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THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2017

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SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMES TESLA TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



(l to r) Springfield Business Adminstartor Ziad Shehady, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman Scott Seidel, Township Committeewoman Geri Bujnowski, Tesla Manager Gabe Canela, Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Chamber Secretary Tracy Gever, Chamber Vice President Elliot Merkin and **Business Improvement District** Chairman Mike Scalera

If you have driven by the former AAA headquarters on Route 22 in Springfield lately, you have probably noticed that there is a new occupant. Tesla has arrived and members of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Springfield residents gathered for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, February 23.

Unbeknownst to many Springfield residents, Tesla moved into the neighborhood in mid-2013, occupying a significantly smaller location on Commerce Street. Nonetheless, this new location on Route 22 signals a major investment from Tesla in the community; the space is the largest of their four sites in New Jersey, featuring a showroom and service center

in the 36,000 square foot facility.

During the 15 minute presentation by Tesla, their "Secret Master Plan" was explained to the Chamber, noting their introduction of the Roadster in 2008—proving the concept and design of a fully electric car, their luxury Model S, the Model X SUV and the upcoming Model 3. The new showroom enables Springfield residents and visitors to learn about Model S, Model X and Autopilot technology in an engaging and low-pressure sales environment. Please stop in to learn more about their vehicles and take a test drive. continued on page 6



SIGNATURE REALTY TEAM: Michelle Pais, Ceo, Gavin Frater, Melinda Frater, Kristin Hileman, Carol Vojt, Davi Pereira, Amanda Abdelsayed, Antonio Henriques, Saulo De Araujo, Adam Witzbur Also on hand (l to r) were Chamber of Commerce Vice President Elliot Merkin, Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen, Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo and Springfield Business Improvement District Chairman Mike Scalera (8th from left) see story on page 2

SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST **POLICE OFFICER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE**



On Wednesday, March 1, Township Clerk Linda Donnelly administered the Oath of Office to Officer Ken Novak while Springfield Police Chief John Cook holds the bible. Novak has served

NEW PROBATIONARY EFIGHTER JOINS SPRINGFI



(l to r) Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Probationary Firefighter Andrew Sonnet and his father Glen Sonnet, holding the bible. story on page 2

FOUR SPRINGFIELD FIREFIGHTERS RECOGNIZED FOR RESPONSE TO CARDIAC ARREST CALL



(l to r) Firefighters Joseph Cowper, Erwin Heinrich, Daniel Royland, Salvatore Cocuzza and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo



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Message from the Mayor



This month, March has been recognized as Red Cross Month for more than 70 years. The American Red Cross is recognizing the country's everyday heroes during this year's Red Cross month. Here in Union County, the New Jersey, Red Cross volunteers assist people during emergencies, teach lifesaving skills, give blood, or donate financially to help people in need. This month we will be thanking our local Red Cross volunteers, and a Red Cross representative will attend the March 14th Township Committee meeting.

The Township Administrator and CFO have met with every Department Head and reviewed the first round of requests for their annual budgets. There will be a second round of hearings and then the budget will be presented to the Finance Sub-Committee for introduction of the budget which at this time is scheduled for March 14

The Committee will receive a report on recommendations for the pool renovation, which will be discussed in the upcoming month. As many of you are aware, the facility dates back to the early 60's and has been a topic of discussion recently.

At the last Township Committee meeting, the Township recognized March as Youth Art Month 2017 with a Proclamation and administered the Oath of office to a new Probationary Firefighter, Andrew Sonnet.

Did you know that last year, SAGE Eldercare delivered more than 12,300 meals to 57 older, homebound adults in Springfield? It's more than just a meal. More than 60% of their clients get few or no visitors other than their volunteers. They are our quietly isolated neighbors, even though they helped to build this wonderful community. Please take a minute to look at the the Meals on Wheels fact sheet, which is posted to our website, springfieldpatriot.com. We'd like you to see what Sage Eldercare does and meet some of these folks who are your neighbors. Please join them – any weekday in March. Feel free to contact myself or Marianne Kranz (mkranz@sageeldercare.org) Director of Volunteers, Meals on Wheels and Home Support Services.

A redevelopment project at the corner of Church Mall and Morris Avenue is moving forward as well. Keep reading the Patriot each month for further developments.

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER

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Tuesday's Township Committee meeting began with the hiring and swearing in of new probationary firefighter Andrew Sonnet. Firefighter Sonnet is already certified at the Firefighter I and Firefighter II levels, and is a certified Emergency Medical Technician, coming to Springfield from the New Providence Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Carlo Palumbo commented: "Andrew Sonnet is from New Providence and graduated from New Providence High School in 2008. He went on to further his education at Eastern Connecticut State University where he achieved a bachelor in science in 2012 and was a 4-year varsity lacrosse player. Andrew was a Volunteer firefighter for the Township of New Providence where he received his Firefighter 1 & 2 Certification as well as his EMT Certification.

On behalf of the Springfield Fire Department, it is my pleasure to welcome Andrew as part of our department.

RESPONSE TO CARDIAC ARREST CALL

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Four of Springfield's current firefighters were also recognized for their response to a resident in cardiac arrest this past November. The patient was present to thank the firefighters publicly as Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo read a commendation and noted that Acting Captain Sal Cocuzza, and Firefighters Dan Royland, Tim Hydock and Joseph Cowper would also be receiving an FMBA Valor Award later this year.

SIGNATURE REALTY RIBBON CUTTING GRAND REOPENING

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Michelle Pais, CEO of Signature Realty NJ celebrated a Grand Re-Opening red carpet event on January 10, 2017. Michelle took over the firm in January of 2016 and is now the sole owner of Signature Realty NJ. This extraordinary event was supported by her team, local town officials, business professionals and residents. Michelle and her team are not only the largest and most successful Real Estate Brokerage in town but are well known throughout the state. Michelle Pais has recently been named one of "NJ'S Most Powerful People in Real Estate" by NJ BIZ, a "40 under 40" award winner, NJAR Circle of Excellence Multi-Platinum award recipient, crowned the "Barbara Corcoran" of NJ by Bella Magazine, and named one of "100 Most Influential Real Estate Agents" Nationwide by Real Estate Executive Magazine. She and her firm measure success by only one metric- netting the maximum dollar amount the market will bear for client's homes. Signature Realty NJ is committed to serving the community for many years to come.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesdays: March 14 and 28 - 7 pm; April 4 and 18 - 7 pm (The 2nd Tuesday in April is First Day of Passover.)

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

 $3rd\ Tuesday,\,6{:}30\ pm$ at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, NJAC 5:70-2.3 states "before any one or two family dwelling is sold, leased, or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm and fire extinguisher, evidencing compliance with NJAC 5:70-4.19". An application can be picked up at any time at the Fire Headquarters. The forms are located in an exterior document box by the main entrance.

The completed application should be returned to Fire Prevention Bureau in Fire Headquarters on Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for prompt processing. The inspection fee is \$100.00, if the closing is less than 10 business days, but more than 4 business days, the fee is \$120.00, and if it is less than 4 business days, the fee is \$175.

Placement of the detectors shall be as follows:

At least one smoke detector shall be located on each level of the home including basements and finished attics. Crawl spaces do not require detectors.

Basement- At the bottom of the stairs to the first floor

First Floor- At the bottom of the stairs to the second floor, and within ten (10) feet of any bedrooms

Second Floor- At the top of the stairs from the first floor, and within ten (10) feet of any bedrooms

Third Floor- At the top of the stairs from the second floor, and within ten (10) feet of any bedrooms

Carbon monoxide alarms are required within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Plug in type carbon monoxide detectors are permitted as long as the outlet is in the hallway. They cannot be plugged into outlets in the bedroom, bathroom, or kitchen.

Battery operated smoke detectors are permitted. However, you cannot reduce any existing or required protection. For example, if the home has 110 volt interconnected smoke alarms or a hardwired central station type system that are not working; you must repair the system instead of installing a battery operated smoke detector. All detectors must be permanently secured to the ceiling or wall in accordance with the manufacturers installation guide. Double stick tape is not an acceptable method.

An ABC type fire extinguisher is required to be permanently mounted in plain sight within the kitchen. All fire extinguishers must be new or inspected and tagged by a New Jersey licensed fire extinguisher contractor.

The Certificate of Compliance will be issued at the time of inspection if all requirements are satisfied. The Certificate of Compliance will remain valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue unless the occupancy or ownership of the dwelling changes in the interim.

The application packet contains detailed requirements which are based on the age of your home. If you have any questions, the Springfield Fire Prevention Bureau can be reached weekdays at 973-376-1740, by mail at 200 Mountain Ave, Springfield NJ 07081, or via e-mail to: karen.pisauro@springfield-nj.us. Any documents or reports may be faxed to the Fire Prevention Bureau's secure fax number at 973-912-2223.

SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT PERFORMS WITH BLUE HILL TROUPE'S 93RD SEASON TO BENEFIT ROCKING THE BOAT

The Blue Hill Troupe, the only musical theater group in New York City to donate its net proceeds to charity, performs "City of Angels," April 21 – April 29, at El Teatro of El Museo del Barrio (1230 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street). Jersey City resident Jessica Meese appears as Yamato and in the ensemble in several other roles. Springfield resident Patricia Berg appears in the ensemble. All proceeds from the Blue Hill Troupe's production will benefit Rocking the Boat.

Patricia Berg works at Wells Fargo in Government and Institutional Banking. She became involved as a volunteer with the Blue Hill Troupe in 1997, and serves on the Board of Directors as the Recording Secretary. Patricia was last seen in Blue Hill Troupe's A Little Night Music.

"City of Angels' is a show people really love, but it doesn't get produced very often because it requires considerable production values," says Jennifer Dorre, Blue Hill Troupe's President. "We're fortunate that we have those capabilities and are very excited to give New Yorkers a chance to see this rarely performed gem."

Set in the glamorous, seductive Hollywood of the 40s, the world of film studios and flimsy negligees, "City of Angels" chronicles the misadventures of Stine, a young novelist, attempting to write a screenplay of one of his detective novels. Each scene he writes comes to life on stage, starring his hardboiled detective alter-ego, Stone. As Stone's life in the film plot gets more complicated, so does Stine's personal and professional life, until the point when the two plots intersect. The amazing double score and story do what all good movies should, eventually winding up with two happy endings.



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COMMITTEE MEETING

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Mayor Stampoulos also presented a proclamation designating March as Youth Art Month 2017 before the Committee moved on to its normal course of business. The full agenda is available at http://www.springfield.patriot.com/news/2017/02/28/township-springfield-committee-agenda-february-28-2017 though Resolution 2017-64 was pulled from consideration before the meeting begun

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Erich Kussman of Holy Cross Lutheran Church spoke about the increase in divisive and hateful speech and actions across the country and how many of the groups have New Jersey connections. In addition, Pastor Kussman pointed out that what may appear to support one group may have a different meaning and be a symbol of hate for another group.

Several residents spoke of their concerns about traffic on roads in their neighborhoods. Police Chief John Cook and the Township Committee took note of the comments and will be following up on the specifics in the various areas of town.

Finally, former Springfield Mayor Jerry Fernandez spoke about what he learned at a recent presentation for parents on cyber-safety for children. He noted that attendance was better than at previous presentations but still there were many seats open and that the information needed to be presented repeatedly so that it may get to all families. The threat, he noted, is not just from online predators but that kids may not realize that actions they think are just fun or private between girlfriend and boyfriend may lead to criminal charges because of the ages of those involved. Chief Cook noted that he isalready looking to find a way to have a Springfield Police detective become trained to give this presentation.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADERS RECEIVE OVER \$400,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



As of March 1, 2017, Saint James the Apostle School's Class of 2017 has been awarded over \$400,000 in scholarship funds to local area Catholic high schools.

Saint James students were awarded scholarships to the following Catholic high schools:

- Mother Seton Regional High School
 - Seton Hall Preparatory School
- Mount Saint Mary Academy
- St. Mary of the Assumption High School
- Oratory Preparatory School
- St. Peter's Preparatory School
- Roselle Catholic High School
- · Union Catholic High School

"Our 8th graders continue to make us so very proud. They work hard and it shows in their accomplishments. What is even more gratifying is the fact that many of our graduating students have chosen to continue their education at Catholic high schools," said Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal. "Their commitment to their faith, pursuit of knowledge and service to others will continue."



Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

In the past persons who were the victims of bunco scams or confidence schemes were looked upon as being somewhat complicit in the fraud acts committed against them under the old adage of "you can't cheat an honest man". Today that saying is no longer true. Fraud scams are now designed to target unsuspecting persons through sophisticated cons with the use of modern technology. Nowadays the internet and the telephone make it extremely possible and sometimes very easy to "cheat an honest man". I would like recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times to be aware of some of the more prevalent scams that are committed against township residents every month. Taking a few moments to review this information may prevent you from falling victim to these scams.

Most fraud scams that specifically target residents are done via the internet or via the telephone and are designed to obtain either money or the personal identity information of the intended victim. This will be an attempt to have monies wired to the fraudsters or to obtain credit account numbers or identity information such as a Social Security number.

• Any mail received, an internet e-mail, or even a telephone call that indicates a resident is a winner of any type of sweepstakes or foreign lottery where some type of monetary fee is required to be paid is an outright scam. If you did not enter any sweepstakes or participate in any foreign lottery, there is no way you can be a winner. Whenever fees are required to be paid in advance in order to collect the supposed prize, this is a scam to con you out of your money. For any prize to be legitimate there cannot be any monetary fee requested in order to collect a prize.

• If you are selling an item over the internet or you advertise some type of service that you perform, be wary of persons who contact you wanting to purchase items you've listed for sale, or wanting to pay you for the services you offer where the subject pays by check which is payable to more monies than were agreed to. This scam specifically wants the intended victim to believe that the check was made out in the inflated amount by accident. The scammer will attempt to have the victim wire any monetary difference before the actual check is discovered to be counterfeit. The suspects will always be out of state or in a foreign country but will claim to be in the process of moving into Springfield. The scam targets persons selling any item from a car to a couch or offering services from babysitting to piano lessons.

• Do not give out personal information to callers who claim to be representatives of your bank or any business you may have a credit account with. The fraudster may also pose as a law enforcement official with the call pretending to be some type of investigation into fraud on your account. This is done to con you into giving out a Social Security number or other personal information when the caller asks you to prove your identity. Remember that anyone who calls you should already know who you are and you do not have to give out confidential information in order to prove your identity. This same scam, known as "phishing" can also involve

bogus e-mails purporting to be from a financial institution or governmental agency and is intended to con you into divulging your identity information.

• Be wary of the "one ring cell phone scam" as falling for this could cost you hundreds of dollars. Scammers will randomly call blocks of numbers and will only let the phone ring once as this is enough to cause a missed call message to pop up on your cell phone. If you call back the number you will actually wind up calling adult entertainment type phone services located in foreign nations in the Caribbean. The cheaper phone numbers charge you \$19.95 for an international call fee with an additional \$9.00 charged per each minute. Some of the area codes used with this scam are: 268, 284, 473, 809 and 876. In another scam you may receive a phone message where the caller leaves a generic message that a family member has been hurt or has died. You are asked to call a number that has one of the above area codes. When you call it back you are deliberately stalled and put on hold to accrue extra minutes with some of the foreign scam numbers being known to actually cost hundreds or thousands of dollars per minute. If you do not recognize the number do not call it. Instead, check it through Google to see if this number has been already reported as a fraud as it most likely will have been.

• Do not fall for someone who calls you claiming to be a police officer or a federal law enforcement agent AND who tells you there is a warrant for your arrest but that you can post the bail over the phone. The imposter will claim that instead of the officers coming to arrest you at your home or business you can "post bail" by either giving up your credit card number or by going to a store to purchase a Green Dot VISA money pack preloaded debit card. If you opt to do the latter you will purchase the card in the specified amount of the "bail" and then call the phone number you were given by the imposter to relay information from the card. If ever there is a reason, law enforcement may come to your house or business to arrest you, they will never call ahead and agree to accept bail money over the phone.

• Do not respond to telephone calls or automated messages that purport to be from the Internal Revenue Service where the caller threatens fines, lawsuits and or an arrest for non-payment of taxes. The IRS will usually contact you via use of the U.S. Mail and will never make calls or leave phone messages threatening to arrest you. If you have tax problems and receive one of these calls DO NOT call any phone number the caller or message gives you and instead you should look up and contact the IRS on your own.

• Businesses have been targeted where a caller claims to be from a utility company that threatens to have the service shut down if a supposed unpaid utility bill is not satisfied immediately. The caller will demand that payment for the supposed unpaid utility bill be done immediately and by the purchase of a pre-paid debit card. This is a scam. If you receive a call that threatens to turn off your electric, gas, or water service you should call the utility company on a legitimate phone number you obtain from your utility bill and not via the phone number a caller gives you.

If you believe you have received a call or e-mail for any of the aforementioned or similar scams, contact the police department at (973) 376-0400 and an officer will meet with you to determine if this is a scam attempt. The one call that you make to your local police may save you hundreds if not thousands of dollars due to falling for one of these fraud calls that are being made more and more each year.

SENIORS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Thursday, February 16th, the Springfield Recreation Department hosted close to 100 senior citizens for a celebration of Black History Month at the Chisholm Community Center. The annual event was organized by Recreation Program Coordinator Sara Keffer and a committee of volunteers. The program included mistress of ceremonies Carol Surgeon; pledge of allegiance by Director of Recreation Adam Lieb; senior citizen prayer by Springfield Senior Citizens Club President Margaret Bandrowski; musical selections by the Vauxhall Senior Chorus; poem by Viola Bowman; introduction of guest speaker by Betty Walker; guest speaker Judy Copeland; and a presentation to the children of the late Laura Franklin, founder of Springfield's Black History Month, by Kathy McMillian. A lunch of fried chicken and fried fish, collard greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, corn bread, rice, peach cobbler, and sweet potato tarts was catered by Two Fish Five Loaves in Union



Children of the late Laura Franklin.



Judy Copeland, Kathy McMillian and Carol Surgeon.



Vauxhall Senior Chorus

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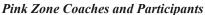
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SPRINGFIELD BASKETBALL SPONSORS ANNUAL PINK ZONE FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, February 12th, the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association co-sponsored the Pink Zone fundraiser at Jonathan Dayton High School. The annual youth basketball clinic was led by coaches and players from Jonathan Dayton High School and Moravian College. The event raised funds to support breast cancer research and awareness for the Kay Yow

WBCA Cancer Fund. A record 140 children participated in dribbling and shooting drills, and learned competitive game skills. The event received support from the McNany Charitable Foundation, Mera Painting & Home Design, Smilow Family Dentistry, Springfield PBA Local #76, and TD Pizza.







Lawrence Dvorchik and Sara Steinman

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS ARCHDIOCESE POSTER CONTEST



(l to r) Mr. Patrick Falar, Andrea Falar, and Senator Tom Kean.

New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families showcased the work of Catholic school students all across New Jersey at the State House during Catholic Schools Week. All New Jersey Catholic school students in Grades 6 to 8 were invited to create a poster project. The theme of the project was "How Catholic Schools Prepare Students to be Good Citizens". Students made a poster which identified the many ways their school is preparing them to enter the world as good citizens.

Saint James was pleased that the poster created by Andrea Falar in the 6th grade was chosen to represent the Archdiocese of Newark. Andrea's poster was one of three chosen among all entries submitted in the Archdiocese of Newark schools. Andrea, her parents and her Principal, Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, attended an event at the State House in Trenton on January 30th which included a tour of the State House, a reception where certificates were awarded, followed by a luncheon. The Falar family was also introduced to Senator Tom Kean, Jr. from New Jersey's 21st Legislative District.

In addition to the Archdiocese of Newark, there were students from the Dioceses of Trenton, Camden, Metuchen and Paterson. We are so proud of our students for participating and for Andrea's being chosen and representing Saint James the Apostle School.

TEMPLE SHA'AREY EVENTS



Preschool children at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, enjoyed a visit from a pediatric dentist and orthodontist in recognition of Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Chris helped the children understand the importance of proper oral hygiene and health with hands-on opportunities to count "baby" teeth, brush, and floss.



Temple Sha'arey Shalom hosted a chamber music concert, "Classical Gems", at the temple on Sunday, February 26. The program featured The Velveteen Ensemble, which played works of Handel, Bach, Vivaldi and Mozart. This concert is another in a series celebrating the temple's 60th anniversary in the Reform Jewish movement.



The children at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, Preschool enjoyed "100 Minutes of Fun" on their 100th Day of School. Some of the fun included making celebratory crowns to wear for the day, a scavenger hunt to find all 100 colored popsicle sticks that were hiding in the gym, a fitness workout with a total of 100 various repetitions, and several relaxing stories featuring the number 100 read by Director, Nancy Kovacs.



Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, President, Pamela Bain, joins a group of Preschool children at the temple's Preschool as a Secret Reader. The Preschool encourages early literacy and welcomes a weekly Secret Reader every Thursday morning. The children gather in the Preschool Library, excitedly anticipating their special guest, and are surprised by a "secret reader" ready to share their very own favorite children's story.

WIN 64TH ANNUA OF DIMES TOU. After a difficult start to the seasinjuries, the Springfield Jr. Daw basketball started out this profit.

(l to r) Michael Kanarek (MVP of Tourney) Anthony Corigliano, Aiden Forys, Cole McTernan, Josh Jackson, Elijah White, Daniel Munoz, Gavin Dzikowski, David Ares, Trent Hutchins, Anthony Apicella. (Front Row) Coaches Ted Kanarek, Dave Ares, and Mike Dzikowski

8TH GRADE BOYS TRAVEL WIN 64TH ANNUAL MARCH OF DIMES TOURNEY

After a difficult start to the season, and a few key injuries, the Springfield Jr. Dawgs 8th Grade Boys basketball started out this promising season at a disappointing 3-5. However, with the team back at full strength and the boys beginning to "gel", the Jr. Dawgs have managed to improve their recored to 17-9, including a sweep in the 64th March of Dimes Tourney in which they easily beat a Long Hill team 59-45. (Long Hill had beaten them earlier in the year). The Dawgs then had to to play a strong Dunellen team (18-2) in the championship game. Lead by Tourney MVP, Mike Kanarek's 15 points, the Jr. Dawgs lead from start to finish to easily take home the title 52-39.



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In order to offer more information to the public, the Patriot Times now has 3 volunteer "website" Editors, Apu Mullick, Dan Breau and Jesse Broome. The Township has always posted the meeting agendas and other timely information with us online as well. More Township information posts will be forthcoming in 2017. We no sooner post a story online than another online service picks it up! We love it!

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CARDIAC ARREST CALL



Anthony and Nina Matarazzo thanking Springfield Firefighters who responded to their home for the cardiac arrest call.

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POLICE CHIEF JOHN COOK VISITS HOLY CROSS NURSERY SCHOOL ON DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY

On March 2nd, Police Chief John Cook visited Holy Cross Christian Nursery School to read for Dr. Seuss's birthday and crazy hat day. The children enjoyed listening to "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut" and showing off their new junior police officer badges provided by Chief Cook.



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Prescription Drug Drop Off Box Safely dispose of your unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications here. This Area is Video Monitored **(1)** (2) (1)

PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications. Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/med-

Chief Cook initiated Project Medicine Drop for Springfield in conjunction with the NJ AG's Office in January of 2015. At the end of this February the Department surpassed the mark of collecting over onethousand pounds of prescription meds! Chief Cook wishes to thank the community for their joining in our efforts to dispose of unused, excess, and/or outdated medications safely and keeping them from possibly being abused.

FEBRUARY PATRIOT **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - QUICK HITS**

Tesla may have led the conversation at today's Patriot Chamber of Commerce meeting, but there were a few other highlights:

- Springfield residents will have a chance to discuss the municipal budget on Tuesday, March 14. There will be an opportunity to speak at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM, prior to the Township Committee's regularly scheduled meeting and vote.
- Jonathan Dayton High School is proud to announce the recent opening of their Media Center, which will house a fullyequipped radio production studio.
- The Rotary Club is gearing up for its annual "Taste of the Towns" event on the evening of Monday, April 24.
- The Memorial Day Parade needs floats and looks forward to all those who want to volunteer their time to making this year's parade a success.
- Get ready for a fantastic Fall Festival and Car Show this year. Not only has the event added a 5k run, but there will be an even larger car exhibit as well as rides, games, vendors, and

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CO-ED RUNNING Spring 2017 Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

Our popular running program with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Springfield running program, children learn to run faster over short distances. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered, as well as an introduction to endurance running. The program is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of six children are required for the program. In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.



Mondays from March 20th-March 27th at Chisholm Community Center Mondays from April 3rd-May 1st (no class on April 10th) at Meisel Avenue Park Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Mondays from May 8th-June 19th (no class on May 29th) at Meisel Avenue Park Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$60 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: Professional coaching instruction, shirt, and water bottle Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm Questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Spring 2017/Grades 3-9

Coach Mike Czech is back this Spring! New and returning team members are encouraged to join for professional training, endurance running, and 5K competitions!

The cross country team is a co-ed travel sport for Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-9.

The team meets on WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm at the **Meisel Avenue Park track.**

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

Pre Season

Wednesday, March 1st-Tuesday, April 4th Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

Race Season

Wednesday, April 5th-Friday, May 26th (End date may be extended once all races are finalized.) Team practices and official races.

Two Fees

\$60 (Payable to Township of Springfield. See below for options.) \$225 (Payable to Coach Michael Czech.)

Includes

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

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

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD **SWIM TEAM 2017** Register by mail or in-person:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NI 07081 (973) 912-2227 recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 24th @ 7:00 pm **Chisholm Community Center**

Two Fees: \$75 payable to: Township of Springfield \$20 payable to: Swim Team Parent Association (separate check only)

The Springfield Swim Team is open to girls and boys from 5-17 years old. The Swim Team will be divided into two groups: The Developmental Team will be made up of children 8 years old and younger who need more instruction and guidance. Developmental Team participants initially must be able to demonstrate the ability to submerge themselves underwater, swim freestyle for at least 15 yards, be able to swim on their back, and be willing and able to swim in the 5 foot and 12 foot sections of the main pool. Children who do not meet these expectations - or who the coaches feel are unable to do so without support - will be placed in group Swim Lessons (see previous page) that are not affiliated with the Swim Team. The Swim Team Parent Association check will be returned to you in that circumstance. Coaches will assess these registrants during the first week ofpractice and will determine if a child is assigned to the Developmental Team or placed in Swim Lessons. All Regular Team registrants who are 9-17 years old do not need to try out. But in order to become a member of the Swim Team, participants must be able to swim a lap of the main pool without stopping and be comfortable

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 6th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 26th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 26th, to Friday, July 28th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

Co-ed Lacrosse Clinics Spring 2017 Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade

Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield children in Pre-K through 1st grades. No equipment required. Clinics meet on six Sundays at Chisholm Park, from April 2nd-May 14th @ 10:00-11:00 am. No clinic on April 16. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided

Two fees: \$60 (Payable to Township of Springfield) \$20 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield) Payments must be made prior to the first clinic. Includes: coaching, t-shirt, loaned stick (if needed), balls.

Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order.

Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

(\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

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

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation recreation@springfield-nj.us

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

JR. DAWGS FOOTBALL

Our tackle football league is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-8 (2017-18 school year)

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Two Fees: If registered February 18th-April 2nd

\$175 payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 payable to "Township of Springfield" Discount provided for multiple players from the same family: \$150 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization"

AND \$65 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Two Fees: If registered April 3rd-May 7th

\$200 payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 payable to "Township of Springfield" Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:

\$175 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Bring this completed form and two checks to in-person registration.

Please note that two separate checks are needed. After in-person registration, you may register at the

Springfield Recreation Department in the Chisholm Community Center, Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

PAY \$65 TOWNSHIP FEE ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD: https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

ience fee is charged per credit card transaction

Registration Deadline is Sunday, May, 7th. Registrations received after Sunday, May 7th, are subject to team availability, and MUST include a \$25 late fee payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization.

Questions, contact Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us (973) 912-2227

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SUNDAY YOGA & COOKING FUN!

4 week session for 2 HOURS each class

MARCH 19th, 26th April 2nd & 9th 10am - 12pm Cost \$199

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com click on Springfield SUNDAY Cooking & Yoga Session Raymond Chisholm Community Center. Online payment available as well.

Raymond Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ Includes all educational materials, cooking supplies and food

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ADULT BOOT CAMP SPRING 2017



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

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 9th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

All participants are encouraged to bring a set of 5-10 pound weights and a yoga mat to each class.

To register please go to: http://bootcampwf.com/bcwf-srd/ Or fill out the attached registration form and return to the **Springfield Recreation Department.**

Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class. Cost is: 12 classes @ \$189 per person. 6 classes @ \$109 per person. Please contact **BootCampWF** for pro-rating fee!

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Ouestions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-ni.us

SOCCER - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS

(age 2 to 3): With a parent participating by

their side, this program will stimulate a child's

imagination, develop motor skills and encourage

SPRING CLASSES

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2017 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2017.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

\$65.00 payable to Township of Springfield \$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 12, 2017

No registrations will be accepted after this date. No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE:

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

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

QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227

Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

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useful crafts for everyone to enjoy! Pinterest inspired ideas, coupled with Samantha's fun flair, this class is aimed at tweens and teens(Ages 8 & up) to boost self confidence with finding new skills! Each week, students will complete and take home an awesome project they can feel proud of !!!

- Week 1 Body Fabulous! DIY Lotion, Body Scrubs & Bath Salts
- Week 2 Ninja Stress Balls + Fun Stress Dough
- Week 3 Step-By-Step embellished Painting (A Cupcake of course!)
- Week 4 Tve Dve Glass Coaster set
- Week 5 How many ways to make SLIME!!! (* By popular request!)
- Week 6 Fancy & Fun Decorated Sleep Masks Plus sleepy lavender pillow spray

Mondays 4pm - 5:30 At the Springfield Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

Class Dates: Mondays March 20, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May 1 Price \$195 - Including all materials to complete projects listed

* Please contact Samantha for any questions and to register at : samilynn9@aol.com - www.sweet-samantha.com - 973-445-1620

DECORATING AND BAKING CLASS!

Join Sweet Samantha for an incredible learning experience (Ages 8+) All about Baking and Decorating! 6 Weeks of Hands on projects

- Class 1 Scratch Chocolate Cupcakes/Frosting + Pig in Mud Decorating
- Class 2 From Scratch Ice Cream & toppings! Hot fudge, Caramel, Marshmallow & Sprinkles (All DIY!)
- Class 3 Mini Pies! Hands on crusts & fillings Fruit Pie, Cream pie, Rustic Tarts
- Class 4 Unicorn & Tye Dye! Rainbow cupcake PLUS Unicorn decorating! Class 5 - Cookies! Awesome instant Meringue, Giant Smores cookie, chewy
- iced oatmeal & more!

Class 6 - Mothers Day mini cupcake bouquet! Strawberry cupcakes, + cream cheese frosting

Tuesday OR Thursday evening sessions available 6-7:30 pm, At the Springfield Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

Class Dates: Tuesdays March 21, 28, April 4, 18, 25, May 2 OR Thursdays March 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, May 4 Price \$195 - Including all materials, tools and recipes

Please contact Samantha for any questions and to register at: samilynn9@aol.com www.sweet-samantha.com 973-445-1620

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Spring/Summer 2017 -

social interaction.

(NO class 5/28)

Dates: April 23 - June 17

Location: Chisholm Park

Dates: June 28-August 9

Location: Chisholm Park

Details: Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm

Details: Sundays, 1:30pm-2:30pm

TOTAL SPORTS - PARENT & ME

SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3): With a parent

participating by their side, this program will

skills and encourage social interaction.

stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor

SUMMER CLASSES

SPRING BREAK: MULTI SPORTS -

CAMP (age 5 to 11): Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more!

DATE: April 10- April 13 **LOCATION**: Chisholm Park **TIME OPTIONS:**

Early Drop off Available 8am-9am 9:00am-4:00pm (Full Day) 9:00am-12:30pm (Morning) 1:00pm-4:00pm (Afternoon)

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS

(age 3 to 5): Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

SPRING CLASSES

Dates: April 23 - June 17 Details: Sundays, 1:30pm-2:30pm (NO class 5/28) Location: Chisholm Park

SUMMER CLASSES

Dates: June 28- August 9 Details: Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm or

6pm-7pm

Location: Chisholm Park

Dates: August 21-August 25 Details: Mon-Fri, 4:30pm-5:30pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

MULTI SPORTS – CAMP

(age 5 to 11): Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more!

SUMMER CAMPS

Dates: August 21-August 25 **Details:** Monday-Friday (5 days) 9am-4pm, 9am-12:30pm or 1pm-4nm

Location: Chisholm Park

For more information, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732 563 2520

KIDS HELPING KIDS

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

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SPRINGFEST 2017

Springfield Recreation Department

Saturday, April 8th @ 1-3pm Chisholm Park



(Rain location: Chisholm Community Center)
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Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip to

Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am Bus will depart from Tropicana's at approximately 5:00 pm

\$30 per person

Payment is due by Thursday, April 13, 2017 Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department Return form and check to:

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

Questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator at 973-912-2227

Bus Trip to Tropicana in Atlantic City – Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Name:	
Street Address:	Town
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	
Enclosed is my check made payable to Springfield Recre	eation Department in the amount of \$

Learn to Play Golf at the Chisholm Community Center!!

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



TGA Provides:

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Every Class Includes:

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

Pogram Details:

Dates: Thursdays 4/20-6/8 (8 weeks).
Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm.
Who: All kids ages 5-11. Class max is 15.
Location: Chisholm Park.
Cost: \$154/child.
10% sibling discount available.

YOU CAN REGISTER ON-LINE BY GOING TO WWW.UNIONCOUNTY.CONFIGIO.COM For more information contact Nick Meltzer at nmeltzer@playtga.com or call (732) 835-8842.

Learn to Play Tennis at the Chisholm Community Center!!

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Every Class Includes:

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

Pogram Details:

Dates: Fridays 4/21-6/9 (8 weeks).
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.
Who: All kids ages 5-10. Class max is 16.
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
(Intersection of Irwin st. and Adams Terrace).
Cost: \$154/child.
10% sibling discount available.

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Serve it up with TGA Tennis Clinics at the Irwin Tennis Courts!

TGA tennis clinics are open to beginner to advanced players looking to take their game to the next level.



Each week we will challenge players with new pieces of instruction and drills that focus on improving their strokes, footwork and timing as well as developing their understanding of rules, court positioning and shot selection all while having fun in a safe environment.

Every TGA Tennis Clinic Features:

- All equipment is provided
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- A dynamic warm-up and stretching routine
- Rules & Etiquette Lessons
- Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship
 Perseverance
- Perseverance
 Fun Games and Tips for Practicing at Home

Pogram Details:

Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts (Intersection of Irwin st & Adams Terrace) **Dates:** Mondays* 4/17/17 - 6/12/17 (8 weeks) *no class on 5/29 due to Memorial Day **Time:** 5:00pm **Who:** Ages 11-14 (all middle school students) Class max is 16. **Cost:** \$160/player

Register Online at WWW.PLAYTGA.COM/UNIONCOUNTY

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

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

supervised by Recreation Department staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)

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

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

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

eb: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule:

www.sfplnj.org

Regular library hours from January through June are scheduled as follows:

Mondays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Tuesdays	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Thursdays	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Fridays	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturdays	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sundays	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

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/ caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while in our bright Children's Room! Friday March 10, Sat March 11, Tues March 14, Fri March 17, Sat march 18, Tues March 21, Sat March 25, Tues March 28.

Wii Games for ages 6 to 11 – Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm - 5:00pm. Drop in. We play Super Smash Bros. Ages 9 and under need to have a parent present in the library.

Math Help continues on Wednesdays @ 4pm with Mrs Treglio, certified math teacher. Bring your homework. Grades 1 to 8.

Crafty Mondays March 13 and 20 (no craft March 27) @ 4pm.

Crafty Fridays March 17 and 31 (no craft March 24) @ 4pm.

Teen and Twen Cupcake Craft Wed March 22 @ 3:15 Grade 6 and up. We're decorating cupcakes! Yum!

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Grades 6 and up are invited to help plan and lead programming for teens and kids. Join the Teen Advisory Group to start earning volunteer hours. The next meeting is Monday, March 20 @ 6:00 pm.

National Arts Advocacy Day Performance Monday March 20 @ 5:00-5:30pm. This musical revue, under the direction of local performing artist Krystle Tomlinson, engages only Union County students. We encourage our young patrons who are interested in performing arts to come to this revue—applications to Krystle's troupe for future singers, actors and dancers will be available!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Wednesday thru April 12 FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fridays, March 17, 24 and 31 Chair Yoga. April 7, 21 and 28, 12:30 pm.

Saturday, March 25, 11:00 am
Screening of the short documentary "The Modest Beekeeper" by Springfield resident Amefica Gray.

LECTURES

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm "Treatment for Joint Pain" presented by Dr. Michael Rieber.

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 pm Program on Annuities offered by Springfield resident Bart Fraenkel.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, March 23 & April 13 Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, March 16, 10:00 am Great Books: "The Man Who Could Work Miracles" by H.G. Wells.

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm Really Good Book Discussion: "The Art of Fielding: a Novel" by Chad Harbatch.

FILMS

Thursday, March 16, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm International Film – "Theeb", in Arabic with English subtitles. 2014

Monday, March 27, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – "Still Alice", starring Julianne Moore, 2014.

Monday, April 10, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – "Moon", starring Sam Rockwell and Kevin Spacey, 2009

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

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

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

Every Monday, 6:30 pm Canasta Club.

INSTRUCTION

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

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

Every Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Mahjong class.

LIBRARY FRIENDS MEET APRIL 5

The Springfield Library Friends will be holding their Spring Membership meeting on Wednesday evening, April 5 at 7pm. Current members and anyone interested in joining the Friends are welcome. Come and participate in planning to celebrate the Friends 50th Anniversary on August 17, 2017. Fundraising plans for 2017 will be outlined including the "Friends Children's and YA's Book Sale Plus Select Fashion Accessories Sale" scheduled for May 3-6, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Springfield Public Library's Lobby Meeting Room. All monies raised in 2017 will go to support various library programs and resources in 2018. For more information, you can contact the Friends at friendssfpl66mt@aol.com.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT PROGRAM ON ANNUITIES

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer a basic introduction to annuities, to be held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, March 23. In addition to learning

about the different types of annuities along with their risks and benefits, the program will also cover taxation matters related to annuities, the effect of inflation on annuities, and the fees and expenses typically associated with this type of investment vehicle. The program will be offered by Springfield resident Bart Fraenkel, a licensed insurance professional with more than twenty years of experience in this field.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public and preregistration is not required. More information about the library is available at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS THE ART OF FIELDING: A NOVEL BY CHAD HARBACH

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. to discuss The Art of Fielding: A Novel, by Chad Harbach. At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big-league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Harbach's best-selling debut novel took him ten years to complete. Gregory Cowles, writing for the New York Times, described it as a "precious and altogether excellent first novel."

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

CHAIR YOGA RETURNS TO SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, Friday chair yoga sessions will return to the library, beginning March 3 and continuing every Friday through June 30, with the exception of Good Friday (April 14). Each class is scheduled to begin at 12:30 pm and runs for approximately 45 minutes. Chair yoga is a more gentle form of yoga that is practiced either sitting on a chair or standing and using the chair for support. No equipment or special clothing is required and beginners are always welcome. This program is free and open to all members of the general public. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library is a non-profit organization devoted to fundraising efforts and providing other support on behalf of the library. A portion of the funds raised by the Friends has been allocated toward the cost of paying the professional instructor who conducts the weekly chair voga class.

SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE week-day 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-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

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 certain bus trips.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY DONOR WALL IS A GREAT WAY TO HONOR OR **COMMEMORATE A LOVED ONE**

With Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day approaching, Library Director Dale Spindel wants to remind members of the Springfield community that adopting a star on the library's donor wall remains a meaningful way to honor someone who has made a difference in your life. Available in three sizes, stars that are adopted at the \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 levels will be engraved with the name of the person you wish to honor. Donations collected through this project will go toward the purchase and renovation of furniture, fixtures, electronics, or other items so that the library can remain a vibrant and inviting place to visit for many years to come.

The initial seed money for this project came from a generous bequest from the estate of Lila Lustig, a longtime resident of Springfield. In addition to honoring those who have passed away, naming a star for a child or grandchild is a great way to help kids get hooked on the joys of reading while providing them with a lasting connection to their library. Anyone interested in adopting a donor wall star is invited to call Library Director Dale Spindel at 973 376-4930, ext. 227.

ADVOCATES INVITE UNION COUNTY RESIDENTS TO 'BUILD A THRIVING NJ' HOUSING SUMMIT EXPLORES AFFORDABILITY SOLUTIONS

Members of the faith-based community and community development sector invite Union County residents to engage in a discussion on housing affordability in New Jersey. "Build a Thriving New Jersey: Union County Housing Summit" will explore solutions and steps local residents and housing advocates can take to engage decision makers in a proposal that will boost economic activity to build a thriving New Jersey.

The summit is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 695 Mountain Avenue in Springfield. There is no cost to attend but registration is requested at www.monarchhousing.org/unioncounty-housing-summit-registration. For more information, interested persons should contact Monarch Housing Associates at 908-272-5363 X 234 or e-mail coneill@monarchhousing.org.

SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT JOSHUA M. GREENFIELD ELECTED TO RIKER DANZIG'S REAL ESTATE GROUP

Morristown-based law firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP is pleased to announce that it has elected Joshua M. Greenfield, of Springfield, to Riker Danzig's Real Estate Group. Greenfield has experience in complex commercial real estate matters, including acquisition and sale, leasing, land use, financing and drafting construction contracts. While pursuing his J.D., Greenfield was Managing Editor of the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science and Technology, and also served as a research assistant to Associate Dean Joan Howland. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2007 and his undergraduate degree from Rutgers in 2004.



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SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MARCH 30TH MEETING

The topic of the March 30th meeting of Springfield Hadassah is Jewish Harlem. It is scheduled for 12:30 pm at the Springfield Public Library.

The speaker is Marty Schneit, a local authority on New York social history. His presentation will

include information on why the Jews selected Harlem as their residence in the 1880's.Mr. Schneit's program will also include pictures of famous sites.

Harlem was the 3rd largest Jewish settlement in America. Included among Harlem's famous Jewish residents were: Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein I and II, Milton Berle, Ehrich West and Yoselle Rosenblatt. The history of Temple Israel, the largest and most influential synagogue in Harlem which eventually became the Mt. Olive Olive Baptist Church, will also be discussed.

Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. The public is invited. People planning to attend who are not Hadassah members should contact Lorraine S. Seidel at lorrainesseidel@gmail or 973.376.5067.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E

Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was established in 2007 to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help Springfield residents and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just get by throughout the year.

The organization was the brainchild of Tom Ernst, a retired career Springfield firefighter and retired coordinator of the Springfield Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

When the new Springfield Fire house opened in 2004, Firefighter Ernst worked in the administrative office located just inside the front door. It was quite natural that as residents came to the firehouse to look for assistance of one kind or another, they wound up speaking with Ernst. It was through this regular contact with residents, and the annual Toy collection that took place during the Holidays each year at the firehouse, that the idea for Springfield H.O.P.E. was born. Ernst brought his idea to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and, after some discussion, a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of Chamber Co-Chairs Scott Seidel and Pat Paolella, Chamber Treasurer John Cottage Sr. and Ernst was formed, Springfield H.O.P.E. was incorporated as an IRS 501c3 entity. The Chamber then made an initial \$500 donation to get things going. Since that day, every dollar collected has gone right back to H.O.P.E. clients. The Toys for Springfield Kids program – an annual toy collection with needy Springfield kids being the primary beneficiaries – became H.O.P.E.'s annual Toy program. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, retired firefighter Ernst, now living in Toms River, commented, "People came in to the firehouse looking for toys for their kids but also talked about having no money for food or other living essentials and no place to turn. Around that time, there was an outpouring of community support when a house belonging to a family with several small children burned down. Clothes, toys and others things were brought to the firehouse for the family. Those events kicked off the idea for a permanent mechanism to help Springfield

Today, Ernst, Paolella and Cottage have retired. They have been replaced on the Board by Dr. Gary Hecht, Police Chief John Cook and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo. Dr Hecht, whose office is directly across from the firehouse, has become the face of H.O.P.E. and sees potential clients confidentially in his office. The Patriot Times sat down with the H.O.P.E. Trustees, and one important fact echoed by Chief Cook and Chief Palumbo was that all requests for assistance are kept confidential and limited to the Trustees. In rare cases, Hecht noted, "We have named the individuals or families requesting help when their specific need exceeds our limited resources and they give us permission to do so."

Founding H.O.P.E. Trustee Scott Seidel commented, "2017 marks the 10th anniversary of H.O.P.E. Over the past 10 years, over 100 residents have been helped by H.O.P.E. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, the Board is asking Springfield residents to donate \$10 (or more!) to help their fellow residents. Donations may be sent to Springfield H.O.P.E., c/o Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.



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