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NEXT Chamber Meeting

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2013

8:30 am - 9:30 am Emergency Management Office Top Floor of the Fire House In the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room

200 Mountain Ave.

Members and nonmembers are invited to Chamber meetings. Free coffee and donuts are served.

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BULLDOGS WIN FOOTBALL GAME ON NEW TURF FIELD AFTER RIBBON CUTTING





The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Turf Field and athletic complex at Jonathan Dayton High School originally scheduled for September 12th was rescheduled for the following week due to weather. The complex was officially opened on September 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The varsity home team then went on to win the football game played against Bound Brook. The Bulldogs finished with a final score of 55 to 28.

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SPRINGFIELD VETERANS ALLIANCE SEEKS LOCAL VETS

Are you a military veteran who has served on active duty in support of any of the declared wars? Do you know a veteran? Veterans Day is just around the corner and the Springfield Veterans Alliance would like to honor all those who served. Please e-mail Committeeman Ziad Andrew Shehady at ziad@shehady.us

PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join the Springfield Veterans Alliance (made up of the local American Legion Post 228 and Jewish War Veterans Post 273) for the Annual Veterans Day Tribute on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park located at the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue. Let's come together to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice!



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SPRINGFIELD, NJ

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

All Emergencies	
(Police, Fire, Ambulance)	9-1-1
Police (Nonemergency)	973-376-0400
Fire (Non-emergrncy)	973-912-2265
Board of Education	
Construction Office	973-912-2220
Court	973-912-2213
Emergency Management	
Department	973-376-1058
Engineering Department	973-912-2219
Finance Department	973-912-2279
Fire Prevention Office	
Health Department	973-593-3079
Library	973-376-4930
Office of the Mayor	973912-2285
Public Works Department	
Recreation Department	973-912-2227
Recycling information	
Tax Assessor	973-912-2207
Tax Collector	973-912-2204/05
Township Administrator	973-912-2202
Township Clerk	
Vital Statistics/Registrar	
Zoning Office	973-232-4449

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Message from the Mayor



Spirit and unity (in our community) are two themes bantered about by politicians on the local, county, state and national level almost daily. What do they really mean, or are they just trying to distract voters away from the other guy (or gal) without offering any real alternatives? I have always hated the term "politician". During this (and every) election season, it is important to strip away the myths and lies (which are unfortunately abundant in alternative websites, home brewed newsletters and the like) as the truth is usually right in front of us. It is also very

important to focus on the big picture: are the jobs that your elected officials doing actually helping your community?

During this year, our township has had an unusually positive relationship with both sides of the political spectrum. Why is this important? Our local representation in Trenton is Republican and our local representation in Elizabeth is Democratic. Why is this unusual? Historically, our township has not benefited from an open door with both the state and the county during the same year. This year, we have made great strides opening these "political" doors. The benefits are helping to minimize our tax increases through sustained grants for recreation and road improvements. These benefits are also funding traffic development studies to help expedite the redevelopment of our downtown. This larger redevelopment project is a public/private partnership and is more inclusive than any other township efforts in the past thirty years.

Working together, the township committee and its residents can be proud of our accomplishments this year. We eagerly await the opening of the new Senior Wing at the Chisholm Center later this month. This project has been in development throughout the year and is part of a larger two year plan. The renovation of the rest of the Chisholm Center will be completed next year. The Business Improvement District, working with the township, has exciting plans for a revamped and culturally significant downtown. We proudly attended the gala opening in September of the Dayton School Athletic Turf Field. Springfield is definitely redefining itself as we move forward while at the same time, being fiscally responsible. This is truly a wonderful way of infusing spirit and unity for the entire township.

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our [first name.last name]@springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

The last date to register to vote for the general election in November is Tuesday, October 15th.

The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 8 p.m. for registrations.

The Special Election for US Senator will be on Wednesday, October 16th.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Monday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

PLANNING BOARD - 1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW - 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH - 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD last Thursday of month, 7 p.m. All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

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

THE BID AT WORK

Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey www.springfieldbid.com

Have you friended us on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for? We will be running weekly contests that you can enter to win gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses! Don't miss out, like us at Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey.

Don't miss out on our weekly contests to win gift certificates to Springfield businesses! Friend us today!

We are averaging a weekly total reach of almost 2000 people through these posts. A "promoted post" for the Savor Springfield reached over 13,000 people in July.

FALL FLING EVENT

Coming in October! Great deals for local businesses and restaurants....

Springfield App Launching in October

Springfield Businesses received a letter explaining the App and how they can benefit from its use. We asked businesses to review their listing and let us know if there are any corrections. We expect the app to become a central source for residents, putting Springfield news in the palm of their hands.

Local Demonstration Project Committee Is Working Towards Meeting The Goals Of This Grant Opportunity

In June 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) joined with the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency to create an Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities. In the context of the federal partnership, HUD created the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program in an effort to support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, infrastructure plans and to empower jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic growth and revitalization, access to opportunity, public health, and environmental impact simultaneously.

The Township of Springfield was made aware of this opportunity through our Union County Freeholder, Bruce Bergen. The Township and BID proposed to the State, as the local demonstration project, the development of a comprehensive strategic transportation plan to underpin and enhance the revitalization process of the local retail and commercial districts. Thanks to strong support from Union County Representatives, Springfield was notified last month that they were selected to receive this grant.

A committee has been selected to work with state representatives to begin the process to help Springfield reach its transportation goals. A second meeting of this committee is scheduled for October. We will keep you informed to the progress this grant opportunity has afforded our Town.



Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce

Meet the Candidates Forum

October 30, 2013
Arrive 7:00 PM; Start 7:30 PM

Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah Meet the Candidates Forum Springfield Public Library

October 31, 2013
Arrive 11:00 AM;
Forum Starts Promptly At 11:30 A.M.

LUNCH WILL FOLLOW

Sponsored By the Springfield Patriot Chamber Of Commerce

The purpose of this meeting is to provide Township residents with the opportunity to meet local candidates for township committee. An open invitation will be extended to all interested Springfield registered voters. Non partisan moderators, selected by: the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Springfield Hadassah's Community Affairs Committee, will chair the forum.

Pens and paper will be available for written questions. Questions must pertain to local (Springfield) matters and be addressed to one or more of the candidates. Questions will be collected, screened by members of the non partisan Hadassah Community Affairs Committee and placed in candidate specific order. Vocal questions from the audience will not be permitted.

THE FORUM

At the beginning of the program, each candidate will have a 3-minute opportunity to introduce himself/herself to the audience. Presentation order and closing order will be determined prior to the program. The moderator will alternate questions addressed to specific candidates. Answers must be limited to 1 minute and only one candidate from the opposing party will have the opportunity to rebut a specific answer. Only current candidates for the Springfield Township Committee will be permitted to answer questions. At the conclusion, each candidate will have a 2-minute opportunity to present a final statement.



Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

I would like all readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times be wary of various fraud scams that are committed via the internet, by mail or even by fax machine. These scams known as Advanced Fee Fraud Schemes may vary but the intent remains the same which is to get the intended victim to wire money to the suspects for supposed fees for winning a foreign lottery or supposed overpayment of monies made to a victim who is either selling an item or advertising their professional services or job hunting on line.

FOREIGN LOTTERY SCAM

An intended victim receives a letter or an e-mail indicating they have won a foreign country lottery or some type of sweepstakes. In order to collect their winnings they must pay certain fees in advance to receiving their prize. A false claim of fees being required for customs tariffs, excise taxes etc. will be used with a monetary amount usually one or two thousand dollars and it must be wired usually to an out of state or foreign country location. As it is illegal in the United States to enter a foreign lottery, many of the scams operate out of Canada. For any lottery or sweepstakes to be legitimate there cannot be a request for any type of fee to be paid in advance in order to collect your prize.

ADVANCED FEE LETTER SCAM

This scam targets both businesses and residents and used to be done by U.S. Mail or via fax machine but in keeping with modern technology is now done over the internet. The intended victim will receive various "official looking" types of correspondence where the supposed sender will claim to be a governmental official from a foreign country usually one located in Africa. The sender will require the assistance of the intended victim in being able to transfer millions of dollars out of the foreign country. A suspect will both attempt to obtain bank account information from the victim and, if successful, will then start to request that monies are wired to cover certain fees to arrange for the transfer of the millions of dollars. Much like the false lottery winning scenario, the victim is lulled into wiring the monies as they fixate on the percentage of the millions they are promised.

INFLATED FEE-COUNTERFEIT CHECK SCAM

In this scam the victim will be targeted based upon some type of property they are trying to sell via the internet, such as Craig's List, or some type of services that they advertise or business they operate where they can be contacted on-line. These scams target persons who are selling anything which can range from a car to a couch and target persons who advertise their services on line for everything from music lessons to nanny services. The scam can also be directed at businesses and all involve an individual wanting to purchase an item listed for sale or hire a person whose services are advertised. The supposed client is out of state or out of the country but claims to be moving to Springfield. Once services are contracted or a purchase price is agreed on, the suspect will render payment via use of a purported certified bank check. The check will always be made payable to more than the agreed upon payment and the suspect will then contact the intended victim claiming the "over payment" was a mistake. The victim is told to deposit the

check but wire the difference immediately as the suspect knows that it may take upwards of a week for the bank to be informed that the deposited check was counterfeit.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCAMS

In this scenario the intended victim will advertise on line offering their services in areas that can range from baby sitting or house cleaning to student tutoring or music lessons. A suspect will contact the victim claiming to be in the process of moving into Springfield as they use addresses in other states or foreign countries. They agree to hire the victim and through a series of e-mails will send monies to a victim to "pay up front" for the services but the check forwarded to the victim will be in excess of the agreed upon fees. Suspects will later cancel the agreement based upon some bogus excuse of not moving or being involved in a medical emergency and the intended victim is asked to wire the monies back to the suspects with the agreement that the victim can keep a portion, usually over several hundred dollars, as a cancelation type of fee. Of course the check is counterfeit and the suspects rely on the victim wiring the monies before the true status of a check is discovered and the lure of keeping hundreds of dollars is to keep the victim preoccupied from questioning the legitimacy of the transaction.

Other frequent employment opportunity scams offer an individual to work as a "secret shopper" or to aid supposed foreign businesses in depositing checks the business receives from persons or companies in the United States. These scenarios also involve the victim being promised large percentages of the bogus checks and/or money orders they receive with the victim always required to wire a portion of the check or money order, via either Western Union or Money Gram, to out of state or foreign country locations.

INHERITANCE SCAMS

Intended victim is contacted by e-mail by an individual claiming to be a lawyer in some foreign country who announces that the victim has been identified as the only next of kin for someone who recently died, leaving behind millions of dollars in their estate. These suspects will usually use a natural disaster such as a flood or avalanche or the crash of a commercial airplane and will send links to news articles explaining the disaster. If the victim "falls for" this ploy they will be sent sundry documents that have very official but bogus raised seals and letterheads and the victim is asked to complete the forms in order to receive the inheritance. If this is done then the victim will start being required to wire ever increasing amounts of monies for various purported legal fees and victim is lulled into continuing to do this to gain the supposed inheritance or will continue to do this as they've paid substantial amounts and cannot walk away from their monetary investment.

The best prevention in the aforementioned, and many similar, scams that are increasing during bad economic times is to just remember the old adage..."If something seems too good to be true, it probably is". If told you've won a sweepstakes or foreign lottery but must pay fees to collect your winnings...THIS IS A SCAM. If you are either selling an item on line or are hired for your on line advertised services and are paid more than the agreed upon price with the request to wire the difference of the over payment...THIS IS A SCAM. If you receive any of these scam solicitations, ask your bank to examine the check before deposit or contact the Springfield Police (973) 376-0400 for our assistance.





Springfield H.O.P.E. 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E. may call 973-467-3388.

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SOMETHING WEIRD'S COMING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON OCTOBER 20TH

Who Ya Gonna Call????

They'll be there -- will you? Be prepared for any paranormal emergency and come to the **Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival & Car Show** Don't wait to be slimmed!! **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION'S HALLOWEEN EVENTS**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

A township-wide event for ghosts and goblins of all ages!

EVENTS SPONSORED BY: Township of Springfield Recreation Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Springfield Municipal Alliance

(This is a drug and alcohol free event)

EVENTS TO BEGIN AT: 12:00 p.m.

TREAT STREET/ ARTS AND CRAFTS / DJ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COSTUME CONTEST HALLOWEEN PARADE

Look for flyers in schools and on the township website for more information. www.springfield-nj.us

OR

for more information contact the Springfield Recreation Department @ 973-912-2227

FREE ADMISSION

Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival and Car Show



Stew Leonard's Wines
Springfield



Craft/Street Vendors • Music Festival – Multiple Bands • Obstacle Course Rock Wall • Inflatable Slide • Petting Zoo • Stilt Walker • Pony Rides Martial Arts Presentation • Best Buy Wii stations for the public

Sunday, October 20th from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

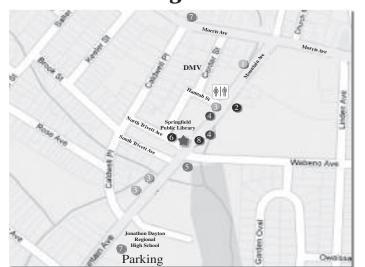
Mountain Avenue in front of Municipal Building Rain Date October 27th Following Sunday

CAR SHOW | CASH PRIZES

1st Prize \$300 2nd Prize \$150 • 3rd Prize \$50 31 Categories with Trophies

festival@springfieldpatriot.com for registration and any questions

"Getting Around"



100 Mountain Avenue -Center of the Fall Festival

Car Show PoodVendors

StreetVendors Kids Rides

5 Jazz Music Festival

Public Safety Presentation

Parking

Historical Horse & Buggy Ride

Local food vendors • Larger music festival More advertising • More childrens rides/activities

ADDITIONS:

- Expansion to the High School
- Public Safety Presentation area
- Best buy interaction area
- Festival Info booth
- Historical Carriage rides
- Expansion to the
- Rock Wall
- All Day Jazz Festival





G-WIZEntertainment









SEPTEMBER 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE " RECAP "

The workshop meeting was held at the firehouse on Monday, September 9th (starting at 7:30PM, its usual time). We discussed the monthly reports from our administrator, police and fire chiefs, emergency management, public works, recreation, and engineering. Of note, our department of public works reports that garbage tonnage continues to trend down and recycling tonnage continues to trend up this year (a more detailed report will be available later this year). As stated in the August recap, this is good for two main reasons: first it is more environmentally sound moving forward, and second it saves the township and its resident's money through state and county grants paid to the township. Our recreation department stated that the pool season was one of the most successful in many years and we all look forward to the upgrades and maintenance being done before next season's opening. This was an otherwise quiet meeting, both among our township committee, and the residents in attendance.

The first legislative meeting of September was held on Tuesday, the 10th. During the first part of the meeting, we reflected on the anniversary of September 11th which included an invocation read by Reverend Victoria Ney. There were several proclamations including September 11th, Elks "Patriotism Week" (September 9 – 15), acknowledgement of the service done by the Charter Study Commission, and POW/MIA Remembrance Day (September 20th). We introduced an ordinance to appropriate funds for necessary upgrades at the municipal pool while the weather is still warm enough for concrete work to set properly (the funds were originally approved in a broader based ordinance earlier this year. The original ordinance placed restrictions on the bidding process and would have delayed the concrete work until next year). We adopted an ordinance to approve the energy aggregation program, which was first introduced during our August legislative meeting. We approved resolutions authorizing upgrades, minor change orders necessitated by field conditions, and mandated fire code changes to the Chisholm Senior Center. Additionally, we approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep the township of Springfield running smoothly.

The second legislative meeting of September was held on Tuesday, September 24th at 2:30PM instead of the usual time at 7:30PM (we try to do an afternoon legislative meeting at least once per year to accommodate residents who would otherwise not be able to attend these meetings). There was a presentation by Bruce Bergen, one of the Union County Freeholders (and a Springfield resident), highlighting many of the programs available to residents from the county. We approved the pool fund ordinance, originally introduced on September 10th. We approved resolutions authorizing repairs to the municipal pool (encompassed in the above ordinance), some additional minor change orders at the Chisholm Center, street repairs and repaving on Caldwell Place, hired a new zoning officer (to replace the zoning officer who left Springfield three months ago), and



Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

Prevent Kitchen FiresFire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2012

Springfield Fire Department is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires.' During this year's fire safety campaign, we will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires--most of which result from unattended cooking and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Often when we're called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help us reach folks in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson.

Among the safety tips that the firefighters will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

On Sunday, October 20th, the Springfield Fire Department will be hosting its 6th annual open house at Fire Headquarters from 12pm to 3pm. There will be a tour of the fire house with refreshments. Activities for the children include the chance to "Stop, Drop & Roll" and to squirt a real fire hose to knock down wooden "flames". Children of all ages enjoy climbing into our fire engines.

Earlier in the day, the Springfield Fire Department will also have a table at the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show in front of Town Hall starting at 11am. You'll find educational materials and tip sheets on the leading causes of home fires, information about protecting your home and family with life-saving technologies, and the importance of home escape planning.

We hope to see many of the township residents at these events.

accepted grant monies related to Hurricane Irene (it actually takes this long to receive much of the grant money even though these grants are approved many months earlier). We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved minutes of previous meetings during the summer, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep the township of Springfield running smoothly as always.

The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses:

David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us, Richard. Huber @springfield-nj.us, David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us, Margaret. Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us, and Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us, or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Same Name... Same Great Activities... New Place

Springfield Senior organization this fall will have its new place at the Chisholm Center. Join in the fun, come and enjoy a day of activities, trips and socializing with friends.

Watch out for the date... further information call.. 1-973-912-2227

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

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with caregiver. 10:30 am on Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 22, 29; Fridays Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; & Saturday Oct 12.

Storycraft: A story and fun craft for ages 3-7 with a caregiver. Fridays, Oct 4, 11, and 25 @ 4 pm.

MATH Homework Help for grades 1 and up. A drop-in service for quick questions. Bring your homework and textbook. **Wednesdays**, **4-5 pm**.

Let's Play Chess! A drop-in program for ages 6-11. Students should be able to play independently. **Thursdays, 4-5 pm.**

Book Surprise Fun for grades 1-3. October 7, 21,& 28 @ 3:30 pm. Drop in for a special activity each week.

Teen Read Week Crafts:

OCT 15:

Registration required for T-Shirt Dyeing. Materials provided.

Oct 16:

Drop in for Book-Spine Poetry, and get your poems published on our TV.

Oct 17:

Registration required for Book Speed-Dating. Meet our new YA books and enjoy a pizza party! You must bring your library card.

College Admissions Bible:

A special evening for parents and teens to learn all about college admissions by the author of this how-to guide. **Thursday, Oct 24** @ 7 pm.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays, October 25th Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon. November 1st and 8th, 12:30 pm

Thursday, October 17th, 12:00 – 2:00 pm Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale Preview day for paid members of the Friends only.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 18 -20, Friends of the Library Annual Jewelry Sale. 10:00am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 3rd, 2:00 pm "Duchess of Malfi" – Play presented by Hudson Shakespeare Company.

Thursday, November 7th, 6:00-9:00pm Antiques Appraisal.

LECTURES

Sunday, October 20th, 1:30 pm
"Fighting for Respect: African Americans in Boxing" presented by Rutgers adjunct professor Joel Plummer.

Thursday, October 24th, 7:00 pm Natasha Scott presents "Inside the College Process by a Recent Graduate".

Sunday, October 27th, 1:30pm "Fighting for Respect: Jews in Boxing" presented by filmmaker James Ford Nussbaum.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursdays, October 24th & Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman November 14th, 10:00 am

Thursday, October 17th, 10:15am Great Books Discussion – Euripides: "Medea".

Wednesday, November 6th, 7:00 pm Current Topics of Discussion – Detective Judd Levinson and Officer Joe Leniart discuss Identity Theft.

Thursday, November 7th, 7:00 pm Really Good Book Discussion – "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker.

FILMS

Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00 pm Documentary: "Grizzly Man" - The life and death of amateur grizzly bear expert and wildlife preservationist Timothy Treadwell.

Monday, October 28th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – Even More Recent Hits Series: Seth Rogen plays a traveling salesman who takes his mother (Barbara Streisand) on the road with him to reunite her with the former fling.

Wednesday, November 6th, 7:00 pm Documentary: "Thunder Soul" - Presented by Jamie Foxx, Thunder Soul follows the extraordinary alumni from Houston's Kashmere High School Stage Band, who return home after 35 years to play a tribute concert for their beloved band leader.

Tuesday, November 12th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime film - Even More Recent Hits Series: Director Kathrin Bigalow takes on the hunt and the killing of Osama Bin Laden. Jessica Chastain stars with Joel Edgarton and Chris Pratt.

Thursday, November 14th, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm International film - The story about the dissolution of a marriage, set in contemporary Iran, 2011.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents! (Make up dates - Wednesdays, October 16th & November 13th)

Monday, October 28rd, 10:00 am Knits Wits Knitting Group

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club

INSTRUCTION

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

FRIENDS ANNOUNCE ANNUAL VINTAGE JEWELRY SALE OCTOBER 18-20, 2013

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their annual Vintage Jewelry Sale October 18-20, 2013 at the Springfield Free Public Vintage Jewelry Ave in Springfield.

Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Donations of vintage and costume jewelry and watches may be brought to the library's circulation desk throughout the year. All proceeds go to help the state of the library with programs and materials.

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There will be a preview sale on Thurs., October 17 noon - 3pm for members of the Friends. Memberships will be accepted the day of the sale. Memberships start at \$10. The Public sale hours are: 10 - 4 on sale. Memberships start at \$10. The Public sale hours are: 10 - 4 on Fri. Oct. 18th, Sat. Oct. 19th, and Sun. Oct. 20th in conjunction with the Springfield Street Fair.

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE CATCH THIRD BURGLARY SUSPECT

The third motor vehicle burglary and theft suspect who had evaded capture in July is now in custody. On 07/18/2013, Springfield Police officers pursued a SUV that had been stolen from a residential driveway on Henshaw Avenue with this SUV ultimately being abandoned on South Springfield Avenue near Hillside Avenue after it had deliberately rammed head on into two police cars.

Two of the three suspects who ran off from the disabled SUV they had just stolen were located hiding in nearby residential areas but the third was able to get away from police twice, once when fleeing the SUV and a second time later in the day when police spotted him on Route 22 East in Union but he was again able to run off and evade apprehension.

It was found that the three suspects had committed burglaries to and thefts from 16 separate cars that were parked in residential driveways on Henshaw and Hawthorne Avenues. It was further ascertained that the subjects had driven to Springfield in a van stolen from Irvington and had stolen an SUV in Springfield to use to flee in when they were done with their crime spree.

Detective Sergeant Stephen Studlack and Detective Anthony Voorhees were assigned to handle the follow-up investigation that included identifyiing the owners of all recovered stolen property and finding the identity of the third suspect. Detectives were able to identify the third suspect as Shakir Souels, age 18 of Irvington and warrants were issued for his arrest. Locating and arresting him was initially unsucessful until detectives found out that Souels was due to appear in the Irvington Municipal Court for a prior Marijuana arrest of him by the Irvington Police Department.

On 09/20/2013, Sergeant Studlack and Detective Voorhees went to the Irvington Municipal Court where Souels was arrested. When searched at Springfield Police headquarters it was found that Souels had a small bag of suspected Marijuana hidden in his clothing and he had actually possessed the Marijuana while going to court to answer the charges of an earlier Marijuana possession arrest.

According to Chief of Police John Cook..."patrol officers did an exceptional job on July 18th in apprehending two of these actors who together with the third had come into Springfield to brazenly just walk from car to car stealing anything and everything from 16 separate vehicles. The arrest of Shakir Souels was due to dilligent and persistent detective work and his capture shows that suspects who commit crimes in Springfield may run and they may even hide...but not forever"

Souels was charged with 16 separate counts of Burglary to a Motor Vehicle and 16 separate counts of Theft. He was also charged with 2 counts of Receiving Stolen Property (the possession of 2 separate stolen motor vehicles), 2 counts of Resisting Arrest and the Possession of Marijuana. Bail is \$50,000 no 10%.

Souels was remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth and had an initial court date in the Union County Superior Court set for Wednesday 09/25/2013.

Further information, contact: Detective Lieutenant Judd A. Levenson Investigations Division Commander & Major Crimes/Frauds Investigations Springfield Police Department, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081



Springfield Police and the Springfield Office of Emergency Management ready their new cargo trailer for use. According to Springfield Police Sergeant Steve Hollyfield, "This trailer will be stocked with emergency equipment such as road cones, barricades, fuel, cables and generators so it can be taken to the scene of an emergency by Police or Emergency Management personnel and quickly deployed." OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel added that "Recent emergencies have shown the need for us to have this equipment immediately available and ready to go and be able to be put into use quickly, thereby freeing up the officers to go to other calls."

NEW CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED

The Township of Springfield launched a new citizen service request management system. Citizens expect a certain level of services and this new method is an easy, on-line way of letting the town know of your service request needs.

The web-based software tool is intended to allow Township officials to better manage citizen service request, increasing efficiency and shortening the response time. By using the system, Township officials will be able to quickly accept service requests and route them directly to the department responsible for resolving the issue.

Each entry is automatically assigned a tracking number and instantly routed via e-mail to the department responsible for handling the service request. Citizens can elect to be notified each time they submit a new request.

The Township is always looking for better ways to resolve issues for residents and businesses in an efficient and effective manner. Information will only be used to offer better services and improve staff efficiency. The program is sponsored by Investors Bank of Springfield, NJ.

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Dr. Lee Kaswiner & Dr. Brett Handsman are excited to announce their first patient appreciation and Invisalign Scanning Red Carpet Event. This will be an event the whole family will enjoy.

With our new Itero scanner you will be able to see a digital representation of how your teeth will be corrected that same night.

Come and say Hi! Walk the Red Carpet and enjoy the photo booth

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The free scanning is offered to teens and adults that are interested in Invisalign treatment. Invisalign is the clear alternative to braces. A digital scan is new 3-D technology that replaces traditional (goopy) impressions. Orthodontic records (xrays, photos and digital scan) will be taken at no charge. With our Itero scanner you will be able to see a digital representation of how your teeth will be corrected that night!

The event will be held on Thursday, October 17 from 5-8 pm. Anyone who attends will be offered \$500 off their new full Invisalign treatment or low monthly payments of \$260 per month (based on 24 month interest free, 0 down payment plan. There will be plenty of food, drinks and fun with the photo booth. To find out more about Springfield Orthodontics please visit our website at www.springfieldorthodontics.net. Please call the office at 973-379-3803 if you're considering starting Invisalign treatment and want a scan done that night. Availability is limited. Springfield Orthodontics is located at 165 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ

WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

The Madison Health Department and the Boards of Health in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Springfield are offering a Cancer Screening for all adult women over age 18. This Health Department program is open to all women who live in the participating towns including nannies and other household employees and those without health insurance coverage.

The screening will be held at the Madison Health Department located in the Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison on Monday, October 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext.1 beginning on October 3. A \$25.00 fee may apply if a Pap test is indicated.

This comprehensive check up for women will include manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks and education on the technique of monthly breast self-examination for each participant. Because of recently updated recommendations for Pap testing, Dr. Rohini Jobanputra will determine with each woman if a Pap test is advisable for her.

Receiving regular check-ups is important.

Women are also encouraged to engage in physical activity most days of the week, eat a nutritious diet and avoid high risk behaviors like smoking and not wearing a seatbelt. Women are often the caregivers for their spouses, children and parents and forget to focus on their own health. Research shows that when women take care of themselves, the health of their family improves. When women take even the simplest steps to improve their health, the results can be significant and everyone will benefit.

The Madison Health Department encourages women to sign up for the screening and also to pass the word along to other resident women who may not know about this service. Call the Madison Health Dept. (973-593-3079 ext.1) for an appointment for yourself or a loved one. Participants should have their physician's name and address ready when they call.

TOWNSHIP TO PAVE ROADS

Township Committee approved The \$800,000 in the 2013 Capital Budget for road improvements. Six roads will be paved and improvements will be undertaken this year. The roads are: Warwick Circle, Chimney Ridge, Bryant Ave, Rolling Rock Road, Clearview Road and Park Lane. In addition, the Township received a \$200,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the improvements of Caldwell Place. The contractor is Cifelli & Sons General Contractors Inc. Work should start on or about October 21, weather permitting. The Township will notify each homeowner on each street via Community-Stat public notification system. If you have any questions, please contact the Township Engineering Department at 973.912.2219.

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The onset of autumn is here and the leaves will soon be falling from the trees once again. The Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to advise all homeowners that the leaf collection process for 2013 will be the same program utilized during the past several autumns. The basic tenets of the 2013 collection program are listed below.

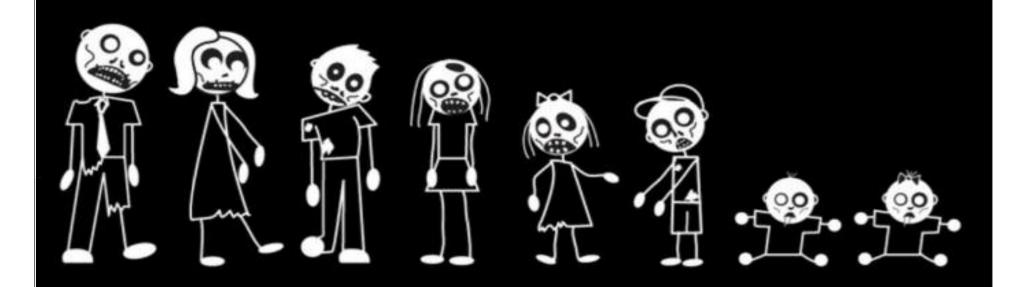
- Residents and landscapers may begin placing leaves in the curb area, either loose or in paper recyclable bags starting October 26th.
- The Department cannot collect any material placed in any type of plastic bags.
- After the first curbside collection, loose leaves cannot be placed into the curb line for a period of five days. After five days have elapsed, leaves can once again be placed in the curb area for another collection. This is to allow for compliance with storm water regulations.
- Leaves cannot be placed within ten feet in any direction of a curbside storm drain (catch basin).
- Do not place any debris, (rocks, branches, sticks, etc.) in the leaf piles. If debris is found to be in a pile, that pile will be passed by and not collected until such debris is removed by the homeowner or landscaper.

Following these simple rules will ensure that the upcoming collection process will be as problem free as possible for everyone. Please convey to your landscaper that these rules will be enforced. Remember that your landscaper is your employee and should follow your instructions and comply with the simple rules stated above.

Residents who are late in putting leaves out for collection and miss a pickup, the DPW will be back in your section for another pick-up. We will canvass the Township continuously through the month of December, contingent upon the weather. In the event of an early snowfall, we will extend the program accordingly. The DPW will canvass the Township by sections. The exact order will be determined during the last week of October based upon the volume of leaves that exist in each section.

For an estimate of when leaves will be collected in a particular section, please call the DPW at 973-912-8483/2225 or by e mail at: DPW@springfield-nj.us

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This year is the sesquicentennial of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, the "high water mark" of the Confederacy. Over the weekend, a powerpoint presentation will be shown examining how this battle came about and wasfought. An interesting aspect of the presentation will be the inclusion of the experiences of William and Wesley Culp, ancestors of the docent who has created this power point. Both Culps fought at the battle of Gettysburg, but for different sides!

If that is not enough about the CivilWar, there are the continuing adventures of Wellington Briant on exhibit. This year's letters, chronicling 1863, describe Wellington's promotion to clerk and involvement in attempts to captureCharleston, South Carolina. His lettersalso feature references to the 54th Massachusetts, the AfricanAmerican regiment depicted in the film Glory.

Meanwhile, outside there will bere-enactors for the entire weekend, but the war they will be representing shallbe different each day. On Saturday they willbe depicting the Civil War and then the Revolutionary War on Sunday. So choose whether to experience the War forIndependence, the War Between the States, or both when you visit the HistoricCannon Ball House.

Hours: Saturday,October 19th from 10 to 5 and Sunday, October 20th from noon to 4.

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The Springfield FMBA Local #57 is offering these shirts to the public for a \$20.00 donation and all the profits benefit the American Cancer Society. The shirts are available at Fire Headquarters beginning October 1st. The Firefighters will also have a booth at the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show on October 20th. Please help your firefighters support women in their fight against cancer.

TRAINING FOR PEER MENTORS TO MENTOR IN SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS - NOW REGISTERING IN SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield Recreation Department will be hosting a training class for students (ages 11+) interested in becoming a volunteer peer mentor for youth with special needs at recreation classes and events. Attendees will learn more about youth with certain developmental and physical needs and how to work with and help these youth participate in recreation programs. After the training, volunteers will be able to mentor in any of our special needs programs in the area. Mentors receive credit for community service hours as well as valuable leadership skills, while giving back to the community. The training will be held Wednesday, October 16 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2226 for more information or to register. Space is limited.

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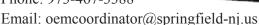
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