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THURSDAY JANUARY 24, 2019

8:30 am - 9:30 am Emergency

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TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS WRAPS UP TOY DRIVE



(l to r) Marlene DaSilva, Joe DaSilva, Sharyn Alban, and Jazmin Pina

CKO kick boxing on Route 22 East collected Toys for Springfield Kids. Also participating this year was KRA Insurance in Springfield, Springfield Elks and Managed Healthcare Associates in Florham Park. Amy Roselle and Scott Seidel dropped off excess toys to Overlook Hospital to be given to children who will be in the Hospital over the Holiday. About 100 kids (roughly 25-30 familes) were provided Toys by Springfield HOPE this year.



Representatives of the Springfield Elks donating a significant number of toys to the toys for Springfield kids toys drive pose with Dr. Gary Hecht (left)



Amy Roselle (2nd from right) (Chief Operating Officer of the Toy Drive) and Scott Seidel, HOPE Trustee with Heather Hernandez and Maura Strickland, Child Life Specialists at Overlook Hospital accepting the donation.

FIRST AID SQUAD SWEARS IN 2019 OFFICERS



(I to r) Trustee Stuart Maslow, Supply Sgt. Aqeel Abbas, Second Lt. James Baxter, First Lt. Elizabeth Giambattista, Mayor Erica DuBois, Treasurer Marla Napurano, President Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Corresponding Secretary Lauren Morrast, Secretary Vanessa Livoti, Chief Fahad Sheikh, Deputy Chief Andrew Shanes, Training Officer Jeff Shanes

NINE NEW EMT'S SWORN IN

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(l to r) President Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Training Officer Jeff Shanes, EMT Ryan Potechin, EMT Julia Kolker, EMT Samantha Knee Mayor Erica DuBois, EMT Riya Gupta, EMT Daniel Friedman, EMT Andrew Fresen, Supply Sgt. Aqeel Abbas (not pictured) EMT Russell Cook, EMT Skyler Ford

SPRINGFIELD POLICE SWEAR IN NEW OFFICER

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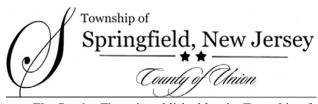


Mayor DuBois administers the Oath of Office to Officer Boris Yusupov.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY'S RISE AGAINST HUNGER PROGRAM

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Message from the Mayor



Residents of Springfield,

Welcome to 2019! I am honored to have the opportunity to be your Mayor. I'd like to take a minute to thank our outgoing committeewomen, former Mayor Dianne Stampoulos, and former Deputy Mayor, Maria Vassallo for their hard work and dedication to the township, it was a pleasure to serve with both of you. I'd also like to thank committeeman Richard Huber for his work as Mayor last year. I am looking forward to working along with Deputy Mayor Capodice, and new committeemen, Weber and Keiser to provide the residents with a more efficient and accessible governing body for our residents. Check out the recently updated township website! We, along with our department heads, are always looking to improve our services to the community. With that being said, be on the lookout for the 2019 flyer from the DPW which will outline some changes

in regards to how residents can dispose of vegetated waste. Also look out for the flyer regarding our annual event at Townhall hosted by the Interfaith Clergy honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. . 2019 will be an exciting year for Springfield, and I am happy to have the opportunity to be a part of it! I'd love to hear from residents regarding any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Please feel free to reach out to me at Erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

NEW POLICE OFFICER

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At the January 8th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Erica DuBois administered the Oath of Office to Boris Yusupov, Springfield's newest Police Officer. Holding the bible for Officer Yusupov was his girlfriend, Gina Melkowitis. Also present were his father, Iosif Yusupov and step mother, Dina Krotin. Acting Township Administrator and Police Chief John Cook commented, "I wish to thank the Committee for allowing me to hire Office Yusupov and bring him into our great first responder family in Springfield. He was born in Elizabeth and graduated high school there. He then attended Seton Hall studying diplomacy and international relations. He attended the John H. Stamler Police Academy in the latter half of 2016, becoming a Union County Sheriff's officer when he graduated in December of that year. On December 31, 2018 we officially hired him as a Springfield Officer."

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Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Vigil for Peace, Monday, January 21, noon to 1 pm. Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, sponsored by Springfield Interfaith Clergy Council and Township Committee



RECYCLING TIPS



Do you have towels and pillow cases that you no longer need? Don't throw them out. The animal shelters would love to have them. They can also use newspaper. Pick your favorite shelter but one local shelter that needs these items is Friends of Linden Animal Shelter in Linden.

JOB OPENING POLICE OFFICER

The Springfield Police Department is currently seeking qualified individuals for the position of Police Officer. Only candidates who are currently Police Training Commission certified or who are currently enrolled in a PTC certified alternate route program basic training academy will be considered.

Eligibility Requirements

The general qualifications for employment with the Springfield Police Department shall be:

- Must be a resident of New Jersey and a citizen of the United States;
- Must be at least 21 years of age;
- Shall have an associate's degree or higher from a recognized college/university in an accredited course of study and/or a combination of active military service time and/or college/university credits:
- Ability to perform all the tasks and duties of a Police Officer;
- Possess a valid New Jersey driver's license;
- No indictable criminal history convictions and of good moral character.
- Must meet educational and/or active military service time requirements set forth by the N.J. Police Training Commission for candidates to be eligible for the alternate route program.

The Springfield Police Department is a New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police acredited agency that provides its employees with competitive salaries, the prospect of advancement and the opportunity to serve the community.

Candidates must submit a letter of interest along with a resume to Captain Cieri at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081 no later than February 1, 2019.

The Springfield Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting is Tuesday, 22, at 7 pm Regular Meeting, Tuesdays, February 12 and 26, at 7 pm Workshop Meeting, Monday, February 25, at 7 pm.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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have fun. Theirmany programs (in-home or at their facility) are personalized to fit your own level of entry, and all classes are taught by professional and certified instructors. Although most clients prefer taking these sessions alone feel free to ask about bringing a friend.

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211 Morris Ave - 973-564-9092



The mission of Gold Valley is to provide fresh produce at a very affordable price to the neighboring community including the Korean, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, American, Spanish, Indian and

others. You can find a wide variety of hard-to-find and regular market items like: Seafood, Meat, Fruits & Vegetables, Kitchen Appliances, Frozen Sections-Asian sauces & Ingredientsand all kinds of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino snacks. gvsupermarket.com





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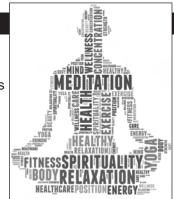


Mindfulness Month

Meditation is a mind and body practice that has a long history of use for increasing calmness and physical relaxation, improving psychological balance, coping with illness, and enhancing overall health and well-being. Mind and body practices focus on the interactions among the brain, mind, body, and behavior.

7 THINGS MINDFUL PEOPLE DO DIFFERENTLY

- 1. Approach everyday things with curiosity and savor them.
- 2. Forgive their mistakes big or small
- 3. Show gratitude for good moments and grace for bad ones
- 4. Practice compassion and nurture connections
- 5. Make peace with imperfection inside and out
- 6. Embrace vulnerability by trusting others and themselves
- 7. Accept and appreciate that things come and go



Mindfulness Tips

- 1. One-minute breathing exercise Sit with your back straight but relaxed. For the next minute, focus your entire attention on your breathing in and out, how air passes in and out of your nostrils, and how your abdomen rises and goes down with each breath. If thoughts start crowding in, gently let them go and refocus on your breathing.
- 2. Check in with yourself Bring yourself into the present moment by asking yourself, 'What is going on with me at the moment?'
- 3. Eat mindfully When you're having a meal, focus on your eating. Don't read or watch TV at the same time. Pay attention to how the food looks, smells and tastes. You may find you enjoy your food more, and stop eating when you're full instead of automatically finishing what's on your plate.

https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/benefits-of-mindfulness

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE FOR 2018

Submitted by Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering Status of Current major projects in Springfield - December 18, 2018

1.Downtown Redevelopment Projects

GOMES

This project encompasses the entire block from Caldwell Place to Center Street. Progress is being made on this major project. The DEP permit was issued on September 25, 2018. We met with Verizon and JCP&L representatives and we received copies of the cost estimate and design work they are proposing. In the past month, we were working on resolving an issue with the COAH units required by ordinance for this site. The project was approved prior to the court settlement mandating the required units to be provided. The developer requested exemption from the number of 3-bedroom COAH unit required. We just solved this issue by working with our COAH attorney, Mr. Bruce Bergen and our redevelopment attorney Matthew Jessup. Demolition of building is expected at end of January 2019 and construction to commence in the spring.

SPDSAIL

This is the development project at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Church Mall. The developer for this project is Charlie Larkin. The Township approved the Redevelopment Agreement for this project on Tuesday September 19, 2018. The application was approved by the Planning Board on November 1, 2018. Demolition of existing building on this site is expected to be completed by Mid-March 2019 and construction of the new building will commence in or around April 15, 2019. This redevelopment project is expected to be completed by summer of 2020.

RICA

As you are aware, the developer approved for this project, Veale Holding LLC was granted Planning Board approval but decided not to go forward with purchasing the tract and abandoned the project. Don Rica, the owner of the three properties is currently negotiating with another developer and he is expecting to close by the end of this year. The new developer has informed me that they will be providing a different project design and will not use the previously approved one. That would cause the old approval to be void and a new process to create a redevelopment plans will start. This process will take 9-12 months before a final Planning Board approval is granted. I met on 2 occasions with representatives from the new developer and a proposal will be provided to us for review in approximately 2 months.

2. Old Saks Property

The Planning Board, being proactive, discussed the future of the old Saks property since this matter has been voluntarily dismissed by all parties, as have been all of the ancillary lawsuits among and between the parties. The Planning Board requested authorization from the Township Committee to allow the Board to have their planner research possible options for the future of the property. The Board also requested authorization to start discussions with the property owner and with the Township of Millburn. The Township Committee provided such authorization at their meeting of May 22, 2018. The Township planner Mr. Robert Michaels provided the Planning Board with a report and it was presented at the public meeting of the Planning Board on June 6, 2016. The Board concluded that the best option would be to have the property designated as "An Area in Need of Redevelopment". The Board sent an official request to the Township Committee to consider engaging the Township's redevelopment attorney and planner to prepare a study to determine whether it is an "Area in Need of Redevelopment" in accordance with the criteria specified in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (LRHL) at N.J.S.A. 4- A:12A-5. The Mayor, Planning Board Chairman, Director of Engineering and redevelopment attorney met on with the property owner's representatives and discussed the "Area in Need" designation option and development scenarios. They were very receptive to the idea and they advised us that they will discuss the process with the stakeholders and will meet with us again at the end of August. Another meeting was held with the owners and Township staff on and a draft proposal was presented for the Township to review. The proposal includes apartments, townhouses and a parking garage. The Township staff, our redevelopment attorney and redevelopment planner discussed the proposal via a conference call on Tuesday September 18, 2018 and a meeting was held on October 17, 2018 to discuss the revised proposal. The proposal/renderings produced were not adequate. Another meeting was held on Monday November 19, 2018 and new renderings were presented. The new proposal was very well received by everyone. A meeting was held with the mayor of Millburn, Mayor of Springfield and the Director of Engineering on Monday November 26, 2018 to discuss the proposal and the response from Millburn was very positive. the Township Committee passed a resolution on September 25, 2018 authorizing the Planning Board to determine whether all or a portion of certain Properties identified on the tax maps of the township as Block 101, lots 1, 34, 45 and 46 constitute a non-condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment. A public hearing was held by the Planning Board on December 18, 2018. The Planning Board recommended that the Study Area be declared a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law. As a result, the Township Committee adopted a resolution on December 18th after the Planning Board meeting making this designation official. An official application for this project is expected to be submitted and heard by the Planning Board late Spring of 2019.

HECHT FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Tips for Snow Shoveling

- · Give yourself plenty of time to shovel and do not rush yourself.
- Use a couple of layers of clothes to keep your muscles warm and flexible.
- · Warm-up! Stretch your arms, shoulders, legs and back before you begin.
- Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend at your knees to lift when shoveling. Let your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take regular breaks to alleviate the strain on your body.



SPRINGFIELD FIRST RESPONDERS TOUR AT&T'S GLOBAL NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER (GNOC)

On January 8, local representatives of Police, Fire, EMS & OEM organizations were given a tour of ATT's GNOC facility in Bedminster, NJ. From this massive facility, ATT monitors all its data & voice usage worldwide, looking for unusual network or voice activity to predict problems that may affect service or indicate a potential threat or hacking incident to the global network community. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, commented: "This was quite an impressive facility, it felt a little like entering an attraction at Universal Studios or Hollywood Studios! They had us assemble in a waiting area for a brief meet and greet, then we entered the "theater" through a pair of automatic doors revealing a small elevated seating area for about 40 people with a large video screen. After some brief videos and explanations, they raised a curtain revealing about 150 large TV screens displaying an unbelievable amount of network data. They followed this with a discussion of their new FIRSTNET system, designed exclusively for the use of first responders insuring reliable and secure communications in times of disasters." Firstnet specifications were designed by the government after studying communications problems that occurred during Nine Eleven and in subsequent major disasters. Reliable, secure communications allowing representatives of different organizations to communicate on a common channel were part of it's mandate. ATT won the bid and as of December 2017, had all 50 states sign on to participate. The system is beginning to be rolled out and promises many exciting features for first responders to insure reliable exchange of data and voice communications. Springfield is already participating in Firstnet and evaluating some of it features. ATT's Firstnet cellular system is a separate physical system form their consumer cellular systems, assuring First responders priority for their communications.

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DAYTON ICE HOCKEY ROUTS LACEY 9-3 FOR THIRD WIN IN A ROW

First-year head coach Brian P. Hayes and assistant coaches Jordan Fabi and Michael O'Brien have the Jonathan Dayton High School ice hockey team firing on all cylinders as the squad picked up its third victory in a row with a dominant 9-3 win over Lacey High School.

Dayton's scoring was led by Daniel Dorokhin (Senior, D), who tallied four goals on the night. Other leaders on the Dayton score sheet included Gary Mignone (Sophomore, LW -2 goals, 1 assist), Brenden Smith (Junior, RW – 1 goal, 2 assists), Team Captain J.T. Bokoske (Senior, C – 1 goal, 1 assist), Joe Triano (Junior, LW – 2 assists) and Victor Velazquez (Junior, C - 1 goal, 1 assist). Jeremy Greiss (Sophomore, RW), Antonio Nacci (Sophomore, RW), Giovanni Dersono (Freshman, D) and Daniel Aldenyi (Junior, LW) each added an assist. Standout goalie Nick Facchini (Junior, G) made 13 saves, and was supported by strong play from his defensemen, including Dorokhin, Dersono, Mark Cunningham (Sophomore, D) and Shayne Phelan (Junior, D). Other contributors for Dayton included Gabriel Dematos (Freshman, G), Antonio Famiglietti (Sophomore, F), Jordy Frei (Sophomore, F), Lucas Minio (Junior, RW), Jakub Pieuh (Junior, F), Harry Rachel (Sophomore, F), Zachary Silverstein (Freshman, F) and Giuseppe Wadowski (Freshman, F).

Dayton's win over Lacey came on the heels of two impressive, hard-fought victories over conference rivals West Orange and Newark East Side. The next games on Dayton's schedule before the holiday break are against Edison on December 12 and a rematch against Lacey on December 19.

WATCH OUT FOR FALLING TREES!



Dan Black of Ronald Terrace shared this photo of a tree falling in his backyard. Dan commented to the Patriot Times: "And now that the leaves are off the trees, this is a great time to go outside and check the condition of your trees. Look up into the tree's canopies and look for damaged and discolored limbs. This could be the beginning of decay. Most decay is caused by fungal or bacterial organisms. This causes loss of cell structure, loss of bark and loss of structure strength. This is where the problems begin. With winter winds and snow these damaged or dead limbs become airborne and cause major damage when they fall from heights of 75 to 100 feet and they fall at a speed of 32 feet per second/per second.

It is the responsibility of every homeowner to maintain their trees in sound condition and to remove dangerous, dead or damaged limbs. These photos show what happened in November on Ronald Terrace. A 27 foot dead oak branch fell 75 feet and landed in the middle of a trampoline, ripping the protective netting and bending two of the steel support structures. The weight of the cut logs was over 240 pounds. Thank heavens the three children that play on this trampoline several days a week were not on it when the branch fell. Residents should assess all their trees including neighboring ones that could potentially threaten the safety "

Robert Boettcher, Department of Public Works Supervisor commented: "Residents should assess all their trees including neighboring ones that could potentially threaten the safety of the public or impact their property. Please don't look the other way because of the cost factor involved. You should Orealize that the failure of any tree could far exceed the initial cost for being proactive. In light of EAB, Emerald Ash Borer, all residents, business owners and municipalities should be identifying their Ash trees in order to plan for the inevitable."

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY PRESENTS "LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS," A REVIEW OF THE EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 1969

Journalist, TV pundit, radio commentator and podcaster Evan Weiner will present "Looking Back 50 Years: the Exceptional Events of 1969" at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 11, in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library. Milestone events of 1969 include the landing of the first man on the moon, the introduction of the artificial heart, the Stonewall Riots marking the beginning of the modern gay rights movement, the Miracle Mets World Series victory, and the last public performance by the Beatles, as well as the introduction to the world of such classics as Sesame Street, Monty Python's Flying Circus, and Arpanet, the precursor to the Internet.

Even Weiner, recognized globally as an expert in the politics of the sports business, produces a daily podcast on that topic in addition to being a regular on television and radio in both the United States and the United Kingdom, including appearances on BBC Radio, MSNBC and ABC television, and The Guardian newspaper in the U.K. Weiner has also written six books and speaks in a variety of venues, including cruise ships, colleges, and libraries. More information about the speaker can be found at http://evanjweiner.wixsite.com/journalism-blog

This program is being offered to the public as the library's kickoff event in celebration of the opening of the library's current building at 66 Mountain Avenue on February 24, 1969. On this year's actual anniversary date, which happens to fall on a Sunday, the library will offer a celebration that includes a 2:00 PM performance by the Odessa Klezmer Band, accompanied by light refreshments.

Additional celebrations through the anniversary year will include screenings of some of 1969's classic film releases, including Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid at 7:00 PM on January 24. A schedule of additional films, including True Grit, Take the Money and Run, Hello Dolly, and Easy Rider will be announced at a later date. A schedule of book discussions of titles that were popular in 1969, including The Godfather, by Mario Puzo and Slaughterhouse Five, by Kurt Vonnegut will also be announced at a later date.

All of the above mentioned programs are free and open to all members of the general public.

SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DECEMBER BOARD MEETING



Business Improvement District annual holiday breakfast meeting at Baltusrol Country Club Celebrating the towns successes of 2018 and the bright future of Springfield for 2019

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.



TOWNSHIP CFO TO RETIRE

Township of Springfield's Chief Financial Officer Michael Quick has announced that he will be retiring from the position April 30th. A familiar face at Township meetings, Mr. Quick became the full time CFO succeeding the late Marie Sedlak in November 2008 and has served with distinction for the last 10 ½ years.

Prior to joining the Township, Mr. Quick, a CPA, worked as the CFO of automobile dealerships in both New York and Connecticut.

In his position as CFO, Mr. Quick's role was to maintain a positive cash flow to insure that the Township's finances remained sound. Over the

years he was very successful in that role. In addition, during his tenure, he took actions to bring the Township into the 21st Century in terms of technology, record keeping and efficiency.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Mr. Quick said "I want to thank all the of taxpayers, current and past members of the Township Committee, Department Heads, employees and retired employees for 10 ½ great years. It is all about teamwork. I could not have done it without you".

Mr. Quick is looking forward to retirement with his wife Theresa, two children and four grandchildren. He expects that some babysitting is in his future!

We at the Patriot Times want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Quick for his professionalism and accomplishments and wish him well as he now has the opportunity to spend more time with his family.



Springfield is having a Birthday!!! 225 Years Old! 1794-2019

ESTABLISHED APRIL 14. 1794

The Township will celebrate its 225th anniversary in 2019. A giant two-day celebration is planned for June 22 & 23 to coincide with the Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield and take advantage of better weather (we hope) than in mid-April. A committee has been formed but they need volunteers to make this event a reality. A Battle Re-enactment by the Brigade of the American Revolution and Encampment is planned, a Festival, Fireworks and a Parade. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact volunteer@225thspringfieldanniversary. com with your information.

Help is needed in planning the Parade, Festival and Merchandising.

DECEMBER 18, 2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mayor Richard Huber welcomed everyone to the last scheduled Township Committee meeting for the year. He thanked everyone for allowing him the honor and privilege of being the Mayor for 2018 and looks forward to continuing his work on the Committee in 2019

The meeting started with two presentations by the Mayor and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel.

The first was a certificate of appreciation and recognition of Jennifer Sherman for her work on completing the 2018 four-year revision of the Township's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). commented to the Patriot Times, "The EOP is a tremendous compilation of procedures for the town to follow during man made or natural disasters and every town in the State is required to have one. It is a comprehensive document involving all the emergency service departments of the Township. Seidel showed a printed copy of the EOP at the meeting which was over 2 inches thick. Jennifer had to work for many months with almost every department head to update all their information in a format acceptable to the County OEM and the New Jersey State Police. During the four years since the last revision, many procedures and policies had changed and needed to be incorporated into the document. The submission was approved as sent in, with no corrections, within a few weeks of submission. Jennifer did a great job in putting this all together. In addition to being a requirement of the NJSP, having an approved EOP allows the Township to be eligible for grants and other reimbursements that it would not be eligible for without an Approved and current EOP. Jennifer worked closely with OEM Deputy Coordinators Wally Schultz and Apu Mullick in compiling the document.'

The second certificate of appreciation was presented to Auxiliary Officer Sara Abraham for helping a resident during the snow storm on November 15 that brought the State to a halt. Seidel commented to the audience "Sara was on duty as an Auxiliary Officer that afternoon when a bus carrying seniors arrived back to the Chisholm Community Center from a trip to a casino in Pennsylvania. Due to the horrible traffic conditions statewide, the trip took hours to complete. When they returned, a 92-year-old resident was struck by a car in the parking lot and injured. Sara was right there helping others to their cars when she was called to the back parking lot. She saw a woman on the ground by a car. Sara called for assistance right way. She stayed on the scene with the woman until other first responders and police officers arrived to assist."

In addition to being a member of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Sara is the Treasurer for the New Jersey Veterans Network and she is deeply involved in day-today operations, organizing events and networking with people and businesses. Sara's dedication to NJVN is a result of her deep love for this country and the patriotism and sacrifices made by our veterans and first responders. Her commitment to NJVN is a way for her to help the vets and first responders who now more than ever need recognition and real support. She is also very active as a Committee Member of the Springfield Fall Festival since 2010 and the Chairperson of the Springfield Patriot's Day 5K Run. The New Jersey Veterans Network participates in this event which raises awareness and fundraising for veterans. Sara attended Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield and studied business at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City and Kean University in Union, NJ.

The Mayor then presented a plaque to Committee-

woman Diane Stampoulos for her service on the Township Committee. All the member of the committee then thanked both Diane and Maria Vassallo, who was sick and could not attend, for serving on the Committee

Former Mayor David Barnett commented during the

public portion and thanked the mayor, as well as both

outgoing committeewomen, Diane Stampolous and Maria Vassallo for their service to the Township. Matt Jessup, Township redevelopment Attorney discussed a resolution that was being passed that evening regarding the "Saks" property on Millburn Ave. He noted that Planner, Keenan Hughes, did a study that showed the property met the criteria for redevelopment. The site actually consists of 4 lots, each of which met at least one criteria for redevelopment. Earlier that evening the Planning Board heard testimony about the site and unanimously approved a resolution naming it as a "non-condemnation" area and moving it forward to the Township Committee for designation for redevelopment. The site met the criteria, which included noting the building as obsolete, unsafe, in disrepair and abandoned for 27 years. This type of single user building is obsolete and dilapidated and not suitable for its prior use. The Planning Board and Township's actions tonight were the first of a two-step process in redevelopment. The

At the conclusion of the meeting Committeeman Chris Capodice thanked Mayor Huber for his leadership as Mayor in 2018.

second step is to create a development plan for the

site. Preliminary plans noted it would be used for lux-

ury townhomes and apartments as well as some retail

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MULTI - CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

Wednesday January 30, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm



1085 Galloping Hill Rd. (corner of Salem Road) Union, NJ

uses



Register at gwaccnj.com \$40 pp includes food and plenty of networking. Cash Bar.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TURNS 50!



The Springfield Free Public Library will be celebrating 50 years at its current location at 66 Mountain Avenue on Sunday, February 24. As part of the celebration, the Odessa Klezmer Band will perform that day at 2:00 PM and light refreshments will be served. Throughout the year, a variety of celebratory events will be scheduled, including the screening of movies that were popular 50 years ago, including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Goodbye Columbus,' "True Grit," "Take the Money and Run," and "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." Throughout the year, the Library will also hold several book discussions of titles that were best sellers from 1969 (book titlesTBD).

To get the ball rolling, at 7:00 PM on February 11, the Library is offering a program, "Looking Back 50 Years," presented by Evan Wiener. That will set the stage for what was going on in the world and what people were talking about during the library building's inaugural year.

To tie in with the first man on the moon in 1969, there will be a special program--but you'll need to stay tuned to the Patriot Times for more information on that event.

Prior to being located at 66 Mountain, the Library was located at 30 Church Mall, the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER



(l to r) Mayor Erica DuBois, Acting Township Business Administrator and Police Chief John Cook, stepmother, Dina Krotin, Officer Yusupov and father Iosif Yusupov.

AT&T GLOBAL NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 6



(right to left) Springfield First Responders OEM Deputy Coordinator Apu Mullick, Fire Captains Michael Mastroeni and Marc Corea and Springfield FAS Chief Fahad Sheikh







Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

I would first like to wish all of the readers of the Springfield Patriot Times a happy, healthy, and safe New Year

Unfortunately, the Police Department continues to see an increase in fraudulent criminal activity targeting the public. While these scams may unfold in different ways, the end result is always the same – the perpetrators defraud the victims of their money. Luckily, many financial institutions will rectify fraudulent transactions, but full resolution of these situations can turn in to major hassles for victims. Thieves may attempt to use their victim's breached personal information to open unauthorized accounts or make fraudulent purchases for a long time after the initial fraud is detected.

One type of fraud that has been occurring more frequently involves criminals utilizing their victims' stolen identities to open cellular phone accounts, then fraudulently purchasing high-end cellular phones and tablets through the accounts. These accounts are often created on the internet, and the phones and tablets are shipped to the victims' actual addresses. The criminals will closely watch the tracking information for the packages, and attempt to intercept the deliveries before the victims are able to retrieve the packages. In some cases, the criminals will fabricate false ID cards, displaying their photo along with the victim's personal information, and ask the delivery drivers to hand the packages over directly to them. Often times, if the criminals are successful in intercepting the packages, the victim will have no idea this type of fraud took place until they receive notification from a collections service or run a credit check. Luckily, most of the large mail and parcel services are now aware of these types of scams, and their employees are on the lookout for vehicles following them through their routes. However, some companies utilize smaller delivery operations, or subcontract their deliveries to smaller companies during times of high volume. Residents and business owners should be aware of any suspicious vehicles which are parked and occupied for extended periods during times when their mail or other packages are normally delivered, and contact the police department. It is a good idea to periodically run your credit report to verify your open accounts and check for any unauthorized activity. Many banks and credit card companies offer this to their clients free of charge, but if yours doesn't, don't worry -- everyone is entitled to one free copy of their credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies (https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/get-my-free-credit-report).

Another scam that has gained popularity recently involves individuals posing as social security agents who contact potential victims via telephone and falsely report that their social security numbers have been compromised. People that fall victim to these scams not only breach their personal information by providing it directly to these scammers over the phone, they are also defrauded out of thousands of dollars as the scammers direct them to purchase gift cards, bitcoin, or other electronic currency for payment of "fees" to resolve their accounts. Scammers will threaten their victims that US Marshalls or other law enforcement officials will show up at their residence and arrest them if the payments are not made within a certain time frame. According to the Social Security Administration, you will always receive prior notification by mail or telephone before a personal visit is made by one of their agents. You can call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to verify the identity of the Social Security employee who has contacted you.

Very few instances exist in which you may have to provide confidential personal information over the phone, text message, or email. You should take every precaution to safeguard your social security number, bank account numbers, credit/debit card numbers, and other personal identifying information. If something doesn't seem quite right, you should initiate contact with the company or agency directly by looking up the telephone numbers yourself, to verify the situation.

If you feel you may have fallen victim to one of these scams, contact the Police Department for assistance and for more information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 18

Photos by Jesse Broome



Jennifer Sherman, Mayor Huber, and OEM Cooridnator Scott Seidel



Auxiliary Officer Sara Abraham, Mayor Huber, and OEM Cooridnator Scott Seidel



Mayor Huber and Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos



Matt Jessup, Redevelopment Attorney



SPRINGFIELD ROTARY'S RISE AGAINST HUNGER







It takes a village! Almost 200 residents turned out on Thursday night December 13th at the Chisholm Community Center to help create and pack over 50,000 Meals! Early in the afternoon members of the Springfield Rotary set up their assembly line and around 6 pm everyone assembled to help out. Guided by Nick DiMare, the Assistant Community Engagement Manager for Rise Against Hunger, the group started sorting, filling, bagging, sealing and packing 50,112 meals. One package feeds a family of six people,. Thirty-six packages go into each box. This surpassed last years record of 30,000 meals in an evening. According to Mel Kevoe of the Rotary, meals are sent primarily overseas, but 20% are retained stateside for emergencies in this country. Nick DiMare remarked that this past summer he visited Africa and was able to see the end result and the difference these meals made in peoples lives.













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Winter Sports Programs

Springfield Recreation Dept

All programs take place at Chisholm Community Center

Class Name	Day	Date	Time	Age	Price
Multi Sports Camp	Mon	1/21/2019 to 2/18/2019	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	5 - 11	\$54
Multi Sports Camp	Mon	1/21/2019 to 2/18/2019	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	5 - 11	\$54

WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES					
Class Name	Day	Date	Time	Age	Price
Senior Soccer Squirts	Sat	1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	5 - 6	\$154
Soccer Squirts	Sat	1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	3 - 5	\$154
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts	Sat	1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	2 - 3	\$154

MULTI SPORTS CAMP: Try a variety of sports at USSI's flagship Multi Sports Camp Learn to play sports like soccer, hockey, disc golf, handball & more

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Try a new sport in each session of the program including lacrosse, soccer, basketball, t-ball, track & field, hockey, and flag football

PARENT & ME MULTI SPORTS: Try out a variety of sports with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! Sports covered include soccer, lacrosse, t-ball, & more,

Community Parent & Group Discount Progran

Want to go to class for free?

USsportsInstitute.com (866) 345-BALL

Golf Classes

at Chisholm Community Center Gym



TGA brings the golf course to you, making it convenient and affordable to learn and play golf in a fun and safe environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop golf skills and knowledge, while using the sport to teach valuable life lessons like honesty and sportsmanship.

For more info contact: Nick Meltzer at (732) 835-8TGA or nmeltzer@playtga.com











(O) Instagram.com/TGAPremierSports



Sign Up Today: https://unioncounty.playtga.com/



GOLF CLASS DETAILS

Dates: 1/15/2019 - 3/5/2019

Day: Tuesdays

Facebook.com/TGAPremierSports

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Cost: \$160.00/8 weeks

Who: All kids ages 6-11

Sports Change Lives!

Kiddies Kaleidoscope Quality Enrichment Classes

ALL NEW! 2019 WINTER SESSION

Space is limited - sign up early!

The Science Exploration Class

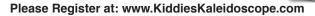
QUALITY enrichment is back by popular demand for our future scientists! Brand new classes fostering curiosity, exploration and experimentation. Your child will have a blast experiencing age-appropriate scientific concepts while using real child-friendly science tools with a focus on S.T.E.A.M. Projects/Experiments such as:

Chemistry
 S.T.E.A.M. Car Challenge

• Crystals/Gems • Human Body

Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield







- **♦** Pool Camp Group Leader **♦** Pool Camp Counselor
- **♦** Chisholm Playground Camp Group Leader
- **♦** Chisholm Playground Camp Counselor **♦** Substitute Counselor
- · All new staff members must be at least 15 years old by Saturday, May 18th.
- · Lifeguards must have a current lifeguard certification by the start of the pool season.
- Pool season is Saturday, May 25th, to Monday, September 2nd.
- Summer pool hours are weekdays 12:00-8:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Presummer weekend, holiday, and special event hours vary.
- Pool Camp is weekdays 8:30 am-4:30 pm, from Wednesday, June 26th- Friday, August 16th. Extended weeks are August 19th-30th. There is no camp on Thursday, July 4th.
- Chisholm Playground Camp is weekdays 8:30 am-12:30 pm, from
- Wednesday, June 26th- Friday, August 16th. There is no camp on Thursday, July 4th.
- · All staff members are paid hourly only for the hours they work, other than designated paid time off.
- All camp staff members must be available to work the entire initial 8 week session. Do not schedule vacations or other extended leaves during this period.
- Attendance at a pre-summer staff orientation is mandatory.
- · First Aid/CPR/AED training may be required of certain staff members.
- · Working papers are required for all staff members under 18 years old.
- Criminal background checks are required for staff members 18 years old or older.

Please visit the following website to complete the required online application: http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment

You may be contacted for an in-person interview in the spring. The online application deadline is Friday, March 1st.

GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2019

Grades K-9 Open to Students in Springfield Schools

T-Ball League for Kindergartners

Instructional League Grades 1-2* Lower League Grades 3-5* *Joint League with Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, and New Providence **Upper League Grades 6-9**** **9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball

Two Fees

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Deadline

Friday, March 1st — After, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team

What's Included

Uniform to keep (shirt, pants); medals for K-2nd graders; loaned equipment (helmet, catcher's gear,

LKKKKARET,

Cleats; end-of-season picnic at pool (separate registration required); summer and fall

Registration in Spring softball league and minimum attendance required for tryouts

Ouestions?

Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study What:

supervised by Recreation Dept. staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm

Handbook, registration form, photo ID How: **Contact:** (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

Cost:

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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



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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, January 14 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm Tuesday, January 15 - Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, January 16 - Bus trip to Koki Buffet @ 11:30 am (RSVP) Friday, January 18 - Stretch & Meditation @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Tuesday, January 22 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Wednesday, January 23 - Bus trip to Garwood Lanes @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Friday, January 25 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, January 28 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, January 29 - Toning & Weights @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

Thursday, January 31 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

Friday, February 1 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, February 4 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, February 5 - Forever Fit @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, February 6 - Bus trip to Central Farmer's Market @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Friday, February 8 - Cards @ 1:00 pm Monday, February 11 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, February 12 - Cards @ 11:30 AM

Wednesday, February 13 - Bus trip to Trader Joe's @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Thursday, February 14 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Friday, February 15 - Shape UP @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

SWEET SAMANTHA 6 WEEKS BAKING AND DECORATING CLASS

AGES 8-16 Join Samantha for 6 weeks of Baking

Sweet Samantha Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes and Decorating Fun! All supplies included. Class will take place at the Springfield Chisholm Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

\$195 Per Session - Tuesday OR Thursday options available for sign up - Class will run 6-7:30pm. All Classes will begin the week of Jan 29th and will run consecutive 6 weeks. Contact Samantha

Tuesday Classes: 1/29, 2/5,

2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

Thursday Classes 1/31, 2/7,

2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7

* In the event of snow/ice

class will be canceled and

rescheduled.

to register samilynn9@aol.com

WEEK 1: Star Wars Cupcakes! - May the force be with you! Step by step we will be making a set of 4 amazing movie themed cupcakes! WEEK 2: Chocolate YUM! - Baking Chocolate Fudge pie, chocolate meringue cookies, Chocolate cupcakes dipped in ganache and chocolate truffles!

WEEK 3: Dogie Cake! Working with Fondant, each student will decorate this adorable puppy

WEEK 4: Chocolate Chip: Chocolate chip themed cookies, fudge, cupcake frosting and evenchocolate chip cake!!

WEEK 5: M&M Cookies! Make a red, green, orange, yellow and blue of these adorable characters!

WEEK 6: DONUTS! We will be making quick donuts including glazed, cinnamon and sugar mini bites, baked chocolate holes and powdered sugar!



WINTER CONDITIONING

Winter 2019 • Grades 2-8

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

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for children and athletes. Winter Conditioning - coached by Mike Czech - demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to Springfield residents and children who attend a Springfield school in grades 2-8. Minimum enrollment is required. No refunds are provided after the first date of each session.

Chisholm Community Center, 2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Dav: Fridav

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2: January 25th-March 8th (no class on February 15th)

Cost: \$70 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: Professional coaching instruction, apparel item

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee)

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227 or daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

2019

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents. **Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from September 2018 to August 2019** from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE



Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

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



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SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE

P.O. BOX 444, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 SPRING 2019 REGISTRATION*

We have a new Website for Registration and all communications
SPRINGFIELD BASEBALL will continue to play with MOUNTAINSIDE and KENILWORTH.
GAMES AGAINST MOUNTAINSIDE and KENILWORTH WILL TYPICALLY TAKE PLACE DURING
THE WEEK ALLOWING FOR SPRING TRAVEL LEAGUES TO TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKENDS.
MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

DIVISIONS:	GRADES:
A & AA LEAGUES (Clinics)	Pre-K (age 4 as of 5/1/2019) & Kindergarten
AAA LEAGUE	1st & 2nd Grade
MINOR LEAGUE	3rd & 4th Grade
MAJOR LEAGUE	5th & 6th Grade
PONY LEAGUE	7th & 8th Grade

PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:

- Pre-Season Clinics will be held for all players, 3rd grade and older (dates TBD). To ensure
 competitive and balanced teams are created, all players must attend at least one of
 these free training sessions for skill assessment. Check our website regularly for updates.
- The SNJBL Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players to appropriate divisions to address player welfare and competitive balance.

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION COMPLETED AND PAYMENT RECEIVED BY:	ALL LEAGUES
JANUARY 15, 2019	\$125 (EARLY BIRD FEE!)
MARCH 1, 2019	\$150
AFTER MARCH 1, 2019	\$175 (Requires board approval and subject to available roster positions)

Pool Party Room Rental Available for Springfield and out-of-town residents and businesses. Fees vary from \$200-\$500.

Call to learn about serving



beer and wine!

Call Recreation Department (973) 912-2227



Party room and kitchen available at the Chisholm Community Center for your next event. Cost to Springfield residents is only \$200 for up to four hours.

SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS



Members of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club danced the afternoon away at their annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 11, at The Westwood in Garwood. The event attracted over 100 people and featured door prizes, basket auction, lunch and dessert, and DJ music and dancing by James Patania.

Senior Citizen Bus Trip

Resorts Atlantic City

Casino, Restaurants, Boardwalk WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am Bus will depart from Resorts at approximately 5:00 pm



Payment is due by Monday, March 18, 2019 Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, breakfast treat, and \$25 slot play (photo ID required)

Questions: Springfield Recreation Department, (973) 912-2227
Or Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, at amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us
Please note, transportation to your residency is not available when the bus returns to Chisholm.

CO-ED LACROSSE CLINICS



Spring 2019 · Pre-K, K, & 1st Grades

Interested in trying a new sport?

Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's Spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield students in Pre-K through 1st grades. No equipment required.

Six Sunday sessions from April 7th to May 12th @ 10:30-11:30 am, at Chisholm Park. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule.

No refunds are provided after April 4th.

Fee: \$70 Payable to Township of Springfield. Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield. (\$0 processing fee)

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

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm (973) 912-2227 www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS BEGIN



Over 150 children in Pre-K through 2nd grade participated in opening day of the Springfield Recreation Department basketball clinics on Sunday, January 6th, at Florence Gaudineer Middle School. The series of seven winter clinics are taught by David Steinman and several assistant coaches. Special thanks to season sponsors Springfield Basketball Association, ShopRite of Springfield, Springfield Orthodontics, Andrew H. Graulich Esq., Smilow Family Dentistry, Springfield F.M.B.A. Local #57, Primo Hoagies, McNany Charitable Foundation Inc., Capital Motor Cars, and Glendale Pizzeria & Ristorante.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 973-376-4930

Check Library website for
MGG schedule:www.sfplnj.org
----- REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS --Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Library will close at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve and will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day.

The Library will close at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 31st, New Year's Eve and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, New Year's Day.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Day!: Saturdays in January. Drop in.

Mother Goose Group at 10:30 Selected Days: Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Caregiver. Tuesday January 15, Thursday January 17, Wednesday January 23, Friday January 25, Saturday January 26, Tuesday January 29, Thursday January 31.

Preschool Power!: Pre-school storytime for children ages 3-5 at 4:15 pm. **Monday January 28.**

Family Craft: Wednesday January 16th, Thursday January 24th, Wednesday January 30th. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Bingo: Tuesday January 29 at 4:00 pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teens

Creative Writing Club

Thursday, January 24 at 3:00 pm

Open to Grades 7-9. Members are expected to complete assignments outside of club meetings, during their own time. If interested, please speak to Ms. Alice, the Teen Librarian, about joining.

3D Pen Art

Tuesday, January 15 at 3:00 pm

Grades 5+ are invited to use the library's 3D pens. Create a 2D design or challenge yourself with a 3D structure. Registration is not required, but space is limited and determined on a first come, first served basis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 7 – February 8

Art Show: Photography by Larry Kerner.

Monday, January 14, 7:00 pm

"Imagine the Possibilities" - anti-bullying program for teens and parents.

Sunday, February 10, 2:00 pm Harlem Renaissance Jazz Trio concert.

Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm "1969: Looking Back at 50 years" – program dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Library building.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, January 17, 10:00 am Great Books: "Agamemnon" by Aeschylus.

Thursdays, January 24 & February 14 Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "The Miniaturist: a Novel" by Jessie Burton.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with developmental disabilities.

FILMS

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 pm Retro Film: "Butch Cassidy and a Sundance Kid" (1969).

Monday January 28, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018).

Monday, February 11, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Adrift" (2018). Starring Shailene Woodley & Sam Claflin".

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club. Every Tuesday Afternoon Mahjong Club. 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club. Every first Saturday of the month, 11:30 am Needle Crafts and Fiber Arts.

INSTRUCTION

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

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

SPRINGFIELD GIRL SCOUT CAITLYNN MCTERNAN PARTNERS WITH LIBRARY TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES; PROJECT ROLL OUT AND DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Springfield resident Caitlynn McTernan, a member of Girl Scout Troup 40-739 and Gold Award candidate, has partnered with the Springfield Free Public Library to make assistive technology for people with learning disabilities more available to members of the general public. During the project roll out which is scheduled to take place in the library's Palmer Museum from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on Sunday, January 27, Ms. McTernan will demonstrate a variety of apps, including SnapType, ModMath, Co-Writer, Voice Dream/Reader/Writer and Photomath. Resources available also include such non-digital tools as whisper phones, pencil weights and grips, a slant board and other handwriting aids. Both the digital and non-digital aids may prove helpful for people with a wide range of learning disabilities including dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, Central Auditory Processing Disorder, and ADHD/ADD. Ms. Mc-Ternan's goal for this project is to provide a way for people with learning disabilities to see which assistive technologies work best for them before going out and making expensive purchases.

Through fundraising efforts which included generous donations from both the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield Lions Club, Ms. McTernan was able to purchase two iPads which were loaded with the assistive

apps which may be checked out for a two week period by adult Springfield residents who hold a valid library card with the Springfield Free Public Library. When checked out from the library, the iPads will also include instruction manuals prepared by Ms. McTernan.

In addition to the donations received from local service organizations, Ms. McTernan raised approximately \$225 from a bake sale that she conducted. She also received gift card donations from family members and from some of her teachers at Jonathan Dayton High School, plus additional apps in the form of access codes and free subscriptions from several software developers, for a total value of about \$1,500.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is an 80-hour individual community service project that is similar in scope to the Eagle Scout award of the Boy Scouts. It is the highest award that is offered by the Girl Scouts and is earned by only about 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts nationwide. Ms. McTernan has participated in Girl Scouting for the past 14 years and her current troop leaders are Cristi Knee and Simone Miller. Ms. Knee also serves as Ms. McTernan's troop advisor for this project while Springfield Free Public Library Director Dale Spindel is the project advisor.

The roll out of the assistive technology devices on January 27 is open to all members of the general public and light refreshments will be served.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS THE MINIATURIST: A NOVEL BY JESSIE BURTON

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, February 7th at 7 pm to discuss The Miniaturist: A Novel by Jessie Burton. This debut novel is set in seventeenth century Amsterdam—a city ruled by glittering wealth and oppressive religion. Eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives to begin her new life as the wife of merchant trader Johannes Brandt. Her new home is not welcoming and her husband is distant and usually absent. However, he presents her with a cabinet-sized replica of their home as a wedding gift. Nella hires a miniaturist to furnish it and her creations mirror their real-life counterparts in strange and unexpected ways. The author was inspired to write the novel after seeing the real Petronella Oortman's 1686 cabinet house (made to the exact scale of her own home) at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

Discussions take place at 7 pm in the Staff Room. Refreshments are served. New members are welcome. To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: questions@sfplnj.org.



The entire Springfield Jewish community celebrated Chanukah together Saturday night, December 8, 2018, at Temple Sha'arey Shalom with the support of Rabbi Mindy Blesofsky of Chabad, Rabbi Renee Edelman of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, and Rabbi Chaim Marcus of Congregation Israel. Children enjoyed the magician, face painting, candle making, and cookie and donut decorating. They made Shabbat boxes to donate to the Friendship Circle. Money was raised to send to the Jewish Federation Pittsburgh Relief Fund.



GIVE YOUR HEATER SOME SPACE

Space heaters are a great way to warm up a cold room or provide supplemental heat to your home. But while convenient, they are also a leading cause of home fires during the winter months. If you're going to use a space heater, here are a few tips to make sure you stay extra warm – and safe. * **Do's**

- Use only equipment that is made for home heating. Use all types of heaters carefully and follow all directions for safe use.
- Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized laboratory. These heaters have the most up-to-date safety features. Older space heaters may not meet newer safety standards.
- Place the heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor.
- Make sure space heaters are at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture and other flammable materials.
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- Utilize a carbon monoxide detector.

Don'ts

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep.
- Don't place a space heater close to any sleeping person, bedding, furniture, drapes or other flammable materials.
- Never use gasoline in a kerosene space heater, as even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.
- Never use your oven, grill or clothes dryer to heat your home. This could cause a fire or dangerous carbon monoxide gas, which produces deadly, odorless, colorless fumes.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Need You!

For almost 50 years, the Springfield Auxiliary Police have served as an immediately available source of manpower to augment the services of the Springfield Police Department during Emergencies.

For more information and an application, visit Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at

www.Springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388

SFAS STATS FOR THE YEAR 2018

- 1) In 2018 The SFAS responded to 1,988 Emergency Calls.
- 2) In March of 2018, after seeing a continued rise in call volume and continued growth in the town over the last few years, the SFAS added a second staffed ambulance during the daytime hours to meet the increased demand as well as the anticipated continued forthcoming growth. This better serves the town with 2 ambulances immediately available during peak hours, and a third ambulance can be staffed by paging out for off duty personnel as well.
- 3) 18 new volunteers joined in 2018. Nine of the new eighteen volunteers have already become New Jersey State Certified EMTs
- 4) We now have 65 EMTs staffing our ambulances 24/7, and are always looking for more Springfield residents who want to volunteer and make a difference in their lives and lives of their families, friends and neighbors.

For more info on joining the Springfield First Aid Squad please call 973-908-8367 Ext. 2 or e-mail Membership@SpringfieldFAS.org

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LAST NAME

DATE BEGINNING WITH TIMES

 January 15, 2019 Tuesday
 A-G
 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

 January 16, 2019 Wednesday
 H-O
 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

 January 17, 2019 Thursday
 P-Z
 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents will need to call the school at 973-376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session. To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before October 1, 2019. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before October 1, 2019. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- Child's Proof of Age (ex: original Birth Certificate or Passport)
- Current Immunization Records
- 4 Proofs of Residency (originals and a set of copies)

Tax Bill or Lease

Current Utility bills, bank statement, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at http://www.sprngfieldschools.com/evw.

The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DECEMBER MEETING



Springfield Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Mike Scalera, Coach Shari, Chamber Secretary Tracy Geyer and Springfield Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Scott Seidel

At the December 20th Springfield Chamber of Commerce meeting held at Sofia's Restaurant, the featured sponsor was Coach Shari of *Coach Shari, New Habits, New Life, Wellness Coach* of Springfield. Her office is located at 535 Morris Ave. Suite 6 in Springfield. Coach Shari presented a brief synopsis of her business to the Chamber Members:

Why did I become a Nutrition and Wellness Coach instead of winding down to plan retirement? I have enjoyed a fun and successful career with over 20 years in Visual Communications or Videoconferencing, followed by the beginning of work in Cybersecurity. While excited and learning about this new industry, working for a very nice company, my health started to decline. At first I attributed it to age saying that it's okay if I only walk 3 miles instead of 4...the problem was that I was slowly going downhill. Getting more and more tired with each business trip. I knew something was wrong, until between July and November of 2013 I had gotten to the point where I was really too tired to drive and could barely put a sentence together.

After 5 months and 7 doctors I finally received a diagnosis and the root cause of all of the symptoms: Lyme Disease and Babesia. I knew at the time that there would be blessings in the experience and that my vision of wellness would without a doubt be realized. I held to this vision each and every day as I worked to find the right team of practitioners to help including nutritionists, physical trainers, doctors, massage therapists, chiropractors, etc.

I felt so alone, even though I am married to the most wonderful man. I didn't want to talk to friends or family about my illness because I didn't want to give it power. One day I mentioned that I felt alone to my Lyme Doctor. She asked if I wanted to see a therapist. NO! I thought to myself, what would they know about Lyme Disease. Now I wish there was a Health Coach who conquered Lyme that would understand how to help me achieve wellness. Not from a medical perspective, but from the perspective of putting all of the pieces together: Coach Shari can be reached at (973) 218-6538 or https:// coach shari.com/wellness-coaching/



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On December 4, the pre-K class of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, Pre-School were dressed as Maccabees for the Hannukah party. The four year olds told the Hannukah story to the entire school and their parents. Pictured are: Rupin Nair, Brady Mongon, Jordyn Zucker, Giovanni Cocuzza, Antonia Šosa, Rayyan Shanawani, Cami Goldfarb, Mia Hand, Emmanuel Harper.

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM, SPRINGFIELD, HELPS THE NEEDY THROUGH BRIDGES, INC.



More than 25 adults and children of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, gathered on Saturday, January 5, to pack lunches for Bridges Outreach, Inc. Two local Girl Scout troops also participated. The group made 100 lunches for distribution in Irvington. Bridges reaches out to help the homeless in New York City, Newark, Irvington and Summit New Jersey every week. Temple Sha'arey Shalom has been supporting Bridges for many years.

DOG & CAT REGISTRATION/RENEWALS ARE **DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2019**

YOU MAY STOP IN AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, OR BY MAIL, ADDRESSED TO: TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD - Attention: Kristin Ragland 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

\$10.00 - spayed/neutered dog or cat (proof required)

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

FAILURE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE WILL RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS AND FINE. (CHAPTER V SECTION 5-12)

*** NO DOG/CAT LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION. ***

PLEASE CALL IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR DOG OR CAT 973-912-2285



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BE PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS!

Make sure you are signed up for Union County First Alert. You'll be in the know for local emergencies and disasters.

The County of Union and the Township use the UC First Alert Network to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency. The UC First Alert Network delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices: email account (work, home, other), cell phone (via SMS), pager, smart phone/PDA (BlackBerry, Treo & and other handhelds)

The Union County First Alert Network is administered by The County of Union, Office of Emergency Management. To register or for more information, please go to this link: https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736726316 #/login or simply go the the Township's website, www.springfield-nj,us and use the orange pull down tabs on the right side of the page--it's the second to last

Here is a good link to FEMA's website for helpful winter storm information as well: https://www.disasterassistance.gov/information/disaster-types/winter-

WINTER STORM

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems or turn fatal if you stay exposed for too long. These resources can help you learn how to stay safe and respond to a winter storm or extreme cold.

WINTER WEATHER

Learn how to deal with extreme cold and its health hazards. Get winter weather checklists and learn how to prepare your home and car for winter emergencies. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

SNOWSTORMS & EXTREME COLD

Learn the terms for winter weather conditions and how you can plan for a storm. Learn what you should do during a winter storm or extreme cold. Like what to do if you're stranded in a car. You can also learn how to find a shelter if you lose power or heat and have no way to stay warm overnight. (Ready.gov).

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Read about the coming winter weather outlook, get forecasts and warnings, and learn about winter storm preparedness. There's also a link to help you find weather awareness safety events in your state. (National Weather Service).

WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS

Learn how to prepare for a winter storm and get tips on how to stay safe during a storm. You can also learn about carbon monoxide, frostbite, and hypothermia hazards. (American Red Cross).

