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THURSDAY
DECEMBER 22, 2015

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SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB DELIVERS THANKSGIVING DINNERS



Springfield Rotary Members and Springfield HOPE Trustees deliver Food Baskets for Thanksgiving.

The Springfield Rotary Club delivered Thanksgiving dinners, with all the fixings, to 20 local families. The families were identified by Springfield H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Endure), a Springfield organization that helps people in need within our community. This was accomplished with the cooperation of St. James The Apostle School, Stew Leonard's, Village Super Market, Inc. (ShopRite), and the Rotary club members.

Students, from all classes at St. James school donated canned and dry goods, and the project was coordinated by Ms. Barbara Noonan. The students pictured with the Rotary members are Roselyn Ortiz, Christopher Lopez, Rachelle Lohier, Ryan Tavares, Patrick Infante, Elizabeth Lopez, Jacob Cordeiro, Jamie Jules, Grace Roethlin, Paytin Santiago, Laura Mendoza, Dominick Knevals, James Mauti, Marin Roy, Katherine Pascutie, and Ms. Noonan and Principal Mrs. Caroline Ponterio. The photograph was taken by 8th grade student Ryan Fischer.

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VETERAN'S DAY 2016



PHOTO BY MARCELO MONTAGNA

A huge crowd celebrated Veterans Day this year at Veterans Park. It has been my privilege as the newest member of the Township Committee to coordinate this ceremony, as well as the Memorial Day Parade, for the last few years. I will continue to do so along with Township clerk, Linda Donnelly.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION RINGS IN THE SEASON



After a rainy morning, the Township's annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting attracted hundreds of community members on Wednesday, December 7th, from 5:00-8:00 pm, outside Town Hall. The free event was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, and featured Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day flag raising by Cub Scout Pack 73, remarks by Mayor Jerry Fernandez, tree lighting, visit by Santa Claus, live winter wonderland band, ice carving demonstration, petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, candy fun inflatable bounce house, toy soldier on stilts, strolling snowman, free glow sticks, toy and food drive, hot pretzels, popcorn, donuts, and hot chocolate. When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Adam Lieb, the Township's Director of Recreation, said, "Springfield's holiday celebration is a wonderful tradition that goes back many years. This year, we decided to add a live ice carving demonstration."

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KIDOOLO GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

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(l to r) Mike Scalera, Springfield Business Improvement District Chairman, Ziad Shehady, Township Business Administrator, Trish Stephens, co-owner of Kidoolo, Marc Turner, co-owner of Kidoolo, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, Deputy Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Vice President Elliot Merkin and Chamber Chairman, Scott Seidel



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Message from the Mayor

Dear Springfield Residents,

I enter my last month of serving as Mayor of Springfield. I have served 2 terms a total of 6 years. I am grateful for the opportunity that you the residents have given me to serve as committee member, Deputy Mayor and Mayor over that time. One of the many things I have learned during my time is that we in Springfield are very lucky to have such wonderful people who work for our town. Many of the employees go above and beyond the call of duty. They do this because they are proud people who do their work with pride. They do this without always getting the recognition they should get. Many times the residents will not know the extra mile that these employees

have gone, but it is done because the employees truly care about Springfield. I was proud to call these people my co-workers and proud to call them my friends. We are all lucky we have them here in Springfield for they make our town amazing.

I am proud of the many things we did as a community during my time on the committee. We may not have agreed on every issue, but I feel we really moved the town in the right direction. Whether it was the turf field, the BID, or saving millions on the budget. Finding more ways of being transparent by televising meetings. Finding better ways of communicating to our residents. I also will never forget the nightmare of Hurricane Irene and Super storm Sandy. I was proud of the way we worked through those tough times as a united community.

Many of you have seen the demolition beginning in our downtown. We have 3 buildings being taken down now, and one big one coming down within this year. Then the process of rebuilding will start. This will be a major improvement to our downtown, and something I was glad to be a part of when we started our BID in 2011. I wish the next committee a great year, as I know they still have big things to come.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. Though I know I will miss being part of the committee, it is time to spend more time with my 3 young boys and my wife. I consider myself lucky to be part of this wonderful town and I am proud to call Springfield home.

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

FREE RABIES CLINIC & 2017 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

Saturday, January 14, 2017 8:30 A.M. – Noon / Springfield Chisholm Center Church Mall

All cats/dogs six months and over must be licensed. Licenses may be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, Monday through Friday 8 am to 3:30 pm, or by mail, addressed to:

Township of Springfield ~ Attn: Kristin Ragland, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081

If sending by mail, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please make checks payable to: Township of Springfield. FEES: \$10.00 spayed/neutered (**proof required**)

\$15.00 non spayed/non neutered - \$1.00 late fee per month or a portion thereof

****Late fees will be added as of February 1, 2017****

No license will be issued without proof of rabies vaccination. If your animal's rabies vaccination expires prior to October of the licensing period, the animal must be revaccinated prior to issuance of a new license. (as per "state of new jersey, department of health," 609-588-3121). Proof of spay/neuter required for reduced fee.

****If you no longer have a DOG/CAT please call us at 973-912-2285**. Anyone owning, keeping, or harboring any unlicensed cat/dog of licensing age will be subject to summons and fine. **There will be no exceptions.****

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The Springfield Police Department is currently recruiting for substitute School Crossing Guards. You can be an important member of a successful team of individuals committed to the safety of school children in your community. School Crossing Guards work approximately 3 hours per day when an opening is available. School posts are from 7:15 am to 9:00 am & 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Times are subject to change based on the school schedule. Crossing guards assist children in crossing the street on their way to and from school. Crossing guards provide safe crossings of the roadways and model appropriate street skills and behavior for children.

The Springfield Police Department will provide 2 hours of classroom training and 20 hours on the job training before being eligible for daily work. If you are interested in this opportunity please stop in and pick up an application at the Police Desk. For more information, please contact Officer Ryan Westover at (973) 921-1775 or e-mail at ryan.westover@springfield-nj.us

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 27, 7 pm

Reorganization meeting January 3, 7 pm

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

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

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THANKSGIVING DINNERS

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Rotary and HOPE members prepare to deliver the baskets.



Rotary and HOPE members in front of Stew Leonard's with turkey (not pardoned!)---Stew Leonard's donated all Twenty Turkeys once again this year. Store Manager Jerry Zelinski with turkey



Students from Saint James School that put together the beautiful Thanksgiving baskets.

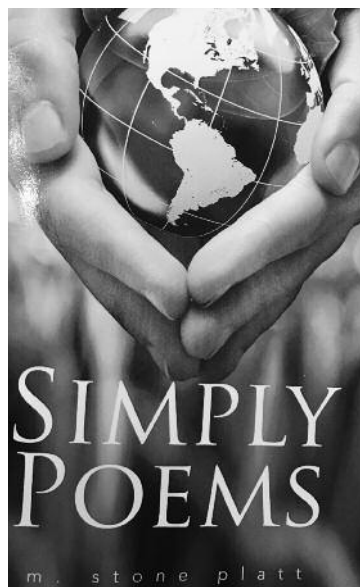
Local merchants were also very generous, with Stew Leonard's furnishing the turkeys, through the assistance of store manager Jerry Zelinskie. Village Super Market, Inc. (ShopRite), owned by the Sumas family, provided everything else from their Springfield, and through store manager Paul Bartalo. The holiday baskets included dairy products, vegetables, baked goods and other ingredients for the families to prepare things to their individual tastes. Members of the Rotary Club also made individual donations and put the baskets together as well as delivering them.

The Springfield Rotary Club is involved in many projects within our community, as well as in cooperation with other groups. Recently, the local Springfield Mom's Group donated many purses to our club for 'Purses for Progress'. This was a project of Kean University's Rotary Club, with the Springfield club assisting Kean student Adriana Camunas, who coordinated the event.

The Rotary Club is always looking for people who want to give back to the community. We welcome new members, and meet every Tuesday at 12:15 PM at McLynn's for lunch. For more information regarding our club or membership contact, Dr. Seth Hammer, President 973-376-7718; Bart Fraenkel, Vice President 201-723-7604, Paula Kaiser, Secretary 908-206-2787, or Dr. Gary Hecht, Treasurer 973-564-5885; or any other club member: Joseph Cappa, Steve Edelstein, Dr. Norman Francis, Lloyd Grossman, Michael Hausman, Dr. Lee Kaswiner, Mel Kevoe, Michael Marantz, Jennifer Monasterio, Michael Pine, Raul Riveiro, Michael Scalera, Rosa Stimmler & Gina Ungermah.

SPRINGFIELD HOPE RECEIVES A GIFT--OF WORDS!

Springfield HOPE, our local 501c3 non-profit charity is usually on the giving end of things. HOPE, which stands for Helping Other People Endure, was started in 2007 by retired Firefighter Tom Ernst from Springfield in conjunction with the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. As we approach our 10th year helping residents, we received a gift that touched the hearts of all the Trustees of HOPE. One of our HOPE supporters, Marie Platt, wrote a book of Poetry and has dedicated one POEM to Springfield HOPE, titled of course, "HOPE". It begins: "Hope is an organization made up of people who care--Help other people exist is the reason they are there--I thank them from my heart for being there for me"---You'll need to buy the book to read the rest! The book is available on Amazon and is titled "Simply Poems" by M. Stone Platt. The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce has purchased a number of the books which will be donated to the Springfield Free Public Library, various School Libraries in Town, the Senior Center and will also be available at the Chisholm Community Center as well.



HOPE is in the middle of its "Toys for Springfield Kids" Toy Drive right now, but can accept monetary donations anytime. HOPE tries to help residents with various problems they may encounter when there is nowhere else to turn. Our finances are limited and everyone's needs are different, but we try and come up with a way to help where we can. We can put a few meals on your table, help get a broken toilet fixed or keep your heat on in the winter. We keep all information confidential unless the recipient approves its dissemination. HOPE is a charity that can say almost 100% of every dollar donated goes to help people. There are no salaries or overhead costs charged by anyone involved short of a few hundred dollars paid each year to our accountant to file our IRS returns. All book keeping and management functions are performed by the Trustees and their office staff at no cost to HOPE. So, please **show your support for Marie (and HOPE!)** and buy a copy of her book--lets make it a best seller! Anyone wishing to donate to Springfield HOPE may do so by mailing a check to Springfield HOPE, c/o Hecht Family Chiropractic, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM



Meryn Adams and Christopher Collins Lee.

The 60th anniversary of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield was celebrated on November 13 with an unusual pairing of instruments in "An Afternoon of Romantic Duos for Harp and Violin". The program included pieces by well-known composers Handel, Saint-Saens, Elgar, Puccini, Massenet, de Falla and several lesser-knowns.

Christopher Collins Lee was the violinist; Meryn Adams played the harp. Mr. Lee, a Julliard graduate, has performed throughout the world with noted conductors, has recorded for major labels, and has served as concertmaster for several orchestras including the NJ Symphony, American Symphony and Brooklyn Philharmonic. He has received numerous award and prizes, and is currently an "Official Musical Ambassador of the United States".

Harpist Meryn Adams is well-known throughout the US, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Canada and Puerto Rico. She has performed with the NJ Symphony, several other symphonies and ensembles, and the off-Broadway show "Fantasticks". She has won international awards and is often heard in area churches including St. Patrick's Cathedral.

These two superb musicians produced exciting and rarely-heard sequences and harmonies for the enthusiastic audience. The plaintive tones of the violin adagios, melding with plucked harp strings, created an almost ethereal effect and in the impressive allegro passages the violin vibratos and tremolos were coupled with frequent harp arpeggios to provide welcome contrast.

In addition, the duo offered a rousing encore rendition of the popular Monti "Czardas". The audience duly responded with a standing ovation.

It was an auspicious beginning to what promises to be a splendid series of chamber music offerings.

WINNERS OF THE 2016 ROTARY RAFFLE

The Springfield Rotary had its Annual Raffle Drawing on November 16th at the Senior Center. The Raffle proceeds support Springfield High School Scholarships.

The winners are as follows: First Place was the Westfield Card Group, Mel, Dave, Ralph, Howard, Lou, Joe, Ron and Ed. Second place Place was Stan Karpp, Third Place was Peter Costello and Fourth Place was Bruce Bergen. The Rotary wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the raffle and helped make it a success.



Fourth Place, Mel Kevoe, Winner Bruce Bergen, Rotarians Dr. Gary Hecht and Joe Cappa



Card Group, Mel, Dave, Ralph, Howard, Lou, Joe and Ron (Not in the picture is Ed)



Third Place, Peter Costello, winner, Mel Keove and Rotary President Dr. Seth Hammer.



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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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I hope everyone enjoyed watching the two blocks of ice come to life. I appreciate the community coming together to celebrate the season and the support of the various departments and sponsors who made the event possible." Community partners for the event included: Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Springfield H.O.P.E., Jonathan Dayton High School Alternative's Club, Business Improvement District, Township Committee, Municipal Alliance, Auxiliary Police, Community Emergency Response Team, Office of Emergency Management, F.M.B.A. Local #57, Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, First Aid Squad, Administrator, and Township Clerk.

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KIDOOLO GRAND OPENING

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Members of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Business Improvement District and Township Officials cut the ribbon for the opening of Kidoolo on Friday December 9th. Kidoolo Play Club is a premier kids' play space, with over 5400 square feet designed to provide high-energy fun in a modern, hip, ultra-clean space. Kidoolo offers an indoor playground, an interactivelight-up floor, a video game room and laser tag to entertain toddlers and school aged kids. We specialize in spectacular birthday parties, open play and private events. Contact us at 973-788-5993, info@kidoolo-play.com or visit www.kidooloplay.com or www.facebook/kidoolo for more information. We look forward to hosting a laser tag party for your team.

Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Now that the winter season is upon us, I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times take just a few minutes to read over these suggestions for winter driving safety.

Winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not park atop dry leaf piles as the heat of your engine can start a fire and also remember that wet leaves on the roadway can be as slippery as driving on ice.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended as thieves can easily drive off with it especially if you leave your vehicle running when you stop to pick up coffee or a newspaper during your commute. It only takes seconds to drive off with your car.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid any freeze-up to the gas line.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Do not use a hand held cell phone to talk or text while driving and during times of bad weather limit external distractions so you can concentrate on road conditions.
- Use caution on roadways that have expansive overpasses. Treated road surfaces may be dry from the salting and the sun but some surfaces under an overpass may not receive sunlight and a driver can encounter icy road conditions on what may otherwise be a dry roadway.

Tips for long-distance winter trips:

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a reputable repair facility.
- Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times.
- Pack a cellular telephone with your local emergency telephone numbers, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.
- If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
- Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
- If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Tips for driving in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

On behalf of the officers of the Springfield Police Department, I wish all residents and all members of our business community a very safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

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VETERAN'S DAY 2016

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We had a full program to honor our men and women starting from the introduction of Gerry Gebauer, Commander of American Legion Continental Post 228 who read excerpts from the National Commanders letter to President elect Trumps transition team which highlighted the need for high quality, accessible, comprehensive and veteran-centric health care. A properly funded 21st century Department of Veteran Affairs. Sustainment and strengthening of specialized and integrative services for veterans seeking spinal cord injury/disease care, treatment for blindness and poly-trauma care. Appropriate funding to increase physician and nurse staffing within the VA especially for amputee care, mental illness and other specialized services and expand VA infrastructure to name a few issues.

Dan Rathjens, Chaplain, gave the invocation. Brian Gutierrez lead all in pledging allegiance to the flag. The veterans who participated in the ceremony were Joe Policastro, Richard Novak and Pete Mongello to name a few. They placed the POW MIA flag, told us its significance and also placed the memorial flag. Ziad Andrew Shehady, Township Administrator and a Captain in the Army National Guard, read the roll call; the names of all those who died from Springfield. Please stop by the memorial in front of town hall where their names are located to pay your respects.

A three volley salute was given by the police auxiliaries honor guard. Finally taps were played by Brandon Fontenez and Jeremy Quintella.

The entire crowd, lead by Michelle Sblendorio from St. James sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Yvonne Agyapong a 7th grade student from St. James read a resolution from 1926.

The ceremony concluded with the handing out of a patriotic pin given as token of appreciation to all veterans in attendance. It has now become a tradition that the men and women collect the pins that we hand out.

These words that I found and read summed up hopefully how we all feel about our veterans.

With bravery and strength they serve, with dignity and pride they stand, with courage and hope they fight.

The life they live is dangerous, treacherous, rough and hard going.

But when the fog clears, they are the ones who still stand. These are the men and women we honor today and everyday.

I have had the privilege of speaking to some of these brave men. Most are hesitant to talk about their experiences, but when pressed will open up a little. We need to hear their stories.

We in Springfield still have a few World War II Veterans, men who had extensive careers and who are still active today in trying to keep the memory alive of their friends. They have not forgotten their brothers in arms and go to the Veterans Hospital each month to spend time with the wounded. Such dedication. We can all take our cues from them. Perhaps some of us, can take up the baton and visit our veterans in the hospital.

Maria Vassallo is spearheading a drive in town for Helping our Homeless Veterans with a Backpacks for Life. There will be a container to collect essential items at town hall that they cannot provide for themselves in the next few weeks.

The next time you see some of the men, please ask them about their experiences. We need to hear their stories and to keep them alive. We need to hear the good, the bad and the ugly. So that we know the horrors of war and work everyday to not repeat them.

Thank you to all who attended, especially the entire St. James school.

The Legion meets the 1st Thursday of the Month in Milburn. They are in need of new members to continue to do good works. Please contact Gerry Gebauer at 973-379-2292.

We all have to demand that our government do better for the more than 22 million veterans who risked their lives in defense of this great country, many of whom left significant pieces of themselves on the battlefield.



David Lency and Joe Policastro



Richard Novak, Ray Schram, Joe Policastro



*American Legion Continental Post #228
Commander Gerry Gebauer*



ALL ABOVE PHOTOS BY MARCELO MONTAGNA

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BEGINS...



The first group of buildings was demolished on Center Street signalling the start of the Downtown Redevelopment Project in Springfield. The "Lyons" building facing Morris Ave. is slated to come down in 2017 after additional permits and pre-demolition work is completed.

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MEIOMI Pinot Noir **SALE \$19.99**

DREAMING TREE Crushed Red **SALE \$11.18**

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MARK WEST Pinot Noir..... **SALE \$9.48**

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TITO'S Vodka 1.75Lt..... **SALE \$29.09**

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BAILEY'S 750ml **SALE \$21.09**

JOHNNIE WALKER Black 1.75Lt..... **SALE \$59.09**

SVEDKA Vodka 1.75Lt..... **SALE \$19.29**

MACALLAN 12 Yr..... **SALE \$52.09**

JACK DANIELS 1.75Lt..... **SALE \$44.09**

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ADULT HOLIDAY CUPCAKE WORKSHOP

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

Monday, December 19, 2016 from 7-9 pm

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave. Springfield, NJ

Friends, Co-workers, Couples - Join us for a fabulous night out, learning how to create an array of awesome holiday inspired cupcakes and step by step techniques! Samantha will demo how to make rolled butter cream and lead the class in making a gift box, a polar bear, a reindeer, a gingerbread man and finally a frosty the snowman! 2 hours of fabulous edible fun - \$40 per person. 10 person minimum. Please contact Samantha to register!

samilynn9@aol.com (973) 445-1620

Samantha has been a two time FOOD NETWORK competitor on "Sweet Genius" and "Cake Wars" - Specializing in Artistic cakes, and baking, Samantha's work has been featured in many national magazines, print and blogs. She is also a Springfield mom herself and loves to teach all ages how to bake & decorate!

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ADULT BOOT CAMP WINTER 2016

FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED
TUESDAYS, 7PM-8PM
THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM
JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 9
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER


During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 9th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

All participants are encouraged to bring a set of 5-10 pound weights and a yoga mat to each class.

To register please go to: <http://bootcampwf.com/bcwf-srd/>
Or fill out the attached registration form and return to the Springfield Recreation Department.

Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program.
Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.



Cost is: 12 classes @ \$189 per person.
6 classes @ \$109 per person.
Please contact BootCampWF for pro-rating fee!

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Questions?
Contact Heather Re,
Assistant Recreation Director,
heather.re@springfield-nj.us

7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRAVEL TEAM



Over Thanksgiving weekend Springfield hosted the second annual Battle Of Springfield basketball tournament. 7th & 8th grade boys teams came from Colonia, New Providence, Chatham, Morristown, Greenbrook, Bernardsville, and Madison. The 7th grade Springfield boys took home the championship over a heavily favored Colonia team. Special congratulations to Cameron Campbell-Miller for being named tournament MVP.



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WINTER CONDITIONING Winter 2016-2017 Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. The program demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of eight children are required for the program. No refunds are provided after the program has begun.

Location:
Chisholm Community Center,
2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Weekday: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2:
January 27th-March 3rd

Cost: \$60 per session
(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
training apparel item

Register by mail or in person at the
Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
(\$3 convenience fee is charged per
transaction when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227

Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

BOYS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

Program Details:

- The program is open to boys in Springfield schools in 2nd-8th grades.
- In our travel league, 4th-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 2nd-3rd graders play fewer games (small-sided), but also play surrounding towns.
- 2nd-8th grade players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders will be offered. No equipment is required. See separate registration form.

Practices and Field Information:

- Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
- 2nd-3rd grade team practices Monday and Saturday. (Times TBD).
- 4th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. (Subject to change. Times TBD).
- 5th-6th grade team practices Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. (Subject to change. Times TBD).

- 7th grade team has 3-4 practices per week. (Days and times TBD).
- 8th grade team has 3-4 practices per week. (Days and times TBD).

Three Fees:

- **\$60** – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction).
- Prior to Wednesday, February 15th, take advantage of early-bird discount:
\$150 (4th-8th grade) or **\$75** (2nd-3rd grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>. Starting on Wednesday, February 15th: **\$170** (4th-8th grade) or **\$95** (2nd-3rd grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.
- **\$30** – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at <http://www.uslacrosse.org>.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 28th. After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, or online at BOTH <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> and <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>

Registration questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Lacrosse questions? Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com. For additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures, visit the Lacrosse Club website at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION WINTER SPORTS CLASSES 2016-2017 In association with US Sports Institute

Register today:

- Winter Registration Open
- Schedules Listed Online
- Weekly Classes & Schools Out Camps
- Look Out for our New Programs

Camp & Class Details:

- Ages 2 to 8
- All Abilities. Boys & Girls
- Daytime & Evening Programs
- School Vacation Camps

Weather: We try not to cancel programs, but sometimes Mother Nature just gets in our way! In this case, please visit our website where we post the most up to date information regarding rain outs, snow or heat advisory cancellations.

Just log onto www.USsportsInstitute.com, click the Parents Menu at the top, click Weather Alerts and look for your town and class.

Specific program details can be found online at www.USsportsInstitute.com

Winter Weekly Classes: January to March

Dates: Saturdays, January 14-March 4 **Location:** Chisholm Community Center **Price:** \$159

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more! **Ages:** 3-5 yrs
Times: 9:30am-10:30am / 10:30am-11:30am

TOTAL SPORTS-SENIOR SQUIRTS: Play up to 6 different sports! **Ages:** 5-6 yrs
Times: 11:30am-12:30pm

Winter Weekly Classes: January to March

Dates: Mondays, January 16-March 6
Location: Chisholm Community Center
Price: \$159

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more! **Ages:** 3-5 yrs
Times: 4:30pm-5:30pm

PARENT & ME-SPORTS: With a little help, children play up to 6 sports **Ages:** 2-3 yrs
Times: 3:30pm-4:15pm

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information.

GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

Program Details:

- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 4th-9th grades.
- In our travel league, teams play games against surrounding towns home and away.
- Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.

Practices and Field Information:

- Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
- 4th-6th grade team practices on Tuesday and Thursday (time to be determined).
- 7th-9th grade team practices on Monday and Thursday (time to be determined).

Three Fees:

- **\$60** – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction).
- Prior to Wednesday, February 15th, take advantage of early-bird discount:
\$80 – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>. Starting on Wednesday, February 15th: **\$100** – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.
- **\$30** – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at <http://www.uslacrosse.org>.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 28th. After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

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Registration questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com. For additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures, visit the Lacrosse Club website at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.

SPRINGFIELD SENIORS TRAVEL TO SANDS CASINO

Close to 50 senior citizens traveled by chartered motor coach to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, November 30th. The trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, and chaperoned by Heather Re, assistant director of recreation, and Sara Keffer, recreation program coordinator. Participants were given free game play credits; a meal voucher; and several hours in the casino, restaurants, and attached outlet mall.

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BACKPACKS FOR LIFE TOILETRY DRIVE

- Thank you for your interest in running a Backpacks For Life Donation Drive! Please see all below instructions and tips for running a successful event!
- Donations must be dropped off at Uncle Bob's Self Storage Located at 125 Franklin Street in Belleville, NJ. Please contact us when your donations are complete and you would like to schedule a drop off.
- For additional information & scheduling donation drop offs, please contact Alexa at alexa@backpacksforlife.org OR Brett at 862-266-1704.
 - We can also provide flyers, key chains & bracelets as needed to support your event
- Please do not collect multiple items in one package (ex. 10 toothbrushes in one package) as we will not be able to separate these individual backpacks.
- Use bar graphs or progress bars to keep track of your drive, this will also encourage people to donate!
- Set up a donation bin in the location of your choice & post the 'DONATION FLYER' on the front of the bin.
- We accept SHAMPOO, LOTION, CONDITIONER, LIP BALM, TOOTHBRUSH, TISSUES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SOAP BARS, BODY POWDER, HAND SANITIZER, WIPES

**We also accept female hygiene products. Please collect these in a separate container/bin from your 'BFL kits'*
- Please place all items into a plastic storage bag as they can leak & spill.

Interested in monetary donations? Monetary Donations Scale—

\$40 – one backpack

\$80 – one backpack filled with toiletries & supplies



Backpacks For Life, Inc. is a tax deductible, 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and 100% of our proceeds go to serving our homeless veterans. Tax ID: 47-1281873

FALL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM CONCLUDES SEASON



Members of the Springfield Recreation Department's Fall 2016 cross-country team pose with Coach Mike Czech (rear, center) at their end-of-season party at the Chisholm Community Center on Sunday, November 20.

Co-ed Lacrosse Clinics

Spring 2017 Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade

Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield children in Pre-K through 1st grades. No equipment required. Clinics meet on six Sundays at Chisholm Park, from April 2nd-May 14th @ 10:00-11:00 am. No clinic on April 16th.

In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

Two fees: \$60 (Payable to Township of Springfield) \$20 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield)

Payments must be made prior to the first clinic. Includes: coaching, t-shirt, loaned stick (if needed), balls.

Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order.

Or register online with a credit card at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

(\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

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(973) 912-2227

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation
recreation@springfield-nj.us

Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY PROVIDES PIZZA LUNCH TO SENIORS

Members of the Rotary Club of Springfield met with senior citizens at their monthly birthday bash luncheon on Thursday, November 17th, at the Chisholm Community Center, and provided them with a lunch of pizza and salad. Rotarians mingled with the crowd, served lunch, discussed their town-wide programs and services, and picked the winning tickets for their annual 50-50 fundraiser.



(l to r) Sara Keffer, recreation program coordinator, Heather Re, assistant director of recreation, Adam Lieb, director of recreation, Margaret Bandrowski, Senior Citizens Club president, Michael Hausman, Dr. Gary Hecht, Dr. Seth Hammer, Bart Fraenkel, Paula Kaiser, and Raul Riveiro. Not pictured: Joe Cappa.

DIWALI CELEBRATED IN SPRINGFIELD

On Sunday, November 13, Desi Friends of Springfield sponsored a Diwali celebration at the Chisholm Community Center. The event was organized by residents Yarrow Banerjee and Bhadresha Dedhia.



GROOMING BY BRANDY HOSTS AN EDUCATIONAL CLASS ABOUT PET GROOMING



(l to r) Isabella Praizner, Mia Shvarts, Sofia Battaglia, Natalie Sulinski, Delaney Baker, Gianna Graziano, and Elena Ruggiero.

Brandy Penna (center) owner of Grooming by Brandy hosts an educational class about pet grooming for Springfield's Brownie Troop #40756. The class helped the girls earn their Pet Badge. Brandy's award winning show dog, Heines, was there to assist.

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Check Library website for
regular MGG schedule:
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REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SUNDAY (DECEMBER) 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY (JANUARY) CLOSED

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSING AT 2:00 PM
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND WILL
BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH FOR
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSING AT 2:00 PM
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, NEW YEAR'S
EVE AND WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 1ST AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND
FOR NEW YEAR'S.**

Our programs are free and open to the public,
no matter what town or county you live in!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Thurs Dec 29 3:00 pm Daria presents World Music
for Children. Travel around the World in Song,
celebrating The New Year! Wear your party clothes
and play music! Arrive at 2:30 to make your own
rattle.

Pre-school children, babies and infants may partic-
ipate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a grass
roots program individual to each library. Register
your child at the Youth Services Desk and get your first
log. After each completed log of 100 books the child
will be awarded a small prize. Participants must be
residents of Springfield, and library card-holders. Par-
ents may use an APP to log books.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days --
Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ caregiver. Drop
in and stay for a while in our bright Children's
Room! Tue Dec 13, Saturday Dec 17, Tues Dec 20,
Sat Dec 24, Tues Dec 27, Friday Dec 30.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursday December 15. Join
Ms. Kathy around a cozy campfire fire for great sto-
ries and a sweet treat! Wear your PJs if you like and
bring your Teddy. One of our most popular programs
for kids of all ages!

Wii Games for ages 6 to 11 --
Wednesdays @ 4:00p-5:00pm. Drop in. Ages 9 and
under need to have a parent present in the library. (no
Wii on Dec 28)

Math Help continues on Wednesdays @ 4pm. Bring
your homework, no Help on Dec 28.

Winter Craft for ages 4 to 8 Mondays Dec 12, 19 @
4pm.

Movies for Winter Days: Sat Dec 17 2pm Finding
Dory; Fri Dec 23 2pm Mickey's Twice Upon a
Christmas; Tues Dec 27 2pm Jungle Book; Wed Dec

28 11am Pete's Dragon, 2pm The BFG, 4pm The
Great Gilly Hopkins; Thurs Dec 29 7pm Alice
Through the Looking Glass; Friday Dec 30 2pm The
Wild Life. Refreshments will be available. Funding for
movies is made possible in part by the New Jersey State
Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National
Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered
by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage
Affairs, and by the Friends of the Springfield Free
Public Library.

Teens & Tweens

Grades 6 and up If you enjoy your library, here is a
chance to get involved and make a difference! As
part of the Teen Advisory Group you'll have an
opportunity to create programs for teens, help out
with kids programs and earn volunteer service hours
for doing so. Email Alice @ achunn@sfplnj.org or
stop by the Youth Services desk. December 19 at
6:00-7:00 pm.

Edible Craft Thursday Dec 22 @ 3:30 pm. Grade 5
and up.

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 11 thru January 13
Drawings and paintings by Richard Gessner.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, December 22 & January 12
Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book Discussion: "It Can't Happen
Here" by Sinclair Lewis.

FILMS

Monday, December 19, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – "Eddie The Eagle" starring
Taron Egerton & Hugh Jackman, 2015.

Tuesday, January 3, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – "Spotlight" starring Michael
Keaton, Mark Ruffalo,

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

Every Wednesday, 6:45- 8:45 pm Mahjong Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

INSTRUCTION

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

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids,
iPads, Phones and more), no appointment necessary.

Every Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Mahjong class.

Every Monday, 7:00 pm Canasta Instructions.



*Jacob Cunningham,
fourth grader in
Temple Sha'arey
Shalom, Springfield,
Religious School,
displays the fabric
square he designed
and colored as part
of the school's
celebration of
"Giving Tuesday" on
November 29. The
children's squares will
be made into quilts
which will be sent to
Project Linus, which
provides blankets for
hospitalized children,
and to Israel.*

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E.
SPRINGFIELD FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire
Department have joined forces again this year for
another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please
donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our
collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The
Springfield Fire Department, in the schools, and
throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for
Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations
will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated.
Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E
and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic
Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ
07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age
of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and
distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive
will run from Monday, November 7 through Friday,
December 16, 2016.

For information, please e-mail
Dr. Gary Hecht
of Springfield Hope
at toys@springfieldhope.com.

(Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation)

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES JOIN TOGETHER TO CHECK OUT HUNGER IN NJ

Help check out hunger this holiday season with
donations to a Food Drive being sponsored by the
Libraries of Union County Consortium (LUCC).
From November 21 - December 16, your local public
library will be accepting donations of non-perishable
food items to benefit the New Jersey Community
Food Bank and other local food pantries. Collection
bins will be conveniently located at the public
libraries and library staff will then route 100% of the
donations to designated food banks.

Even though experts say our economy is in
recovery, many people in New Jersey have been left
behind; low income families; struggling single
parents; the elderly on a fixed income; the unem-
ployed. The New Jersey Community Food Bank
assists by supplying food to over 1,500 non-profit
charities in 19 counties, including soup kitchens, food
pantries, shelters, local food banks, after school
programs and senior centers.

To make this holiday season hunger free, simply
visit your local library with a donation of non-
perishable items. Groceries most urgently needed are
canned meat and fish; canned soups and stews;
peanut butter (in plastic jars); boxed pasta and rice;
powdered milk; infant formula; canned vegetables
and fruits.

Participating libraries include: Cranford Public
Library, Elizabeth Public Library, Hillside Public
Library, Kenilworth Public Library, Linden Public
Library, Mountainside Public Library, New Provi-
dence Memorial Library, Plainfield Public Library,
Rahway Public Library, Roselle Park Public Library,
Scotch Plains Public Library, Springfield Public
Library, Summit Public Library, Union Free Public
Library, Westfield Memorial Library. For more infor-
mation, contact your library or visit the Union County
Public Libraries web site at www.luccnj.org.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY

The winter holiday season is traditionally a festive and eventful time of year. Celebrations, family gatherings and visits from house guests traditionally increase in number during the season.

Unfortunately, statistics show that incidents of home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 30 percent of home fire and 38 percent of home fire deaths occur during the months of December, January, and February.

There are steps that can be taken to reduce the risks of death and injury from a home fire this holiday season. It is critical that families keep fire safety in mind while enjoying this festive, exciting and extremely busy time of year.

Take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- **Seasonal Fire Safety** - There's no place like home for the holidays and no better place to implement good fire safety practices.
- **Smoke Alarm Safety Tips** - Smoke alarms save lives. Follow this simple guidance to ensure that your home is adequately protected by working, properly installed smoke alarms.
- **Space Heater Safety** - As the temperature drops during the winter holiday season, many families turn to space heater to help warm their homes. Many are unaware, however, that the risk of fire from space heaters is much greater than from central heating equipment.
- **Holiday Cooking Safety** - The kitchen is the heart of the home. It's where families gather to cook favorite recipes, share warm meals, and reconnect with each other, especially during the holidays. Unfortunately, it's also where two of every five reported home fires start.
- **Holiday Decorating Safety** - While decorative lights and other electrical decorations add to the splendor of the season, they can increase the risks of fire and electrical injuries if not used safely.
- **Extension Cord Safety** - While extension cords are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it for your holiday decorations, they can also create hazards if not used safely.
- **Counterfeit Electrical Products** - Unlike fake handbags, watches, or designer apparel, counterfeit electrical products pose significant safety hazards.

Be proactive take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- Make your check list and check it twice
- Stockings hung at least three feet from heat sources
- Purchase holiday lights that bear the logo of a nationally recognized testing laboratory
- Keep your tree hydrated
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Do not string more than three strands of incandescent lights
- Always turn off decorations before leaving your home

SAINT JAMES VOLLEYBALL PLAYS FROM THE HEART



It was another exciting season for the Saint James the Apostle School girls' Varsity volleyball team. The Springfield school's varsity team placed second in the regular season and advanced to the playoffs and championships. The team defeated their opponent, Good Shepherd Academy, winning first place overall to become the 2016 CYO Fall Volleyball League champions. The Varsity and JV teams were led by their coaches Patricia Dolansky, Nicole DePrimio and Jeannie Decoo. After years of playing for the JV and Varsity teams, we congratulate our 8th graders Zakilya, Patricia, Rachelle, and Justine.

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