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SPRINGFIELD FAMILY IN NEED OF H.O.P.E.

By Scott Seidel & Dr. Gary Hecht



(l to r) Springfield HOPE Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht, Catherine Coleman, Maryanne Coleman and her husband Hal Coleman

Last month, we received an email from a resident who regularly submits articles to us. It was a short email which directed us to a "go fund me" website for a family in town that needed help. Springfield HOPE operates anonymously and never discloses the names of the people we help. This case would be different as there is a public website with the family's story available to anyone online. Our job here is to get the word out so that we all can help.

After reviewing the website we found a story describing a family in tremendous need. Unfortunately in this day and age, stories about people who seek help and really didn't need it. As

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH CANDIDATES FORUM OCTOBER 29, 2015

The Annual Springfield Hadassah Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and presented by Springfield Hadassah, will take place in the Museum Room of the Springfield Public Library on October 29 at 11:00 am. The program will be moderated by Dr. Gary Hecht.

Four candidates will be competing for the two open seats for three-year terms on the Springfield Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski and Erica DuBois are the Democratic candidates and Diane Stampoulous and Maria Vassallo are the Republican candidates.

Attendees are urged to come with short, non personal, pertinent questions for both candidates. Questions can be written beforehand or at the meeting, on question blanks that will be supplied along with pens. Questions will then be submitted to the event coordinator.

A light lunch will follow. Non Hadassah members who plan to attend are urged to contact Lorraine S. Seidel at lorraineseidel@gmail.com or 973-376-5067 so as to assure adequate seating and refreshments.

Trustees of a nonprofit, Springfield HOPE, we want to help, but we also have a duty to "vett" the story, a sometimes awkward, intrusive, and upsetting process to all involved.

Scott Seidel contacted the family and arranged to meet them at a diner in Town, together with Dr. Hecht, to review their documents and bills and hear their story first hand.

We sat down for a short 1-hour meeting with the Coleman Family, Hal and Maryanne and one their daughters, Catherine. Their other daughter Rose was in school. Hal handed me a small piece of paper with the words "Glioblastoma Multiforme Stage 4" written on it.

He said he never heard of this before July 15, 2015, the date his Wife, Maryanne, was diagnosed. He told us about the disease and what led up to the diagnosis.

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SMILOW FAMILY DENTISTRY GRAND OPENING



First row going from left to right: Elliot Merkin, Ziad Shehady, Levi Yitzhak Smilow, Miryam Smilow, Yedidya Smilow, Dr. Josh Smilow, Eytan Smilow, Mayor David Barnett, Mike Scalera

Second row: Judy Smilow, Sandra Cardoso, Christina Malloy, Linda Bezak, Rabbi Chaim Marcus

Third row: Alvin Smilow, Fred Bierman, Linda Rogalski, Sue Makoc, Dr. Walt Makoc, Natalie Lichtman, Bob Lichtman

Special thanks to Mark Hopson for the wonderful photo

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SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES NEW SENIOR CITIZEN BUS FROM INVESTORS BANK



(r to l) Mayor David Barnett; Investors President and CEO, Kevin Cummings; Township Administrator, Edward Fanning; Deputy Mayor, Margaret Bandrowski; Investors VP/Market Manager, Roza Teneva; Investors Commercial Business Development Officer, Brian Turano; Investors Branch Manager, Edwin Rosa; Investors Branch Manager, Marie Maguire; Deputy Township Clerk, Maryellen Brennan

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that everyone is settling into fall well. For my Mayor's message this month, I want to share a part of Springfield with you that is not often seen but is so important to our town that it cannot be overlooked. I am referring to our Office of Emergency Management (OEM). As Hurricane Joaquin formed in the Bahamas and we were unsure of its path, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the level of preparedness and dedication of this part of our government.

Three years ago, just before I was elected to the Township Committee, Springfield was hit by Superstorm Sandy. We learned quite a lot from that event and since then have been taking precautions to better respond to similar emergencies in the future. Among these initiatives has been the installation of

a 5,000-gallon fuel tank at the Fire House. This will keep our fuel supply self-sufficient so we do not have to rely on outside sources to run key municipal generators across town.

We installed generator transfer switches on each of the Township-owned traffic lights. We now have a "quick disconnect" system for hooking up a generator at each of these lights to run them in the event of a long term power failure. This also frees up critical personnel so officers do not have to stand at non-functioning traffic lights and direct traffic.

Also among many other precautions we have taken has been the purchase of a cargo trailer to store barricades, road cones, generators, and other emergency supplies so we can easily deploy resources. We've recruited CERT Team members to assist in emergencies. We now have two inflatable boats equipped with emergency equipment. The Police Department has acquired two military Humvees for the Township which will be useful to negotiate high flood waters to rescue stranded people in high water situations.

Finally, our OEM staff is preparing an "Emergency Guidebook" for Springfield residents. They plan to have it done within a few months. We certainly hope that Springfield never encounters another storm like Irene or Sandy. However, if we do, we are more prepared than ever and I thank all the people at OEM as well as our Police, Fire, and First Aid Squads for their dedication to keeping Springfield safe. If you want to volunteer and join Emergency Management, please call 973-467-3388 or 973-376-1058.

On a related note, last month I attended a meeting of the Mayor's Council on Rahway River Flood Mitigation. As you know, I've been actively involved in this group. The group is working with the Army Corps of Engineers on a project that will reduce the water level of the Rahway River during storms. We are already beginning to see the benefits of these efforts as prior to Joaquin, plans were being made to lower the level of the Orange reservoir so it would hold more water if the storm hit.

Lastly, I will be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss Downtown Redevelopment on Tuesday October 27 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building. These events have been very well attended in the past and I hope that you can join me. Our regular Township Committee meeting will follow. I urge you to attend town hall meetings and bring your input to help us make the best decisions for our community. The Township Committee meets in regular session at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Municipal Building. The Committee's regular Tuesday meetings are televised (you can find the link at the municipal website: <http://springfield-nj.us/>).

Have ideas? I'm always interested in hearing from you. Email me at david.barnett@springfield-nj.us so I can share your ideas with the Township Committee.

Your Mayor

David Barnett

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 pm at Town Hall

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 pm at Town Hall

Work Session Meeting, Monday, November 9, 7:30 pm

Fire Department

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 pm at Town Hall

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 pm at Town Hall

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 the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

MADISON HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2015 SPRINGFIELD FLU CLINICS

THURS. OCT 15	10:00-11:00am	SPRINGFIELD SENIOR HOUSING
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MON. OCT 19	6:00 - 7:30pm	CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER
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Availability are dependent on flu vaccine delivery as expected. Arrangements for vaccination of those younger than 18 years of age should be made prior to the clinic date in order for appropriate vaccine to be available. Questions or additional information may be directed to Marlene Dolan, Nursing Supervisor, at 973-593-3079 x9 or dolanm@rosenet.org

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Art Talks LLC
Diane Quiroga, MA, LPC, ATR-BC
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Diane is a Professional Counselor, Board Certified Art Therapist, as well as a Mental Health Consultant, specializing in children and adolescents, early childhood, special needs. Her approach is truly based on her belief that every person is unique, and therefore, has individual needs. It's important to find the best fit when it comes to therapeutic support, and she affirms that art therapy provides a method of communication and expression when words simply cannot. Her therapeutic approach is child-centered and is practiced on building a trusting relationship as well as creating a safe environment in which the child can express and create freely. The art therapy process presents the opportunity to grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and developmentally. Please visit www.ArtTalksLLC.com for more information.



PRIMO HOAGIES
200 U.S. Route 22 - 973-467-1001

Hot or cold...these hoagies rock! Springfield's newest eatery features old-fashioned "philly-style" hoagies in so many options you'll want to come back and try them all! From the classic Italian to tuna, chicken outlets and more...it's total yum between great bread (or in a bowl or wrap if you like). Don't forget to sign up for their rewards program!

KRIS' FAMILY BARBERSHOP
248 Morris Ave - 973-564-8055

It doesn't get any more "family" than this wonderful barbershop that has been serving the community for over 12 years! Come in, relax and get to know them...because they will certainly want to get to know you! A modern take on an old-fashioned barbershop...their services include cuts, buzzes, shaves, trims, color and more.



MUSCLE MAKER GRILL
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TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

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Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces this year for another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run from Monday, November 2 through Friday, December 18, 2015.

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

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



While walking down the Boardwalk with her parents on September 14, Alessia Perez de Alejo, 7, of Springfield met the newly-crowned Miss America 2016, Betty Cantrell. Betty happily posed with Alessia for a photo.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4 – 10, 2015

**Hear the BEEP
where you SLEEP**

**every bedroom
needs a working
smoke alarm**

Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 pm and 7 am, when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location."

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each

separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

On **Sunday, October 18**, the Springfield Fire Department will 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.

firepreventionweek.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUES KITTEN

The sweltering hot days of August are commonly referred to as "dog days." This is the story, however, of how on just such a day, Saturday, August 22, a lucky feline was rescued from certain disaster. It was due to the vigilance and quick thinking of Tanya Stanziale, the life guard on duty at the Park Place Condominium Association's swimming pool, who had noticed a small black kitten that had wandered into the swimming pool area.

Before Tanya or a co-worker could react, the kitten had slipped down the storm drain adjacent to the pool house, a vertical drop estimated to be six or seven feet. Remembering stories of cats rescued by firemen, Tanya called the Springfield Fire Department. Tour 4 was immediately dispatched to the scene. By the time the team of five fireman arrived, however, the kitten had worked its way further into the drainage system – about 40 feet. According to Springfield Fire Department Captain Victor Kostin, no amount of coaxing could bring the kitten back the way it had come. Firefighters Christopher Tutela and Timothy Hydock labored in the grueling heat to rescue the kitten. They even entered the vertical end of the drain to cajole the scared animal into coming toward the entrance to no avail.

Three hours later the firemen were finally able to flush the kitten out of the lateral pipe wet and shaken, but otherwise in good health according to Mrs. Jacquie Rogers, Park Place's property manager. The kitten was then adopted by one of the firemen.

(Submitted by Nancy N. Jackson)

2015 ARMY NAVY CHALLENGE



Active and Veteran military personnel ride under the American Flag in front of the Springfield Fire Department while showing their appreciation for the support of Springfield's residents, employees, and business owners who came out to cheer them on.

The Flag, donated by Autoland, was hung from the FD's ladder truck across Mountain Avenue.

The non-profit organization Ride 2 Recovery held this ride, known as the 2015 Army Navy Challenge, which started in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ and completed in Annapolis, MD. There were over 200 injured veterans and active duty service personnel who rode this challenge which took place over a week's period of time.

Ride 2 Recovery organizes outdoor (non-competitive) cycling events to enable injured veterans the ability to rehabilitate, both physically and mentally, from the agonies of war. Some of the combat wounded veterans have specialized bikes made for them to deal with their particular injury.



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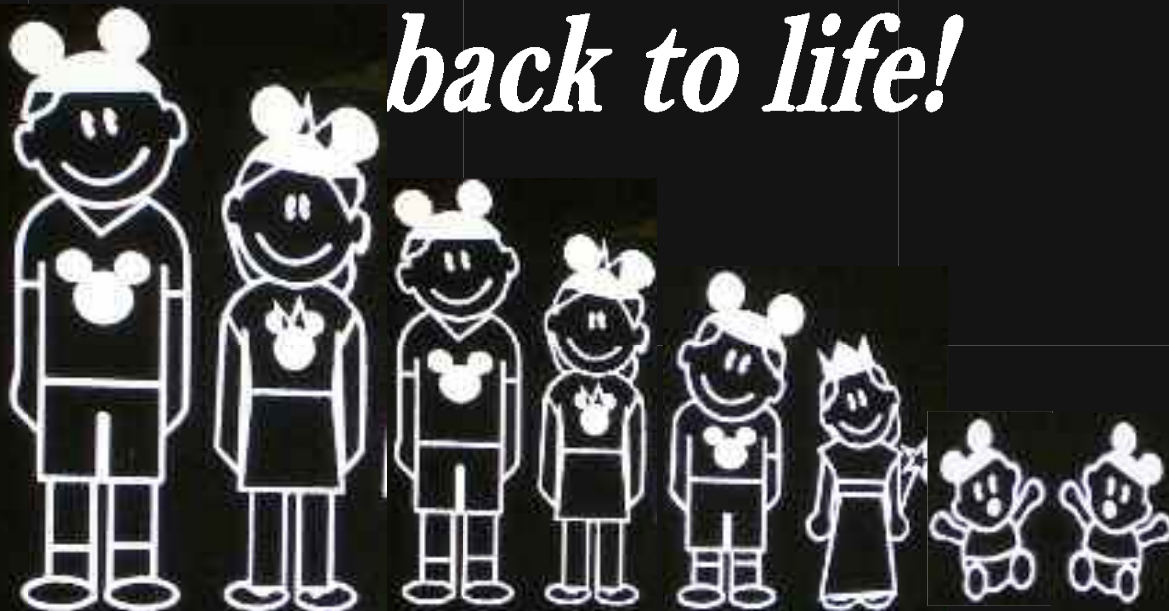
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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

As this month includes Halloween, motorists on this day should be wary of children in residential areas trick-or-treating as those not escorted by a parent may sometimes run back and forth across streets while going house to house. Children have the potential of crossing streets in mid block and can dart out from between parked cars. It is imperative that adults accompanying children have them adhere to the safe and proper way to cross streets. Motorists in the residential areas should drive at an extremely slow and cautious manner in order to look out for unescorted children who may run into and carelessly cross a roadway.

Street safety is of utmost importance not only during Halloween trick-or-treating but all year long. Parents should remember and make their children fully aware of the fact that the roadways are for use by vehicles and are not areas for children to play upon. In many residential areas, parents allow portable basketball hoops to be placed in the street in front of their homes which requires children to be in the street to use them. In other residential areas parents believe, that by sitting in lawn chairs in the street or by the placement of signs or pylon cones in the street by their homes that this will somehow make it safe for children to be playing in the street. These measures do not ensure the safety of children while appearing to condone this dangerous activity. The roadways are for vehicles and are not play areas for children as sometimes these supposed safety obstructions may actually confuse a driver or divert a driver's attention while driving through a residential area. Just as drivers must be cautious in residential areas, children must learn and practice street safety on Halloween and all year long.

Parents should make sure that Halloween costumes, especially ones with any type of mask or other facial covering, do not limit a child's ability to be able to walk properly or have a total unobstructed ability for a child to see ahead of them and all around them. The costumes should either contain a reflective type of material or should have some type of reflective clothing attachment and children should carry a flashlight or a glow stick after dusk for added illumination.

Some Halloween costumes may contain materials that can easily catch on fire or, if exposed to heat or an open flame, can actually melt. Residents who expect children coming to their door should refrain from having any type of external decorations that are illuminated by the use of a lit candle, especially any decorations at your front door or along the path to your front door that children would walk on. Glow sticks should replace lit candles in a carved pumpkin as this is much safer and still lights up the pumpkin.

Household pets may become unnerved by the added tumult caused by children coming to your door and door bells being rung. Care should be used by homeowners to make sure that animals are kept in a secure area so they cannot bolt out the front door when it is opened. Also remember to secure the candy treats in your home so your pets cannot get at them as many types of Halloween treats can be poisonous if eaten by cats and dogs.

Young children should be accompanied by responsible adults when going door to door. If older children go out with no adults, they should only go out in groups and never go alone. Under no circumstances should any child ever enter into the house of a stranger.

Please instruct your children to eat nothing that they receive during their door to door trick-or-treating until it has been brought home and you have thoroughly inspected all treats. Any suspected signs of possible tampering should be reported to the police department immediately. On any treats where the packaging is ripped, punctured, or in an unsealed condition, you should use the old adage of.....when in doubt, throw it out.

For added safety, there will be increased police patrols in the residential areas on both the night of Halloween and the night before with the latter intended to deter those persons who go out to create mischief or commit acts of vandalism. Police officers will be out in both marked police vehicles as well as unmarked cars. For safety reasons, all of the officers in the unmarked police vehicles will also be in police uniform.

By simply knowing and following these suggested safety tips, you can help in Halloween being both a fun and safe holiday experience for our children.

STEW LEONARD'S CELEBRATES 5TH YEAR IN TOWN



On Saturday, Sept. 19, Mayor Barnett, Deputy Mayor Bandrowski, and Committeeman Jerry Fernandez helped to cut a really impressive cake to celebrate Stew Leonard's fifth anniversary in Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD GIRL SCOUTS EARN SILVER AWARD

Girls from Troop 40739 have proudly earned their Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. The goal is to make the community a better place. The girls achieved this by dedicating at least fifty hours of their time to a community service project that was meaningful to them. Samantha Addis, Samantha Knee, and Sarah Rodrick worked with St. Hubert's Shelter and addressed the issue of animal abuse. They made dog toys from recycled material to be used by the animals at the shelter. They also collected materials such as blankets and dog treats and donated them to the shelter. Caity McTernan and Katie Zarembor worked with an organization called S.A.F.E (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies). This group provides stuffed animals to children in need. They felt every child deserves to have a stuffed animal while growing up to provide comfort. The girls ran a stuffed animal drive and collected over 200 animals for donation. They also sewed their own animals and donated those as well.



Sarah Rodrick, Samantha Addis, Samantha Knee



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40157 DONATED A DIGITAL KEYBOARD

As part of their Bronze Award Project, members from Girl Scout Troop 40157 donated a digital keyboard, book case, and gently used books to a Pre-K classroom at Saint. James the Apostle School on September 23, 2015.

(l to r) Mrs. Caroline Ponterio (Principal), Allison Klein, Jennifer Klein, Nicole Ramundo, Mrs. Annie Quagliato (PK-4 Teacher), and Olivia Gallagher



Katie Zarembor, Caity McTernan

UNION COUNTY FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND!

Once again the Springfield Historical Society is participating in the annual Union County Four Centuries in a Weekend!

On Saturday, October 17 and Sunday October 18, the Historic Cannon Ball House will be open to the public and everyone is invited to visit this wonderful old house. Built circa 1760, the eight room home of Dr. Jonathan Dayton and his wife Keturah was in the middle of the most fierce fighting at the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780 and is one of three or four buildings in Springfield that survived the British retreat. The cannon ball, which struck the house during the fight, is on display along with many other fascinating artifacts from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars as well as ordinary life over the centuries in our Township. Joining us on Saturday, October 17, will be re-enactors who will demonstrate the military skills, lifestyle, and uniforms of both British and American forces of the 18th century. On exhibit will be some new acquisitions related to families from Springfield in its early days.

Hours on Saturday will be 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. Please join us!

***JCP&L will be commencing a major project in
Springfield along Hillside Avenue in about two weeks.***

***The work will be along the entire stretch of
Hillside Avenue from Route 22 to Mountain Ave.***

***JCP&L will need to close Route 22 for a period
of time on one night to safely hang wire.***

SPECIAL INVISALIGN OFFER FROM SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS AND HALLOWEEN CANDY BUYBACK

October is National Orthodontic Health month and Springfield Orthodontics is offering a special one month only Invisalign Event with special incentive pricing. Drs. Lee Kaswimer and Brett Handsman, specialists in orthodontics, are celebrating their distinction as Elite Invisalign Providers, with a new patient "thank you." The Elite level of Invisalign providers is awarded to specialists who have treated at least 300 total Invisalign cases and 50 patients with Invisalign in the past 6 months. This is a very high level in Invisalign experience. Over the years, Drs. Lee and Brett have actually treated more than 950 Invisalign patients. They are also recognized as "Teen Invisalign Providers" treating many teenage patients with Invisalign therapy. Springfield Orthodontics has been offering Invisalign since 2002. The doctors also perform traditional orthodontic treatment (braces, expanders, etc.) of all types for children and adults.

Invisalign uses clear, comfortable, plastic trays to align crooked teeth, close spacing, and improve bites. They are removable, so eating and oral care are the same as usual, they are virtually invisible and do not affect speech. Springfield Orthodontics is also one of the few offices in New Jersey to offer the Itero Scanner which eliminates the need for old fashioned "goopy/gaggy" impressions. The scanner produces precisely accurate models of teeth using safe 3-D laser imaging; this allows for extremely well-fitting aligners and shortens the start time for treatment. There is NO additional cost for this wonderful service.

Our one month special event runs from October 1 – October 31, 2015. During this month, we will be offering a free Invisalign evaluation (unless records are taken) and \$500 off your Invisalign treatment as long as it is started in the month of October. Special financing packages will also be offered. Please call us at 973-379-3803 to set up an appointment for your evaluation or stop to meet us and learn more about our office and Invisalign. Please be sure to check out our website at www.springfieldorthodontics.net.

We will also be running our annual Halloween Candy Buyback for our patients and children in the community. Each child who brings in their candy will have it weighed and they will receive \$1.00 for every pound of candy brought in up to \$500. The person who brings in the most candy will win a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us and anyone bringing in candy will be entered into a general raffle to win a gift card as well. All candy and toothbrushes will be donated to the Apostles' House in Newark. Candy buyback days are from Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6 from 9-5:30 and November 8 from 8-11. Please call the office at 973-379-3803 to find out more about our Halloween Candy Buyback and Special Invisalign Event.



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INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS

Seasonal influenza (FLU) immunizations will be administered to Springfield residents aged 18 years or older and eligible family members on Thursday, October 15 from 10:00-11:00am at the Springfield Senior Housing, 350 Independence Way, on Thursday, October 15 from 12:30-2:00 pm and on Monday, October 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. No appointments are necessary for any of the clinics. The immunizations are free to seniors with a Medicare Part B card; there will be a \$10.00 charge for all others. All are reminded to wear short sleeves if possible when they come for their flu shot. The immunizations are provided by the Springfield Township Board of Health and the Madison Health Department.

Seasonal flu vaccine is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyone over the age of 6 months. According to the CDC, vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than 6 months. Everyone is encouraged to receive the 2015-2016 flu vaccine. Most people are ill with flu for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized. Influenza causes an average of 36,000 deaths each year in the U.S., mostly among the elderly.

The 2015-16 flu vaccine offers protection against A/California (H1N1), A/Switzerland (H3N2), B/Phuket, and B/Brisbane, the expected strains of seasonal flu. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after the shot and protection may last for up to one year.

Since most influenza occurs from November through May, peaking between December and February, now is the best time to get a flu shot to insure full protection for the whole season. However, vaccinations may be given any time during the flu season and it is not too late to get vaccinated as long as flu viruses are circulating in the community. Protect yourself, your family and those in your community by getting your flu vaccine at this year's clinic.

Any questions may be directed to the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079 ext.9.

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KEVIN WHEAT OF SPRINGFIELD JOINS THE ALBERT DORMAN HONORS COLLEGE AT NJIT

Kevin Wheat, a recent graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is one of the exceptional students joining the Freshmen Class of 2019 at the Albert Dorman Honors College at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). At NJIT, Wheat plans to study mechanical engineering on an advanced level. Wheat joined more than 700 of the nation's most academically accomplished students enrolled in the Albert Dorman Honors College.



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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPACE PROGRAM

Students throughout the Springfield Public School district are set to begin an exciting opportunity to engage in a real science experience, as part of the national Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP). Small teams of students from grades 5 through 12 will research and submit a formal proposal for a microgravity experiment. One experiment will be selected from Springfield to be among 22 districts nationwide that will have their experiments launched to the International Space Station in mid-2016 as part of SSEP Mission 9.

The SSEP is sponsored by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESE), a non-profit organization that hopes to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers by engaging their natural human impulse to ask questions and explore the world around them. Dr. Jeff Goldstein, the director of the NCESE and the creator of SSEP, has noted, "SSEP is designed to empower the student as scientist, within the real-world context of science. Student teams design a real experiment, propose a real flight opportunity, experience a formal proposal review, and go through a NASA flight safety review. SSEP is about introducing real science to our children, and if you give them a chance to be scientists, stand back and be amazed."

Commencing in early September 2015, Springfield students will begin to explore physical forces and the concept of microgravity in science classes. For 9 weeks, from September 7 to November 6, 2015, small teams of students in each class will select an area (biological, chemical, or physical) to research and propose an experiment that will test the effects of microgravity on a system of their choosing. In mid-November a local team of educators and community scientists/engineers will select three proposals for submission to a national selection committee. That committee will ultimately select one

of the experiments from Springfield to be transported in mid-2016 to the International Space Station (ISS). The experiment will eventually be returned to the student team at Springfield for analysis.

Students in Springfield (Kindergarten through grade 12) will also compete in a competition to design a mission patch that will be transported to the ISS along with the experiment. Ultimately two patches will be selected from those created in art classes throughout the district schools.

According to Tom Gula, Springfield's Supervisor of Science and the director of its SSEP initiative, "This will provide our students a unique opportunity to actively engage in the process of science, a key component of the Next Generation Science Standards that will be implemented in our district over the next few years." One of the challenges of the experimental design is that all elements of the experiment must be contained within a very small "mini-lab" apparatus. Students will conduct a simultaneous "ground truth" experiment in their classroom in order to be able to compare the results on Earth to those in a microgravity environment on the ISS. Gula further explained that the challenge student teams face in choosing a topic to study, and preparing a formal research proposal, will engage them not only in developing important science skills, but also involve them in writing, research and reading, mathematical analysis, and presentation. Students (and their teachers as mentors throughout the process) will be following one of the key components of the new science standards: "A shift in the focus from merely memorizing scientific facts to actually doing science—so students will spend more time posing questions and discovering the answers for themselves." (From the National Science Teachers Association, <http://ngss.nsta.org/less-memorizing.aspx>.)

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TOWN WIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

In order to help the residents of Springfield, the Township is instituting a new policy for dealing with sidewalks that have lifted or have been damaged by trees located in the Township's right-of-way (ROW). The Township Committee has established a capital fund in this year's budget that would allow for payment to repair/replace sections of sidewalk damaged by trees in the ROW with no cost to homeowners. Please be aware that sidewalk damage from Township trees is the only sidewalk damage covered by this program. The property owner is responsible for repair of damaged sidewalks in all areas other than those sections damaged by trees in the ROW.

This program is on a first-come first-serve basis. Requests for sidewalk repairs damaged by trees must be made by sending a certified letter to the Township Engineering Department, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. We will award a construction contract through our required bidding process and will commence work sometime in the fall. In funding does not allow us to fulfill all requests this year, we will have a second contract next year providing that the Township allocates additional funding. If you have any questions pertaining to this program, please call the Engineering Department at 973-912-2219. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES NEW SENIOR CITIZEN BUS FROM INVESTORS BANK

The township recently received a new bus dedicated to the use of its senior citizens. Donated by the Investors Bank Foundation, the bus was supplied by Wolfington Body Company of Mt. Holly, New Jersey. The Recreation Department offers daily rides for seniors to locations around town from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, as well as special monthly trips.



(l-r) are Township Administrator Ed Fanning, Recreation Director Adam Lieb, and Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski.

The deadline for voter registration for the General Election is

Tuesday, October 13. The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 8 pm.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS ARE READY TO SERVE!



The 8th graders at Saint James the Apostle School are back to school! Pictured are the Student Ambassadors of the Class of 2016. Student Ambassadors are responsible for offering tours of the school to prospective parents offering a student perspective. The ambassadors articulate the school's academic and extra-curricular programs, field questions, and enjoy showing off their school. Saint James the Apostle School has been serving the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade 8 a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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FIRST PLAY SOCCER CAMPS (Age 5-8 or 8-11): The First Play Soccer camp is perfect for children playing at a recreation level, as well as those entering the world of soccer for the very first time. Participants will engage in a variety of fun challenges and exciting games designed to enhance basic soccer skills (dribbling, passing & shooting) and ball awareness.

Tuesday to Friday (no class on Wed. 11/4) • November 3 to November 6
(Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) • Chisholm Park • 8:30am-2:00pm • \$120

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.
You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax
recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation

FALL 2015 INTRODUCTION TO DANCE

This class will introduce the basics of ballet and will also incorporate creative movement. This class is for both boys and girls! Instructor Diana Perez has been a dance teacher, choreographer, and performer for over 20 years.

Session 2 meets on Mondays from
December 21st at 1:30-2:15 pm (No class on November 30th)

Class is open to Springfield children ages 3-5, and held at the Chisholm Community Center

Minimum of four children are needed to run this program

Cost per session is \$55. No refunds will be provided. Make checks payable to Township of Springfield. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.

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.

Springfield Recreation Department Halloween Spooktacular

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

EVENTS OF THE DAY

11:30 am – Doors open for costume contest pre-registration.

12:00-12:30 pm – Chamber of Commerce
Costume Contest – Prizes awarded at 12:30 pm.

Frankenstein Magic Shows – 1st show at 1:00 pm and
2nd show at 1:30 pm.

12:00-2:00 pm – We will be having a strolling magician as well as an animal balloonist doing magic tricks and making balloon animals. We will also have a craft table with fun Halloween themed crafts, a touch table, temporary tattoos, and other ghoulish activities!

5:00-7:00 pm – Thelma L. Sandmeier PTA is hosting a fundraiser, TRUNK-OR-TREAT located at Sandmeier Elementary School! Parents will decorate and park their cars and children will "Trunk-or-Treat" and collect candy from car to car in a safe and fun environment.



EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY:

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RECREATION TRIATHLON ATTRACTS 70 YOUTH

Close to 70 children participated in the Springfield Recreation Department's annual Triathlon on Sunday, September 6. Bright and early on Labor Day Weekend, the children swam various lengths of Springfield Community Pool, and rode their bicycles and ran in the parking lot, adjacent neighborhood, and pool grounds. The event was planned by recreation program coordinated Danielle McLeer. The race director was Coach Michael Czech, and the volunteer director was Dermot McLeer. Recreation director Adam Lieb and Special Olympics area director Steve Smith presented medals to the participants upon completion of the race. The Office of Emergency Management patrolled the neighborhood during the race to ensure everyone's safety. Luke Waltzer served as the official photographer. Following the race, Springfield Holistic Wellness provided massages, Yo Addiction supplied yogurt, and My Super Foods Company distributed healthy snacks. Bagels, cream cheese, butter, and water were also served to participants, families, and volunteers. The Recreation Department would like to thank the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for their assistance making the event a huge success.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)

Time: 2:30-8:00 pm (school year)

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec



SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Please call (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 Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for all children from Pre-K through 8th grades, and consists of clinic play for our younger children (Pre-K to 2nd grades), recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (5th-8th grades). League Play is divided into boys only and girls only teams, and registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-8 attending a Springfield school.

You are registering your child for **LEAGUE PLAY**, which consists of weekly pre-season skills training, weekly practice sessions, and one game per weekend (starting January 2016).

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER.

- 1) **Online with a credit card:** <https://register.communitypass.net/Springfield>
- 2) **In person with a credit card, cash, check, or money order:** Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
- 3) **By mail with a check or money order:** Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

CLINIC PLAY: 2016 Pre-K – 2nd Grades

You are registering your child for CLINIC PLAY, a series of weekly Sunday clinics that are open to children in Springfield schools in Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grades to teach skills, bring awareness, and to have fun through the game of basketball.

Clinic Play: A maximum of 30 players will be allowed in each Clinic Play group. Clinic Play groups are:

- Pre-K (Boys & Girls combined)
- Kindergarten (Boys & Girls combined)
- Girls 1st-2nd Grades
- Boys 1st Grade • Boys 2nd Grade

The clinics begin on Sunday, January 10, 2016, and end on Sunday, March 6, 2016, from 10:00 am-3:15 pm, in the Boys Gym at FMG Middle School. Times for each Clinic Play group will be announced after registration.

Payments: \$55 payable to "Township of Springfield" 1st & 2nd graders must also submit an additional payment of \$20 payable to "Springfield Basketball Association". This payment must be dropped off or mailed to the Springfield Recreation Department at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Registration Deadline: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
Registrations after this date will be accepted on a rolling basis, based on availability. Registrations beyond 30 children for Clinic Play group will be placed on waiting list, and considered should space become available. If you missed the deadline, have any questions, or need more information, please contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227 or danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us. Once the program begins, no refunds are issued.



LEAGUE PLAY: 2015-2016 BOYS & GIRLS: GRADES 3-8

EVALUATIONS: For League Play, to ensure that teams are comprised of players of equal age, skill, and height, players will need to attend our evaluation session, which will take place on either Saturday, October 10th, or Sunday, October 11th, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at FMG Middle School. Specific times will be communicated for each age group prior to those evenings.

SKILLS TRAINING: Weekly skills training will begin on November 14th/15th, and then December 5th/6th, 12th/13th, and 19th/20th. They will be held on your same game days and in your game time slots, and will be communicated to each team upon being finalized.

PRACTICES: Weekly practices may start Monday, November 2nd (depending on teams and coaches).

SEASON: The regular season will kick-off the weekend of January 10, 2016, and will conclude on the weekend of March 6th. Playoffs will begin after this date. All teams make the playoffs!

PINK ZONE CLINIC: Registration for this clinic is included with your fees! Springfield Basketball Association (SBA), Springfield Recreation Department, and Moravian College run an annual clinic for all children in grades 3-8. The clinic will be held on Sunday, January 31st, at Jonathan Dayton High School. The clinic is led by college and high school coaches and players, with the proceeds of this event going to Breast Cancer Research through Moravian's Pink Zone.

Payments: \$55 payable to "Township of Springfield" \$50 payable to "Springfield Basketball Association". This payment must be dropped off or mailed to the Springfield Recreation Department at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Registration Deadline: Saturday, October 10th
Registrations after this date will be accepted based on availability, and a wait list may be formed. If you missed the deadline, have any questions, or need more information, please contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227

or danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.
Once the program begins, no refunds are issued.

BOYS Travel Basketball Registration 2015-2016 4th*, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Teams

GIRLS Travel Basketball Registration 2015-2016 6th*, 7th, and 8th Grade Teams

Travel basketball requires a very high level of commitment, including 2-3 practices weekly and/or games. Playing time may be mandated by the league, however if not, playing time is earned in practice, with their attitudes and their abilities.

Practices	1-2 practices per week. Practice times and days vary per team.
Games	Average 1 game per week. May vary depending on gym availability, tournaments, holidays, weather, etc.
Season	Practices begin in early-November. Games run from early-December through mid-March. Teams may enter tournaments in addition to league play.
Fees	Total = \$180 (Additional fundraising may also be required)
	\$55 (check made payable to "Township of Springfield")
	\$125 (check made payable to "Springfield Basketball Association")
Uniforms	Will be provided at no extra charge to all players. Uniforms must be cleaned and returned at the end of the season, or a \$125 charge will apply.
Tryouts	There will be two tryout dates. Players are expected to be at both tryout dates. Dates/times to be announced.

Players must attend both tryouts.

For more info email springfieldnjbasketball@gmail.com or call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

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The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this fall (ages 5-11). More information and online registration are available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.



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>.



Stress Reduction Workshop

for pre-teens & teens, Grades 6 - 8

SESSION 2: Mondays, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 & 16
3:30 – 4:30pm • Cost: \$75 for each session (consists of 3 classes)
Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield

Our children today are overwhelmed. They wake up early, go to sleep late, and in between they have to deal with lots of homework, sports and other after-school activities, social media, peer pressure, body issues, relationship drama, and much more. And all this while trying to navigate their already difficult adolescent years. They need help!

In a safe, nurturing environment we will introduce tools & concepts to empower & encourage our children to deal with stress & fatigue that may be making them unhappy, impatient & frustrated.

Workshop will include: Yoga • Meditation • Life skills

By mail: Springfield Holistic Wellness, 719 Mountain Ave, Springfield, 07081
In person: Danielle McLeer, Chisholm Community Ctr, 100 S. Springfield Ave, Springfield, 07081, danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us
Investment in your child's well-being: \$75 per session (consists of 3 classes)
Checks made payable to: Springfield Holistic Wellness. No refunds.
Questions or concerns: Kerri Bacall, 973.379.2250, kerri@springfieldholisticwellness.com Stress

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by and drop in! Wed 10/14, Fri 10/16, Tu 10/20, Wed 10/21, Wed 10/28, Tu 11/3.

Storytime Yoga --Slither like a snake & roar like a lion with Miss Carly, certified yoga instructor. **Friday 10/23 @ 10:30am.** Ages 2 and up with caregiver.

Lego Club -- Begins **Tuesday October 6** and continues every Tuesday after school. Ages 6 and up.

Wii Games -- Begins **Wednesday October 7 @ 4:00pm** Ages 6 to 11.

New! Rummikub Klub! More fun than chess! Join us in this exciting numbers game **Thursdays @ 4:00 pm.** Grades 2 and up

Little Monsters Hallowe'en Bop Friday Oct 30 @ 10:30 Babies, Toddlers and pre-schoolers. Dress up in your costume and enjoy a story and a craft in the Museum. Then we'll parade outside the library!

Big Screen Movie Friday October 30 @ 3:30 pm. The movie is Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas rated PG. Bring your own snacks. All ages.

Tues. Nov 3rd No School! 12:00-2pm Lego Club ages 6 and up 2pm Caryn Lin, Electric Violinist presents Bach2Rock: The Science of Sound all ages

Thurs Nov 5th No School! 2pm Pecos Bill Rides the Oregon Trail: Stories and songs of the Wild West, with cowboy hat and rope tricks! All ages

Friday Nov 6th No School! 2pm Guitar Bob Kids on the Move activity songs—all ages

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 3rd thru October 30th Art show: Collages and assemblages by Florence Weisz.

November 2nd thru November 27th Art show: "Home, Landscapes and Pets", oil paintings by Carol Johnson.

Sunday, October 25th, 2:00 pm
"While You're Away: Love Songs of WWII"
 performed by Diane Cypkin.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2:00 pm
Music on electronic instruments performed by
 Caryn Lin.

Sunday, November 8th, 2:00 pm
Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company presents "Ruddigore".

LECTURES

October 27th, 2:00 pm "New York City During WWII" - Lecture by Marty Schneit.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, October 22nd & November 12th,
 Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, November 5th, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics" by Daniel Brown.

FILMS

Wednesday, October 21st, 7:00 pm
Screening of the documentary "Packrat".

Monday, October 26th, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THESE?: After nearly four decades together, Ben (John Lithgow) and George (Alfred Molina) finally tie the knot. But when George loses his job, the couple must temporarily live apart. While struggling with the pain of separation, Ben and George are challenged by the intergenerational tensions and family dynamics of their new living arrangements. 94 minutes. Rated R.

Monday, November 9th, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THESE?: An Indian teen in France goes to work for his father's culinary rival. When Hassan's family is forced to move from India, his Papa relocates to the south of France and opens an Indian restaurant, called Maison Mumbai. Meanwhile, across the street at the traditional French restaurant Le Saule Pleureu, proprietor Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren) doesn't exactly welcome the competition, but eventually Hassan's culinary talent wins her over! 122 minutes. Rated PG.

Thursday, November 12th, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
International Film: "The Farewell Party", 2014. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am
Knits Wits Knitting Group

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chess club

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTER TRAINING by appointment 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
DROP-IN TECHNICAL HELP (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, I pads, I phones and more), no appointment necessary.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



(l to r) Officer Greg Weinstock, Sergeant Joe Cieri, Detective Jim Mirabile and Captain Pat McLaughlin

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, the officers of the Springfield Police Department will be wearing pink ribbon pins on their uniforms and will be replacing their dark blue or black t-shirts with pink shirts.

The Springfield PBA Local 76 had special pink t-shirts made for all officers to purchase for use during October. These shirts are also available to the public at the same price paid by the officers which is \$10 per shirt. All money collected from the sale of these shirts will be donated to breast cancer research.

To purchase a shirt contact the police department's main desk number (973) 376-0400 for assistance. Shirts will also be available at the township street fair on October 18th.



Coat Drive founder Jeffrey Friedman of Livingston working with volunteers last year.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

For the sixth consecutive year, Hecht Family Chiropractic will be a collection site for new and used coats. A change this year will be the destination of the donated items. Rather than supporting a statewide project, we have chosen to support a Livingston based coat drive that delivers in Essex, Union, Passaic and Bergen counties. Also, unlike past years, we will be participating in the distribution of the coats. Tax receipts will be available to donators as in the past. Mens's, Women's and children's coats are all needed. Additionally, we will be collecting men's suits. These are badly needed for job and school interviews. The collection starts in Mid November and Finishes in Mid January. Call Dr. Hecht's office at 973.564.5885 for further details or check hechtchiropractic.com

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL AGAIN URGES GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO FUND ORANGE RESERVOIR MODIFICATION FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN 2016

At the Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control meeting in Millburn Township Municipal Building last Thursday, the Mayors urged the Governor and State Legislature to fund the construction of the modification to the Orange Reservoir outlet in 2016.

The project, which is part of an overall US Army Corps of Engineers project for Rahway River flood mitigation, got a big boost from the results of a US Army Corps study that indicated the reservoir had 40% more capacity than originally assumed. The project would modify the outlet so the reservoir could be safely drained prior to peak storm conditions so downstream water elevations could be lowered. For example, the estimate downstream in Millburn is that water elevations would be almost three feet lower during peak storm conditions. Further downstream elevations would also be lower.

Millburn Mayor Robert Tillotson said, "We now know the Orange Reservoir modification is technically feasible and we should proceed to implement the project for the flood relief benefits." Former Mayor Tom Hannen said, "We are urging the state to accelerate funding on this important aspect of the Rahway River Flood Mitigation Study because there is no reason to wait. Upstream storage while not impacting the reservoir is a win win plan." Springfield Mayor David Barnett said, "The Mayors Council working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and NJ DEP have come a long way to flood control projects that can make a meaningful difference." Union Mayor Manuel Figueiredo said, "Why wait to start the reservoir modification since it has to be done anyway first?"

Mayors representing communities along the Rahway River urged in the letter sent to Governor Chris Christie, that will also be sent to members of the New Jersey State Legislature, to begin funding in FY 2016 the construction of this part of the overall project since it will provide benefits downstream and has to be completed before other flood mitigation measures are done.

Over \$100 million of damages was faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene and no improvement in the situation has yet been done. The Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan has significant flood mitigation benefits including modification to the Orange Reservoir to store more water during peak storm conditions; there is proposed channelization improvements from Lenape Park through Cranford; and investigations are ongoing for improved storage in the Robinson Branch part of the Rahway River in the City of Rahway. The current federal process includes a selected final plan in 2016 with recommendation to Congress for construction funding in 2017.



Mayors Council planning meeting (r to l): Springfield Mayor David Barnett; Union Mayor Manuel Figueiredo; Millburn Mayor Robert Tillotson; Winning Strategies Rob Zucker; Springfield Deputy Mayor Margaret Banrowski; and Cranford Township Engineering Commissioner Robert D'Ambola representing Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins.

The Mayors believe that major aspects of the federal/state study have reached conclusion that could be implemented by the State of New Jersey in advance of the final study's conclusion. A memo of understanding would be required with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the state to accelerate the funding to implement the Orange Reservoir modification. For example, the Orange Reservoir modification which would permit more storage during storm events could be an immediate benefit to communities from Millburn to Rahway. The estimated capital cost is now significantly below earlier estimates and the region has embraced this solution as a positive help to those downstream. The project would have to be completed first anyway since upstream storage is required before any downstream channel work can get done.

Congressman Payne, Congressman Lance, Senator Corey Booker and Senator Robert Menendez gave assurance that federal funding of the full mitigation study is one of their highest priorities.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control include: Union Mayor M Figueiredo; Millburn Mayor Robert Tillotson; Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Springfield Mayor David Barnett; Maplewood Mayor Victor Deluca; and Kenilworth Mayor Fred Pugliese.

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Hal took his wife to the Emergency Room this past July with his wife exhibiting symptoms of a stroke as observed by their daughter Catherine, a junior at William Patterson University studying Physical Therapy. At first there was great relief; Maryanne had not suffered a stroke. That sense of relief did not last long. Maryanne had a tumor in her head and would require immediate surgery. On July 18 this year she had the surgery and they could not remove all of it. She was given approximately two years to live. The family was in shock. Maryanne was the "bread winner" of the family with Hal having stayed at home to take care of their daughters. Maryanne could not go back to work. Adding insult to injury, their medical insurance is not covering all the expenses as some were "out of network" as a result of going to an emergency room for immediate treatment and not an "in network" provider. They showed us some bills in excess of \$90,000, with many more to come. They have filed for Social Security Insurance "SSI", but have been denied. They asked for Long Term Disability benefits but have not received an answer. We have all been there, fighting with state and federal agencies and insurance companies. Thankfully they own their home and have no mortgage. But even without a

mortgage payment, real estate taxes, utilities, food, clothing, and basic living expenses add up quickly.

Their short term benefits expire on December 31, 2015. While Hal is seeking some part time employment that he can do in between caring for his younger daughter and taking Maryanne to various doctor's appointments, their cash flow situation is not good. Come January 1, they'll need help paying the bills. The "go fund me" website tells the story in more detail and shows they have raised some funds--but that will not last long once they start drawing down on it. Please take a moment to visit this site: <http://www.gofundme.com/pw2m9rr8>.

They only "net" 92.5% of that money. If you can help, you can donate directly to the website or through Springfield HOPE where 100% of your donation will go towards helping the Coleman Family. What we took away from our meeting is a family with a positive attitude dealing with a terrible situation. When asked what else we could mention in this article, Hal said simply: "Please don't only send in money, but your prayers as well." Let's all see how much we can try and help the Colemans get through this situation. You can mail donations to Springfield HOPE, c/o Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, New Jersey 07081 and mark your check for the Coleman Family if that is your wish.

Springfield HOPE exists solely to help residents in

Springfield in need and survives only on YOUR donations. Last month, a gentleman approached us who had been out of work due to an injury and needed some help. We gave him some Shop Rite Gift cards to help buy some food and he mentioned he could really use a one month NJ Transit bus pass to look for work. He walked to Summit to buy the pass with our check in hand and NJ Transit refused to accept the check. He had to walk back to Dr. Hecht's office and Dr. Hecht decided to drive him back to Summit and ended up putting the pass on his credit card. We try and help people with their small problems. Larger ones, like the story above, require everyone's help.

Please feel free to donate to our general fund as well. As stated, 100% of your donation will go to help someone; there are no administrative fees or salaries taken by anyone in HOPE. We pay our accountant to keep our filings in order and that's it. So as we head into the Holiday Season, please help HOPE help others.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

The first regular meeting of the Township Committee for September was held on Tuesday, September 8. (Due to the Labor Day holiday, no Workshop meeting was held.)

Proclamations were read honoring Patriot Day and the National Day of Remembrance on 9/11, POW/MIA Remembrance Day 9/18, and the Elks Patriotism Week, 9/7-9/13. Announcements concerned the Townwide Community Garage Sale, the Hadassah sponsored "Trip Through Springfield's Historical Past" on October 8, and the upcoming Autumn and Winter events sponsored by the Recreation Department (see calendar).

Second Readings of two ordinances and the resulting votes confirmed both as law. Ordinance 2015-17 added some stop signs where needed and Ordinance 2015-18 changes some of the guest pass categories at the Municipal Pool beginning next year.

Seventeen new or amended resolutions were passed including several promotions within the Fire Department and the authorization to enter into a shared services agreement for grant writing services with several other townships for consolidated applications for related grants.

Four raffle license applications were approved. It was agreed to move the next regular meeting from Tuesday, September 22 to Monday, September 21, replacing the Workshop meeting. This change was made to accommodate Yom Kippur which occurs this year on the Tuesday of that week. There should be lots to talk about at the October workshop meeting!

The regular meeting of the Township Committee on Monday, September 21 was moved to allow the observance of Yom Kippur on September 22. The routine business of the Township was conducted, including lengthy discussion of a request from residents, in the form of a petition, for a new crosswalk and increased enforcement of traffic laws in the area of Mountain Avenue and Gregory Place. The location concerned is a county road, which will require county cooperation in the project. The area is along the beginning of Mountain Avenue onto which vehicles exit Route 22 via an underpass at high speeds and pedestrians attempting to cross Mountain Avenue at either of the bus stops are endangered. A number of residents spoke at the meeting and township officials agreed that the issue needs to be pursued.

The October meetings will again be off-schedule due to the Columbus Day holiday. The regular meetings will held on Tuesday, October 13 and October 27 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, and the Workshop meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 pm in the Firehouse. Please plan to attend!

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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri



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