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*Message from the Mayor*

Greetings!

As I sit and begin to write this message, I just took part in the initial meeting of the Springfield Reopening Executive Committee. As a parent with two children in our school system, an educator for over twenty years, and leader in my community, I am honored to be a part of this Committee and ready for the challenges we face. Our conversation was honest, frank, and productive.

Despite prolonged efforts by the Township and the YMCA to work out the final terms for the opening of Community Pool and Camp facilities, the Township was informed by the YMCA today that the risks associated with

COVID-19 prevent the YMCA from taking over pool and camp operations in Springfield for the 2020 summer season. The Y remains committed to working with the Township collaborating on projects throughout the year. In the meantime, our recreation department has been working to develop programs and activities, both virtual and in-person, for the immediate future.

Our first of three drive-in movie dates this summer, was a complete success. We sold out in minutes! My thanks to the Springfield Recreation Department and our other township entities for a collaborative effort. For more information, please sign up with Boxcar at <https://www.boxcarapp.com/springfield-movies>.

Our "Drive-Thru" pantry to help COVID-19 families in need was a complete success. We helped to feed over 550 families for about a week. Many thanks to our volunteers, donors, and the Springfield DPW and Fire Department.

Governing during this pandemic is truly unprecedented. I am proud not only of the progress my fellow Township Committee Members and I have made, but the "business as usual" status our township has maintained throughout the pandemic. Offices are open, ball fields continue to be maintained, our budget was unanimously passed at the 2% cap, and the Larkin project is moving along ahead of schedule. We even have outdoor dining throughout the township, so please continue to support our local businesses.

Lastly, please remember to keep safe. Wear a mask if you are out in public and maintain social distance. I encourage you, if you decide to travel this summer, to self quarantine as applicable. We are not out of the woods just yet.

Stay safe!

*Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.*

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY MESSAGE**

The library's building may be closed, but we're working behind the scenes to keep our library patrons well informed and well read. If you're not yet taking advantage of the many services we are still able to provide, you may want to check out one or more of the following:

Access to Hoopla, a digital repository of hundreds of thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, plus downloadable movies, television shows and music. With your Springfield library card and PIN handy, registering for this service is a snap. Don't yet have a library card? Just go to [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org) to register for a temporary card. Can't find your library card or forgot your PIN? Send an email to [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org) and someone from the staff will get back to you with the information you need. You can also check out the library's Facebook page for recommendations from staff members regarding what to read, watch, or listen to next.

Looking for a different point of view than the same old local news? Go to [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org) and click on "Resources" and use your library card and PIN to sign up for PressReader, to gain access to 7,000 newspapers and magazines from more than 120 countries and representing more than 60 languages. A free trial of this service through mid-May is being provided by Baker & Taylor, a major vendor that serves all types of libraries.

Finally have the time to research your family tree or start learning that foreign language you've always been interested in? Go to [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org) and click on "Resources" and then click on online databases. Ancestry.com and Rosetta Stone are only two of the many fantastic databases that we have available to take you on an intellectual journey of your own choosing.

Need a stretch? Sign up for the library's virtual chair yoga sessions offered on Fridays at 12:30. Contact Sue Tegge, our librarian in charge of adult services at [stegge@sfplnj.org](mailto:stegge@sfplnj.org).

Need a smile? Join Children's Librarian "Ms. Brie" for Mother Goose Group preschool story times; check the library's Facebook page for times and dates. You can also check the library Facebook page for Ms. Brie's "Middle Grade Madness" virtual book talks.

**TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

**Due to the COVID-19 situation Meetings may be cancelled or held with public call in only. Please check on the Township's website [springfield-nj.us](http://springfield-nj.us) for the most current information.**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 11 at 7 pm

**The following meetings may not be held in July/August. Check the Township's website [springfield-nj.us](http://springfield-nj.us)**

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

**RENT LEVELING BOARD**

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

**RECREATION COUNCIL**

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library



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### KRISPY KREME

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YUM! Krispy Kreme has brought their delicious donuts and fantastic coffee to Springfield. Whether it's part of your morning ritual or a surprise for the whole office or family, you can trust everyone will be very happy. In addition to their famous glazed donut, they offer a wide variety for all. Make them a part of your next celebration!



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### ANTONIO'S ITALIAN MARKET

71 Springfield Ave – 973-379-3738

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### Get Local Deals From These Terrific Businesses in August on THE SPRINGFIELD APP!

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- Digital Press Videogames • Sky Zone
- Welsh Farm Speedy Mart • Cioffi's
- Campus Sub Shop II • Allstate
- Capelli e Mani Design • AMP Yoga
- Sofia's Restaurant • Little Details Salon
- Sudz Dudz Laundromat • NBD Fitness
- Screamin Parties • Thai Amarin
- JX Jewelry Exchange • Alen's Deli
- Dental Health Providers of NJ • Spirit
- Moroccan Kebab & Falafel • Rye Deli
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FIRST DRIVE-IN MOVIE

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Food orders prepared by local restaurant partners Alen’s Deli & Catering, Super Stuffed Burgers, and TD Pizza were delivered directly to the cars, and many vehicles had open sunroofs and rear doors to enhance the viewing and dining experiences. The movie began at dusk, following welcoming remarks by Mayor Christopher Capodice who was in attendance with his family. Parking lot preparation, logistical assistance, supplemental lighting, and medical stand-by support was provided by the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Springfield Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, First Aid Squad, Department of Public Works, and Recreation Department. The classic 1992 film depicting the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League of the WWII era, was directed by Penny Marshall and featured an all-star cast of Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Lori Petty, Madonna, Rosie O’Donnell, Garry Marshall, Jon Lovitz, Bill Pullman, and David Strathairn.

Two additional summer drive-in movies will be presented on Thursday, July 23, 2020, and Thursday, August 13, 2020. Movie titles, screening times, food options, and reservation fees will be announced by Boxcar a week prior to each movie. In order to receive details and payment information, interested Springfield residents must sign up with Boxcar at <https://www.boxcarapp.com/springfield-movies>. Each movie will have limited spots available that are sold on a first-come first-served basis. Boxcar is a Chatham-based integrated commuting company that specializes in on-demand train station parking, luxury motor coach service to Manhattan, grocery delivery, drive-in movies, car detailing, landscaping, and outdoor pools.

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).

A little history.....

The first drive-in movie theater opened on June 6, 1933 in Camden, New Jersey.

They were called "Park-In Theaters" and the term “drive-in” came to be widely used only later. It was the brainchild of Richard Hollingshead, of Whiz Auto Products, in Camden. Reportedly Hollingshead came up with the idea as his mother was not comfortable in a traditional movie theater seat. He experimented at home in his driveway and came up with the idea of sitting in your own car.

He received a patent for the concept in May of 1933 and opened Park-In Theaters, Inc. The idea became very popular and his patent was overturned in 1949 and “Drive-Ins” began popping up all over the country. How many of you remember, and went to, a movie at the Drive In on Route 22 in Union? There are 321 Drive in Movie Theatres left in the Country at this time, well 322 counting Springfield!

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Coping During COVID-19: A Social Program

Presented virtually by the  
Alzheimer’s Association

Robyn Kohn, MA - Greater NJ Chapter

The second Wednesday of each month. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Coping with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic presents its own unique challenges. The Alzheimer’s Association is here to help. Join us from the comfort of home by phone or computer.

For support group log-in details, contact the Springfield Public Library at 973.376.4930 or Dale Spindel at [dspindel@sfpnj.org](mailto:dspindel@sfpnj.org).

Visit [alz.org/nj](http://alz.org/nj) to learn more about caregiver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZ connected®, our online community, at [alzconnected.org](http://alzconnected.org).

Build a support system with  
people who understand.

Alzheimer’s Association early-stage support groups conducted by trained facilitators are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.

800.272.3900 | [alz.org](http://alz.org)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

The Chisholm Community Center is closed to the public until further notice. The Springfield Recreation Department is also closed to the public, but maintains regular weekday office hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm for business to be conducted by mail, email, phone, fax, Community Pass online, and a lock-box outside the Chisholm front entrance. There are no in-person business transactions. The afterschool teen program in the Chisholm youth wing is closed during this period. Chisholm is closed to all weekday and weekend activities that had been previously scheduled. Senior citizen programs that has been previously scheduled are canceled or postponed. The senior citizen daily transportation service has been suspended. See page 10 for information on Springfield Helping Seniors, a new temporary program that matches senior citizen residents with community volunteers for limited grocery shopping and prescription pick-ups — all delivered to your doorstep. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us). Visit us online at [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation). Register and pay for programs online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>.

SPRINGFIELD PLAYGROUNDS OPEN  
AS OF TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

Springfield’s eleven playgrounds have reopened as of Tuesday, July 7, 2020! The Springfield Recreation Department invites residents back to our playgrounds at Alvin, Chisholm, Cohn, Denham, Henshaw, Irwin, Laurel, Patriot, Ruby, Smithfield, and Trivett. Following an initial disinfecting, the Department of Public Works will be cleaning the playgrounds every Wednesday, weather permitting. When using the playgrounds, please keep in mind posted rules, physical distancing, covering coughs and sneezes, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, wearing face coverings when necessary, and staying home when sick. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).



Fire Chief’s Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Summer is a time for fun, but it is important to make sure you and your family are being cautious when using fireworks, grills, and other potentially dangerous materials. Here is everything you need to know about keeping your family and home safe this summer!

Summer Fire Statistics

- In 2014, 16,600 patients went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills
- July is the peak month for grill fires (17%), including both structure, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by May, June and August
- Leaks or breaks were the factor in 11% of grill structure fires and 23% of outside and unclassified grill fires
- Gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts
- A failure to clean the grill was the leading factor contributing to the fire in one –fifth of all grill structure fires (19%). In 17%, something that could catch fire was too close to the grill

Summertime Fire Safety- Helpful Hints

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events with fireworks.
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should be used outdoors only.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease buildup.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



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Schamaelle Valerie Badio Ψ	Jennifer Maria DiLeo Ψ	Arshad H. Lassiter	Jake Rodriguez
Margaret Anne Barrasso ‡	Luana Dos Santos	Randy A. Leiva	Alaya Divine Rudolph
Alexander James Bauman	Julia Faith Dougherty	Jordan Adam Levine	Jovanni Salvatore Salcfas
Michelle Anne Bellino	Ian Lucas Drogowitz ‡	Joani Lico ‡	Haeley G. Santos Ψ
Kyla Belton	Jocelyn Duallo ‡ Ω	Leonel Dias Lourenco	Thomas John Saverino ‡
Adi Ben-Guy ‡	Lily Tess Dvorchik ‡ Ψ	Taylor Noelle Lucarello	Lauren Anne Schultz ‡ Ω
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Aneus Lee Brown	Zipei Fang	Isabella Matute	Jordan Ellen Sievert
Michael Jospheh Cacioppo	Oluwafunmilayo Esther Fatolu	Eftihia Spyridoula Mazis	Jaelyn Ameerah Simmons-Larsen
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Nathan Calling	Christian Alexander Finnerty	Kailee Mera	Becca Scottie Smith ‡ Ω Ψ
Abiam Camacho	Ariana Ilanit Flores	Jusmary Mercado ‡ Ω Ψ	Christopher Javier Solis Ψ
Micah T. Campbell-Gill	Lillian Grace Friedman ‡ Ω Ψ	Alex Mezzo	Christian Jason Stavick
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Listella Derival ‡	Brycen Qilin Kirschner ‡	Samantha Jordan Potito	

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‡ denotes National Honor Society    Ω denotes Dayton Collegiate Academy    Ψ denotes State Seal of Biliteracy



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KELLER WILLIAMS MID-TOWN  
DIRECT RED DAY

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They delivered seventeen carloads of food, bedding and PPE Isiah House and donated \$7,463. (Full SUVs, minivans and trunks!) KWMTDR realtors contributed and they called on their neighbors, friends, family and clients to donate items or contribute financially - an outstanding group effort!

In an interview with the Patriot Times, Cynthia Apicella, Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Agent commented:

"It was extremely rewarding being able to collaborate with my co-workers to both fundraise and donate needed supplies to the Isaiah House in East Orange. During these uncertain times It really showed me how thankful I am to be a part of the Keller Williams Family. Together we exemplified the mindset that small contributions yield big results and make a bold impact.

Jessica James from Isaiah House said of the Keller Williams Team:

".... your team's generosity filled our closets and pantries to the brim with critical items for families in need . . .exceeded all of our expectations . . . was far more than anticipated . . . it came just when we needed it most."

Welcome to the Team  
Michal Avraham!

Please join us in welcoming Michal to  
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Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.  
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# Things Are Heating Up in Town!

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with you, so valuable opportunities don't pass you by!



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John Apicella // Realtor



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## SPRINGFIELD HELPING SENIORS

**WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19?  
DO YOU NEED HELP MINIMIZING YOUR EXPOSURE?**

**A group of neighbors has volunteered to do limited  
emergency grocery shopping and pick-up  
prescriptions for Springfield's elderly residents.**

**TO REQUEST HELP  
Call (973) 912-2227**

**Or email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)**

**Please allow 48 hours for requests to be met.**

**Payment will be received by two methods only:  
credit card on file at the store or a check to the  
volunteer after presentation of receipt for purchase**

**NO CASH PAYMENT**

**NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHOUT A RECEIPT**

**Volunteers are instructed to follow safety protocols.**

**Participants accept this help at their own risk.**

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## Police Chief's Column

*- Chief John P. Cook*

Every once in a while the question of why does our Police Department need so many marked vehicles, is brought to my attention. I have explained this in the past and am now taking advantage of this avenue of information dissemination.

We have a total of twenty-four marked police vehicles, most of which are parked in our lot which is in full view for everyone to see and therefore is what most likely leads to this question being understandably asked.

Of these 24 vehicles, fourteen are service vehicles, the vehicles officers and supervisors utilize during their shifts to protect and serve our Township and its people.

These vehicles need to be reliable at all times as they need to be able to respond to emergencies of all kinds without any problems. We have recently built our service vehicle fleet to fourteen for the purposes of having enough vehicles so as to allow a working officer to be assigned to a particular vehicle which he/she is responsible for.

When we had less service vehicles, some would be operating around the clock without a break which led to many mechanical issues and a greatly decreased useful lifespan as a service vehicle. This was not cost effective as the need for new vehicles became more frequent.

A large number of the police vehicles were purchased using forfeiture funds which means that there was no cost to the Township and therefore, not to the taxpayers. Also an important note, the fleet insurance costs to the Township are not affected by the number of vehicles that we keep.

With the newly initiated vehicle program, each vehicle is now used for a shift per day and has the remainder of that time parked, cutting the previous running time by more than half.

This less wear and tear will enable our fleet to have a longer lifespan and therefore save money.

Also, of the 24 marked vehicles, three are used by our Auxiliary Police Unit, four are non-service vehicles solely used for vendor/contractor traffic control, and three that will be shortly sold off.

Regarding the non-service vehicles, these are vehicles which still are mechanically capable of running but would not be chosen as an emergency response vehicle.

Other townships may sell their non-service vehicles, which we do also sell some, but those that we sell are ones which are getting costly to maintain and not at all considered for emergency response.

Historically, selling a standard patrol used vehicle only brings in a few hundred to perhaps a thousand dollars, depending upon the condition of the vehicle.

The four vehicles that we currently maintain for traffic control are continually bringing in revenue to the Township, far and beyond the one time income of a maximum potential one thousand dollars that would be gained from selling it.

Not only has utilizing our non-service vehicles in this manner brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Township over the last several years, it keeps us from having to use service vehicles for traffic control which would put needless wear and tear on those vehicles.

With all of this said, what may appear to be an over-abundance of marked police vehicles in our lot is actually resulting in a safer and longer lasting service fleet as well as bringing in significant income from the non-service vehicles.

One other benefit of the non-service vehicles is that should there be a need for more vehicles for officers called in to handle a disaster such as a major storm, etc., these vehicles would suffice for that purpose.

## BASKETBALL COURTS REOPEN



Basketball rims have returned to Springfield's parks as of Wednesday, July 8, 2020. The public is welcome to enjoy the basketball courts this summer! Please follow posted signage at our parks reminding you to stay home if you are sick, bring your own equipment, cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or tissue, use hand sanitizer regularly, reduce physical closeness as much as possible, and wear face coverings when necessary. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.



# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## YOUTH FOOTBALL GRADES 3-8 • FALL 2020



Sponsored by Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Jr. Dawgs Welcome Millburn Jr. Millers!  
Tackle league is open to rising 3rd-8th graders who attend a Springfield or Millburn school.

### TWO FEES

\$200 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$95 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:

\$160 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$95 per child payable to "Township of Springfield"

### ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

Visa, Mastercard, or Discover

Jr. Dawgs fees:

<https://springfield-jr-dawgs.sportngin.com/register/form/098203156>

Township fees:

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

### INCLUDES

League fees, referees, loaned equipment and helmet, game apparel

### DOES NOT INCLUDE

Personal protective equipment, gloves, footwear, awards dinner

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Copy of most recent report card

Copy of birth certificate

### REFUNDS

100% refund of both fees will be provided until Friday, August 14, 2020. After this date, 75% refund of Jr. Dawgs fees will be provided until Friday, August 28, 2020.

In the event of a season interruption or cancellation, every effort will be made to return unspent funds, but this is not guaranteed.

### DEADLINE

Registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020. After this date, subject to team availability.

### COVID-19

We are following preventive measures and requirements outlined in our Program Preparation Plan, NJ Department of Health, and New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League.

### VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

All volunteer coaches must attend a Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. coach clinic, and must pass a confidential criminal background check with fingerprints, per Springfield Recreation Department and Township of Springfield regulations. Please sign up via online registration.

Springfield Jr. Dawgs at [springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com)

Springfield Recreation Department at [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227

*If you have any questions about any of our programs, please contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [Recreation@Springfield-NJ.US](mailto:Recreation@Springfield-NJ.US)*



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Hey Springfield Parents, what are your plans this summer?



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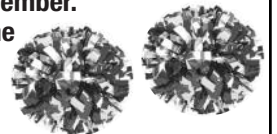
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## Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading

FALL 2020 • GRADES 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield and Millburn schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2020.
- 1-2 practices per week. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Multiple grades may be combined into a squad, if necessary, based on enrollment.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.



### TWO FEES

\$90 payable to Township of Springfield Online registration only (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

\$45 payable to Springfield Cheerleading Check due at uniform sizing

**DEADLINE** Friday, July 24, 2020 After this date, subject to team availability.

**REFUNDS** 100% refund of Springfield Cheerleading fee will be provided until Friday, July 24, 2020.

100% refund of Township of Springfield fee will be provided until Friday, July 31, 2020.

Refunds of Township of Springfield fees are subject to \$15 administrative fee, per Ordinance. In the event of a season interruption or cancellation, every effort will be made to return unspent funds, but this is not guaranteed.

**COVID-19** We are following preventive measures and requirements outlined in our Program Preparation Plan and the NJ Department of Health.

Springfield Recreation Department at [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227



BID GRANTS

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wherein we, provided up to \$1500 per business to help them purchase COVID cleaning supplies and comply with new rules in order to keep their businesses open." BID Co-Chair Scott Seidel also noted, "We wanted to keep it as simple as possible and created a simple one page form which required minimal information and only took a minute or two to complete" Twenty grants will be handed out in the next few days."



Scott Seidel, Golden Hands Spa Manager Su Junma, Mike Scalera



Scott Seidel, Rye Deli Owner Hal Robinson, Mike Scalera



Scott Seidel, Jerry Cioffi, Mike Scalera



Scott Seidel, Chen's 22 Owner Wenling Zou, Salon Bangles Owner Christin Damiano



Jose Lusk, Owner of Springfield Sport Barber Shop Receives His BID Grant Check from BID Co-Chair Mike Scalera

VETERANS CORNER

By Gerry Gebauer

VETtext is here! So, what is it? Do you or more correct did you go to a VA facility for medical care. These facilities are starting to open again. However, you are not supposed to just walk in. You are supposed to announce your presence via text message and then you will be instructed where to proceed to. You really have a hard time these day without a cell phone. When you get to the facility you are to text "HERE" to 53079. You will receive a text from your medical care team when and how to enter the building and of course you have to have a mask on. When I went to my private dentist last week, a very nice assistant took my temperature and asked me five questions. I'm going for my VA appointment, so I'll find out if the procedure at the VA is the same. I better study to get the questions right.

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CALL RECREATION DEPARTMENT (973) 912-2227

SDL PORTAL - Access Building Department Information Online

Springfield has launched SDL Portal, an online hub where residents, businesses and professionals can request

inspections & access permit information 24/7. **SAVE TIME. DO IT ONLINE.** Visit [sdl.town/springfield](http://sdl.town/springfield) and creat an account

- Request inspections. User can view availability & submit their preferred inspection dates
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## STUDENTS IN SPRINGFIELD CAN BENEFIT FROM BACK- PACK GIVEAWAY!

On Sunday, July 26, more than 800 participating TCC and Wireless Zone stores are teaming up to donate 140,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through TCC's annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway. This year will mark more than one million total backpacks donated since the campaign launched in 2013. Between 1-4 p.m. on July 26, participating TCC stores, including the one located in Echo Plaza Shopping Center, are inviting local families to the store to pick up backpacks for their children filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and more. Each participating store location will follow the CDC's social distancing and state guidelines to ensure the safety of employees and event attendees. Each TCC store is donating up to 180 backpacks, and backpacks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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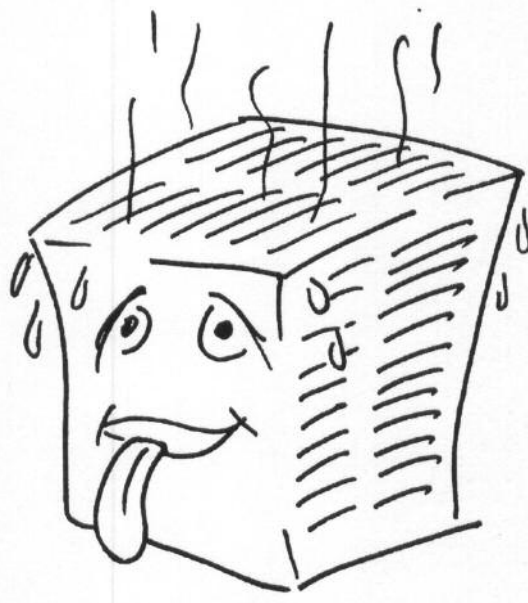
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Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by contacting HOPE at: 973-467-3388 or mailing a check to: Springfield H.O.P.E. C/O Springfield OEM 200 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

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sharing equipment



at least  
6 feet  
Reduce physical closeness  
between people when possible



Wear face covering  
when necessary

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# PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

*By John Cottage Sr.*

## JIM SEDLAK – SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEER



Jim Sedlak, a 54 year resident of Springfield, has been a volunteer on many fronts over all those years. A Vietnam War Navy veteran who served on the USS Alfred A. Cunningham, Jim has been a key participant in many special events held in Springfield

The most unusual perhaps was in 1994 on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary celebration of the Township. Jim, an avid Coca Cola collector, had the idea of having a commemorative Coke bottle produced and sold as part of the celebration. Not as easy as it sounds. With limited funds available, Jim had to find a Coca Cola bottling plant that was willing to do it.

While Coke makes many commemorative bottles for various events, the anniversary committee could only afford 100 cases and there wasn't a bottling plant willing to do such a small run.

Through his persistence, Jim found a plant in New London, Connecticut that was willing to do it and, as they say, the rest is history. Jim worked with them on the design and actually drove there to pick up the completed bottles. They were sold as a fund raiser at the event. Turns out that today they are a very rare collectible due to the very limited run!!

In addition to the 200th Anniversary of the Township, Jim volunteered for the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield in 2005 where he delivered over 200 meals to the revolutionary reenactors. When the Township participated in the contest and then the actual premier of The Simpsons Movie in Springfield, Jim along with his late wife Marie were key volunteers that helped make all that happen. Jim also volunteers each year for the Township's July 4th celebration and Memorial Day ceremony, as well as many other events. Jim also assists the Auxiliary Police when needed as a member of their "Honor Guard" at public ceremonies.

In 2009, Jim became a volunteer member of Emergency Management. He became a CERT team member in 2014 and still holds that position today. Over those years he has helped with all special events and emergencies including hurricanes Irene and Sandy. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Jim Sedlak said "My greatest satisfaction today is working and interacting with both the CERT Team and the Auxiliary Police at all the events and emergencies".

## The August Symphony Orchestra Presents "Classical Hollywood"

*Free Online Event Features Classical Music in Films*

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) will host a virtual event presenting a lively discussion and musical demonstration of classical music in popular films, to be held on Sunday, July 26 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. For access to the free event, simply register on the orchestra's website: [www.tasonj.org](http://www.tasonj.org) for the link to the program. The event will be interactive, allowing for comments and questions.

Join TASO music director Michael Avagliano for a guided tour through some of the surprising pieces and composers in popular Hollywood films. Members of the orchestra will play excerpts of music from Wagner, Strauss, Greig, Liszt and Holst - themes that will jog your memory and remind you of a spring morning, an outer space adventure and much more.

"Throughout film history, music by classical composers has been used over and over again by filmmakers and Hollywood studios to make their movies come alive," said Michael Avagliano, music director of TASO. "This is a program for the whole family, and you'll never hear the movies the same way again."

Michael Avagliano enjoys a multifaceted career as conductor, performer, and educator. One of his passions is film music, and he has given lectures and presentations on the subject over the past several years. He currently serves as music director for The August Symphony Orchestra, the Summit Symphony, and the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra, and is on faculty at Drew University.

"We want to continue the great musical experience The August Symphony Orchestra has provided for the past 15 years, offering an accessible way for classical orchestral music to be appreciated by all," states Bob Whiteley, president of TASO. "Live concerts are still probably months away, but we hope this virtual program will give classical music fans a taste of what they're missing, and we are proud to continue uninterrupted despite the circumstances."

The program is made possible in part by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

About the August Symphony Orchestra

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) is a non-profit organization whose objective is to enrich the Garden State community by offering an accessible way for classical orchestral music to be performed, listened to, and appreciated by all. TASO's mission is to maintain a high standard of quality and performance while bringing people together and upholding a spirit of accessibility, community, and mutual love for classical music. The orchestra welcomes and appreciates the financial support from the public as well as from local companies, financial institutions, and New Jersey state grant foundations. For further information please visit: <http://tasonj.org/>. Follow us on Facebook.

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## SPRINGFIELD BP IS HIRING!

The BP Gas station/convenience store (5 Meisel Avenue, Springfield) cares deeply for the long-term health and safety of its employees, vendors, customers, and neighbors. COVID-19 remains a common topic in all of our conversations and, it appears, the corona virus will continue to be a major influence on our day-to-day lives until there is a vaccine or a cure. As an essential business, BP remained open. Starting in March they implemented a comprehensive COVID-19 Response Plan which underscores our commitment to protecting the safety of their employees and customers and our desire to serve the communities surrounding the stores. They noted the following to the Patriot Times:

1. We want to hire individuals in the community who may have been furloughed or lost their jobs due to shelter in place mandates. We are hiring! Go to [www.strasglobal.com/careers](http://www.strasglobal.com/careers) to apply.
2. We want to connect with local restaurants and other retailers, as well as producers of fresh foods like farmers, to create partnerships to sell their products in our stores for the benefit of their employees and our customers.
3. We are committed to providing a dedicated service to our seniors. Should seniors be anxious shopping in public, we will bring them to the front of the line or, in case of high-risk customers who call ahead, we will close the store for private shopping at off-peak times.
4. We are piloting on-line ordering in another market and providing curbside delivery to those that require it. This service is beneficial to seniors and anyone with special needs. After a short pilot, we will expand the program and add the option for home/office delivery.
5. We offer a free coffee to-go in gratitude to first responders and medical personnel.
6. All employees wear gloves and masks. For everyone's well-being, we require all customers and vendors entering the store to wear a mask.
7. At the beginning of the pandemic, the store installed plexiglass sneeze guards at each checkout, sanitation products for customer's use, floor decals for practicing distancing and implemented up dated cleaning processes and procedures.
8. We are committed to never price gouging or over pricing, especially for critical and high-in-demand products.

Furthermore, we are open to all additional suggestions on how we can assist those in need. You can reach us at [info@strasglobal.com](mailto:info@strasglobal.com)  
Please visit [www.strasglobal.com](http://www.strasglobal.com) to view our complete COVID-19 Response Plan.



## Springfield Free Public Library 66 Mountain Avenue 973-376-4930

Check Library website for  
MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

### Curbside Pickup Service Continues

The Springfield Free Public Library Offers Curbside Pickup Services During the Following Times:

Monday 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday 12:00 am - 7:30 pm  
Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

You can request your items in the following ways:

- Place your hold requests online through the library's catalog
- Send your emailed requests to [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org)
- Call 973 376-4930, ext. 221 - Do not leave requests on voicemail as they will not be filled

Remember, all of the library items that you had checked out prior to March 14, 2020 must be returned and checked back in before you can start taking advantage of curbside pickup service. All returned items are subject to a quarantine period of at least 72 hours before being checked in; please take this into account before submitting requests for curbside pickup.

Both outdoor book and AV drops are again open 24/7 to receive returned materials.

At the present time, patrons may have no more than five items checked out at one time; 2 children's picture books will count as 1 item.

Due to the temporary suspension of statewide library delivery service, we are not able to provide items owned by other libraries at this time.

Join Ms. Brie this summer in her kitchen, her living room and her craft room for some virtual fun! All videos premiere on Facebook and will also be available on Ms. Brie's Youtube channel, Ms. Brie Reads."

Virtual Children's Programs for the Month of August  
Tune in on the library's Facebook Page!

### Virtual Kids in the Kitchen:

**Wednesdays at 1:00 pm August 2020:**

- August 5th: Dirt Cups Dessert
- August 12th: No Bake Granola Bars
- August 19th: Grape Pops
- August 26th: Cake Batter Dip

### Virtual Crafty

**Thursdays at 2:00 pm August 2020:**

- August 6th: Thumbprint Painted Flowers
- August 13th: Handprint Fish Puppets
- August 20th: Cotton Ball Painted Hearts
- August 27th: Handprint Dinosaurs

### Special Virtual Programming in August

Fun with Electronics: LED Buzzers  
Saturday, August 01, 2020, 02:00pm

Open to grades 6-8, Fun with Electronics is a virtual program that aims to explain how key electronic components work, such as LEDs, buzzers, buttons, and batteries. Each participant will receive a take-home kit, which they will use to follow along

with live YouTube sessions scheduled twice a week (see dates & times below).

Registration is limited to 15 participants, priority given to Springfield residents. Please email Teen Librarian Ms. Alice at [achunn@sfplnj.org](mailto:achunn@sfplnj.org) with your name, grade, and phone number. She will get back to you on arranging a time to pick up your take-home kit.

During the live YouTube sessions, participants can ask questions through live chat (requires Google account and YouTube channel). Generally, the first few introductory videos will demonstrate how each component works while the later videos will be about making devices, such as doorbells or fans. It is recommended that participants attend every live session. However, if you miss a session, a recording will be posted to the program's YouTube channel and questions can be asked in the comment section.

### Live YouTube Sessions:

August 1st at 2pm: LED Buzzers  
August 5th at 2pm: Button Intro  
August 8th at 2pm: Night Light  
August 12th at 2pm: Motor Intro  
August 15th at 2pm: Doorbell  
August 19th at 2pm: A Fan  
August 22nd at 2pm: Mini Car Rover  
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcNNVsVY6sgB12IeWm5OxRg>

You need at least a Google account in order to leave comments in a video's comment section. However, you will also need a YouTube channel to join the live chat. If you have questions on how to create a channel, please contact Ms. Alice.

### Chair Yoga

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, the Springfield Library will offer two sessions of virtual chair yoga, scheduled from 12:30-1:15 pm on August 7 & August 21. These sessions will be offered via Zoom. For login information, please send an email to [stegge@sfplnj.org](mailto:stegge@sfplnj.org) no later than 12:00 noon on the day of each session. Contact: Susan Tegge

Chair Yoga has always been one of our most popular adult programs at the Springfield Public Library. Sponsored for many years by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, it has continued to be available via Zoom, and is still taught by our popular yoga instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris. Admission is free and all are welcome. Scheduled to occur every two weeks on Fridays, until August 21, the 45-minute sessions begin at 12:30 p.m.

For participants who took her class on July, 10, the same link and password may be used for these recurring sessions throughout July and August. For those who did not attend Tamara's July 10 class, and need the Zoom link and password she will be using

through her last session in August, please email Adult Services Supervising Librarian Susan Tegge ([stegge@sfplnj.org](mailto:stegge@sfplnj.org)) who will provide you with the link and password that the instructor will be using for the next three sessions: July 24, August 7 and August 21. Emails will be answered up to 23 hours prior to the Friday 12:30 -p.m. sessions.

### Children's Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to kids entering Pre-K through 5th grade, ages 3-10. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of minutes read. 1 minute counts as 1 point. You can earn additional points by completing missions. Earn 120 points to enter the grand prize drawing. For each additional 120 points, you automatically increase your odds of winning. Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: five \$20 Barnes & Noble gift cards.

### Teen Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to teens entering grades 6th through 12th, ages 11-17. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of pages read. 1 page counts as 1 point. You can earn additional points by completing missions and attending library programs (must obtain secret code to redeem points). Every 200 points earns you a grand prize raffle ticket! Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: two \$25 Barnes & Noble gift cards, one \$25 Dunkin' Donuts gift card, and one \$25 Target gift card.

### Adult Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to adults, ages 18 & up. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of pages read. 1 page counts as 1 point. Earn 200 points to enter the grand prize drawing. For each additional 200 points, you automatically increase your odds of winning. Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: four \$25 Amazon gift cards.

### How it Works:

Download the READsquared App

• Register Online – Parents you can create an account first to easily monitor your children's activity.

• Track Your Reading – Log in here and track your reading to earn points.

• Keep Reading! – Earn a completion certificate once you've completed the program.



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