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**WEDNESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

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## SPRINGFIELD POLICE PROMOTE TWO SERGEANTS TO LIEUTENANTS



*(l to r) Jaqueline Alves, Chief John Cook, Lieutenant Ryan Westover, Jack Westover, Mayor Chris Weber, Hudson Mirabile, Paxton Mirabile, Detective Lieutenant James Mirabile and Nikki Mirabile*

At the November 9th Township Committee meeting the Police Department promoted two Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Ryan Westover and Detective Lieutenant James Mirabile.

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## SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES \$44,000 IN COUNTY GRANTS



*(l-r): County Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Moulded, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Mayor Chris Weber, Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly, Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser*

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## VETERANS DAY 2021



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## COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

*The Springfield Recreation Department Costume contest winners:*



*Infant - Pre-K:  
Gabriella L., Sienna M. and Anthony C.*



*K - 1st:  
Teddy A., Valentina J. and Winter F.*



*2nd - 3rd:  
Arnik L., Paavi L., Ryan P. and Gabriel T.*



*4th - 5th:  
Zara R., Adia R. and Jerome R.*



*6th - 8th:  
Victoria C., Zoe K. and Ivy P.*  
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## SPRINGFIELD'S STREET FAIR & CAR SHOW RETURNS!

After missing 2020 due to COVID, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce's Street Festival and Car Show returned to town on Saturday, October 16th.

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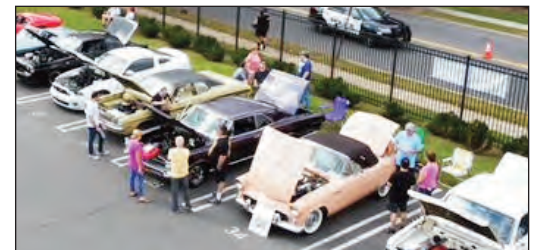
*Chambers Choice winner Maurice Feigenbaum (center) with (l to r) Mayor Chris Weber, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Scott Seidel, Feigenbaum, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Mike Scalera, Secretary Tracy Geyer from Autoland the Car Show Sponsor and Major Festival Sponsor Lucas Wolf of Wolf Premier Properties*



*Wolf Premier Properties Team*



*Food Trucks were busy*



*Chambers Choice in foreground  
1956 Thunderbird*



*Kids Zone*





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### Message from the Mayor

Happy November Springfield,

Holidays are already around the corner. We look forward to celebrating the traditions and customs of the many ethnicities and religions that call Springfield home. It is truly part of what makes our town unique and special. Remember, there are many holidays celebrated between November and December. The words "Happy Holidays" are a great way to wish someone well, and for me, are not a result of political correctness. It is simply a way to express warm feelings and cheer to all while respecting whatever holidays they may partake in.

Please remember to donate to those in need. The months of November and December truly exhaust the resources of many of these places. Keep the donations going so those who are less fortunate can have the best holidays they can possibly have. There are many places that can use the donations.....local food pantries, women, children's and men shelters, veterans assistance programs, toy drives, and lets not forget our furry friends at the animal shelters. Every little bit helps. In my house, one of the traditions we have is, each family member picks a spot to make a donation as part of their gift giving to others. Do an internet search and find a group that you would like to help. It will make you feel great to lend a hand to others.

In case you missed it, Union County was just declared one of the safest counties in the United States in the battle against Covid. Please continue to keep up the good work in this fight.

And finally, election season is over. I truly thank you for your continued support by re-electing me to serve the great Township of Springfield for another three years. I'm proud of all that Springfield has accomplished together in the past three years. We continue going forward on the road of progress.

Peace and love to all,

*Chris Weber, Mayor*

### Extended Deadlines for Submitting a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) FEMA Public Assistance Program - Remnants of Hurricane Ida: DR4614 Eligible Categories: CAT A through CAT G Incident Period: September 1, 2021 through September 3, 2021

FEMA has extended the deadlines for submitting a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for DR4614. The President approved Major Federal Disaster Declaration DR4614 for the State of New Jersey on September 5, 2021. The disaster declaration makes federal funding available to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work, and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the remnants of Hurricane Ida in Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties. If your organization has not yet submitted an RPA, please do so as soon as possible.

**The extended deadline for Union County is December 9, 2021**

**To apply for Federal (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant funding:** Registering for a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) is the first step in the application and reimbursement process. Applicants must use the FEMA Grants Portal to register, please navigate to <https://grantee.fema.gov> to create your RPA.

Please note: Submitting a PDA form via email does not constitute a submittal for reimbursement of funds. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, an RPA is required.

**Organizations New to Grants Portal:** Click on "Register Your Organization for Public Assistance" and complete the required information. PLEASE NOTE: you will need to select NO to the question "Do you want to submit a Request for Public Assistance". You will receive an email once your organization is approved, and then you will be able to submit your RPA. If you answer "Yes", you will only have the option to create an RPA for DR4488 (COVID-19), which is not transferable. If you submitted an RPA for DR4488 in error, please email [publicassistance@njsp.org](mailto:publicassistance@njsp.org) for assistance.

**For questions related to submitting your RPA: [publicassistance@njsp.org](mailto:publicassistance@njsp.org)**

### COMMITTEEWOMAN ERICA DUBOIS RECEIVES "GOOD SCOUT" AWARD



On October 5th, Committeewoman Erica DuBois received the Boys Scouts of America, Patriots Path Council, "Good Scout Award" during their ceremony and dinner held at the Galloping Hills Caterers in Union. Committeewoman DuBois was one of five 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 scouting programs and scholarships.

### TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

*Please check on the Township's website [springfield-nj.us](http://springfield-nj.us) for the most current information.*

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 23

Tuesday, December 14 and 28

#### 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

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## What's Happening

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## Business Spotlights

Featured businesses for this month

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## SPRINGFIELD POLICE PROMOTIONS

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Chief Cook noted the following about both officers: "Jim joined the Springfield Police Department as a patrol officer in February of 2005. In January 2007, Officer Mirabile was made a field training officer for the Department where he was responsible for the training of newly hired officers of which he had trained several. In October 2009, Jim was assigned to the Union County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Strike force where he worked hand and hand with Assistant Prosecutor's and their detectives. During this assignment, he conducted a vast amount of hours in surveillance as well as undercover police operations. In 2010 Jim became one of the department's firearms instructors and is qualified as a handgun, rifle and sub gun instructor.

In April of 2012 he was assigned as an Investigator in the detective bureau where Jim handled general investigations. While working in the DB, he was also assigned to the Union County Emergency Response Team in April of 2013. Jim was promoted to detective in June of 2014 and was placed on the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes against Children Task force where he completed a number of high tech crime investigations.

In August of 2017 Detective Mirabile was promoted to Sergeant where he remained assigned to the detective bureau. In this position he continued to work investigations and oversaw all detective case-loads as well as all department evidence. And then in May of 2020 Sgt Mirabile was promoted to Detective Sergeant and given additional DB operational duties, including being a co-investigator for internal affairs complaints, being the department Megan's Law Officer, and the liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office Intelligence Unit, Bail Reform Unit, and the Project Helping Hands Unit.

During Det Sgt Mirabile's time serving in the detective bureau he has become certified in background investigations, narcotic investigations, court room testimony, crime scene processing and evidence procedures.

He and his team have successfully completed numerous investigations with not only arrests but with successful prosecutions.

Jim has proudly served the citizens of Springfield for nearly 17 years and has earned the respect and trust of not only our department and the people of Springfield whom he serves, but also of his peers throughout the County and State with whom he continues to work with daily on investigations that affect multiple jurisdictions and for which his opinion is sought.

During Jim's years as a Springfield Police Officer, he has been a member of the Police Unity Tour and was the PBA Local 76 Delegate from 2012 until his promotion to Sergeant in August of 2017.

When not serving the people of Springfield, Jim loves spending time with his wife Nikki and their two boys, Paxton and Hudson, who are here tonight. Even during his family time, he never fails to answer my call if something arises that I need to discuss with him. This happens often enough that the first thing I tell him now, after "I'm sorry to bother you" is "please apologize to your wife for me for cutting into family time".

Jim will continue to be an integral part of our successful team here and I am proud of him for his accomplishments.

Ryan was amongst my first hires as the OIC of the Department in December of 2010, as a Police Officer, after graduating from the Somerset County Police Academy.

He had previously served as an Auxiliary Police Officer for Edison PD and a Police Dispatcher for

both Edison and Piscataway PDs

Ryan was assigned to Patrol from 12/2010 through May 2016 at which time he was assigned to our Traffic / Special Services Unit.

He also served as PBA President from 2014 until his Promotion to Sergeant in August of 2017 at which time he was assigned to Patrol until April 2018 and then re-assigned to the Traffic/Special Services Unit where he remained up until this day.

Ryan started his career in Springfield with a drive to build a great relationship between the community and the police department. He started off in 2011 by becoming a DARE instructor. He had taught the 5th grades until his promotion to Sergeant in 2017. During that period of time, he developed a secondary program called Project Alert and presented it to the Board of Education. The curriculum was defended and eventually accepted by the Board. This program was used for the 7th grade. Ryan also became involved with the NJ Special Olympics since 2013, representing not only Springfield PD but the police profession as a whole and has been the guest speaker at various community events.

During his time here, he has also established the Springfield Police Junior Police Academy with Officer Frank Cunha.

While in Patrol, Ryan received a certification in Standardized Field Sobriety and Alcotest Operator from the NJSP and used that training to be recognized from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and receive acceptance into the Drug Recognition Expert Training course. He completed the extensive training as a DRE in 2013 and has been certified by the IACP and NJSP since. He has completed numerous courses since becoming a DRE that are specialized in drug use, manufacturing, and distribution.

Sgt Westover has testified in the Mountainside Court and was formally accepted by the State of New Jersey as a court recognized drug recognition expert.

While working under, then Sergeant, now Captain, Jon Rachel, Ryan was training to be our department Accreditation Manager. He has spearheaded 2 re-certifications, one which was completed this past December.

While in traffic, he has become a radar instructor, certified as a crash investigator, and has been recognized with a certificate from NJ division of highway traffic safety and the NJSP as a New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist.

Since his re-assignment to the Traffic / Special Services unit as a Sergeant, Ryan has overseen the Records Department and Dare program. He is the coordinator of Extra duty, Fleet management, powerDMS training, and the Liaison to the Auxiliary Police Unit.

In January 2020, OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel requested that Ryan be appointed a Deputy Coordinator with the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. He has played an important role since the onset of the Covid - 19 pandemic.

Ryan has helped to establish guidelines, provided PPE distribution plans and developed safety plans for Officers and Township employees. He was also the Department Liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office for Covid-19.

Ryan is here tonight with his fiancé Jackie, his son Jack, His parents Rich and Diane, brother Rich, his grandmother Lois, and various friends and family. Ryan's sister Erin is watching on the internet.

I am equally as proud of Ryan for his commitment to the residents of our Town and our Department and all of his accomplishments.

Congratulations Detective Lieutenant Mirabile and Lieutenant Westover."



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**The Springfield Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday December 4th, 2021. It will run from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. It is free of charge and will be located at the Chisholm Center (100 Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ).**

## \$44,000 GRANTS

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The Township of Springfield was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a \$4,000 grant from Greening Union County on Thursday night, October 21, 2021, at a virtual meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

Mayor Chris Weber commented, "A huge thank you to Union County, as well as Director of Recreation Adam Lieb and Supervisor of Public Works Robert Boettcher for being great advocates for our Township. We are truly appreciative to receive these grants. This money goes a long way toward the enhancement and beautification of our Township."

The Department of Public Works will use its \$4,000 grant award to plant trees throughout Springfield. "Springfield Public Works would like to thank the County Commissioners for the generous grant and their continuous support. The annual grant provides for replacement trees throughout the town, keeping Springfield Green," said Boettcher.

The Township is matching the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant to finance the installation of modern and interactive playground equipment at Irwin Park. The Springfield Recreation Department is planning to remove outdated playground equipment and install highly interactive elements in a section whose borders were already expanded within the past year. A new 2-5 year-old play structure will feature accessible ground-play elements such as a rain crescent panel and a short rope wall. Other highlights include a jet panel, luge slide, 3-in-a-row play panel, and an enclosed shaker square roof for shade from the sun. A new larger 5-12 year-old play structure will incorporate more ground-play and elevated-play elements like an arch bridge, atom climber, contour and viper slides, hypno activity panel, gear panel, rain crescent panel, odyssey and lateral climbing posts, power peak climber, and a shaded roof. According to Lieb, "We're really excited to continue the playground improvements that we've been making every year thanks to this grant. Irwin Park is one of Springfield's largest and most frequented parks. We're very confident that the neighborhood families will enjoy the new equipment for many years to come."

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 close to \$20 million in funding.

(photo on page 8)



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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. 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.



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## JOE TO THE RESCUE!

By Scott Seidel

On July 4th 2021, just weeks after graduating Jonathan Dayton High School, Dexter Kennedy suffered a very serious neck injury at the Jersey shore. A helicopter transported him to the trauma center in Atlantic City. At that time he had emergency surgery and after several days in the Intensive Care Unit he was moved to the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange for seven weeks.

Before he could come home, his parents were faced with some immense challenges. His bedroom was on the second floor, and since he would now be in a wheel chair, would be inaccessible to him. The house had several steps to gain access to the first floor as well. Bathrooms were not ADA compatible by any means and the kitchen had some narrow corners preventing a wheel chair from passing through.

I spoke to his father, John Kennedy, and neighbor Joe Forys earlier this month. John was surprised to find that the work that needed to be done in the house was not covered by insurance. The Kennedy's were faced with some incredibly expensive and time sensitive renovations. His neighbor Joe Forys simply said "I'll take care of it". The Forys and Kennedy's sons were the same age, grew up together and played soccer together. Joe said "He was another son to me. I coached soccer and had John become my assistant coach. I felt compelled to help".

And thus started a house renovation that a neighborhood, a community, and one truly dedicated neighbor teamed up to get done in time for Dexter to come home.

Joe's profession is property and construction management and he had the contacts and trades people to get the job done. He had crews that work all the trades as well as local contacts, such as Joe Pierra of AJ Electric who donated time and material to the project. Joe's boss allowed him to take whatever time he needed to help with the project. He worked with his architect to design the plans and secured permits from the Building Department, "The Building Department was great, they came out right away and we had no down time waiting for inspections" said Joe. "As we didn't know when Dexter would be sent home from the rehab facility we were up against a deadline we were not sure of" said Joe.

Joe said "We had to design and install a handi-capped ramp, renovate a bathroom to ADA standards, change a first floor family room into a bedroom for Dexter, upgrade the HVAC and modify the kitchen layout." Rich Francis of Tower Group Construction was on the job for 3 weeks as well. Other contractors that pitched in were:

Pat Phillips - Scenic Paving Contractors  
Phil Medina - Phil and Sons Fence, LLC  
Rich Francis - Tower Group Construction, LLC  
Paul Cullen - Cullen Plumbing Services, Inc.  
Joe Pereira - A&J Pereira Electrical Contracting, LLC  
Ed Morris - Morris Restoration  
Mike Bohrer - American Air System, Inc.  
Howie Finley - Ming Electric, Inc.  
Vicki Sarracino & Dominick Barone - A New Kitchen and Bath Design

### V&M Waste Services

Steve Matthews - Matthews General Contractors

Michael Capo - Michael Capo AIA Architect LLC

Ryan Fitzpatrick - Stanley Black & Decker, Dewalt

And not just contractors pitched in, families supplied food for the Kennedys and the workers. Dave, owner of TD Pizza, provided food as well always saying "someone left money for this" (from firsthand experience with TD Pizza, Dave says that a lot). People do leave money but then so does Dave! Dave told me about this family which prompted me to interview them and write this article.

Dexter's plans for college were put on hold for now, but his father says that's definitely in his future. John said "I was stunned by the list of things not covered by insurance". Right now the family is adjusting to this situation and will continue to have a lot of expenses related to Dexter's care that are not covered by insurance including rehab equipment. A recent GoFundMe site helped raise money for a handicapped van to transport Dexter, but he's still going to need medical equipment and support that won't be covered by insurance, and the Kennedy's could use some extra help.

Springfield HOPE has offered to set aside an account specifically to help with some of their expenses not covered by insurance. If you would like to help, please send a check to Springfield HOPE, c/o Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081 and note on the memo "Dexter".

As Springfield HOPE is a 501©3 not for profit that has no administrative overhead, we will make sure that 100% of your earmarked contribution will go to help the Kennedys.



Dexter Kennedy's Graduation Photo

## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

(continued from front page)

The Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween Spooktacular was held inside the Chisholm Community Center's Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Hundreds of community members of all ages gathered to show off their scariest and most original costumes at the annual costume contest. Participants were judged by Mayor Chris Weber; Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance; and Donald Wilkenfeld, bus driver with the Springfield Recreation Department. Contest winners in five age categories were revealed by Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; and Mayor Weber. Winners received gift cards to Barnes & Noble (see names below), sponsored by Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance; Scott Seidel of Cardinal Land Properties; and Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty. Following the contest, children enjoyed a live interactive concert with the Monster Mash Trio. Throughout the event, a Summit Soundz photo ring photographed families and texted a free photo gallery to their cell phones. Give-aways were distributed by Cynthia Apicella, Realtor-Sales Associate, and Giovanni "John" Apicella, Realtor-Sales Associate, both of Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty. Children also received Red Ribbon Week water bottles, pencils, stickers, and hand sanitizer; and played Halloween lawn games. The first 200 guests who pre-registered for the event enjoyed a basket of warm donuts from the Glazed & Confused food truck parked outside. The Springfield Auxiliary Police and the Springfield Department of Public Works assisted with event logistics, as did Springfield Recreation Department staff and volunteers. For 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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## VETERANS CORNER.....

By Gerry Gebauer

Veterans Day has passed, and I hope all Veterans were honored in one way or another. In this article I would like to honor a very special Veterans. I want to mention and honor Dan Bullock. Why do I want to do this? It is because Dan Bullock was 15 years old when he died in Vietnam. He was 14 when he enlisted. How can that happen? Dan was an African American born in North Carolina and raised in Brooklyn, New York. The story is that he was dissatisfied with his living condition and looking for opportunity. Dan must have looked and acted much more mature than his age. He falsified his birth certificate to read December 21, 1949, so he could enlist in the Marines. He made it through boot camp and arrived in Vietnam May 18, 1969. He was killed on June 7, 1969. Not even one month in-country. According to his father Dan wanted to get an education and enlisting was the fastest way to achieve that goal.



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VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

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Springfield, NJ 07081

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**DONORS PRESENTING:**

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## Toys for Springfield Kids Gift Card Drive

Due to the ongoing 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 10th**

Gift cards can be dropped or mailed to  
**Hecht Family Chiropractic 201 Mountain Ave**

Distribution to registered Springfield Residents will happen  
the week of Dec. 13th.

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.

YMCA REPORTS ON POOL

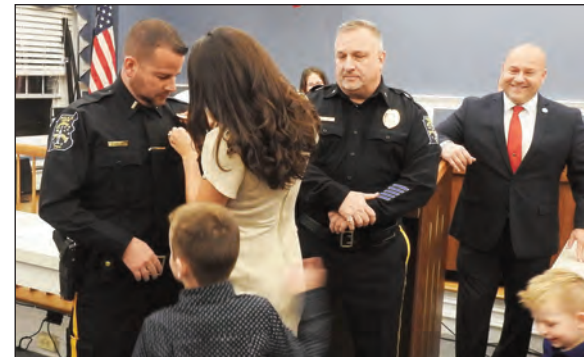


Paul Kieltyka, President and CEO, Summit Area YMCA made a presentation to the Springfield Township Committee at the Tuesday, October 26, 2021 meeting.

He noted there were 593 membership units sold this year (522 Springfield residents and 71 non-resident). There were 87 swim team participants and 52 swim lesson participants. 22 children enrolled in private swim lessons with an average of 52 children per week in pool camp. 959 guest passes were sold.



(l to r) Chief John Cook, Jaqueline Alves, Captain Jon Rachel, Lieutenant Ryan Westover, Jack Westover, Hudson Mirabile, Paxton Mirabile, Detective Lieutenant James Mirabile, Nikki Mirabile and Mayor Chris Weber



Ryan's fiancé Jackie pins on his badge.



Jim's wife pins on his badge.

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## SPRINGFIELD'S STREET FAIR & CAR SHOW

(continued from front page)

With possible rain showers in the forecast, the Chamber was lucky once again with dry weather and comfortable temperatures. At the end of the day, around 445 pm, winds picked up and rain was in the area, but the event was held without any problems.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Festival Chairman, Monte Ehrenkranz, VP of Regal Bank, commented: "This was a tough year for us, it was my first year doing this Festival and we faced a lot of challenges. Vendors were slow to sign up, Food Trucks were overcommitted to Fairs and Festivals which were being held in many towns, every weekend." Chamber Co-chair Scott Seidel noted: "We made the decision to move ahead at the beginning of September and two of our committee members dived in and made it happen for us. Jennifer Sherman, OEM's Administrative Assistant and the Town's Deputy Tax Assessor, and Jennie Udell, (my daughter-in-law and event planner) started making phone calls and laying out plans for the event. In just a month they had 6 food trucks, a petting zoo, inflatable kids ride and over 35 vendors. Monte handled the Beer Garden setup and it was a popular addition as well as securing sponsorships.

Chamber Co-chair Mike Scalera oversaw its operation and served beer as well. Scalera noted, "This was a group effort and I really want to thank all

our volunteers, the Springfield Auxiliary Police, CERT Team, First Aid Squad, Springfield PBA & FMBA, Springfield DPW all of whom pitched in that day to help. Our major Sponsor Lucas Wolf, of Wolf Premier Properties was a tremendous help and a great supporter of the Township of Springfield. Our Car Show Sponsor Autoland had two of their vehicles on site at the show. Prime Time Mortgage, Connectone Bank and Regal Bank, Sisbarro Towing (they provided the stage) and the Springfield Business Improvement District and the Township of Springfield all were additional sponsors and without ALL of their support this event could not happen." Jennifer Sherman noted: "Many local business owners came out to promote their services and mingle with the public in a fun interactive environment. Kids laughter filled the streets! Fun event had by all!"

At the Car Show numerous trophies were handed out. Of note, the Mayor's pick a 1968 Chevy Chevelle convertible owned by Mark Pochapin and the Chamber's pick a 1956 Thunderbird convertible owned by Maurice Feigenbaum of Mountainside NJ.

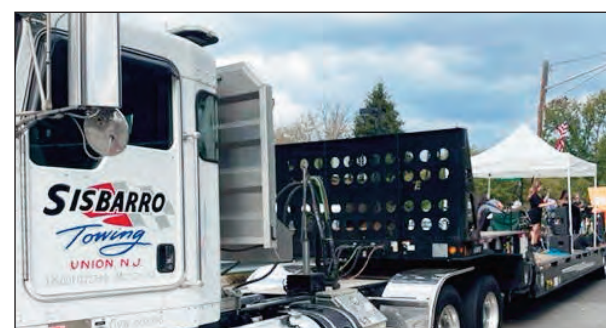
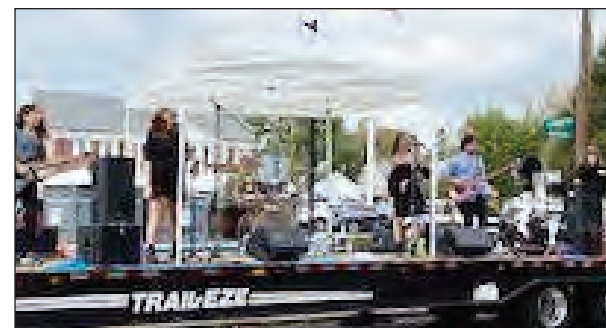
Seidel noted that on Friday afternoon, the 15th, a large truck pulled down a utility pole and transformer across Mountain Avenue right in the middle of the Street Fair vendor locations completely blocking Mountain Ave to vehicular and foot traffic. Spring-

field Emergency Management had to get both JCP&L and Verizon (owner of the pole) to get crews out Friday night well into the evening to get it all cleared up by morning. Scott Seidel, Emergency Coordinator noted: "I was on the phone with someone in a Verizon call center in Richmond Virginia at 7 pm Friday trying to explain that this had to be done that night and could not wait for morning to be resolved. They got the message and got it done. Unfortunately, when the pole came down, the former Rider Insurance Building lost power and their backup generator started up and ran all during the street fair—an annoying noise but we dealt with it as it was better than having to step over the power lines!"

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Mayor Chris Weber and Mark Pochapin with his 1968 Chevy Chevelle





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## SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

**CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Monday, November 22 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 23 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,  
St. Barnabas Speaker, "Healthy Eating at the Holidays" @ 12:00 pm,  
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 24 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm (sponsored by  
Arbor Terrace Mountainside)  
Monday, November 29 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 30 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,  
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 1 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Thursday, December 2 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am  
Friday, December 3 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Rummikub @ 11:00 am,  
Poker @ 12:00 pm  
Monday, December 6 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 7 - Computer training with Linda @ 10:00 am,  
Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 8 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Thursday, December 9 - Bus trip to Livingston Mall @ 10:00 am (RSVP)  
Friday, December 10 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Rummikub @ 11:00 am,  
Poker @ 12:00 pm  
Monday, December 13 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 14 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,  
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Thursday, December 16 - Club holiday luncheon @ 11:00 am  
(\$10 by 12/10)  
Friday, December 17 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Rummikub @ 11:00 am,  
Poker @ 12:00 pm

### WEEKDAYS:

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

LOCAL BUS SERVICE: Weekdays @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm



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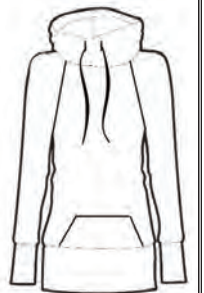
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## 2021-2022 MEN'S 35+ BASKETBALL

**WHO:** Men age 35+ who reside in Springfield  
(and non-residents who previously enrolled)

**WHAT:** Non-competitive pick-up games

**WHERE/WHEN:** Jonathan Dayton High School  
(east gym), Wednesdays @ 7:00-9:00 pm

Florence Gaudineer Middle School  
(girl's gym), Sundays @ 8:00-10:00 am

**COST:** \$25 (resident new player), \$12.50  
(2019-2020 resident player), \$37.50 (2019-2020 non-resident player)

**REGISTER:** Online only at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>  
Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted (\$0 processing fee).

**INCLUDED:** Apparel Item, balls

**NOT INCLUDED:** Personal protective equipment (e.g. masks)

**COVID-19:** Masks must be worn inside school buildings when not  
actively playing basketball.

**REFUNDS:** No refunds after registration is completed.

**QUESTIONS:** (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

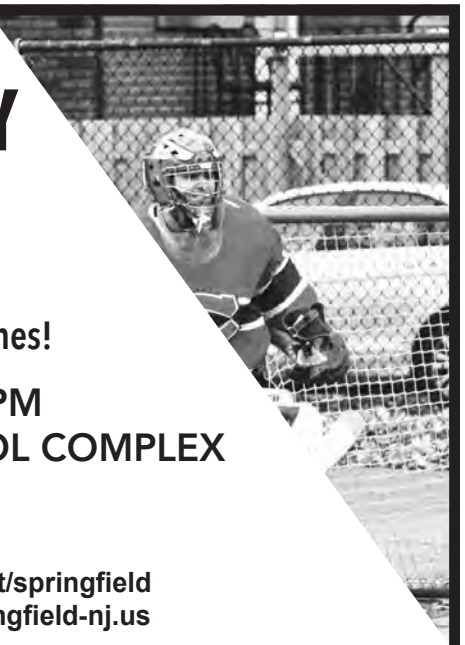


## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION STREET HOCKEY MEN 18+ FALL 2021

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## 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  
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## STEM Programs - Winter 2022 Robotics with mBot Robot



**Grades 3 - 5**

**Mondays  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Dates: - 1/24, 1/31, 2/7,  
2/14, 2/28 and 3/7 (skip  
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If your child is excited about robots and coding this is the perfect class for them. Young engineers will discover the basics of coding and robotics as they learn how to program the mBot robot to complete a variety of tasks, building and expanding their coding skills along the way. This fun and interactive program will have them track and probably chase their mBots through mazes and other activities.

**\$190/student**  
Limited space, 8 students max

**Location**  
Chisholm Community Center  
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield

**Register online at:**  
[builtbyme.com/springfieldnj](http://builtbyme.com/springfieldnj)



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## Township of Springfield Recreation Department



# 2022 Tree Lighting

**Wednesday, December 1st**

(rain/snow date Thursday, December 2nd)

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**



## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL



**CLINICS \* WINTER 2022 • Pre-K – 1st Grades**

*Our basketball clinics are open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in Pre-K, K, and 1st grades. Coaches teach basic and age-appropriate basketball skills, boost basketball awareness, and encourage fun and sportsmanship. Pre-K clinics include some non-basketball skills, coordination, speed, agility, and movement exercises.*

Clinics are held on Sundays from January 9, to March 6, at James Caldwell Elementary School. Clinics are not held on January 16, or February 20. The schedule already includes an extra (seventh) clinic in case of snow. There are no make-up dates. 20 players maximum in each clinic group:

**Pre-K @ 8:30-9:15 am or 9:20-10:05 am (choose one)**

**K @ 10:10-10:55 am or 11:00-11:45 am (choose one)**

**Girls 1st Grade @ 11:50 am-12:35 pm**

**Boys 1st Grade @ 12:40-1:25 pm or 1:30-2:15 pm (choose one)**

**\$100 per child (includes: t-shirt, basketball distributed at last clinic), coaching instruction**

**Registration Deadline: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 (or until each group fills up)**

**Questions? Email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) or call (973) 912-2227**

## FLAG CHEERLEADING CELEBRATES END OF SEASON



On Thursday night, October 28, 2021, the Springfield Recreation Department's flag cheerleading program ended its fall season with the Ice Cream Creations truck and commemorative medals outside at Chisholm Park. Coaches and families were thanked for providing a safe and fun experience for the 30 cheerleaders.

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## SPRINGFIELD TENNIS LATE FALL 2021

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**AGES 5 - 14  
BOYS & GIRLS**  
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Foundation Tennis: 10:00-10:50 pm (Ages 5-8)

Foundation Tennis: 11:00-11:50 pm (Ages 8-10)

Foundation Tennis: 12:00-5:50 pm (Ages 10-14)

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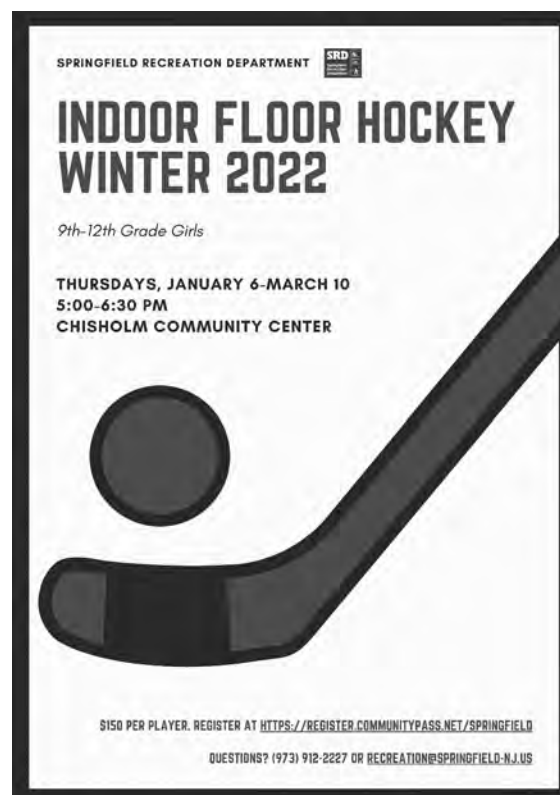


## RECREATION TO HOST COACH CLINIC



New youth sports coaches are invited to attend a S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coach Clinic, sponsored by the Youth Sports Research Council (YSRC) at Rutgers - a requirement for volunteering in Springfield's youth sports programs. The clinic will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 6:00-9:00 pm, and costs \$35 per resident (\$40 per non-resident). It will be held virtually, so attendees should be prepared to log in from an off-site computer. Virtual attendance will be confirmed by the Springfield Recreation Department. The clinic provides partial civil immunity to volunteer coaches under the state's Little League Law, and covers topics such as minimizing risk to young athletes, fundamental coaching concepts, legal and psychological aspects of coaching, conditioning techniques, concussions, lightning, and a first aid overview. Register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>.

For more information, contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at [brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us](mailto:brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.



## SENIOR CITIZENS DINE AT SPRINGFIELD'S LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE



A delicious way to end the week and celebrate a few special birthdays is lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse! A bus full of senior citizens dined at the Springfield location on Friday, October 22, 2021. For information on future senior citizen bus trips sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us](mailto:ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.



## Police Chief's Column for readers of the Patriot Times

*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. Most of you will probably 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 prevalent 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. Always remember to remove your keys and keyfobs from your vehicles, and lock your vehicles while they are parked at your homes overnight.

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.

Some of you will likely order 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. You should check the tracking and delivery information for your orders, and request a delivery date/time when you will be home, if possible. If no one will be home for the delivery, you should ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve and secure your packages until you return home, or request the carrier to leave any parcels at either a side or rear door of your home. Be alert for slow moving vehicles driving through your neighborhood, and immediately call the police if you observe the vehicle occupants remove packages from a home.

Those who have travel plans for the holidays should remember to cancel your mail delivery and any newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make your 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, you can ask a neighbor or family member to park a car in your driveway and keep an eye on your home while you 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, text messages, and 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 all of our residents, business owners, and visitors to immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department, and keep all of these safety tips in mind.

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



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**SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - WINTER 2022**  
**SOCCER CLASSES**

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**8 WEEK SESSION**  
**SATURDAY'S**  
Registration Fee  
**\$162**

**January 15 - March 5 (8 weeks)**  
Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2-3 10:00 am - 10:50 am  
Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 9:00 am - 9:50 am  
Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages 5-6 11:00 am - 11:50 am  
All programs will follow NJ DOH guidelines in addition to all local community center rules.

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
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- Skills & drills plus fun games

**BOYS & GIRLS**  
All Abilities:  
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**SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - LATE FALL 2021**  
**SOCCER SQUIRTS**

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

**4 WEEK SESSION**  
**SATURDAY'S**  
Registration Fee  
**\$82**

**Saturdays November 20 - December 11 (4 weeks)**  
Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2 - 3 • 10:00 am - 10:50 am  
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## VETERANS DAY Honoring All Who Served

### VETERANS DAY 2021... by Geri Ann Kazimar

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It was a beautiful clean crisp day to celebrate our Veterans. There was a nice crowd in attendance to show their appreciation for the sacrifices made by our Veterans and to acknowledge their service to this country. The ceremony commenced with remarks by Gerry Gebauer; Commander of American Legion Post 228.

The Jonathan Dayton High School Band played the Hymn of the Fallen. Celine G. led us in singing the National Anthem, Ernie Della Sala played a heartfelt rendition of God Bless America and taps was played by Matt Whitken. Father David Santos from St. James Parish gave the benediction and was thanked for his service to our country as an Army Ranger. While giving us the meaning of the POW/MIA flag, Gerry McManus told of our government finally identifying the remains of an unknown soldier from Korea. The soldiers creed, "leave no man behind" was personified last week.

*There were so many stirring moments in the ceremony. Let's always remember to thank a Veteran for their service and for our freedoms that that service allows. The American Legion Post wishes to thank everyone in attendance for this wonderful tribute to us on this Veterans Day. We would also like to thank the Auxiliary Police, First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department and Police Department for their continued support.*

*And everyone who worked hard to make this program possible, the Veterans thank you one and all.*

### 2021 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

*Introduction & Welcome*

Gerry Gebauer; Commander Post 228

*Invocation*

Sam Furner

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Celine Gerenshteyn

*National Anthem*

All in attendance

*History of Veterans Day*

Len Finer

*Meaning of the POW/MIA Flag*

Gerry McManus

*Placement of POW/MIA Flag*

Sandford Drucks, Ziad Shehady

*Reading of Springfield Honor Roll*

David Pena

*Placement of Memorial Wreath*

Marty Mand, Eugene Belous

*Hymn of the Fallen Ben Krupit Director*

Jonathon Dayton High School Marching Band

God Bless America

Ernie Della Sala

*Benediction*

Father David Santos

*Three Volley Salute*

Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard

*Taps*

Matthew Whitken



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