbing Structure with Elevation Roof, Orb Rocker, and more. The grant award will also fund the first phase of a multi-phase improvement project at the Irwin Park playground with the expansion of the footprint and relocation of the entry ramp closer to the accessible walkway. These projects – along with miscellaneous fencing upgrades, refill of playground mulch, and accessible playground walkways – are expected to be completed in Spring 2021. According to Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, "We're really excited to continue the playground improvements that we've been making every year thanks to this grant. Trivett Park has been eyed for a few years and it's finally time. Children and families will instantly notice the fun new colors, much larger playground, and contemporary climbing unit that we hope will be more inviting to this section of town."

The Department of Public Works will use its \$6,000 grant award to plant trees throughout Springfield. Robert Boettcher, Supervisor of Public Works, commented, "Springfield Public Works would like to thank the County Freeholders for the generous grant and their continuous support. The annual grant provides for replacement trees throughout the town, keeping Springfield Green."

Matching grants from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund are distributed to municipalities across Union County that are looking to upgrade or build recreational facilities for children and families. Funds from the Greening Union County grant award help the Township offset the cost of planting trees throughout Springfield. Since its inception in 2004, the Kids Recreation Trust Fund has provided Union County communities with over \$18 million in funding.

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Who: Grades 6-12 How: via Zoom Cost: \$92

Dates: January 25th-29th (4:00-5:30 pm)

or March 29th- April 2nd (10:00-11:30 am)

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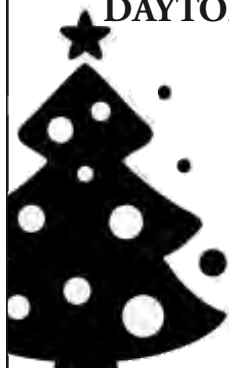
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2020 TREE LIGHTING FEATURES MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

The Township of Springfield will light the Christmas Tree at Town Hall at a socially distant holiday musical tribute respecting COVID-19 outdoor gathering protocols, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, from 7:00-8:00 pm. In the event of rain or snow, the free celebration will be postponed until the next day, Thursday, December 3, 2020. Event sponsors include Cardinal Land Properties and Allstate of Springfield. Prior to the tree lighting countdown, the community will be treated to live performances by Taye McQueen, singer, actress, and Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 2011 graduate; students from Front & Center for Performing Arts of Springfield; and students from the Jonathan Dayton High School Jazz Ensemble! The program will also feature Mayoral greetings and a special appearance by Santa Claus. During the event, give-aways will be provided by the Springfield Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) and the Springfield F.M.B.A. Local #57. Boy Scouts Troop #73 will be on hand to sell grave blankets and wreaths, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church will collect gently used and new winter coats. State crowd capacity limits and physical distancing will be enforced. Masks will be required and hand sanitizer stations will be available. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 at least one day prior to your transportation request. This service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain senior citizen bus trips.

Bus runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs.

Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.

TRYCAN
KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

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Participants were judged by Mayor Christopher Capodice; Mike Scalera, owner and agent at State Farm Insurance; Susan Linnen, loan officer at Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty; and Donald Wilkenfeld, bus driver with the Springfield Recreation Department. Contest winners in five age categories were announced by Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, and Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, and received gift cards to Barnes & Noble and Dunkin' Donuts. Prizes were sponsored by Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance and Scott Seidel of Cardinal Land Properties. Following the contest, children enjoyed a live Halloween Magic performance by comic magician Brian Richards. Throughout the event, a Summit Soundz photo ring roamer photographed families and texted a free photo gallery to their cell phones. Give-aways were distributed by Recreation Program Coordinators Daniel Hesse and Ricci Rajoppi for Red Ribbon Week and on behalf of Dr. Josh Smilow of Smilow Family Dentistry. Additional event sponsorship was funded by Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty, whose own give-away table was staffed by Cynthia Apicella, Realtor-Sales Associate, and Giovanni "John" Apicella, Realtor-Sales Associate. The Springfield Auxiliary Police and the Springfield Department of Public Works assisted with event logistics, as did Bill Quartier, Recreation Assistant, and volunteers Cynthia O'Reilly and Kristy Carrol. For more information on fall and winter programs for youth, adults, and senior citizens, please contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227, or visit www.springfield-nj.us/recreation.

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GIRLS LACROSSE: HISTORY IN THE MAKING – AGAIN!



Just when you thought it couldn't get better than our new boys lacrosse high school team, Jonathan Dayton will welcome its first EVER girls lacrosse team this Spring 2021! With 19 girls on the Dayton roster and over 60 girls in the youth program we will finally offer high school lacrosse to our amazing Springfield girls.

Our girls lacrosse families and supporters are beyond excited, but they have a lot of work ahead of them to make this happen! Just like the boys lacrosse team, our girls will have to raise every penny to be able to play lacrosse at Dayton. Lacrosse is the only sport at Dayton fully funded by the players and parents. The price tag is over \$20,000 per year, and, when combined with the boys program, puts our lacrosse players and families donating and fundraising over \$40,000 per year.

Regardless of the funds needed, our girls are relentless in their efforts to make this happen! From selling baked goods outside of their homes, to canning outside of local businesses for spare change, our Springfield LAX girls are showing an unrelenting commitment to help raise the funds needed all during a worldwide pandemic!

Our Dayton girls booster club has raised \$15,000 so far and is working hard to raise the last \$5000. As a way to raise the rest of the funds needed, our LAX parents and players are kicking off a Lacrosse Luminary for New Year's Eve. We are calling it "Light it up for girls LAX!" Luminary info can be found at springfieldlaxnj.com. If you are interested in supporting our new girls lacrosse program this Spring, please email Springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com. We are a 501C3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible!

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue
973-376-4930

Check Library website for
MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

ANNUAL FOREIGN FILM SERIES

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its annual foreign film series, even as the COVID-19 pandemic keeps us from meeting in person inside the library. In a slight departure from its usual format, the library has scheduled virtual lectures by Gerard Amsellem, an artist, educator and filmmaker who has made the study of international films his passion. Scheduled for 7:00 PM one Thursday evening a month from September through December, the series will continue as follows:

December 10 – New Zealand Cinema, with a specific focus on the 2002 film *Whale Rider*

Although the library will not be able to provide in-house screenings of these movies due to the current pandemic, Springfield Library patrons have free access to all four of these films through the library's participation in Hoopla. People interested in viewing these films are encouraged to watch them in advance of each of the scheduled programs and there are no limits on the number of library patrons who are able to view the film through the library's Hoopla account at any one time. For library patrons who already have a library card but are not yet registered with Hoopla, registration can be accomplished within about thirty seconds by going to

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/> and then clicking on the link to get started. If you are not already registered as a patron at the Springfield Free Public Library, you must first go to www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com where you will see a link on the picture stream that will get you started with a temporary library card.

These films are accessible through Hoopla to residents of other communities that belong to the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC). In addition to Springfield, other libraries in Union County that are members of LMxAC include Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Plainfield, Roselle and Roselle Park. Residents of other communities may check with their libraries to see if these films are available for viewing through digital or streaming services or in DVD format.

The link for the December session will be publicized at least a week before the December 10 session.

Born in France, Gerard Amsellem moved to the United States in 1982 after having studied painting at the University of Paris and after having earned Master's Degrees in both French Literature and Art History. He then studied film at the Tisch School at New York University. He is passionate about getting people to understand film as an art form and teaching them how to "read" a film. Each of the four sessions that Mr. Amsellem will present will cover the history of cinema in the country being spotlighted, followed by a discussion of the film itself, including the background of the director. This will be followed by a question and answer session with those in attendance.

This program is made possible by funding from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Funding is also provided by a generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. For more information, please contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org.

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The Springfield Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets recognized professional best practices. Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in five basic areas: the administrative function, the personnel function, the operations function, the investigative function, and the arrestee/detainee function.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling (973) 232-4442 on Monday, November 30, 2020 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Email comments can be sent to the police department at ryan.westover@springfield-nj.us.

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the Springfield Police Department, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, 07081. Please contact Sergeant Ryan Westover at (973) 376-0400 for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Springfield Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them by email to Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S., Accreditation Program Director, hdelgado@njsacop.org, or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

SPRINGFIELD LIONS FIGHT LOCAL FOOD SCARCITY



Lion Phil Hunrath presents Father Joe Barbone with a check to fight hunger.



Lion Mike Disko presents Pastor Dave Knecht with \$500 dollars of Shoprite gift cards for an upcoming distribution to families in need.

The Springfield Lions Club made two \$500 donations this month to help those in our local area who need help with groceries. Donations were made to food programs at St. James the Apostle Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Lions are committed to helping those in need in our community.




Toys for Springfield Kids Gift Card Drive

Due to the current pandemic and the challenging logistics of running a safe toy drive, the trustees of Springfield HOPE are preparing to offer an alternative way to support those Springfield families in need this holiday season.

This year, in place of a toy drive for Springfield families in need, Springfield HOPE will be running a gift card drive.

We will be collecting gift cards in \$10 increments.
(Target, Walmart or Amazon)





**Collections will run
November 1st– December 12th**
**Gift cards can be dropped at
Hecht Family Chiropractic**

Distribution to registered Springfield Residents will happen the week of Dec. 14th.

If you know of a family in need, please have them contact Amy at 973.564.5885 to request assistance.
Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



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