

NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

THURSDAY
JANUARY 28, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am
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APPROVED! DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD



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SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES ITS NEWEST POLICE OFFICER



(l to r) Mayor David Barnett, Kelly Schmidt, Officer Mathew Schmidt and Springfield Police Chief John Cook

Officer Mathew Schmidt was sworn in this past month as a Springfield Police Officer. Officer Schmidt comes to Springfield after being a Police Officer in Cherry Hill, NJ for several years.

FREEHOLDER CHAIRMAN BERGEN ANNOUNCES “ONE COUNTY, ONE COMMUNITY” INITIATIVES DURING 159TH ANNUAL REORGANIZATION



(l to r) Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Chairman Bruce Bergen and his wife Jodi Bergen.

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SPRINGFIELD RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

At the Township of Springfield Re-organization meeting held on January 6, two new Township Committee members were sworn into office. Maria Vassallo was sworn in by Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz and Diane Stampoulos was sworn in by Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. Jerry Fernandez was then sworn in as the Mayor by Senator Tom Kean. The Committee then elected Ziad Shehady as Deputy Mayor. A list of working committees, appointments and resolutions followed. The full list is available online at springfieldpatriot.com.

THE MAYOR TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE



(l to r) Jerry Fernandez' sons, Robert, Alexander, Christian, his wife Carmela Fernandez, Jerry Fernandez and Senator Tom Kean

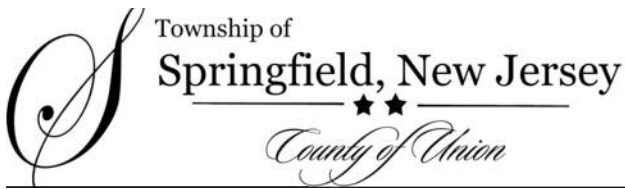


Assemblyman Jon Bramnick administers the oath of office to Committeewoman Maria Vassallo, who is joined by her brother in law, Robert Krahnert, father, John Vassallo and her children, John and Marisa.



Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz administered the oath of office to Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos. She was joined by her family, (l to r) Ted Stampoulos, Nick Stampoulos, Olivia Stampoulos, Diane Stampoulos and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz.

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Diane Stampoulos

Maria Vassallo

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Message from the Mayor

It is truly a privilege to have served on the Township Committee for five years. As I enter my sixth year, I am humbled to be the Mayor of Springfield. It is truly an honor. I look forward to working with our new Committeewomen Maria Vassallo and Diane Stampoulos, along with Committeemen Richard Huber and Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady.

I have learned many things over the years - that the best decisions come when we work together and the best solutions come when we all understand and know the problems at hand.

Like many towns in NJ we have difficult budget concerns to address. To prepare, we have already begun meetings and discussions with our CFO to tackle some of the tough financial issues coming our way in 2016.

We will work hard to continue the redevelopment of Springfield that was started six years ago with the creation of the Business Improvement District. We will not only work to finish current projects but continue to work with the Business Improvement District to initiate new ones that will only make Springfield a better place to live and work in. We assure you that this redevelopment will be done with the best interest of Springfield in mind.

In addition to our Township Committee meetings, all Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings will be televised as well to allow for increased transparency in government.

We will focus on working with our Flood Mitigation Committee, the county, state and federal government to address flooding issues affecting Springfield residents. Additionally, we will work collaborative with Springfield Environmental Commission to promote a "green" and environmentally friendly Springfield.

As Chairman of the Township Committee, I expect this board to be proactive in our approach to government, not merely reactive. We will focus on fiscal responsibility, redevelopment, meeting our public safety needs, and bringing to fruition real upgrades to our municipal pool complex. We will work to upgrade municipal property with solar energy and we will search for new creative ways to bring revenue to Springfield.

This year brings many challenges but I am confident that we have the right employees and the best Township Committee to ensure Springfield moves in the right direction. I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year, God bless America and God Bless Springfield.

Your Mayor,

Jerry Fernandez

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm at Town Hall
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 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

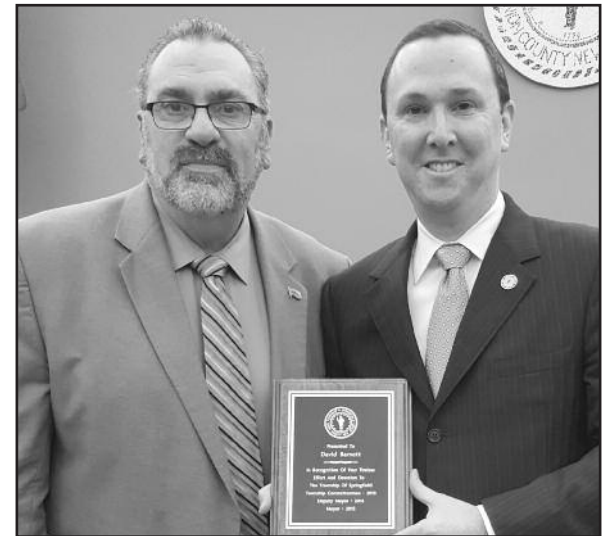
Contact the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library



On December 22, 2015, Township Committeeman Rich Huber presented Mayor David Barnett with a plaque for his many years of service to the Township and for serving as Mayor in 2015. Mayor Barnett thanked all the township employees and said what an honor it has been serving the people of Springfield. Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski was also presented with a plaque as well for her service. Both David and Margaret's terms on the Committee expired on December 31, 2015.

REMINDER TO ALL SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS:

It's that time of year again! Annual registration of all burglar alarm systems are due no later than January 15, 2016.

The Springfield Police Department will be sending a renewal notice and registration form to all previous registrants. Residents and business owners who were not previously registered can obtain a registration form on our website, www.springfield-nj.us, or call the Springfield Police Department Record Bureau for assistance at (973) 912-2239.

Wishing everyone a safe, and joyous holiday season!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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www.springfieldbid.com

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GROOMING BY BRANDY

265 Mountain Ave – 973-564-6407



At Grooming By Brandy they will treat your dog or cat as if it were our own. Their experienced groomers work with each dog or cat to make sure each experience is a positive and loving one. Regardless if your pet is easy to manage or a little stressed, they provide a relaxed environment keeping your special companion comfortable and calm. Their patient staff will give your pet the attention he or she needs to have a positive experience. Grooming is an art and should be customized to your pet's personality.

RUNWAY HAIR STUDIO

259 1/2 Morris Ave – 973-218-1811

Whether it's a whole new look or just a quick blow-out, Runway Hair Studio is a popular salon for many women in the area. Their expert staff is ready to give you highlights, full color or any other popular hair treatment. The atmosphere is relaxed and very friendly. So, if it's a night out on the town, a special celebration or simply some regular maintenance...Runway is ready for you.



YO ADDICTION

100 Route 22 – 973-232-6047

The name says it all! Their many self-serve frozen yogurt flavors and multitude of toppings is truly addicting! They serve Honey Hill Farms and Sugar Creek Foods manufactured in Arkansas USA which produces a number of delectable nonfat yogurt flavors as well as no sugar added and low fat flavors. They only use real dairy, fresh milk, real fruit purees and high counts of beneficial live yogurt cultures including probiotic. They specially blend their secret flavor recipes to ensure smooth and creamy taste in every spoonful. Flavors are constantly being added making each visit a fresh one. The lounge itself is lounge to be fun, groovy and uplifting. And...their new Yo-Espresso Bar, exclusively serving Nespresso Coffee, is the perfect compliment to their frozen yogurt offerings!

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REORGANIZATION MEETING PHOTOS

MAYOR SWEARS IN SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS



(l to r) Jackie Herzlinger, Amy Rossomando, Jill Siletski, Maria Napurano, Don Mackinson, Elizabeth Fritzen, Stu Maslow, Jeremy Salow, Robert Endress, Mayor Jerry Fernandez



Rabbi Mendy Blesofsky of the Jewish Learning center reads the Benediction at the close of the meeting.



Father Joseph Barone, Pastor at St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church gives the invocation.



Members of American Legion Post #228 Post the Colors.



Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield HOPE poses with Santa on Friday, December 18, 2015 during the Toys for Springfield Kids Toy distribution.

This year, Springfield HOPE was grateful for the help of the Springfield Fire Department, Springfield FMBA, Local 57 and Springfield PBA Local 76, Springfield Board of Education and Schools, Holy Cross and St. James Churches, Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield Recreation Department, Capelli E Mani, Olive Garden, and the Springfield Elks, and countless Springfield residents for collecting and donating toys. HOPE distributed hundreds of toys to needy families in Springfield. When reached for comment by the Patriot, Dr. Hecht added, "My office manager Amy Roselle, and kids from the Jonathan Dayton High School's Volunteer club, spent hours sorting all the toys into age and gender groups and filled the wish lists of more than 40 families."

Springfield HOPE is a volunteer organization completely funded by community donations. There is no government funding and we are a 501©3 charity. We support residents throughout the year. Please send any monetary donations to SPRINGFIELD HOPE, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

"ONE COUNTY, ONE COMMUNITY"

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Bruce Bergen, a resident of Springfield, was selected as Chairman of the Union County Freeholder Board at the 159th annual reorganization meeting held in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. He began serving his first full term as Freeholder in 2013. This is his first term as Chairman of the Freeholder Board. County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Freeholders Bergen, Alexander Mirabella, and Mohamed S. Jalloh (last year's chairman), were sworn in to new terms. Freeholder Sergio Granados was appointed as Freeholder Vice Chairman. Freeholders also voted to fill numerous positions on County advisory boards and to adopt the Board's 2016 schedule and procedural rules. In announcing his "One County, One Community" initiatives for 2016, Bergen recalled the words of Golda Meir who said, "I never did anything alone. Whatever was accomplished... was accomplished collectively." Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen announced a comprehensive series of initiatives for 2016, entitled "One County, One Community" that includes new announcements for economic development, transportation, public safety, seniors, veterans, education, parks, and environmental programs. Bergen then added: "This Freeholder Board succeeds because we are a team that puts commitment to others and the community above individual interest. I look forward to working with our County family, our employees, our many private social service agencies and residents in bringing the community together in achieving these objectives," Bergen said. "Once again, I wish you all a very Happy New Year."

When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Mr. Bergen added: "I also was pleased to have the opportunity to publicly thank my friends who attended, in particular the members of the Springfield Democratic party, including Mayor David Barnett, who accompanied me through most of my 35 years in local politics and government, and which brought me to where I am today. I also mentioned my late friend Bill Cieri, former Springfield Mayor, who took me under his wing and taught me so much over many years of guidance and friendship."

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ACHIEVES SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced last October that Springfield Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Springfield Township is one of 48 towns that have attained certification in 2015 and was honored at the Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 17 in Atlantic City with Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski accepting the award.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Springfield Township submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least 2 out of 11 priority action options. Springfield Township did 3 of the 11 priority actions by completing: 1) sustainable land use pledge, 2) natural resource inventory, and 3) prescription drug safety and disposal.

"Becoming Sustainable Jersey certified is a significant achievement," said Randall Solomon, co-director of Sustainable Jersey. "The 189 Sustainable Jersey certified towns demonstrate leadership and are a testament to how much we can accomplish toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey."

Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources, and advancing the arts. "Collectively the 430 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey," said Donna Drewes, co-director of Sustainable Jersey.

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Over 20 girls from the Springfield Girl Scouts served at a soup kitchen on Sunday the 20th.

JCP&L AERIAL PATROLS START IN JANUARY



The Haverfield Corp. will be performing Comprehensive Visual Inspections (CVI's) on the 230kV transmission lines in the JCP&L Region starting January 4, 2016. The CVI patrols on these lines are expected to take 3 to 4 weeks for completion and are therefore expected to be complete by the end of January, weather permitting. The CVI patrols are a slow-speed, close-up, detailed inspection of the lines and hardware. The helicopter will be flying slowly (approximately 10 mph) along the lines and will often hover and/or circle for a close inspection of the facilities, particularly at the individual structure locations.

The flight crew provides information on their daily location to both Transmission Lines Maintenance and the FCC, and the pilot will be in communication with any local airports when in their airspace. Please share this information as appropriate.

The helicopter scheduled for these patrols is black with red lettering, MD 500 with registration (tail) number N8330P. Please see attached photo for details. As always, if you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your JCP&L Area Manager.

REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

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At a special meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday December 30, 2015, preliminary approval for the Downtown Redevelopment Project on Morris Avenue was granted. This project consists of the construction of a four and a half story apartment building consisting of a total of 140 residential units and approximately 30,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, including accessory parking and other related amenities and improvements. A total of 195 parking spaces will be provided onsite, on the street and located in the municipal lot at 280 Morris Avenue (Block 206, Lot 6), as part of a shared parking analysis, which is permitted pursuant to the approved Redevelopment Plan. The Developer needs to get approvals from State and County Agencies before returning to the Planning Board for final approval of this project. Mike Scalera, co-chairman of the Springfield Business Improvement District, commented "that this was the first time that such a redevelopment project has progressed so far in Springfield. This is in part due to the hard work of the volunteer members of the BID, my co-chair Scott Seidel and committee members Dana Zuber, Ken Gruskin, Mel Kevoe, Dr. Lee Kaswiner, Kevin Vitale, Bobby Abraham, and Paula Kaiser." Scalera further stated: "We are very proud of the fact that the BID and the Township Committee collectively over the past four years, worked very hard to make this happen. With the recent approval of the planning board we all agreed that it is time for Redevelopment on Morris Ave. But our work is not done. We will be working close with all involved to make sure the construction of this project works for the benefit of the residents and business of Springfield.

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

The Observance for Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at Town Hall on Monday, January 18, at noon. All are invited!

FLUSHABLE WIPES – SHOULD NOT BE FLUSHED!



Although these wipes are often labeled as flushable, biodegradable, and sewer and septic safe, these products do not actually break down in water and can cause plumbing problems, including clogged toilets and more serious sewer line blockages and backups.

Reportedly, consumers have spent hundreds of dollars unclogging blocked pipes, while wastewater treatment plants have spent millions repairing and replacing machinery that could not process the wipes.

Homeowners have reported the following issues with their plumbing systems after using these wipes:

- Toilet clogs
- Increased utility rates
- Sewer line blockages and backups

Even if the wipes are used sparingly, they can still cause plumbing problems, according to consumers. One reviewer claimed he experienced a toilet clog after using just one wipe.

Water Treatment Plants Also Reporting Problems

Following the same route as all other waste, the wipes travel through household pipes, sewer pumps, and arrive at water treatment plants, which have also reported problems after wipes clogged and damaged existing sewer pumps.

According to some estimates, flushable wipes may be responsible for a 35 percent increase in broken pumps and clogged sewer lines they've seen over the last few years. In addition, many man hours have been wasted removing wipes and repairing broken equipment.

Consumer Reports found that although these products had labels stating that they were safe and would break up after flushing, the wipes remained intact after they were immersed in water for a long period of time. In contrast, the same test showed toilet paper breaking up within seconds.

Studies have been conducted by sewer officials showing flushable wipes cause the replacement of sewage pumps that were routinely clogging due to wipes. To test whether flushable wipes actually disintegrate in water, sewerage employees dyed them bright colors and sent them through the sewer system for one mile. When the employees checked the sewage further down the system, the colorful wipes were still intact, with the "flushable" wipes only showing minor rips and tears.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

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.



**2015 HOUDAILLE QUARRY FALL FOLIAGE WALK
NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

On a wonderful Fall Sunday, over 100 people walked around the old Houdaille Quarry trails thanks to the Springfield Environmental Commission, Alyson Weber Miller, Denise DeVone and our fantastic tour guide Howard Apsan. The Quarry is a hidden gem in Springfield with a great history. If you couldn't make it, make it a point to come along next time! Over 100 people joined us for this afternoon journey.



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**Springfield Office of Emergency Management
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oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us**

Dog & cat licenses for 2015 will be available beginning January 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Township Clerk's Office.

The deadline for licensing your dog or cat is January 29, 2016; late fees will be applied after the 29.

For further information please call Jasmine Mathis at 973-912-2285 or visit springfield-nj.us/departments/registrar/

FREE RABIES CLINIC:
Saturday, January 16, 2015
8:30 am – 12 pm
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

SPRINGFIELD'S GARY LERNER MAKES PARTNER AT DAVIDOFF HUTCHER & CITRON



Gary Lerner, an attorney with Davidoff Hutcher & Citron's (DHC) litigation practice, has been named a Partner at the New York City law firm. Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP is one of New York's mid-sized commercial law and government relations firms, with offices in Manhattan, Albany, Long Island, and Washington D.C. Lerner has been critical to the firm's recent growth and has reinforced DHC's industry reputation as a recruiter of top talent.

Lerner's work focuses on complex commercial litigation. He has nearly 20 years of experience handling a diverse portfolio of issues, ranging from breaches of contract and business torts, to professional liability and theft of trade secrets. He has first-chaired several trials and arbitrations on behalf of DHC, in addition to handling numerous appeals.

"Over the years, Gary has repeatedly demonstrated his abilities as an outstanding litigator and has truly earned the gratitude and respect of all the attorneys at the firm," said Jeff Citron, co-managing partner at DHC. "He has proven to be an artful attorney, who delivers for his clients and exemplifies what this firm is all about. We are proud to make him a Partner." Lerner was the recipient of the Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Award in 2000. He is a graduate of SUNY Binghamton and New York University School of Law.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times, both township residents and business owners alike, take a few moments to read over these suggested tips on how to prevent your becoming a victim of a crime in this New Year. Although there is no fool proof way to guarantee that a crime is not committed against you, these are a few simple tips to help protect you, your family, your property and personal identity information.

- Whether you leave your home for a day or an hour, remember to lock all doors and windows. Most house burglaries are commonly referred to as "break-ins", but burglars routinely walk around your home trying all doors and windows to see if one was inadvertently left unlocked so they do not have to break into your home. Remember, a closed window is not a locked window.

- Remember to always lock your car when parked in your driveway overnight and make sure the windows are closed. Cars in driveways become a frequent target of thieves who merely walk about residential areas late at night where they simply try door handles to find unlocked cars that they then rummage through.

- Never leave valuables inside of your car overnight in your driveway. Every year residents have their cars burglarized, either by leaving it unlocked or by forced entry into it. Residents have reported the theft of cellular phones, wallets, handbags, laptop computers or tablets, digital cameras and other valuables.

- Consider installing motion sensor lights around your home as an added deterrent.

- Be wary of persons at your door soliciting various types of home repair work. Some may do a good job, but many are just looking to con you out of your money.

- You should not walk along the street or through parking lots, to or from your car, while using a smart phone as your attention is on the phone and not on the thief who will run up to snatch your phone, sometimes by physically assaulting you.

- Remember that whenever you receive a telephone call, an e-mail or a letter that indicates you have won some type of monetary prize, lottery or sweepstake and you are required to pay some type of fee to collect your prize winnings...this is a scam to con you out of money. Legitimate prizes require no payment of any fees.

- Be wary of e-mails. You may receive one from a bank you have a debit or credit card account with, or a store where you may have used the card. The e-mail is to alert you to possible fraud on your debit or credit card account. Instead of blindly contacting the number listed on the e-mail, contact your bank or the store directly via the numbers on your debit or credit card. Fraudsters will create very realistic looking e-mails to con you into calling them under the guise of being your bank or a store in order to extract your full account number and or personal identity information.

- If you receive a telephone call from the IRS saying you need to pay some type of back tax immediately to avoid arrest...this is a scam. If the telephone caller says he or she is a law enforcement officer and you must im-

mediately pay bail for a criminal charge signed against you or you will be arrested...this is a scam. If you receive a call indicating you failed to appear for jury duty and you need to pay a fine immediately or risk being arrested...this is a scam. No law enforcement or governmental agency will call threatening an arrest unless you make some type of payment where the requested payment demanded is to be made by either your debit or credit card account number, or via your going to a store to purchase a pre paid MoneyPak card, or by sending your payment via a Money Gram or Western Union wire transfer. If you receive any of these types of calls you should look up the telephone number for the supposed agency and contact the IRS or the police agency to verify if the call you received was legitimate. Remember, when an actual reason exists where a warrant will be issued for your arrest, the only time you will be afforded an opportunity to pay your bail will be after you're arrested.

- If you receive a call from someone purporting to represent the electric company or the gas company and you are instructed to make a payment for an overdue bill or your service will be immediately shut off, you should get the information the caller gives you and hang up. Look up the phone number yourself for the named utility company and contact them to verify if the call you received was legitimate.

- Regularly check your bank and credit card statements and immediately contact your financial institution when you discover any unauthorized charges.

- If you sell anything on line, or advertise any type of service or business on line and you receive a check from a purported buyer or customer where the check is made out for more than the agreed upon price...AND...you are requested to wire the overpayment back to the remitter...this is most likely a scam where the check you initially received is counterfeit. Ask your bank to examine the check. If you go ahead and deposit it, do not send the supposed overpayment to the remitter until the deposited check has cleared.

- Be wary of telephone calls where you are told a relative, usually reported to be out of state, or in a foreign country, or on vacation, has been involved in a motor vehicle accident or has been arrested and you are asked to wire money for bail or for hospital bills or to pay damages. Nowadays thieves will obtain names and other information for your relatives off of social media sites such as FaceBook to use when calling you. If you receive such as call, merely get all of the contact information from the caller and hang up. Immediately call your relative who is supposedly on vacation in order to verify that the call you received is a scam.

These are just a few simple tips on how to prevent some of the more prevalent crimes and scams that some township residents unfortunately fall victim to every year. If you are in doubt of a suspicious call or person contact the police department so we may assist you.



ADVANCED REHAB SOLUTIONS OPEN HOUSE

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SPRINGFIELD FMBA DONATES TO HOPE

Springfield H.O.P.E. Trustees Dr. Gary Hecht and Scott Seidel receive two very generous checks from the Springfield FMBA Local #57 for Springfield HOPE, one for the general funds and one to help offset the rent of MRS "C", a 95 year old resident who is in danger of losing her rental subsidies.



(l to r) Dr. Gary Hecht, Springfield FMBA members Patrick Federico and Mike Mastroeni and Scott Seidel



Springfield H.O.P.E. Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht explains the Toys for Springfield Kids campaign to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce members at their December meeting. The Chamber met in the Toy sorting room as volunteers had met the night before and sorted the Toys into age and gender groups.

STUDENT SPACEFLIGHT EXPERIMENTS PROGRAM

As part of Springfield's participation in the 9th mission of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program, over 1,000 students in grades 5 to 12 recently worked in groups to propose and design an experiment expected to fly on the International Space Station later in 2016. Three student groups were selected as finalists in the Springfield competition, one of 22 communities in the U.S. participating in this mission. Congratulations to the team members chosen as finalists - they were recognized at the Springfield Board of Education meeting on December 7. A review board in Washington D.C. will soon announce which of our three finalists will be selected as the single Flight Experiment from Springfield.

Group 1. From FMG Middle School, grade 7.
Experiment title: "Brine Shrimp Growth Rates in Microgravity"



(l to r) Mr. Scott Silverstein, President of the Board of Education; Dexter Kennedy; Ryan Sickinger; Jordan Berkowitz; Ryan Disko; Mrs. Alison Gillen, science teacher; Mr. Tom Gula, Supervisor of Science.

Group 2. From FMG Middle School, grade 7.
Experiment title: "The Effects of Microgravity on Grass Seeds' Growth"



(l to r) Daniel Munoz, Jeremy Dash, Antonio Nacci Timothy Burns, David Ares III, Mrs. Alison Gillen, science teacher.

Group 3. From Jonathan Dayton High Schools, grades 10 and 11. Experiment Title: "The Breakdown of Penicillin with Beta Lactamase in Microgravity"



(l to r) Miss Jennifer Greenspan, chemistry teacher; Alexandria Giordano; Carly Gartenberg; Ashley Korieocha; Jessica Lagemann; Dr. Norman Francis, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School.



COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator

WINTER STORMS & EXTREME COLD

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days accompanied by dangerously low temperatures, strong winds, icing, sleet, and freezing rain.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power, and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes!

A few things you can do in advance of a winter storm are as follows:

Create an "Emergency Kit." A sample kit can be found at www.ready.gov/kit#.

Have the following supplies on hand before the storm:

- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov/saferchoice#deicers, for a complete list of recommended products.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel. Make sure your tank is full before the storm.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Your family may not be together when the storm strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in case of an emergency. Have a Communications Plan!
- Sign up for Union County First Alert, www.ucfirstalert.org, as well as the Town's Code Red notification system, <http://springfield-nj.us/services/springfield-codedred/>. Also, NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards.
- Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at: www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.



Congratulations to all students at Saint James the Apostle School who made the Honor Roll for the First Trimester:

FIRST HONORS

4th grade - Jamie Jules, Ethan Pinho

5th grade - Adam Cordeiro, Andrea Falar, Elizabeth Lopez, Angelina Robledo, Georgiana Tillinghast

6th grade - Yvonne Agyapong, Sophia Ilagan, Grace Roethlin

8th grade - Alexandra Gaston, Christina Tillinghast

SECOND HONORS

4th grade - Jorge Cubero, Jon-Paul Farris, Ethan Stewart, Tierney Vesey

5th grade - Zakai Brown, Michael Cangiano, John Chacon, Josh Concejo, Katherine Pasquite, Karla Perez, Brielle PierrePhilippe, Samantha Wolf

6th grade - Nicholas Battista, Natalyah Cadiche, Kennedy Kwinta,

Jonathan Malave, Benedict Martinez, Goda Pocius, Steven Rotolo, Braeh Simon

7th grade - Jacob Cordeiro, Patricia Falar, Samuel Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz, Adelina Pinho

8th grade - Deraje Agbaosi, John Anigbogu, Luke Bernstein, Rianna Cordeiro, Mikaela Criscuolo, Jocelyn Duallo, Grace Fischer, Kayla Flowers, Calvin Garcia, John McElroy, Rachelle Montilus, Kyle Roethlin, Michael Speckhart, Kenneth Taylor, Madison Wright

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NEW! ON-CAMERA ACTING

CLASS DESCRIPTION:
Learn the fundamentals of acting for stage, film or television! Experience fun drama games and interactive scene work that will improve your public speaking skills, stage presence and much more!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Danielle Mcleer at
danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us,
or at 973-912-2227, or, Tenin Terrell
for Encore Kids at 908-462-1151.

RUNS
TUESDAYS,
JANUARY 26TH -
MARCH 1ST, 2016
4:00 - 5:30 PM

GRADES
2ND - 5TH!
FEE: \$95

Class Is At The Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Ave., Springfield
SIGN-UP EARLY! SPACE IS LIMITED. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

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/recreation**

BOYS LACROSSE *Spring 2016*

Boys Lacrosse is here! The fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Program Details:

- The program is open to children in Springfield schools in 1st-9th grades.
- In our travel league, 3rd-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 1st-2nd graders play fewer games, but also play surrounding towns.
- 1st-8th grade travel players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

Practices and Field Information:

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
- 1st-2nd grade team practices Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and some Saturdays
- 3rd grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 4th-5th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 6th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 7th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Thursdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 8th-9th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 7:30-9:00 pm

Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>)
- \$115 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse with a credit card online at <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>)
- \$35 (Optional fee for a shooting shirt. See rear of form. You will be contacted by the Lacrosse Club.)

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department,
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081,
or online at BOTH <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> and <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>
Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

U.S. SPORTS CAMPS & CLASSES 2016

WEEKLY WINTER CLASSES (attend one class every week for up to 8 weeks)


TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football, soccer and more!

Ages: 3 5 yrs Dates: Jan 25 to March 7 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 9:30am 10:30am / 10:30am 11:30am Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$125 No class on Feb 15.	Ages: 3 5 yrs Dates: Jan 23 to March 5 Day(s): Saturday Time(s): 10am 11am Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$139
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SCHOOL'S OUT CAMPS (takes place when schools are closed)

SOCCER CAMP: Dribbling, passing, shooting, tournaments and more!

Ages: 5-11 yrs Dates: Jan 18 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 8:30am-2pm* Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$65 * FREE early drop off at 8am	Ages: 5-11 yrs Dates: Feb 15 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 8:30am-2pm* Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$65 * FREE early drop off at 8am
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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.



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.

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

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Learn to Play Golf Indoors in Springfield this Winter!!



TGA brings the golf course to you making it convenient and affordable for your child to learn the lifelong sport in a safe and fun environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop golf skills, get active and build self confidence as they advance through our five level program.

TGA Provides:

All Equipment
Education-Based Curriculum
Certified Junior Golf Instructors
Student Handbook
Achievement Awards

Every Class Includes:

Group and 1-on-1 Instruction
Physical Activity & Stretching
Rules & Etiquette Lesson
Educational Concepts (Ex: Math & Science)
Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship & Honesty

Dates: * Mondays from 1/25/16 - 3/21/16.

When: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

Who: All children ages 6 -11. Class Max is 15.

Where: Chisholm Community Center,
100 South Springfield Ave.

Cost: \$154/child.

*Note: No class on 2/15 due to President's Day.

TGA Premier Junior Golf is proud to offer golf camps, clinics, leagues, play days, tournaments, and after-school enrichment programs throughout Union County. For questions or additional information, please contact: **Nick Meltzer / Territory Director.** (732) 835-8TGA / nmeltzer@playtga.com

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Learn to Play Tennis Indoors in Springfield this Winter!!



TGA brings the tennis court to you making it convenient and affordable for your child to learn the lifelong sport in a safe and fun environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop tennis skills, get active and build self confidence as they advance through our multi-level program.

TGA Provides:

Youth-Sized Equipment
Education-Based Curriculums
Certified Youth Tennis Instructors
Achievement Awards
USTA Youth Membership

Every Class Includes:

Group and 1-on-1 Instruction
Physical Activity & Stretching
Rules & Etiquette Lesson
Educational Concepts (Ex: Math & Science)
Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship & Honesty

Dates: Fridays from 1/22/16 - 3/11/16.

When: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

Who: All children ages 6 -11. Class Max is 16.

Where: Chisholm Community Center,
100 South Springfield Ave.

Cost: \$154/child.

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SPRING 2016 CROSS COUNTRY Join the Springfield Cross Country Team!

The Cross Country Team is a travel sport for Springfield boys and girls ages 8-14. The team meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track.

PRE-SEASON: Monday, March 7th-Monday, March 28th
Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

RACE SEASON: Wednesday, March 30th-Friday, May 27th
Team practices and official races.

(End date may be extended once all races are finalized.)

Fees: \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield) • \$225 (payable to Coach Michael Czech)

INCLUDES: Uniform to keep, water bottle, pre-season training program, professional coaching instruction, race entry fees, and end-of-season pizza party. No refunds will be provided.

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.

ADULT BOOT CAMP

WINTER 2016

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

January 5 - February 9, 2015

FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER



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

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 8th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

COST IS \$110 PER PERSON

Registration will be available soon at <http://bootcampwf.com/enlist>, and forms will be available soon at the Springfield Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

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

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

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

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



Party room and kitchen available at the Chisholm Community Center for your next event. Cost to Springfield residents is only \$175 for up to four hours.

**Call Recreation Department
for details (973) 912-2227**

ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER WANTED Springfield Community Pool

Duties include: Assisting in the managing, scheduling, and coordinating of payroll for managers, lifeguards, and maintenance staff; regulating water chemistry and filter operations; supervising the front gate; overseeing grounds work; acting as liaison with Recreation Department summer camps, concession operator, swim team, and contracted pool users such as private camps and swim clubs; assisting with regular activities and special events; interacting with patrons and providing customer service; and other duties as assigned. Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license and previous experience recommended.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us



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>.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Girls Softball 2016 Grades 1-9

Open to Springfield Residents Only

Registration can be completed online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

After January 4, 2016, a \$25 late fee payable to Girls Softball Parents Association will be assessed.

Instructional League for Grades 1-2 Lower League Grades 3-5* Upper League Grades 6-9**

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA) **9th Graders **not** playing High School Softball

REGISTRATION FEES \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield)
\$50 (deadline is February 17th) / \$40 by January 29th (early bird)
 (payable to Girls Softball Parents Association)

GIRLS LACROSSE *Spring 2016*

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Program Details:

- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 2nd-7th grades.
- In our travel league, teams play a 4-6 game schedule against surrounding towns home and away.
- Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

Practices and Field Information:

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
- 2nd-4th grade team practices once per week (day and time to be determined).
- 5th-7th grade team will practice on Tuesday or Friday (time to be determined).

Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>)
- \$80 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Please wait until teams are finalized before paying this fee.)

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

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
 at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Lacrosse questions? Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrosse@gmail.com.
 Please visit the Lacrosse Club website at www.springfieldlaxnj.com
 for additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures!

WINTER CONDITIONING 2016

The program meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:15 pm at the Chisholm Community Center in the 2nd floor fitness room, and runs from Wednesday, January 13, to Friday, February 19.

No classes on Wednesday, November 25th, or Friday, November 27th.

Athletes need to spend time conditioning and winter is the perfect time to start! The program demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit!

The program is open to children in Springfield schools in 2nd-8th grades.

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

Chisholm Community Center

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

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

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

The popular Bricks 4 Kidz after-school LEGO® Enrichment Program is coming to Springfield in January 2016

Our one hour classes explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts using LEGO® bricks. Students participate in 6 week sessions focusing on exciting motorized creations with weekly themes such as Inventions, Life Science, and Technology. All curriculums have been created and designed by engineers and educators. These are hands-on classes where students will design and build machines, vehicles, animals and other structures using Bricks 4 Kidz's® copyrighted model plans. Each class begins with a lesson discussion on the weekly topic. At the end of each session, students are also encouraged to modify the design, unleashing their creativity. The class is fun, exciting and educational.

Class Schedule:
Age 5-9
Fridays
4:00 – 5:00 pm
6 sessions –
1/22, 1/29, 2/5,
2/12, 2/19, 2/26
Fees: \$99
for 6 Sessions

BRICKS 4 KIDZ ADVANCE ROBOTICS

The Bricks 4 Kidz Advance Robotics program is coming to Springfield in January 2016

Experience the cutting edge of technology with the introduction of LEGO® MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics. Students will be captivated in this 90 minutes class as they incorporate the newest generation of motors, sensors and software by programming their commands directly into the intelligent brick. Test their capabilities by moving an object with a robotic claw, building a robot that draws, or creating a mouse trap. Our endless list of builds is sure to provide the complete fundamental components of robotics at its best!

Class Schedule:
Age 10 - 13
Thursdays
4:00 – 5:30 pm
(90 minutes)
6 sessions –
1/21, 1/28, 2/4,
2/11, 2/18, 2/25
Fees: \$150
for 6 Sessions



Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue

For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at bricks4kidz.com/cnj

Eugenia Chiang (908) 866-1066 • Kavita Rana (908) 616-0492
echiang@bricks4kidz.com • krana@bricks4kidz.com

CO-ED RUNNING SPRING 2016

Are your children interested in running and improving their speed and agility?

Come join the Springfield Running Program!

Grades K-2nd

Session 1 meets on Mondays from April 4th–May 9th at 4:15-4:45 pm at Chisholm Park

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th–June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at Chisholm Park

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

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, grades K-2nd. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young children who would like to learn about speed and

Ages 8-14

Session 1 meets on Mondays from April 4th–May 9th at 5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th–June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

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

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, ages 8-14. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young athletes and children who would like to improve their speed and physical fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will be covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Program classes that featured endurance running. A minimum of six children are required for the program.

Fee: \$55 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)

Includes: T-shirt, water bottle, and professional coaching instruction. Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.

Or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

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

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

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regular MGG schedule:
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storycraft Mondays January 25 @ 4pm. Ages 3 to 7 w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by and drop in! **Wednesdays Jan 20; Fri Jan 22; Tues Jan 26.**

Storytime Yoga with Miss Carly Ages 2 and up with caregiver. **Fridays Jan 15 & 29 @ 10:30.**

Wii Games – Wednesdays January 20 & 27 from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

Lego Club meets each **Tuesdays** after school until **4:45 pm January 19 & 26.** Ages 6 and up. Kids aged 9 and under need to have their parent present in the room.

Rummikub Klub **Thursdays Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 4pm.** It's like Scrabble with numbers (more fun than Chess!) Ages 8+.

Drop in Math Help – January Wednesdays @ 4pm. Need some math help? Bring your homework and we're here to help.

Crazy 8s Math Club Grades K-2 **Thursdays** beginning **Jan 21 @ 4:00-5:00 pm.** Sign up @ the Youth Services desk.

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Monday, February 1t, 7:00 pm
"INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL LITERACY:
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DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, January 21, 10:00 am
Great Book discussion: "The Education of Henry
Adams" by Henry Adams.

Thursday, January 28 and February 11,
Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am.

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: "Dead Wake: The
Last Crossing of Lusitania" by Eric Larson.

FILMS

Tuesday, January 19, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – BEST PICTURE WINNERS OF THE YEARS PAST: This film covers 30 years in the life and relationship of Aurora Greenaway (Shirley MacLain) and her daughter Emma (Debra Winger). The movie won 5 Academy Awards. 1983.

Monday, February 1st, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – BEST PICTURE WINNERS OF THE YEARS PAST: Jack Lemmon plays an office worker who loans his apartment to his superiors for their romantic trysts and soon finds himself sharing a girlfriend with his boss. This picture won 6 Academy Awards. 1960.

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The 8th grade boys Minutemen travel basketball team, co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association (SBA) won Garden State Basketball's New Year's Hoop Jam in overtime at Newark Academy in Livingston on Saturday, January 2nd. The team is coached by Glenn Wohl and Will Teixeira.



The 7th grade boys Minutemen travel basketball team, co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association (SBA) were crowned the champions at Readington Township Recreation's 17th Annual Holiday Tournament in late December. The team is coached by Mike Dzikowski, David Ares, and Ted Kanarek. Player Aiden Forsys took MVP honors and player Mike Kanerak received the Hustle award. The team went 4-0 in the tournament -- holding opponents to under 30 points per game.



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(l to r) Isabella Lis, Lily Pravda, Liv Gerson, Emily Dash, Natalie Neuhaus, Josh Silverstein, Celeste Palermo, Dahlia Schraeder, Maya Dvorchik, Ariana Certulo, Lucas Palermo and Jamie Levitan

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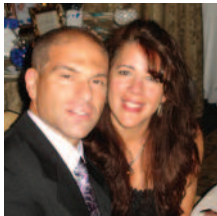


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