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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY**  
JUNE 18, 2015

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## HUNDREDS GATHER FOR THE SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

A large crowd gathered at Veterans Park on Monday, May 25 to commemorate the Memorial Day Observance. The ceremony, planned by Parade Coordinator Geri Ann Bujnowski, with the assistance of Linda Donnelly, appeared to be the largest in recent Springfield History.

The program started with an introduction of the Township Committee and Union County Freeholder Bruce Bergen. Geri Ann Bujnowski introduced the veterans. Gerry Gebauer, Commander of the American Legion Post #228, introduced this year's Grand Marshall, Herb Quinton. This year's special guest speaker was Colonel Edward Chrystal Jr., Commander of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

The parade started at Veterans Park and proceeded to Jonathan Dayton High School. While the exact date and origin of the first observance of Memorial Day may not be known for certain, it was originally referred to as "Decoration Day" after the Civil War and then to "Memorial Day" in 1882. The observance became officially named by federal law in 1967. On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, moving four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday, creating a three-day weekend. This change moved Memorial Day from its traditional date of May 30 to the last Monday in May effective in 1971.



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## JDHS PRINCIPAL TO RETIRE AFTER A DECADE OF SERVICE



Elizabeth Cresci, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School since September 2005, will be retiring at the end of June. She has served as principal of the high school for

a decade, and in that time has brought innovative programs to the school, and led the school to its designation as a high performing high school at the state and national levels.

Mrs. Cresci has been responsible for many programs at the high school, including the Dayton Collegiate Academy (DCA), part of the state School Choice program. The DCA is a rigorous academic program designed for outstanding students who take on the challenge of Advanced Placement courses beginning in their freshman year. She also created the Transition Summer School, designed for incoming ninth graders who are given the opportunity to learn skills and strategies to make them successful in high school and college.

Mrs. Cresci also served as principal at Highland Park Middle and High School, where she received the Bell Weather Award for outstanding academic improvement by a high school in 2005. She began her career as a teacher in a private school on the lower East side of Manhattan before moving to New Jersey to teach English at East Brunswick High School in 1986. Mrs. Cresci has served as Humanities Supervisor for Monroe Township Schools, and assistant principal at Ridge High School in Bernards Township.

Mrs. Cresci lives with Alfred, her husband of 31 years, in Piscataway, NJ. Her retirement plans include time with Alfred and a tour of all the baseball stadiums in the country.



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## Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

Watching the township progress with the seasons has been one of the most interesting and rewarding aspects of being Mayor. As our Department of Public Works duties change from snow removal to mowing lawns, and Recreation opens the township pool and prepares for summer camp, our community is constantly moving forward. As Mayor, I feel that it's the Township Committee's responsibility to continue to evolve our township while preserving the beautiful, safe, and wonderful place we call home. It is with this thought in mind that I'd like to share this month's message.

Now that it's summer all eyes are on recreation. For several years, I've been pushing for needed improvements at the pool and we've been able to make significant changes without using tax-payer dollars. Now we need to look to the long-term future of this great facility and I'm glad to share with you that the Township Committee has been looking at plans to create a destination that can be used all year around. It is important to me to have indoor rooms for camp and meetings, a spray park and great new activities. I also think that this facility should be open and available to the community, for spring, fall and winter activities. I hope to have more news on this topic very soon as we are currently working on plans. Additionally, we're building a new Recreation Council made up of representatives from many of the clubs and teams in Springfield, which will allow the Township to be even more responsive to community needs.

In other news, last month Committeeman Fernandez and I completed and presented the 2015 municipal budget. In this budget, we were successful in minimizing the tax burden to residents by controlling spending and overtime. We were able to maintain the current high level of municipal services and minimize the use of our surplus. Additionally, we were able to fund new fire and public works vehicles and equipment, road paving improvements, library improvements and flood prevention upgrades.

Finally, I've mentioned downtown redevelopment in each Mayor's message this year as it's an area that I am extremely passionate about. When I took office two and a half years ago and became the liaison to the Business Improvement District, I made it my priority to finally bring change to our Morris Avenue district. Working with the BID, property owners and the Township Committee, we passed two major plans to redevelop properties along Morris Avenue. I'd like to thank everyone involved who got us to this landmark point. For the remainder of my term, I will continue to work to improve other properties in our downtown.

On behalf of the Springfield Township Committee, I urge you to attend town hall meetings and bring your input to help us make the best decisions for our community. The Township Committee meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the Municipal Building. The Committee's regular Tuesday meetings are televised (you can find the link at the municipal website <http://springfield-nj.us/>).

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

Your Mayor

*David Barnett*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular meetings, Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 pm,  
Municipal Building

Joint meeting with the BOE Monday July 20 at 6:00 pm  
at JDHS media center followed by the Township Workshop  
at 7:30 pm in the Firehouse

Regular meeting Tuesday July 21, 7:30 at the  
Municipal Building **PLEASE NOTE: These will be  
the only meetings in July!**

### 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 COMMITTEE

Contact the Recreation Department for  
future meeting schedule.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

## JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 30, 2015

Springfield Police Department Chief of Police John P. Cook has announced the dates for the 2015 session of its Junior Police Academy. The academy will be running two one-week sessions from July 13 - 17, 2015 (Session 1) & August 17 - 21, 2015 (Session 2), which will be held at the Springfield Police Department. Classes will run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. Please note on the application which session you would prefer first. We will try and accommodate requests on first-come first-served basis.

This will be the 2nd year of this program, designed to provide area youth with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of the Police Officer. While other youth academy programs provide a day camp setting, the Springfield Police Junior Academy has been modeled after today's police academy. Those accepted to the program will undergo physical training and daily training in Drill and Ceremony, and will be instructed in criminal investigation techniques, evidence recovery, patrol practices and effects of alcohol and drugs. In addition, the cadets will participate in field trips to the Union County Police Academy and attend demonstrations from various specialized units that are available to law enforcement, such as the police canine unit, SWAT team, and the bomb squad.



# Springfield

Business Improvement District

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



June 23, 24 & 25

**Save 20%\* (Pies Only)**  
**And Enter To Win These Prizes:**



**TO ENTER:** Eat at or order from any of the below pizzerias on June 23, 24 & 25, 2015. Entry Tickets & Contest Boxes will be available for you to enter to win at each participating restaurant. Winners will be selected and contacted by phone the week of June 29.

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\*Savings on PIZZA PIES ONLY. Just mention "Pizza Party" when ordering dine-in, take-out or delivery. Excludes slices. Offer cannot be combined with other offers, coupons or promotions. Tax & tip not included. Tip on entire check before discount. Valid June 23, 24 & 25, 2015 only.

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### THE HAIR BAR

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### SERENITY THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

120 Morris Ave - 908- 472-5170

Andrea Mariani, LMT, NCTMB, has been a massage therapist for more than 17 years and is NJ State Licensed and Nationally Certified. Her specialty is Sports and Medical Massage...

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# Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

Effective, June, 2015, the Springfield Municipal Court has changed the Monday Court Sessions to begin at 2:00 pm



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES! JUNE 20-21 & SEPTEMBER 12-13

Back by popular demand, we have scheduled not one but two town-wide Community Garage Sale weekends:

Saturday, June 20 - Sunday, June 21 and Saturday, September 12 - Sunday, September 13. Sale hours will be 9 am to 6 pm, except on September 13 when it will end at 3 pm. The garage sale dates are prior to bulk garbage pickups on June 24 and 25 and September 16 and 17 (depending on where you live), so what you don't sell, you can discard if you wish.

There is no registration or permit fee but we would like to post garage sale locations on the Township website ([www.springfield-nj.us](http://www.springfield-nj.us)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/springfieldtownshipnj](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldtownshipnj)). Please email your address to [communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us](mailto:communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us) or call Town Hall at 973-912-2285 so that we can post it.

This is a great opportunity to not only clean out your unwanted or unused items, but also to have a coordinated community event that welcomes people to explore our town and appreciate the Pride of Springfield!

If you have any questions about this event, please call us at 973-912-2285.

## FOR JITNEY RIDERS



A new 2015 bus was recently purchased by the Township for the Springfield jitney program, and with the help of Jersey Central Power & Light, increased street lighting was installed near the parking area. In addition, a new pickup and drop-off area for jitney commuters has been installed adjunct to the parking lot at the Springfield Community Pool. The Township looks forward to riders enjoying the improvements to the jitney program. Let us know what else we can do to make the jitney riding experience more enjoyable. Send your suggestions to [maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us](mailto:maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us) or 973.912.2202.

## MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TIPS – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW AND DO

### Pickup Every Wednesday

Single Stream Specifications (all material mixed together) Materials ACCEPTED:

- Glass food and beverage containers thoroughly rinsed.
- Metal food and beverage containers including: aluminum foil, soda cans, pots and pans.
- All paper including newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and cardboard.
- Plastics- cups, plates (washed), and drink bottles.

All material can be commingled in the same container with a lid or in a CLEAR plastic bag. Black bags or white bags will not be taken.

No batteries or hazardous waste accepted.

If you have any questions regarding recycling collection, contact Giordano Company Inc. at [www.gogreengiordano.com](http://www.gogreengiordano.com) or call their hotline number at 1-800-216-2250.

## GOVERNOR APPOINTS SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIR TO CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

Leonard Bielory, M.D., a resident of Springfield and an allergy specialist with the Rutgers Center of Environmental Prediction at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, was appointed by Governor Chris Christie as a public member to the New Jersey Clean Air Council.

## BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD COMMEMORATION

Church and Cannon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct its annual Battle of Springfield Commemoration on June 23 at 7pm in the DAR Cemetery, 39 Mountain Avenue, across the street from the library/municipal parking lot. Troop 73 Boy Scouts will provide an honor guard for this brief ceremony to honor the "Springfield Patriots" who fought in the Battle on June 23, 1780. All members of the community are welcome to attend this annual event, weather permitting.

## 2015 Union County Road Resurfacing Program

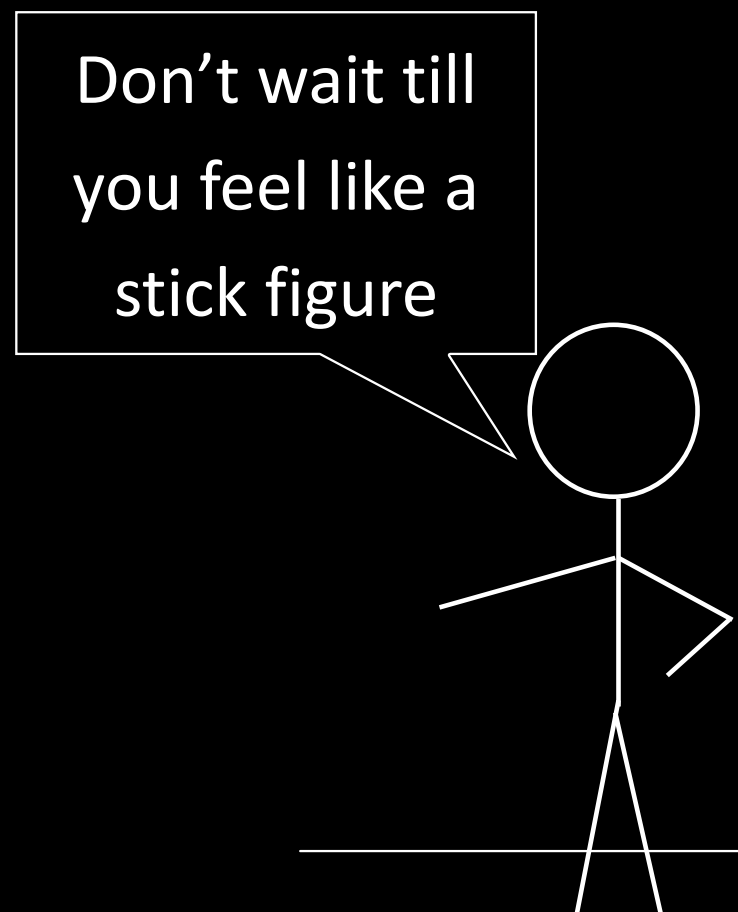
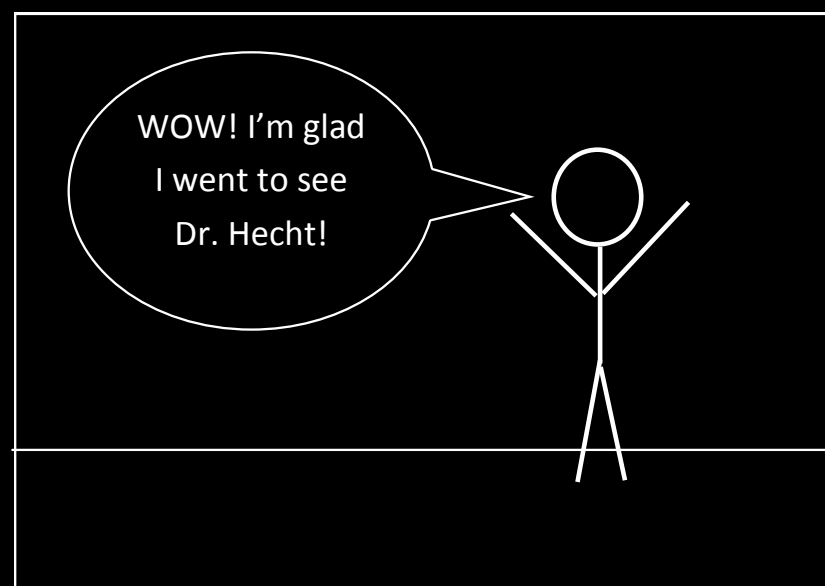
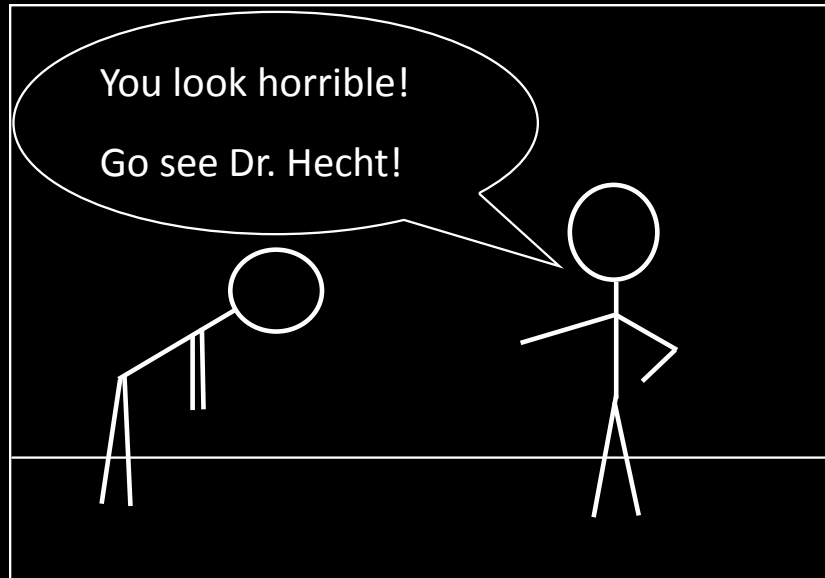
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July 1, 2015
- **Mountain Ave, Springfield -**  
July 6, 2015

additional info: [ucnj.org/traffic/roadconstructionupdate.html#map](http://ucnj.org/traffic/roadconstructionupdate.html#map)

## • • • POOL OPENED STRONG ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND • • •



Temperatures and crowds grew over Memorial Day Weekend as the Springfield Community Pool opened its 2015 summer season! Community Pool and Recreation Department staff, as well as town officials, gathered on Saturday, May 23 to welcome the first guests of the summer. Pictured from left to right: Recreation Program Coordinator Danielle McLeer, Junior Assistant Pool Manager Derek Keller, Pool Manager Brian Blondet, Recreation Director Adam Lieb, Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski, Molly Thompson, Destiny Martins, Township Administrator Anthony Cancro, DeForestt Thompson, Kyjuan Hutchins, Michelle Faenza, Brendan O'Reilly, Matthew Cypcar, Esteban Mena, Assistant Recreation Director Heather Re, and Assistant Pool Manager Matthew Levine. The pool is now open on weekends only, and will open on weekdays beginning on Monday, June 20. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents. Guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Group and private swim lessons are available. Membership registration is available online at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. At a recent meeting, the Township Committee agreed to allow Weekend Pass members to enter the pool on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day, and on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).



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## SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE GIRLS CLUB LENDS A HELPING HAND

Several members of the middle school Girls Club at Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield recently served at St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen in Newark. The seventh graders gave of their time on a Saturday to work with the Missionaries of Charity to prepare and serve a warm meal to the soup kitchen guests. This particular Saturday saw 70 guests fed by the meals prepared and served at St. Augustine's with the help of the Saint James Girls Club members.

## LOCAL NJ ONCOLOGY NURSE WINS NATIONAL NURSING AWARD

At the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation's (ONCC) Recognition Breakfast at the Oncology Nursing Society's (ONS) 40th Annual Congress on April 24, 2015, in Orlando, Erica Fischer-Carlidge, MSN, CNS, CBCN®, AOCNS®, was chosen as the 2015 Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN®) of the Year. Fischer-Carlidge, of Springfield, NJ was selected for the award based on her contributions to breast care nursing and breast care nursing service, and support and promotion of breast care nursing certification.

"I consider myself beyond fortunate to have a rewarding career that I feel so passionately about; to be chosen for this award is even more than I could have imagined, and I am committed to continuing work deserving of this award," says Fischer-Carlidge. Fischer-Carlidge is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She is an avid promoter, educator, and advocate of breast cancer care and certification. After developing a free continuing education course on Breast Cancer Care, she has helped more than 85 nurses complete the course and 94 percent of those nurses passed the CBCN® test. Since the course began, the certification rate has doubled among the Breast Center nurses, approaching 80 percent.

## Play Golf at Baltusrol !

The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this year's tournament to be held on **Monday, August 24, 2015** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first-come first-serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. This year we are offering play on both upper and lower courses. Please check our website for detailed information on the outing at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year, the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.  
PO Box 242, Springfield, New Jersey 07081

## MAY 2015 INSTRUCTORS MEETING

On May 9 a group of instructors assembled in the main studio of Hwang Karate of Springfield for an instructors meeting. Kwan Jang Nim Hyul Chun Hwang, the current head of the Moo Duk Kwan, addressed this group. For two hours, the Kwan Jang Nim Hwang spoke of the history and philosophy of the unique Korean based martial art. It was founded by his founded his father Kang Jang Nim Hwang Kee in 1945.

The art grew in the years between the end of the 2nd World War and the Korean War. After 1953 the Moo Duk Kwan entered its prime period of growth. This period saw the introduction of many Moo Duk Kwan traditions. It also saw the introduction of the Dan Bon system to maintain discipline and seniority within the art. This period ended in 1961 with the Military Coup in South Korea. The leader of this coup was the South Korean general Park Chung-Hee.

Kwan Jang Nim also said an assistant instructor is responsible for helping students connect to the proper spirit of the art. They are also expected to display good spirit in class, which will inspire others in the class. Afterwards the assembled group moved to the room next door to the main studio to watch archived video footage from the third United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation national championships.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORS VETERANS



(l to r) Springfield Fire Department Captain Marc Corea and Springfield FMBA President Patrick Federico.

## MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

An important health screening event is offered to Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Madison Borough and Springfield Borough adult male residents in June. Adult men are encouraged to attend the men's health screening on Monday, June 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. There is no fee for this service. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext 1. by June 1, 2015.

Dr. John Dalena from Summit Medical Group will perform testicular, prostate, and colo-rectal examinations for the men's screening. Men aged 15-35 are at risk of developing testicular cancer, whereas prostate cancer is more common in men over 55. Colo-rectal cancer is most frequently found in men over the age of 40. Yearly check-ups are recommended for all men.

The screenings are offered by the Madison Health Department in their offices at the Madison Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street with parking behind the building. Entrance is through the glass doors on the side of the building and down the stairs to the offices on the right.

All residents of Madison, Springfield, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township may participate annually in this screening. Participants should have their physician's name, address and telephone number ready when they call.

## HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE OPEN TO VISITORS JUNE 20

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House (CBH), located at 126 Morris Ave., will be holding an open house on June 20th to commemorate the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. This conflict was the final major battle of the Revolutionary War to be fought in the northern colonies. Many artifacts from this occurrence are on display at the CBH, including the missile that gave the structure its name. The CBH is an ideal site to learn more about this battle and its historical significance.

Back in 1986, were you a student in one of Springfield's middle schools? Do you remember entering an essay contest, on the topic of "What America means to me," run by the Springfield Heritage Day Committee? If you do, then your letter is probably among the nearly ninety letters that will be on display from this contest. Anyone interested in perusing the handwriting of his or her younger self is encouraged to come visit. Finally, to mark the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death this year, a small display of Lincoln related books and memorabilia will be on display upstairs. So one day shy of Father's Day, come experience the eighteenth through twentieth centuries at the historic Cannon Ball House. House Hours: Saturday, June 20th from ten to noon.

House Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under. For more info call (973) 376-4784.



## Fire Chief's Column

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

### PROPANE SAFETY

The leading equipment involved in LP-gas home structure fires was a grill, hibachi, or barbecue.

#### Facts & Figures

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 1,170 home structure fires involving LP-gas in 2003-2007. These fires resulted in 34 civilian deaths, 135 civilian injuries and \$48 million in direct property damage. Spark, ember or flame from operating equipment was the leading heat source for LP-gas home structure fires.

- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions when lighting a pilot.
- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside the home.

An Overfilling Prevention Device (OPD) is a safety device incorporated into the filling valve of a propane cylinder (i.e. those used on gas grills, RVs, etc.). The device shuts off the flow of gas to a cylinder after 80% capacity has been reached. This limits the potential for release of gas when the cylinder is heated, averting a fire or possible injury.

As of April 1, 2002, OPDs are required on all propane cylinders between 4 and 40 pounds propane capacity. Cylinders of this size manufactured after September 30, 1998 were required to have an OPD. A typical gas grill cylinder holds about 20 pounds of propane. Propane cylinders with OPDs can be identified by a triangular hand-wheel (pictured right). Some earlier model cylinders were produced with a round hand-wheel but "OPD" is stamped on the brass valve body.

After April 1, 2002, propane cylinders not equipped with an OPD must be retrofitted with the device before refilling can occur or properly disposed of and replaced with an OPD-equipped cylinder.

Many propane dealers will retrofit older cylinders with an OPD. As there is a charge for this, it may be more economical to replace the entire cylinder, especially if it is rusty. In many parts of the U.S., exchange cylinder racks can be used to swap an empty cylinder without an OPD for a full cylinder equipped with an OPD, for a nominal fee, eliminating the need to dispose of the cylinder or to have it retrofitted.

Dispose of propane cylinders safely. Questions about safe disposal should be answered by local fire departments, hazardous waste collection sites, or propane re-fillers.

### BOOK FAIR PRESENTS \$700 DONATION TO HOPE

The James Caldwell School Book Charity Fair held this past February raised \$700 for Springfield HOPE. On May 21 they presented representatives of Springfield HOPE with \$700 in Barnes & Noble Gift Cards. Springfield HOPE, a 501c3 not for profit entity, helps town residents in need during the holidays and all year long. The organization relies on donations throughout the year to continue its work. Anyone wishing to make a donation directly to Springfield HOPE may send a check to Springfield H.O.P.E., c/o Springfield OEM, 200 Mountain Ave. Springfield, NJ 07081. For more information about the organization, go to [www.springfieldhope.com](http://www.springfieldhope.com). The children learned the invaluable lesson of helping others in their own community and/or how everyone is able to make a difference!



*l to r (back row) Dave Rennie, Caldwell Principal, Program Cochairperson Carol Lesniewski, HOPE Trustees Scott Seidel and Dr. Gary Hecht and Police Chief John Cook. (front two rows) Pride Club of James Caldwell School.*

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## SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT AND FORMER B29 CREW MEMBER TOURS VINTAGE AIRCRAFT AT AIR SHOW



On June 3 at the Air Show at Morristown Airport, a number of World War II aircraft were displayed, including the last flyable B29 bomber in the world. This B29 is similar to the "Enola Gay" and the "Bockscar" aircraft, the two planes that bombed Japan and ended World War II in the Pacific. Joseph Messina of Springfield, NJ, was one of three B29 Crew Member's on

hand at the air show that flew on a B29 during the war. They sat in their old seats on the plane, Flight engineer, Bombardier and Tail gunner. Joe, a long time resident of Springfield for 57 years, presently retired, is the Vice President of the St. James Seniors Group. He left NJIT before graduating and enlisted as an Army Air Corps Cadet, serving as a 2nd Lt Maintenance Officer preparing P47 fighters for training and overseas service. Later a call was made for volunteers to be trained and replace the many B29 crew members lost in combat and training accidents. He trained to be a 1st Lieutenant Flight Engineer whose duty it was to take from the pilot all the controls and instruments not needed to fly the plane. He had control of all the mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems and was the third officer in the cockpit. While he survived the war with no training accidents, ironically, after the war, as a business passenger on a Constellation commercial aircraft, when attempting to land at LaGuardia Airport, one of the four engine propeller blades reversed pitch prematurely when all four should have reversed at the same time to slow the plane down. The plane spun around, tore off part of a wing and caught fire. Fortunately the fire extinguisher worked well, he received some burns but others were more seriously injured.





## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

### BE WARY OF CUSTOMER DIVERSION THIEVES WHEN SHOPPING IN RETAIL STORES

In my Patriot Times column this month, I would like to highlight the need for shoppers to always secure and safeguard their wallets or handbags while inside of retail stores as there are thieves who specialize in stealing these items from you while shopping. You will see from this recent arrest how the observations of members of the public with the cooperation of retail stores, both where a wallet is stolen and where the victim's stolen credit cards are later used, by making their surveillance camera footage available can enable your police to identify and apprehend a suspect engaged in a diversion theft.

On 03/18/2015, the Springfield Police Department was contacted by an individual who reported having been a victim of a pickpocket type of theft that had taken place at a local supermarket. Detective Foster Ziegler conducted an investigation in which he reviewed the store surveillance video to follow the victim's travels throughout the store and was able to observe that the female shopper was the victim of a wallet theft that was committed by two female suspects.

The female shopper was confronted by a female actor who then diverted the shopper's attention by asking questions about various types of produce in

order for a second female actor to take the victim's wallet from her handbag that was left in the shopping cart.

Detective Ziegler and Detective James Mirabile began following up on locations where the victim's stolen credit cards had been used at various retail stores in Union where in excess of \$4,000.00 in merchandise had been fraudulently purchased by the same 2 actors who had been observed at the supermarket confronting the victim.

Based upon surveillance camera photos of both suspects, detectives issued alerts with the photos seeking information from other police agencies that may be able to recognize either suspect. One suspect was identified by detectives from the Watertown NY Police Department as being Justine Peterkin, a resident of Pennsylvania. Peterkin has committed these types of diversion thefts throughout New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

On 04/23/2015 Peterkin was positively identified as the suspect who had stolen the wallet and subsequently used the stolen credit cards. The Springfield Police Department issued an arrest warrant for Justine Peterkin, age 25 of Philadelphia PA, charging her with theft, credit card fraud and theft by deception.

On 05/09/2015 Peterkin was located and arrested by Springfield police officers in East Greenwich Township in Gloucester County. She was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$40,000.00 bail and her case is pending in the Union County Superior Court.

Detective Lieutenant Judd Levenson stated, "This type of pickpocket theft is quite common in retail stores especially supermarkets where female shoppers often leave their handbag unattended in the shopping cart while they search for or retrieve items from shelves. Diversion thefts such as this will

frequently be committed by two actors where one will engage a victim in conversation to divert the victim's attention while the second will quickly walk by to grab the wallet out of the handbag and then exit the store. This type of theft is committed in less than one minute."

According to Chief John Cook, "This arrest was the product of good police work coupled with the cooperative efforts of the public, the business community and police agencies working together. The observations relayed by the shopper allowed detectives to locate suspects on the store surveillance camera system and these persons were further located on store surveillance cameras at businesses where the stolen credit cards were used. The photos then disseminated to other police agencies resulted in the thief being identified. This type of highly transient crime involved a 'professional' diversion thief from Pennsylvania coming to Springfield to commit a crime, being identified by a police department in New York and eventually tracked to and arrested in southern New Jersey."

Shoppers must always be in possession of their handbag and never leave it unattended in a shopping cart, even for just a minute. If shoppers utilize store coupons they should use a separate wallet designed to hold coupons that can be left in the top part of a shopping cart for easy reference so the handbag can be snapped shut and held onto or kept within your sight while shopping. Do not leave a handbag unattended in a shopping cart as you walk over to retrieve items off a shelf but instead always take the cart with you to that area as you can see that it only takes a store diversion theft team a matter of seconds to distract a shopper and remove a wallet from an unsuspecting shopper.



### SPRINGFIELD CHORUS EARNS 1ST PLACE AT CHORAL COMPETITION: 6 YEARS IN A ROW!

For the sixth year in a row, the Springfield Community Children's Chorus has earned 1st Place in a choral competition sponsored by Music in the Parks. The competition included over ten choirs from five states. SCCC was awarded first place in their division and the title of most outstanding elementary choir. Best of all, the kids had a fun day at Hershey Park.

The Springfield Community Children's Chorus is open to children in Springfield and the surrounding area beginning in the third grade. The choir is led by Leslie Adler, a music educator and choir director with over 30 years of teaching and choral experience. Singers learn about healthy vocal techniques and musicianship skills with social time included to foster a friendly atmosphere. Children sing quality repertoire and make new friends while participating in fun activities.

The 2015-2016 season will begin September 16, 2015 with rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00. Auditions may be scheduled throughout the summer. For more information, please email us at SpringfieldKidsSing@gmail.com.

SCCC is a secular 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## Springfield Green Team Community Challenge Month "JUNE"

Springfield Green Team asks for your support with our efforts of becoming a sustainable community. Please choose one or all the pledges listed by visiting this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/greenteamchallenge2015>



#### Turn Lights Off & Unplug Electronics

Nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions in the US are generated from the energy we use to power our homes; most of the energy sources we depend on, like coal and natural gas, can't be replaced. Once we use them up, they're gone forever. Another problem is that most forms of energy can cause pollution. You will be helping to save our planet by turning off the lights you don't need and save money at the same time.



#### Be a Recycling Machine

Recycling converts used or wasted products into new materials extending the life and usefulness of something that has already served its initial purpose. Recycling benefits humans but especially our planet.



#### Use Reusable Shopping Bags

**Plastic bags** tend to "fly away" out of cars, trashcans, and landfills, littering our roadways, land and sea. They are the fifth most collected item during coastal clean-ups. Most plastic bags are made from polyethylene, which is made from crude oil and natural gases (nonrenewable resources).

**Paper bags** weigh a lot more than plastic bags, requiring a lot more fossil fuel to transport them. In addition the US cuts down 14 million trees each year to satisfy demand for paper grocery bags.



#### Grass: Cut it & leave it

Grass clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal water stream. Reduce waste at its source by embarrassing grasscycling - leave your clippings on your lawn. Helps you and helps the environment.



#### Support Anti-idling

Honor the Idle Free Zones in town and support the "No Idling Resolution" by turning the engine off after 3 minutes. This will help to save money since idling for only 10 seconds uses more gas than it takes to restart the car. It will minimize environmental damage and health damage.



## NEW UPDATE: MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL URGE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO FUND ORANGE RESERVOIR MODIFICATION FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN 2016

Mayors representing communities along the Rahway River urged in a letter to Governor Chris Christie and members of the New Jersey State Legislature to begin funding in FY 2016 the construction of parts of the Rahway River Flood Control Mitigation plan.

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

The Mayors believe that major aspects of the federal/state study have reached conclusion that could be implemented by the State of New Jersey in advance of the final study's conclusion. A memo of understanding would be required with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the state to accelerate the funding to implement. For example, the Orange Reservoir modification which would permit more storage during storm events could be an immediate benefit to communities from Millburn to Rahway.

The estimated capital cost is now significantly below earlier estimates and the region has embraced this solution as a positive help to those downstream. The project would have to be completed first anyway since upstream storage is required before any downstream channel work can get done. Why wait?



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

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

In picture of a recent Mayors Council planning meeting right to left: Mayor Victor Deluca; Former Mayor Tom Hannen; Mayor Fred Pugliese; Winning Strategies Rob Zucker and Mike Merola; Mayor M Figueiredo; not pictured Mayor Andis Kalnins and Freeholders Bruce Bergen and Bette Jane Kowalski.

For further info contact Dan Aschenbach, Mayors Council, 908-468-8806 or daschenbach@verizon.net.

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP EARNS AA+ BOND RATING

“Standard & Poor’s has affirmed our ‘AA+’ rating for our existing General Obligation (GO) debt,” according to Mayor David Barnett. “We are very proud of this accomplishment. There is a lot of hard work that went into this,” said the Mayor, who cited the “great work of our Treasurer/CFO, Administrator and all of our staff who have worked diligently to help Springfield achieve the AA+ rating.”

The rating affirmation was driven by several factors:

- **STRONG FINANCIAL CONDITION:** Springfield’s financial condition is very sound as a result of management’s prudent budgeting practices and maintenance of ample reserve levels, providing the Township with a high degree of financial flexibility.

- **STRONG SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS:** The Township benefits from its location within commuting distance of major employment areas. Residents are well-educated professionals and exhibit above-average wealth levels.

- **DEBT LEVELS ARE VERY MANAGEABLE:** Overall debt levels are moderate and manageable.

“The strong bond rating that we received is a credit to the fiscal policies developed by the Mayor and Committee,” said Anthony Cancro, Township Administrator. “They have worked very hard to responsibly manage the Township in order to make Springfield a premier place to live, work and raise a family. These efforts have been acknowledged by the rating agency.”

The Township has continued to maintain its strong overall budgetary performance. The Township closed fiscal 2013 with a small deficit of roughly \$180,000, or just 0.6% of current fund expenditures. For fiscal 2014, Springfield adopted a \$30.7 million current fund budget that included the use of \$2.8 million of current fund balance. The Township managed spending in light of weather-related expenses and received nearly all of its projected state and federal reimbursements. The introduced fiscal 2015 budget includes a \$3 million appropriation of surplus reserves; a level in-line with prior years. The Township’s revenue profile is stable with property taxes generating about 75% of current fund revenue. Supporting the Township’s finances is very strong liquidity, with total government available cash of 37.5% of general fund expenditures and well in excess of 120% of governmental debt service at the end of 2013.

Springfield Township, with an estimated population of 16,000, is located in central Union County in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metropolitan statistical area, which is broad and diverse. The Township has a projected per capita effective buying income of 176% of the national level and per capita market value of roughly \$154,000. Overall, the Township’s assessed value (AV) has been stable the past five years. Baltusrol Golf Club, a nationally recognized golf course that has hosted the U.S. Open seven times, is the Township’s leading taxpayer, accounting for 2% of AV. The Township is just seven miles from Newark and 19 miles from New York City. Given its location and easy roadway access, residents find employment throughout the diverse New York-New Jersey employment bases. The county unemployment rate was 6.8% in 2014.

## ATTENTION ANY PERFORMERS OUT THERE

Pack up your talent and bring it to Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ Saturday Night June 27 from 7 pm to 10 pm at our Rock Café Matthew 7:24 Open Mic Night! We are opening our stage to anyone, from musicians, magicians, dancers to twirlers whatever talent you have! But if you don’t have any talent, come join us anyway at this free event, a great time is guaranteed for all! If anyone is interested in performing please just give Jim Donaldson a call at 973-379-4525 x 203 Before June 25th so we can pencil you in! We look forward in seeing what you got!

## SPRINGFIELD CHURCH AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield awarded three scholarships during the June 7th worship service. Rev. Vicky Ney is pictured with the 2015-2016 academic year scholarship awardees. They are (l-r) Kyle Doremus, Michele Faraone and Daniel Donnelly.



## SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT WINS MCDONALD'S GOSPELFEST

McDonald's Gospelfest that was held on May 9th at the Prudential Center in Newark. Regina V. Jackson won in her category of female vocalist. Even though I am her Mother and am very proud of her, I thought Springfield would like to know of some of the talent that lives in its township.

*Scott L. Boyll of Springfield was honored by Inserra Supermarkets for 15 years of service. Inserra Supermarkets Marked their 61st Anniversary by Honoring Over 600 Associates for a Combined 3,650 Years of Service. The honorees were recognized for their milestone anniversaries, ranging from 5 to 55 years of service at the Mahwah, NJ - based company's 22 stores located throughout communities in New Jersey and New York.*

## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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*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 SENIORS VISIT TWO LOCAL GARDENS

Members of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club visited two local gardens on a bus trip on Wednesday, May 20. The day began with a tour of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, and was followed by a boxed lunch and tour of Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills. The trip was chaperoned by Springfield Recreation Department program coordinator Danielle McLeer and senior citizen bus substitute driver Donald Wilkenfeld.



### SENIOR GARDEN TAKES SHAPE FOR 2015

In early June, Dora Vayberg – a member of the Springfield Recreation Department's senior citizen gardening committee – planted tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers in one of the garden plots behind the Chisholm Community Center. Several beautiful flowers have since been planted in the second plot. The plots will provide vegetables for senior citizens who meet at Chisholm, as well as a colorful entrance to the building.



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this spring and summer (ages 4-12). More information and online registration are available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.



### RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH STRESS REDUCTION WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

This spring, the Springfield Recreation Department partnered with Springfield Holistic Wellness to offer a stress reduction workshop for children in 6th-8th grades. The four-session program was led by Dr. Steven Bacall, chiropractor; Kerri-Jude Bacall, registered nurse, licensed massage therapist, and Reiki master; Janine Sievert, licensed massage therapist; Risa Greiss, registered Yoga instructor and Reiki II; and Dr. Jennifer

Webermen. In a safe and nurturing small-group environment, the workshop introduced tools and concepts to empower and encourage the participants to deal with stress and fatigue that may be making them unhappy, impatient, and frustrated. Topics included nutrition for well-being, Yoga, meditation, and energy healing.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 28TH

On Thursday evening, May 28, 2015, the Jonathan Dayton Auditorium was packed for Senior Awards night. Dozens of seniors received scholarships from many different organizations. Dayton Principal Elizabeth Cresci welcomed everyone to the event and commenced the evening by presenting the Feintuch Family Memorial Scholarship "Heart of Dayton" Principal's Service and School Spirit Scholarship, Baltusrol Golf Club Scholarships and Jordan Lee Fish

Foundation Scholarship for Music and Drama. Also presented were four Springfield Rotary club Scholarships, Fredric Hecht memorial and Kaswiner scholarship. They finished the evening with the National Merit Award, Recognition of Union County Scholars and Union County Teacher of the Year JDHS Teacher of the Year.



#### MAYOR'S DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Springfield Mayor's Day at Baltusrol, Inc. awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to Jonathan Dayton High School Seniors. Dr. Gary Hecht attended the event on behalf of the Mayor's day Committee Trustees and handed out the checks.



#### TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club Holocaust scholarship award. The two students were selected as having the best essays submitted to Mary Cokeing, who teaches their Holocaust related course. Award Recipients and Bernard Flashberg, Men's Club Holocaust Chairman and Men's Club Holocaust member Elliot Merkin.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce awarded three scholarships presented by Chamber Secretary Elliot Merkin.



# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## CARDIO TENNIS:

Burn calories in a fun and social atmosphere.

Ages: Adult  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts  
Price: \$140



## WEEKLY CLASSES:

*(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)*

*All players must provide own racquet.*

## ADULT TENNIS:

Rallying, serving, volleying and match play.

Ages: Adult  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm  
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts  
Price: \$140

## SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS WEEKLY

### SUMMER CLASSES

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 4pm - 5 pm / 5:15pm - 6:15 pm / 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Chisholm Park  
Price: from \$135

## WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

*(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)*

## SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs / 8-11 yrs  
Week starting: 8/24, 8/31  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Time: 9 am - 4 pm / 9 am - 12:30 pm / 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm / 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Location: Chisholm Park  
Price: Ranging from \$60-\$209

## WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

*(attend everyday for a full week)*

## Follow, Friend or Favorite

Follow, friend or favorite us to hear all about our programs, receive special offers and discounts, and enter to win great prizes.

## 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](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) for more information, dates, and times.

**CHISHOLM OFFERS TEEN NIGHTS TWICE WEEKLY.** After a break for construction at the Chisholm Community Center, Teen Nights are now open to Springfield 6th-12th graders on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Over the summer, Teen Nights are held on Monday and Thursday nights. Teens are welcome to drop-in for basketball, volleyball, lounge games (pool, air hockey, and foosball), TV, and studying. The program is free and is supervised by Springfield Recreation Department staff members. Teens must sign-in at the lobby reception desk and leave emergency contact information. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 for more information.

## CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP – SUMMER 2015

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by a camp director and counselors (high school-age and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, theme days, Friday trips to the Springfield Community Pool, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

- Week #1: June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> (no camp July 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Week #2: July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Week #3: July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Week #4: July 20<sup>th</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Week #5: July 27<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Week #6: August 3<sup>rd</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Week #7: August 10<sup>th</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Week #8: August 17<sup>th</sup>-August 21<sup>st</sup>

TIMES: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

FEES: Resident first child: \$40 per week • Resident additional child: \$35 per week  
• Non-Resident child: \$50 per week

REGISTER: Online (credit card) at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>  
In person at Chisholm Community Center. Payable to Township of Springfield.  
Call (973) 912-2227, [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us), or [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

## JR. DAWGS FOOTBALL

**For Children in Grades 3-8 (2015-16 School Year)**  
**Tackle Registration Saturday, June 13th & Sunday, June 14th**  
**Chisholm Community Center**  
**Grades 3-8: 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Bring Completed Form and Checks to Registration:**  
**Fees: (Please note 2 Separate Checks are needed):**  
**\$55.00 payable to "Township of Springfield" AND**  
**\$175.00 payable to "Springfield Jr Dawgs Football Organization"**  
**Discount provided for multiple players from same family:**  
**\$150.00 each child to Springfield Jr Dawgs and \$55.00 each child to Township of Springfield.**

Season Runs September – Mid-November – Practice begins August 17th.  
Practices 2 or 3 nights per week depending on age/coaches.

Program is open to Springfield residents or children attending a school in Springfield.

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

Registration Deadline is June 13th – Registrations received after June 13th MUST include a \$25.00 late fee payable to Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization

**For information: Email: [springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com) or [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us)**

## 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 7:30-11:00 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](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) [www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation)**



## 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.

Sign up for Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips on the bulletin board at the Chisholm Community Center. These trips are for members only. Join the club!

**REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
**TUESDAY, FRIDAY**  
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
**SATURDAYS 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY (JUNE 1 - SEPT 30) CLOSED**  
**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 3RD & SATURDAY,**  
**JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

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

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 Selected Days** -- Babies, Toddlers And Preschoolers W/ A Caregiver. Stop By And Drop In! Tues 6/2, Tues 6/9, Fri 6/12, Wed 6/17, Tues 6/23, Fri 6/26, Tues 6/30

**Wii Games – Wednesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24** From 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Ages 6 To 11. Drop In. Wii Games Will Continue In July @ 4:00-5:30pm.

**Lego Club Tuesday June 9 Afterschool Until 4:30 Pm** Ages 6 And Up.

**Drop In Math Help – Wednesdays June 3 and 10 @ 4 pm.** Cram For Your Exam! Bring Your Homework And Mrs. Treglio, Certified Math Teacher, Is Here To Help!

## TEENS:

**Teen Advisory Board (Tab)** – Earn Volunteer Hours And Make Your Voices Heard By Joining Tab. From Developing Programs Just For Teens To Helping The Library Select Books You'd Like To Read, Tab Is The Perfect Way To Make The Library All Your Own. **Monday, June 8 @ 6:00pm.**

**Learn To Draw Super Heroes With Comic Book Artist Sugar Ray Finhead – Wednesday July 1 @ 7:00-8:30 Pm** For Tweens & Teens Ages 11+. Sign Up At Youth Services Desk—Seating Limited To 20.

## FAMILY

**Snakes-n-Scales: Secrets of the Animal Powers – Wednesday June 24 @ 7:00 pm.** Don't miss our Summer Kick-off Program to learn what these Reptiles can teach us about ourselves: Snapping Turtle, Alligator, Snake, Tarantula and Lizard. Yep—they'll be here!

## SAVE THE DATES

**Karate Kickers – Mondays July 13, 20, 27, & August 3 @ 11:00 am.** Learn basic Karate movement in fun relays with Master Andrew of USA Karate & Fitness. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

**Summer Reading @ Your Library!** We have the Springfield Schools' summer reading list books, so come in and check out a bagful! Use the Self-Check-Out in the Youth Dept to avoid lines at the Circulation Desk!

Ask your librarians for recommendations for good books—we read them, too, from Board Books to Young Adult (and Adult).

We give prizes for reading! In June, pick up a Reading Log and write down the books you read. Treasure Chest

# Springfield Free Public Library

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

Prizes will begin Monday June 22 when you show us your reading log. Each time you come to the library (and have read more books!), pick from the Treasure Chest and fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Grand Prize! You could win an iPad Mini! A Kindle! Movie Tix! A Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Zowee!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, June 19 Chair Yoga with Pamela Nixon.

May 24 through June 26 Visage - Art Exhibit by Jean Steers.

## LECTURES

Monday, July 13, 7:00 pm  
 “Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters”- the seminar by NJ Chapter of Alzheimer's Association.

## DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am  
 Great Books Discussion - “First Principles of Morals” by Immanuel Kant.

Thursdays, July 2, 16 & 30, 7:00 pm  
 Creative Writing Classes.

Thursdays, June 25 & July 9, 10:15 am  
 Memoir Writing Group.

## FILMS

Monday, June 22, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – **ROBIN WILLIAMS RETROSPECTIVE:** The film version of the John Irving novel captures the quirky spirit, the son of unmarried, unorthodox feminist. A successful novelist, he remains envious of his fearless mother. Cast includes Glen Close & John Luthgow.



*Springfield resident and donor wall sponsor Sue Weinberg poses by the library's recently dedicated donor wall. Members of the public interested in sponsoring a star should call Library Director Dale Spindel at 973-376-4930, ext. 227.*



*(l to r) Library Director Dale Spindel, Library Board Vice President Tricia Golden, and Library Board President Debra Neher pose by the library's recently installed donor wall.*

Monday, July 6, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – **ROBIN WILLIAMS RETROSPECTIVE:** Classic film about maverick army disc-jockey Adrian Cronauer (Mr. Williams), assigned to Saigon during the Vietnamese war, who runs into trouble when he tries to tell the truth about the horrors of war.

Thursday, July 9, 1:00 and 6:45 pm International Film - **FORCE MAJEURE (2014).** In Swedish and English with English subtitles.

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## GET YOUR BOOK DONATIONS READY FOR FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY AUGUST BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Springfield Library will hold their annual Book Sale Monday – Wednesday, August 10 - 12, 2015 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Donations of clean, well kept, hard cover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's, and educational toys may be brought to the library starting Saturday, July 18 – Saturday, August 8. Donations may be brought to the library's Circulation Desk. Please place large donations in small to medium sized cartons. Books in poor condition, “Readers Digest” Condensed books, and text books are not saleable and will not be accepted. Donations of fine and costume jewelry, recent popular magazines, and paperback books are accepted at the Circulation Desk all year long.

There will be a preview sale on Monday, August 10, 10am – noon for members of the Friends. Memberships will be accepted the day of the sale and start at \$10. The Public Sale will begin at noon on August 10. Sale hours are: Monday, August 10 noon – 8pm, Tuesday August 11 10am – 4pm, and the sale will end with a Bag Sale on Wednesday August 12 10am – 4pm. Each filled bag will cost \$5 and the Friends will provide the bags.

The sale will also include a selection of costume jewelry. The Friends Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 2-4, 2015.

Volunteers to assist with the Book Sale setup, sale, and cleanup are needed starting Monday, August 3. Those interested in helping with the sale should call Bill Holmes at 973 – 379 – 9637 or email him at [global3032@yahoo.com](mailto:global3032@yahoo.com).



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## SPRINGFIELD NINTH GRADER MARISSA STEINER CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PREECLAMPسيا AWARENESS

At the 2015 Cranford Promise Walk event for preeclampsia awareness, which attracted 385 participants from throughout Central and Northern New Jersey, Marissa organized local supporting fundraisers and awareness tables. She contacted medical practices and local businesses about sponsorship, contacted sponsors and in-kind donors about auction items, helped recruit volunteers, and even spoke at township meetings to thank local mayors for issuing May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month proclamations. Marissa even had the opportunity to introduce United States Congressman Leonard Lance, who attended the 2015 event. This cause has a great fighter in Marissa thanks to her energy and passion," commented Congressman Lance. Besides her support for the Preeclampsia Foundation and the Promise Walk, Marissa is also an active volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. "Marissa is an extremely hard worker and manages to juggle academics, competitive skating and community service with a smile!" commented Mrs. Irene Ornovitz, Honors Biology teacher and Medical Careers Club Supervisor at Jonathan Dayton High School. "Marissa's efforts continue to be a great asset to the awareness and education of the next generation of New Jersey moms," commented Preeclampsia Foundation Director of Community Relations Laney Poye. "She has taken her own experience and has made a difference to moms and babies around the world with preeclampsia." The walks goal was \$30,000 and almost \$40,000 was raised.



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## STUDENTS GO TO TOWN HALL FOR CIVICS DAY



June 9 was the second annual Civics Day for sixteen seventh-grade students from Florence M Gaudineer School who came to Town Hall. The students were assigned to various departments including: Fire, Police Emergency Management, Engineering, Finance, Administration and Recreation to better understand how municipal government operates. The lunch time speaker was Freeholder Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen. At 2:00 pm, the students then went to a specially scheduled Township Committee meeting to shadow the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the other three Committee members.

## SENIORS TRAVEL TO LONG BRANCH FOR BEACH DAY



On a gorgeous sunny day, Springfield senior citizens traveled to Pier Village in Long Branch on Wednesday, June 10th. The participants enjoyed the beach, boardwalk, shopping, and lunch. The trip was chaperoned by recreation director Adam Lieb and recreation program coordinator Danielle McLeer.

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## SPRINGFIELD AND UNION RESIDENTS EARN EAGLE SCOUT RANKING

Troop 73 is proud to announce that two of their Scouts recently achieved the ranking of Eagle Scout: Tyler Locke of Springfield, and Aaron Scheiner of Union. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America. The title of "Eagle Scout" is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

In order to earn the Eagle Rank, a Scout must be active in the troop, earn at least 21 merit badges, 13 of which are required Eagle badges, assume leadership positions in the troop and complete a service project to benefit the community. The Eagle-required merit badges that both Tyler and Aaron earned are Camping, Swimming, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Family Life, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Environmental Science, Cooking, and Communications. An Eagle candidate must also conceive of, plan, budget, and execute a leadership service project, which must first be approved by the Munsee District's Patriot Path Council, and then signed off upon satisfactory completion.

Tyler's Eagle Project encompassed site improvements at the historic Cannonball House in Springfield, including planning, obtaining materials through donations, organizing and supervising work parties of volunteers to create pathway upgrades in the garden area, refinishing and repainting the flagpole, adding and painting some fencing, and adding a brick walkway from the driveway to the flagpole area. The walkway included grading the grounds, and all aspects of the project needed to be done while keeping everything period-authentic.

For his Eagle Project, Aaron worked with the Presbyterian Church in Springfield, NJ to locate, identify, and record information for US military veterans interred on the grounds. At 488,000 square feet, the cemetery has well over 2,000 potential gravesites. Through planning and organization of work parties, Aaron was able to identify 195 veteran resting sites, including veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I & II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. Aaron was able to provide the Church not only with documentation, but also with an updated site map showing the locations. In addition, he was able to obtain donated printed maps that the Church will be able to use both for visitors and for various Veteran functions, such as placing flags on Memorial Day. For more information about Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73, please visit our website at "<http://troop73.ScoutLander.com>" or visit our Facebook page: Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73.

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

**Workshop May 11** The meeting opened with a presentation by the Township's Redevelopment attorney, Matt Jessup, about the two Redevelopment Ordinances up for approval on the following night. A discussion was held following a request made by Dr. Leonard Bielory, Chair of the Board of Health, that the township approve a resolution in support of the State Senate and Assembly bills which would tighten up regulations allowing parents to opt out of mandatory vaccinations for children. The Committee, with one exception, was not in favor. There was also discussion regarding a draft Request for Proposal for the leasing of Sarah Bailey (this will be presented at the Regular May 26 meeting). The Committee, again with one exception, was not in favor of a resolution in support of Union County's decision against the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline. There was an extended discussion regarding the status of extended hours for the Chisholm Teen Center and also regarding a request for proposal for an attorney to handle time sensitive COAH matters.

**Regular May 12** The meeting opened with announcements about the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 26, two public Budget Hearings prior to Township Committee approval, and Proclamations were made in support of Emergency Medical Services Week and EMS Services for Children Day, both of which were accepted by Liz Fritzen, President of the Springfield First Aid Squad. Mr. Jessup made his presentation concerning the two Redevelopment ordinances on the agenda.

A major bond issue was passed for improvements and equipment for the year. An ordinance increasing fees for sidewalk openings was passed on first reading, as was Ordinance 2015-13 adopting the Redevelopment plans for the Morris Ave lots (4 votes in favor, one abstention) and Ordinance 2015-14 for the Church Mall property (3 in favor, 2 abstentions). A number of resolutions were passed, including the contended resolution to hire the Special counsel for the COAH matter. Vendor application fees were waived for the Farmers Market, as were Permit fees for the Townwide Garage Sales in June and September.

The annual Civic Day will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 2 pm; on the day, students from FMG will accompany various township officials for the morning and after lunch will participate in the regular Township Committee Meeting which will be held at 2 pm. All residents, especially Seniors, are encouraged to attend the meeting.

**Workshop Meeting June 8** Meeting began with presentation of two proposed plans for a re-do of the building at the Municipal Pool, one a renovation of the current building which would add a second floor and meeting room and the other a single story new construction which would also include a meeting room. Both plans include



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a possible splash pool either in addition to or in place of the current kids pool. Other Recreation items included a discussion of extended hours at the Chisholm Center and a proposal for a newly structured Recreation Council to replace the Rec Committee. Also discussed was a proposal for the lease of a portion of the parking lot (a single space) for telecommunication use. Reports from department heads were reviewed and there was a lively discussion of the meeting between Deputy Mayor Bandrowski and Committeeman Fernandez with County representatives regarding the conditions at the Meisel Field, the pond, and the needed clean-up of the Rahway River.

**Regular Township Committee Meeting June 9** This special meeting was held at 2 pm to mark the annual Civics Day during which selected 7th graders from FMG spend the day with township employees and then participate in the Township Committee meeting itself. It always a great day for all of us. The usual reports were made and approved. There were three ordinances up for a second reading, one involving Street Openings (approved) and the remaining two involved final approvals of the Ordinances enabling the Township to move forward by entering into negotiations for the Redevelopment of the designated property along Morris Avenue and the designated property on Church Mall. Both of these were passed with 4 yes votes and one abstention each. Among Resolutions passed was one recommended by the Board of Health authorizing a new contract with Madison for services of the Department Health. Sgt. Jonathan Rachel reported on several traffic concerns throughout the township which will result in new Stop signs at a couple of intersections and other possible traffic calming actions. Mr. Cancro announced that Springfield has submitted a number of Actions to Sustainable Jersey which, once accepted will make the town one of a small number of certified SJ communities in the state and will be beneficial in determining our eligibility for applicable grants for environmental needs.

**July Meetings:** Joint meeting with the BOE Monday JULY 20 at 6:00 pm at JDHS media center followed by the Township Workshop at 7:30 pm in the Firehouse Regular meeting Tuesday JULY 21, 7:30 at the Municipal Building  
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