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**AT A RECENT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING, PLANS WERE DISCUSSED
FOR RENOVATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE
THE SENIOR CENTER WHICH WILL
MOVE FROM SARAH BAILEY TO
CHISHOLM LATER THIS YEAR**

Assistant Engineer Sam Mardini, Recreation Director Mike Tennaro, Architects Donna Miller and Robert Barranger pose with a floor plan of the proposed renovations to the new "Senior wing" of the Chisholm Community Center at the March 13th Township Committee Meeting.



Robert Barranger points out features in the proposed lobby renovations.

SudzDudz the new Laundromat at 234 Mountain Ave. opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by members of the Township Committee, Business Improvement District and Chamber of Commerce Officers. The owners are excited about opening their new store in Springfield an look to fulfill a much needed service in town. "The closest Laundromat is in Union said John Cheung owner of SudzDudz. We have 22 washers and 28 dryers with several types of load capacities. We also have an executive laundry service for busy people and will do your laundry for you. " The store has been fully renovated and stocked with new state of the art equipment. One customer commented that this was good news as has traveled as far as Chatham to find a good Laundromat.

**SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES
DALE SPINDEL,
NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR!**

Ms. Spindel comes to the Springfield Public Library with nearly 20 years of experience as a public library administrator in Union County, most recently having spent sixteen years as the director of the Kenilworth Public Library and before that three years and a half years as the director of the Clark Public Library. During the course of a career that has spanned more than thirty-five years, Spindel has seen libraries evolve from being traditional repositories of print materials to vibrant focal points for their communities, providing access to computers and digitized materials as well as opportunities for patrons to attend library sponsored programs covering a wide array of needs and interests. Ms. Spindel commented to the Patriot, "Today's public libraries are dramatically different from those I first worked in and it is mind-boggling to consider the magnitude of technological changes yet to come," Spindel stated recently. "At the same time, I am a lover of books in their traditional print format so I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees and staff members of the Springfield Public Library to continue to ensure that the library reflects the best of both worlds," she added.

"Service to the community has always been a focus of the Springfield Free Public Library," said Shelley Stangler, President of the Library Board of Trustees. In selecting a new library director the Library Board of Trustees sought someone with a strong customer service ethic who would continue to enhance the library as a community gathering place through creative and original programming and the ability to embrace both the printed word and rapidly changing technology." Library staff is delighted with the selection of Dale Spindel and looking forward to working with their new director who arrives on April 15.

**SUDZ DUDZ THE NEW LAUNDROMAT
AT 234 MOUNTAIN AVE.**

(l to r) Springfield Patriot of Commerce Co-chair, Scott Seidel, Business Improvement District Chairman, Mike Scalera, Owners Donna Cheung, John Cheung, Township Committee member Margaret Bandrowski and Springfield Patriot of Commerce Co-chair, Pat Paolella



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Message from the Mayor



This month, I am happy to write about this year's township budget. Typically, this is not a subject people want to hear about. However, this year the municipal increase to your property taxes is both the smallest dollar amount (less than six dollars for the average resident) and percentage (less than .2%) in many decades. The majority of the credit goes to both our chief financial officer, and our township administrator. Prior to their presentation to Mr. Barnett and myself (we are the finance sub-committee); they met with the entire department heads to discuss needs for this year. Working together as a team, we were able to maintain services, maintain personnel staffing levels without cuts or furloughs, and provide for recommended post

Superstorm Sandy equipment, while still keeping the increase to an absolute minimum.

If this were the beginning and end to this story, what a wonderful story it would be. However, the township committee only controls about 30% of the property taxes each year. The remaining 70% are controlled by the board of education (approximately 50%) and the county (approximately 20%). Under state legislation enacted last year (this only applies to boards of education which switched their elections to coincide with regular November elections), the board of education cannot raise their budget by more than 2% from the prior year's budget without a public vote of approval. However, if a board of education budget remains under the 2% increase, there is no public vote. This year, the board of education increase will be under 2% (1.62% of their 50%). This is very welcome news indeed. At the time I am writing this, the county budget has not been presented or approved. While the county tax increases have been higher than 2% for the last several years (2+% of their 20%), I feel it is offset this year as the county has already provided more money to Springfield through grants in the first three months of 2013 than in many recent years.

I encourage as many residents to attend our upcoming budget meetings this month. Mr. Barnett, Mr. Cancro, Mr. Quick, and I will be happy to answer any questions. There are two meetings scheduled at town hall on April 18th at 6:30PM and April 19th at 10:30AM. Each meeting should last about one and a half hours.

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our @springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

MARCH 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

Last month, the workshop meeting was moved from its normal Monday night at the firehouse and was instead held prior to the regular township committee meeting on Tuesday. This was decided in February by the committee in order to promote the "Taste Of The Towns", for which all five committee members were in attendance.

The abbreviated workshop meeting and regular legislative meetings were held on Tuesday, March 12th in the town hall meeting room. During the workshop portion, we discussed the Technical Review Committee recommendations provided by our assistant township engineer. The TRC process and mechanics are under review as the committee strives to improve the internal workings to better protect the public while, at the same time, not placing unnecessary time constraints or excessive expenses on business

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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, April 8th, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 30th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Monday, May 13th, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 28th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

THE BID AT WORK

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Have you Friended us on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for? We will be running weekly contests that you can enter to win gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses!

Don't miss out,
like us at Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The BID has been meeting with Property owners in the Downtown and is working with them to develop a redevelopment plan for this area. The BID is hiring a Planner and an Engineer to begin working with the Town and the property owners in developing a concensus for this plan for the Downtown. We will keep you posted on all developments for redevelopment!

GOOGLE OR YELP....NO NEED!

THE SPRINGFIELD APP IS COMING!

The BID will be testing the Springfield app that can be downloaded to your smart phone this spring. This app will allow you to find out in real time what is happening in town, where it is happening and how to get there! It will allow you to find a business, product or service at the touch of a button. You will be able to link to important services and get notifications as often as you like. We expect to launch the App by mid summer. Keep posted. We will let you know where to go to download this App!

Marketing

THE BID SPRINGS FORWARD

We have put together marketing information to mail to all our businesses in April. See Marketing Tips and How the BID Can Help You, below. We are here to help your business succeed. If you have any questions, or need our help, please call us at 973-740-8815.

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PROMOTE YOUR SERVICES THROUGH THE SPRINGFIELD BID'S MANY MARKETING CHANNELS

The Springfield BID has been working hard (and succeeded!) in building a strong communications and marketing channel based on several platforms. We have a vibrant social media presence (facebook), growing email list and conduct several town-wide marketing programs throughout the year. Here's three ways to promote your business.

SPONSOR A FACEBOOK GIVE-AWAY

Our busy facebook page gets lots of attention. On any given month, simply offer a \$50 gift card to a local Springfield restaurant, retail store or other business. We will promote your offer several times during the month, asking people to "like" the give-away posting...and you. A winner will then be announced with a follow-up posting of a picture.

SEND US "FYI's ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Send us pertinent info about your business or service. We'll post them from time to time, referencing you, of course. FYI's might be tips, or important industry info or anything that the public might find useful and/or interesting...and help promote your business. Simply email us your "FYI."

*Type info exactly how you would like it to appear in paragraph form (including your address and phone number). Remember to keep it as short and sweet as possible. JPEG images and photos are acceptable along with your typed copy. Email: kurt@mytownnavigator.com

SPONSOR ONE OF OUR MAJOR MARKETING PROGRAMS

Our town-wide programs are marketed heavily on facebook, via email, on posters and on flyers mailed to every home in Springfield. As a Major Sponsor for any of these events, your logo will go on all marketing materials along with the video selection and presentation of your prize posted on social media. Major Sponsorship Prizes usually include an iPad or another exciting prize of similar value (\$500).

Buddy Up Cards

Getting new customers is what it's all about. And, there's nothing better than getting recommended by a present customer. So, print up little "Buddy Up" cards to hand out to existing customers in your place of business. Each card will thank them for being a customer...offering a certain deal for both them and someone NEW that they bring into your business (their buddy). Their deal can be anything from an extra service or a discount or a small gift. The catch being that they bring someone new to your business.

Come Back Coupons

Print up small coupons that you can give to customers after a purchase. This rewards them for being a customer and pushes them to come back again soon to exercise their coupon. *Print cards with a BLANK EXPIRATION DATE LINE. Then, you have the option of writing in whatever expiration date you like. The cards will never go out of date. The big box stores do it...so can you!

Your Website

You don't need a "super big" site with dozens of pages. Keep your site simple, attractive and to the point. Make sure that you use short phrases of copy that describe your business. If you are just building or rebuilding your site...make sure that it's being developed in a program language (format) that can easily be changed quickly by you or someone in your business. Wordpress is a popular format that is easy to use. There are others, of course.

Google Places

Google offers a free "places page" which comes up when someone types in your business name or a close description in their search browser. Make sure that your page is up to date and accurate. You can also ask customers to give you a "google review" if they are happy with your services.

Google

There are two forms of google search. Natural and paid. "Natural" search is free but very crowded and competitive. Many companies hire SEO (search engine optimization) services on a monthly basis to help manage their natural search results. "Paid" search (google adwords) are the results you see at the very top and on the right side of your search results page (that's how google makes their dough!). Google lets you set a budget and select "phrases" that people are most likely to search by for your product or service. Example: "Children's dentist, Springfield NJ" or "Dentist specializing in children, Springfield NJ". Buying these phrases then guarantees that your website will come up high in visibility when someone types it in their search. Then, if they click on your google ad (taking them to your website), a small portion of your budget gets used. The more people that click on your ad, the faster your budget is used. Google offers great reporting (analytics) so that you can see just how well your budget is doing and which phrases and times work best.

For more information, call Kurt Schwartz at 973-768-1059
or email him at kurt@mytownnavigator.com



Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

What to do when selling or renting your home.

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. The Fire Prevention Administrative Assistant will verify that there are no open construction permits for the property. If there are open permits, the owner will need to ensure the work is completed and arrange for a final construction code inspection with the Building Department. Once all construction permits are closed, the smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm and portable fire extinguisher inspection will be scheduled by the fire prevention inspector.

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 is 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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A ROUTE 22 TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION PROJECT HAS BEGUN IN SOMERSET AND UNION COUNTIES

The State's project will improve mobility along the Route 22 corridor by interconnecting 18 traffic signals into one integrated system along a thirteen mile-long stretch of Route 22 in Somerset and Union counties.

The state is beginning work on Route 22 from milepost 36.45 (vicinity of I-287) in Bridgewater - through Bound Brook, Green Brook, North Plainfield, Watchung, Scotch Plains and Westfield - to milepost 50.25 (just east of the pedestrian overpass) in Mountainside. The \$7.77 million project will improve mobility along the entire corridor. This includes the complete replacement of the existing traffic signal systems at five intersections and geometric improvements and signal modifications to seven other intersections.

In addition, the project includes the installation of:

- Eight new traffic cameras for the Camera Surveillance System (CSS).
- Two new permanent electronic dynamic message signs
- Fiber optic and wireless communication connecting the new integrated system to the Statewide Traffic Management Center in Woodbridge.

The state has begun preliminary construction activity, including sign installation, field mobilization and directional drilling to install underground conduits this week.

As most of the improvements require the installation of electronic equipment outside the Route 22 mainline travel lanes, this work will be performed during normal business hours with minimal disruption to traffic. All available travel lanes will be maintained on Route 22 during peak travel periods. The proposed improvements at certain intersections will require temporary closures of the jughandle ramps to with traffic detoured along Route 22 to the next convenient intersection. These detours will typically be limited to off peak hours and all travel lanes will be reopened during morning and evening rush hours.

The contractor plans to advance the improvements with multiple crews working simultaneously at different locations. The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2014.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check www.511nj.org for real-time travel information.

*Water Everywhere, now known as WE Springfield,
meets on a bi-weekly basis
at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.
The dates for April: Flood Committee Meeting is 4/4/13
WE Meeting is 4/18/13
The dates for May: Flood Committee is 5/2/13
WE Meeting is 5/16/13
For More Info Contact Barbara Hickey at bah0214@yahoo.com
----- All are welcome to attend. -----*

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TOWNSHIP INTRODUCES 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Township Committee introduced the 2013 Municipal budget on March 27, 2013. A formal public hearing and adoption of the budget will take place Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Municipal Building. In addition, two town hall meetings have been scheduled for the public to offer their comments. Those meeting are scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm - 8 pm and Friday, April 19 at 10:30 to noon in the Municipal Building.



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MAJOR INTERSTATE 78 REHABILITATION PROJECT RESUMES

NJDOT had restored all travel lanes through the winter season to maximize capacity

The construction activity has resumed along Interstate 78 from west of Ramsey Avenue (milepost 53.8) in Union Township to the Route 21 interchange (milepost 56.9) in Newark.

In December 2012, NJDOT restored all available Interstate 78 travel lanes in the project limits to provide maximum capacity through the winter season when major pavement construction is limited. As spring approaches and the asphalt plants reopen, work on the \$72 million roadway rehabilitation project <<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/about/press/2012/030812.shtm>> is set to gear back up.

Long-term lane closures will allow for the completion of the full depth pavement replacement. The contractor will reduce I-78 westbound from five travel lanes to four - two Express lanes and two Local lanes - and begin reconstruction of the far right Local travel-lane and shoulder.

All existing travel lanes will be maintained on I-78 eastbound for now, as work continues to reconstruct the eastbound shoulder between mileposts 55.9 to 56.9. Long term single-lane closures will resume on the eastbound highway in the coming weeks.

Construction began in March 2012 on the major roadway rehabilitation with the highway being reconstructed in stages, requiring numerous traffic pattern changes and the closure of one travel lane in each direction at certain locations. A total of four of the five I-78 travel lanes will remain open in each direction during peak period hours throughout construction. Single and double-lane closures will be allowed during overnight and off-peak hours.

This is one of the busiest stretches of highway in New Jersey, with an average of 145,000 vehicles traveling it daily. The new pavement is designed to last up to 20 years. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2014.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check www.511nj.org

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MEETING

Springfield Hadassah will hold the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Meeting on April 25, 2013 at 12:30 PM in the Springfield Public Library. Miriam Gershwin, a life member of Springfield Hadassah and a Holocaust survivor, is in charge of the meeting. She will be assisted by Danielle Ross, Esq., also a life member.

The meeting commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust.

Adele Shafman, co-President of the Roselle-Cranford Hadassah Chapter, will share the story of her aunt, Sara Gordon Williams, who survived the

Holocaust. Ms. Williams lived in Paris during World War II. In order to survive, she was hidden and moved many times at great peril to both herself and those who aided her. Finally, Ms. Williams was able to come to the United States.

Traditionally, six individuals, including Holocaust survivors, light six candles in memory of the six

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TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL CELEBRATES RABBI CECELIAN BEYER'S INSTALLATION



Prior to her appointment at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Rabbi Beyer served as the Assistant Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights, New York. She was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary in May 2010, where she pursued a concentration in sacred music as part of her studies.

While in rabbinical school, Rabbi Beyer served as the cantor at Shomrei Emunah in Montclair and as both a Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern and a Social Justice Rabbinical Intern at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York City.

A Cherry Hill native, she is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the George Washington University Law School. She is a graduate of Young Judaea, and has spent significant time living and working in Israel and is a life member of Hadassah. She attended Camp Tel Yehudah as a teen, and has spent many more summers working at Jewish camps, including Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake and Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Rabbi Beyer is also an accomplished singer, actor, and dancer. She is a classically trained soprano, a musical theater buff, and a competitive Irish step dancer. She lives in Springfield with her husband Gabe and their two black cats, Willow and Sabrina.

Rabbi Cecelia Beyer will be installed as the Associate Rabbi and Education Director of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield, New Jersey on Sunday, April 21. In celebration of Rabbi Beyer's installation, the entire community is welcome to join this family celebration with a dinner and Rick Recht concert beginning at 5 pm. There is no charge, but a reservation is required. RSVP by April 14 to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (973) 376-0539x11 or office @tbaynj.org. Please let us know the number attending, their names, contact telephone number and email address.

FEMA EXTENDS DISASTER ASSISTANCE DEADLINE FOR NEW JERSEY HURRICANE SURVIVORS TO MAY 1

TRENTON, N.J. -- Survivors of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey now have until May 1 to register for disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and return Small Business Administration disaster loan application.

**The Last Day To Register To Vote For The June
Primary Election Is Tuesday, May 14th.
The Township Clerk's Office
Will Be Open Until 8 P.M.**

*There will be two Town Hall Budget Meetings:
Thursday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and
Friday, April 19th, 10:30 a.m. to Noon.
There will be an open public hearing on the
budget at the Township Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m.*

DO YOU KNOW A SENIOR THAT NEEDS SERVICES OR CARE....SAGE ELDERCARE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.

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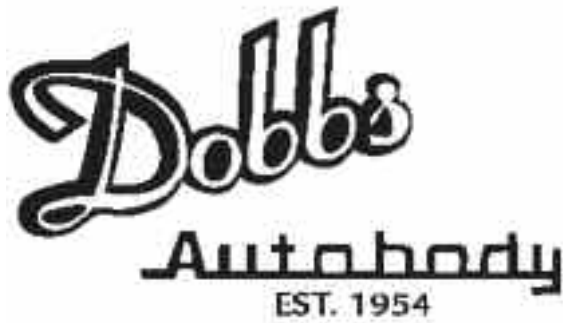
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Computer and Electronics:

Springfield accepts computer and electronics collection on the first Saturday of the month at the Springfield Municipal Pool. There are other dates through Union County if you are unable to attend the Springfield dates.

Paper Shredding:

This is the time of year that many of us have a mass amount of paper from post-tax cleaning. The county has numerous dates for you to take (a maximum of four bags/boxes) for on-premise shredding.

Scrap Metal:

You can take old appliances, bicycles, lawn furniture, and many more types of scrap metal on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month.

Medication:

Union County now has a permanent collection program for unused, unwanted and expired medication. The medication drop-off box is located at the County Police Department, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield in the Sheriff Froehlich Building and is available to residents 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

Household Special Waste:

Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, oil-based paints, tires and more can be recycled through the County every other month.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Youth Services Events @ Springfield Free Public Library: Our programs are free and open to the public, no matter what town or county you live in!

Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11
Wednesdays @ 4pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

Bookworms for Grades 1, 2, and 3. Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:45 Share your favorite chapter books, make a craft and enjoy a snack!

Ariel's Storycraft Fridays @ 4pm a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16 and May 7 and 14. Wednesday April 24 (with Miss Nina), Fridays April 5, 19, and 26 (with Miss Nina), and May 3 and 10. Saturdays April 13, 20 and May 11.**

Chess Monday evenings @ 7 to 8 pm. Ages 9 to 12 Come and play with a partner and test your skills! For knowledgeable players only—no beginners!

Tween Crafts (Grades 3 and up) at the Library will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 18. Make a personal notebook!

Teen Lit Review will be Wednesdays April 10 and May 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Open to teens grades 6-12. Read reviews of new teen books and recommend your favorites for the library! Earn one hour community service and enjoy refreshments.

Teen Poetry Café: Come with a friend to share poetry and refreshments at the library. Read your own poems or share a favorite from another poet. Join us in the Teen Room at the Library, **Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.**

New! Sweet Reads Book Club for grades 8 and up. **Wednesday April 24 @ 4:00p.m.** Hosted in our Museum Café. Discuss your latest favorite reads while indulging in afternoon refreshments.

New! Book Page Bingo Grades 1, 2 and 3. **Thursday April 4 and Monday April 29 @ 4:00 p.m.** A fun twist on an old game!

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"Joy of Family Music" with your child! This 30-minute session is developmentally appropriate for children from birth through 5 years old. Music Together is an internationally recognized program. Along with its early childhood music, it offers movement activities for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and the adults who love them. In this class, you and your child will enjoy sharing songs, rhythm chants, and playing instruments.

Move to the Music, Bollywood Style! Sunday April 21 2:00 p.m. This introductory Indian dance workshop to Bollywood music for boys and girls will give a glimpse of popular Indian culture through costume, music and dance. Grades 3 and up, parents and grandparents welcome. Dance costumes, scarves, accessories and anklets are provided.

April is National Poetry Month! Check out a poetry book from the Youth Services Dept. and get a prize! (while supplies last)

IT'S NATIONAL POETRY MONTH **Read Write Rejoice**

Poetry Without Paper Mondays April 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Services Room, for Grades 4 and up. Experience the excitement of creating visual poetry from word magnets and book spines. All poems will be photographed and displayed on the library's display monitor at the circulation desk during National Poetry Month.

Communities matter @ your library: celebrate National Library Week April 14-20. Make your own bookmark—materials will be displayed in the Youth Services Room during National Library Week

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1st , 7:00 pm Screening and Discussion of the documentary Koran by Heart.

Sunday, May 5th, 2:00 pm
Concert: The Banjo Rascals.

Wednesday, April 17th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Reception for the new Library Director.

LECTURES

Monday, April 22nd, 1:00 pm
Ursula Pawel presents: Holocaust: My Experience

Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 pm
Image of New Jersey presented by Michael Rockland of Brooklyn College.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, April 18th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group

Thursdays, April 25th and May 9th - Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman **10:15 am**

Monday, May 6th, 7:00 pm - Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell
Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm Really Good Book

Discussion Group – Author visit and book signing. David Rothenberg will discuss *Fortune in My Eyes*.

FILMS

Wednesday, April 17th, 1 pm Movie Desk Set (1957) with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 pm & 7:00pm Spring International Film Festival: A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. Starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt. In English.

Monday, April 29th at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series - The third film in the "MORE FILM NOIR" series. In Alan Ladd's first major film role, he gives a stunning performance as a hired killer who goes after a client who betrayed him.

Monday, May 13th at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series – The fourth film in the "MORE FILM NOIR" series. This classic won the Academy Award for Ingrid Bergman. The famous story of deceitful husband (Charles Boyer) who deliberately drives his wife insane.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Thursday, April 18th, 7:30 pm Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, April 22nd and May 13th, Knits Wits Knitting Group 10:00 am

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm Chess club

Every Friday thru April, 12:30 pm
Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon

INSTRUCTION

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

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS ORGANIZATION SEEKS DONATIONS FOR SALE

Jewelry donations are being sought by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library for its Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale in the fall. Jewelry including watches and costume jewelry are welcome. Donations may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk all year long.

Also accepted all year long are donations of recent (last three months) popular magazines and paperback books (except romances). These items are set out for sale in the Library's Lobby throughout the year.

The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. Money raised by the Friends is used to help the library fund various programs, materials, and services.

The Friends Annual Book Sale will be held in August. Donations of used books (hard cover and paperback), CDs, DVDs, and educational games will be accepted in July.

COMMUNITIES MATTER @ YOUR LIBRARY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 14-20

Celebrate the place where community matters. Visit the Springfield Free Public Library to explore a world of opportunities online or in person during National Library Week, April 14-20.

Springfield joins with communities nationwide in celebration of National Library Week and in addition we welcome the arrival of our new library director, Ms. Dale Spindel. Ms. Spindel comes to the Springfield Public Library with nearly twenty years of experience as a public library administrator in Union County, most recently having spent sixteen years as the director of the Kenilworth Public Library and before that three years and a half years as the director of the Clark Public Library. During the course of a career that has spanned more than thirty-five years, Spindel has seen libraries evolve from being traditional repositories of print materials to vibrant focal points for their communities, providing access to computers and digitized materials as well as opportunities for patrons to attend library sponsored programs covering a wide array of needs and interests. "Today's public libraries are dramatically different from those I first worked in and it is mind-boggling to consider the magnitude of technological changes yet to come," Spindel stated recently. "At the same time, I am a lover of books in their traditional print format so I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees and staff members of the Springfield Public Library to continue to ensure that the library reflects the best of both worlds," she added.

"Service to the community has always been a focus of the Springfield Free Public Library,"

said Shelley Stangler, President of the Library Board of Trustees. In selecting a new library director the Library Board of Trustees sought someone with a strong customer service ethic who would continue to enhance the library as a community gathering place through creative and original programming and the ability to embrace both the printed word and rapidly changing technology."

Library staff is delighted with the selection of Dale Spindel and looking forward to working with their new director who arrives on April 15.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR DALE SPINDEL

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 FROM
5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM AT THE
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Musical performance by 4 of a Kind Sax Quartet starts at 5:30 p.m. They will play a varied repertoire of classical, jazz, rock, and pop selections along with some original compositions. This group of music education majors at Kean University is guaranteed to please audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Enjoy the music, explore the library and join the Library Board of Trustees and staff in giving Dale Spindel a warm welcome to Springfield!

(Light refreshments will be served)

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MUSLIM BOOK COLLECTION ARRIVES IN SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield Free Public Library has been recently awarded the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, a collection of books, films, and other resources that will introduce the American public to the complex history and culture of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

Developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association (ALA) based on the advice of scholars, librarians, and other public programming experts, the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf is intended to address both the need and desire of the American public for trustworthy and accessible resources about Muslim beliefs and practices and the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations. The library received 25 books, 3 films, and access for one year to Oxford Islamic Studies Online.

The National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: www.neh.gov

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Residents who purchased a home, mortgage and title companies and 1,000 New Jersey Monthly subscribers were surveyed. Evaluations were based upon customer service, communication, ability to find the right home, integrity, negotiation skills, the marketing of the home, knowledge of the market, closing preparation and their overall satisfaction with the agent. The final list of 2013 Five Star Real Estate Agents is a select group, representing less than 7% of real estate agents in the area. "This is truly an honor to be recognized publicly by the citizens of New Jersey and my industry peers," said Webb. "I take the real estate industry and my dedication to my clients, very seriously. To have my commitment recognized and be honored with this special award is a privilege."



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Special thanks to this year's vendors: (In No particular order) Outback, Olive Garden, McLynns, Delightful Kreations, Stew Leonards Wines, L'affaire, Monkey Joes Nuts, Sophias, Spanish Pavilion, Mosaico, Campus Subs, Aramark, Casa Manilla, Cozy Corner Deli, and Culinary Creations by Jenny.

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Thank You,

Mia Kebea and the Seniors In Place family

WALTON BOOK FAIR



Ethan from Mrs. Jones' 2nd grade class is very excited about the book fair at Walton School.



Quadrelle Walker at the Walton Book Fair



Megan Zuzarth, Leah Sievert and Linda Reich at the Walton Book Fair.

ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS

Rabies Clinic Success and Information on Feral Cats in the Community

The Madison Health Department held its first Rabies Clinic for Springfield on February 16, 2013 with great success. Over 100 pets and their people attended the event which was a significant increase from 2012 where there were 69 pets vaccinated. Staff and participants attributed the success to both moving up the date from April to February as well as offering the option to license Springfield pets on-site that day. Next year, Madison plans on moving the clinic up to January where licensing will again be offered to make it easier for pet lovers to both protect their pets as well as complete the licensing process at one location and hopes to double the number of attendees as license renewals are due at that time without penalty of late fees.

There has been a great deal of concern regarding Feral Cats in the community and actions that need to be taken to control their expansion. Feral Cats are domestic animals living in an unsocialized or wild state; they are generally considered one generation removed from a home environment. They usually live in a group or "colony" in an area where they find food and shelter. Free-roaming cats are those that are not necessarily feral, they may be "outdoor cats" with a specific owner, stray pets or may have started at one household but now are fed or cared for by multiple households in the neighborhood. These cats may also interact with feral cats or other wildlife. The greatest risks to all of these animals is that due to their over populating, many will die prematurely from disease, starvation or other trauma and animal shelters are not equipped to handle these large numbers. The greatest risk to people and other wildlife is the possibility for them to spread diseases including rabies.

There are however, multi-faceted recommendations for a solution which include:

1. Public education and awareness to prevent abandonment of cats and to encourage responsible pet ownership, spaying and neutering, keeping cats indoors and preventing or solving problems leading to abandonment.

2. Cat licensing and mandatory rabies vaccinations for domesticated pets

3. Prohibiting the feeding of free-roaming cats

For more information on feral cats and other Health Department programs, please visit our website: <http://springfield.nj.us/departments/health-department.html>

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARCH (NO MADNESS, JUST BUSINESS) NETWORKING EVENT

On Tuesday evening, March 19, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce held another great networking event at McLynn's restaurant in Springfield. There were over 30 business people gathered there to meet and establish relationships and to promote their business. Great food was served and prizes were won by several attendees. Shown at the picture to the right are Elliot Y Merkin (Chamber VP and Networking Coordinator), Steve Felton, (McLynn's owner), and Mike Scalera (Chamber Networking Chairman and BID Chairman). They helped to organize this great networking event. Everyone had a great time creating and making new business relationships. Look for future notices about our once a month great networking events.



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Bonnie Kantor is the president of Pressing Issues, a professional web solutions and digital marketing agency located in Metuchen NJ since 1992.

She is a Director-Consultant at BNI (Business Network International) and has served on several non-profit organization boards. A Constant Contact All-Star and Local Expert, she has been using e-marketing and social media tools to help her clients stay top of-mind for more than five years.

MARCH 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

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owners. More discussion will follow at the next workshop meeting of April 7th in the firehouse. There was discussion of a proposed walkway on Mountainview Road. More discussion and alternate proposals will follow at the next workshop meeting as well. We also discussed a generator at the firehouse, which will also be used to provide additional power for cell communications.

During the legislative portion, we had a public hearing and adopted the Springfield Community Partnership (Business Improvement District) proposed 2013 budget. There was a short presentation for the upcoming Senior Wing at the Chisholm Center. There was also an ad hoc committee formed, as a result of resident feedback from the February meetings, to document the processes and timelines leading up to the Turf Field bond vote and subsequent toxicology reports related to the Board of Education land at the top. Additionally, we adopted an ordinance refining the pool fees and hours of operation for 2013. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, appointed a new municipal prosecutor, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments, motioned the approval of minutes from prior meetings, and day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep running the township of Springfield. Lastly, we approved raffle licenses, partially refunded jitney fees to a resident, allowed the use of the pool parking lot to the Springfield Soccer Club (this is done every year) and approved the rental of the pool by the Scarlet Aquatics group (also done every year).

Our second legislative meeting of March took place on the 27th. We introduced the municipal budget for 2013. There will be two hearings for residents to have in depth discussions and answers about this year's budget on April 18th at 6:30PM and also on April 19th at 10:30AM. Both meetings are at town hall. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, and approved resolutions similar to other previous meetings, including more raffle licenses and the promotion of a police officer. There was also a resolution approving an automatic license plate recognition system, being done in concert with the Union County police. Last but not least, we had a closed executive session to discuss an ongoing lawsuit from last year. Details will be provided once this litigation is settled.

The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses: David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us, Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us, David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us, Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us, and Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us, or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

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- Embrace our differences and find strength in our connections
- Express our joy, optimism and gratitude through our words, thoughts & actions
- Nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health
- Lead with an open heart and assume positive intent
- Stand up for others and ourselves

The Girls on the Run Program is for girls in 3rd-5th grades. The Springfield location is open to all young women in surrounding towns. GOTR is a 10 week program which begins on March 26th and runs through mid June.

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The NFIP allows occupants and owners with property vulnerable to flooding to purchase flood insurance; private companies generally do not underwrite flood insurance because of the high risk involved. In order to continue to keep flood insurance premiums affordable, FEMA and the NFIP must try to address those structures that are repetitively flooded.

FEMA will be surveying these repetitively flooded properties to collect data that will help FEMA understand why these structures are vulnerable to flooding and damages, and what mitigation measures may be feasible to protect them from future damages.

This is notification that the Communities previously listed will be visited by FEMA Teams starting March 29th, 2013 through April 12th, 2013. These Teams will have FEMA identification badges confirming his or her authorization to conduct this survey on behalf of FEMA.

The FEMA Teams will need about 15 minutes to observe features about the structure's construction, assess the structure's flood vulnerabilities and take photograph of the structure.

We look forward to working with the Communities in this important data collection effort. If you have any questions please contact Joseph R. Napoleon at 202-805-6308 or Joseph.Napoleon@fema.dhs.gov

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MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL REFOCUSES EFFORT ON DEFINING IRENE DAMAGES TO COMMUNITIES

At its March meeting in Millburn, the Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed made it a top priority to better define the extent of the damages left by Hurricane Irene. The current estimate is over \$100 million of damages to schools, business districts and homes.

The Mayors of the 11 communities participating in the Mayors Council have been working along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate flood control alternatives that could protect residents and businesses from future storms. A major potential is the development of the South Mountain Regional Detention Facility that could according to U.S. Army Corps hydrology evaluations lower water elevations during peak storm conditions by almost 3 feet in Millburn, Union, and Springfield and also benefit Cranford, Maplewood, Kenilworth and Rahway. The other projects include Lenape Park and Robinson's Branch and channel modifications in Cranford.

As part of the evaluation that the US Army Corps of Engineers will do is to develop a benefits-cost ratio that if a project benefits (damages avoided) exceed costs by more than one times puts the project in the line to be federally funded which would mean 65% of the cost would be paid by the federal government, while 75% of the remaining cost would be state funded.

The mayors decided to ensure an accurate assessment of the damages was being considered and made it a priority to produce a report that will be provided to federal officials.

Dan Aschenbach, with Mayors Council said "Some of the damages included thus far are:

- *the cost to residents and businesses of the six day power outage due to a flooded power substation causing monetary loss impacts in Cranford, Westfield, Garwood and Fanwood.

- *The Garden State Parkway was flooded and closed with the NJTA losing toll revenues

- *The downtown business districts were closed in Cranford, Millburn and Rahway for several days resulting in small business losses

- *Over 2500 houses were impacted in the communities with many with first floors damages

- *Cranford's Brookside School had over \$4 million of damage and Cranford's municipal building first floor was out of service for more than a year

Millburn Mayor Haimoff said "The Mayors Council on Rahway River Watershed expects the US Army Corps will be evaluating the benefit-cost information over the next several months and we expect to ensure they have as accurate information as possible".

In other business at the Mayors Council meeting the Mayors of the 11 communities are urging in the FY 2014 state budget funding to investigate the potential impacts of the development of the regional dry detention basin in South Mountain so the County of Essex and the City of Orange can understand the potential impacts of the project including evaluation of any impacts of the basin on water wells and on park inundation of holding back

storm water for a few days to let the peak storm pass. In addition, the acceleration of the US Army Corps of Engineers evaluation of the alternatives in the watershed so that a decision can be made in 2013 on South Mountain, Lenape Park and Robinson's Branch projects. Mayors have been contact

ing the Governor and legislators to urge support. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously approved last week a board resolution in support of the flood control efforts and request to Governor.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Residents need to be aware that coming along with the arrival of the nicer spring weather will be various types of con artists who come to New Jersey and other northeastern states to target residents, usually senior citizens or the elderly. These transient criminal groups, commonly referred to as "travelers", travel throughout the country committing any of a series of fraud schemes, thefts and burglaries that can range from attempting to receive payment for home repairs that are not done or that are done in a substandard fashion to attempting to con their way into a house to steal money or jewelry. The examples cited below are drawn from actual crimes that were committed or attempted within Springfield.

Home Repair Scams

The homeowner is solicited at their house by persons claiming to be working in the area on driveway paving and they offer to repair or replace the victim's driveway with the left over materials they have. The scam is where the fraudsters will either do limited cosmetic work by filling in cracks and they will then spray some type of mixture of black paint and oil to make it appear that the driveway was repaved. In other scenarios the resident will be quoted a price such as \$3.00 per square foot but with post work prices of in excess of thousands of dollars being demanded. No contracts are used and the actors will usually request payment in cash or a check made payable to cash. In some cases the checks will be altered to a higher amount when cashed by the suspects.

Homeowners, especially persons who recently purchased a house, will be solicited either by phone or at their door by persons claiming to represent some type of chimney cleaning service where the victim will be told that the prior homeowner had an annual contract to have the chimney inspected and/or cleaned. The inspection fee is always a small amount of money usually under \$50.00. If the homeowner agrees to have the chimney inspected problems will always be found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace, that victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the victim agrees to having repairs made they cannot see what if anything is done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed. As the chimney cleaning will give the suspects access to your home they will use this access to look for valuables to steal.

Utility Imposter Scams

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in basement, or gas or electric and in some cases

they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company the pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house. The utility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for and will be driving a vehicle that has the company logo on it. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection and never show up unannounced.

Homeowner Distraction Scams

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into the rear yard in the hopes the victim leaves the front door open or they will attempt to con their way into the home so that one actor can go to bedrooms to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor's yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object in the rear yard. Once they lure a victim into the rear yard they use cell phones to communicate between the male(s) in the rear yard and the actor who enters the house. Other ploys have females asking for help in catching their runaway cat that is supposedly in the victim's rear yard.

The cons to enter the house usually consist of actors claiming to be selling something door to door, taking some type of survey to looking for an address on the street. Actor will ask for drink of water or to look at a phone book or ask for a pen and paper in order to leave a note for a neighbor. Once they can get into the house they will try to steer the victim into the kitchen while another suspect goes to the bedrooms.

Do not open your door to strangers and if you believe a person is at your house and is attempting to commit one of these types of scams you should contact the police department immediately. As the township requires permits for persons who go door to door to solicit, police officers will investigate any suspicious person who knocks on your door as some may just be peddling without a permit but others may be at your home to perpetrate one of these home repair scams.

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