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NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLED AT SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL



The Township has completed a comprehensive replacement program of playground equipment in all Town parks. The playground equipment is now handicapped accessible and meets all state and national requirements. In addition, the construction of two new playgrounds; one for children of the ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12 were recently completed at the Community Pool at 44 Morrison Ave. A mini-basketball court adjunct to the playground and a new street hockey court was also completed. All the play activities were funded by a \$75,000 Union County Recreation Trust Fund grant. For more information contact Michael Tennaro, Springfield Recreation Director at 973-912-2227 or by visiting the Recreation Department web site at <http://www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation-department.html> Stay health and keep moving!

SPRINGFIELD BID'S SAVOR SPRINGFIELD EVENT A SUCCESS!!

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Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this years' tournament to be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. Detailed information on the outing is available at www.springfieldmayorsday.com

Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

LIMITED NUMBER OF MORNING FOURSOMES AVAILABLE!

Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.

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Message from the Mayor

You may have noticed several construction is going on all around town. As residents know all too well, road conditions have deteriorated over the past several years. This was due to insufficient funding by previous Township Committees. Regularly scheduled preventative maintenance ensures we are in compliance with safety standards and we minimize the chance of more expensive, emergency repairs. While there are many roads that need to be paved, our Engineering and Public Works Departments evaluate our countless miles of road and rank them based on technical and structural factors. These do not necessarily correlate to their surface appearance and annual repaving schedules are based on the monies available and project costs. Nevertheless, we are mindful of the work that needs to be done and that is reflected in the municipal capital budget which includes provisions for capital and infrastructure improvements. Additionally, we are anticipating future projects as we develop long-term budget plans. On August 6, the Township Committee is holding a special meeting to award contracts for these projects so that they can begin immediately before the school season starts.

Recently, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance #2012-19 (Deputy Mayor Jerry Fernandez, Committeeman Marc Krauss and I voted in the affirmative, Committeemen David Amlen and Rich Huber voted in the negative). This Ordinance authorizes the Township Clerk to place on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot a question asking the voters of the Township whether or not they wish to establish a Charter Commission to study the charter of the Township of Springfield. In response to comments by many residents in Springfield who expressed concern about our Township Committee form of government, we felt it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Springfield to review the current charter through the establishment of a five member Charter Commission, which will be charged with the responsibility and be authorized to hold hearings and public forums, to take evidence and to make recommendations in order to determine whether or not, in comparison with other forms of government in this State, the current Township Committee form is the most appropriate for the Township of Springfield. People who feel that our Mayor should be directly elected by the voters (instead of the way it is now) will find this is the first step to making such changes. The voters will have an opportunity to vote in November to establish this Commission and to elect the members of the Commission. Anyone interested in running for the Commission can contact the Township Clerk for more information or visit the Township website for more information.

I would like to thank the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for organizing our annual free Summer Concert on August 27th. Without their dedication to Springfield and assistance from sponsors like Investors Savings Bank, Mack Camera, Cardinal Land Properties, Hecht Family Chiropractic, Kearny Federal Savings and Hammer Dental Associates, free events like this would not be possible.

I am always interested in meeting with residents to discuss any municipal matters. Please e-mail me at ziad.shehady@springfield-nj.us to schedule an appointment. Additionally, contact me if you would like to host coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) of concern.

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

Please have your submissions and news articles in by the end of the 3rd week of the month for the following month's Patriot!!!
Please send them to info@springfieldpatriot.com

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday March 13 at 2:00 p.m.
& 4th Tuesday March 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers
2nd Floor, Town Hall

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



BID at Work

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Savor Springfield was a **huge** success. We hope that everyone enjoyed the Springfield BID's Savor Springfield event held on July 11, 2012.

Congratulations! To the winner of the iPad and the winners of the many gift certificates provided by the participating businesses:

Grand Prize - iPad 3 Winner - sponsored by Mack Camers
Silvia Brenes – Springfield

McLynn's Restaurant - \$50
Janet Gardner – Mountainside

Prima Pizza - \$20
Mark Sperber - Springfield

Thai Amarin - \$50
Ivannia Vindas – Springfield

Picante Mexican Restaurant - \$25
Marisa Ruppel – Springfield

Campus Sub Shop II - \$20
Laura Winn – Springfield

Kosher Tokyo Hibachi - \$25
Mary Jean Alfano – Springfield

Sofia's Restaurant of Springfield - \$25
Toni Sendo – Springfield

Scotty's Pub & Comedy Cove - \$24 Gift Card & Admission for 2 to the Comedy Club
Brian Kass – Springfield

The Ice Hut - \$15
Kat Block – Springfield

If you missed this one...don't worry, our next promotion will be held sometime in September. Friend us on Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey to see what is happening in Springfield.

Tell us what you want Survey

The JGSC Group in charge of doing a Market/Retail Analysis for us will be presenting their final report in early fall. We were able to learn a lot of valuable information from the survey that over 900 people participated in. One of the key pieces of data that we gained from this survey was a definition of Springfield's trade area (the area that 70% or more of our shoppers come from). With that, the JGSC Group has been able to obtain economic data (demographics, psychographics, supply and demand, and more) for the trade area. We will announce the date and time that the Group will be making a presentation to the Township Committee and public.

Banners

Exciting things are happening in Town. Springfield's Business Improvement District will be hanging 100 Banners throughout Springfield, including Morris Ave, Mountain Ave and Route 22, promoting all the great things the town has to offer: Food, Services and Shopping. Banner sponsorships are available, but only to businesses located in the Business Improvement District. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get your name in front of thousands of motorists.

See information on the costs of sponsorship below. If you are interested in this sponsorship opportunity please fill out the attached form and circle the banner(s) you are interested in sponsoring. For a larger view of the banners please go to our web site: springfieldbid.com.

Selection of the banners is on a first come, first served basis. No banner will be reserved without payment. The Marketing Committee of the BID will be responsible for placement of banners. Location of banners will not be guaranteed, however, the committee will make every attempt to honor location requests.

The Springfield Community Partnership is committed to improving the quality of doing business in Springfield for property owners, businesses and residents by making Springfield a self-sustaining, attractive, business destination for consumers and secure a clean, pleasant shopping/dining/professional environment.

Springfield BID Banner Order Form

Please fax to: 1-888-501- 7023

****Order form and check must be received by August 10, 2012.**

Please complete all information requested below:

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E-Mail Address: _____

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Please circle your banner(s) selection on the above banner flyer.

Business name as it will appear on banner: _____

****Banners will be up for a minimum of 12 months**

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c/o Administrative Resources, Inc.
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BID Meeting Schedule

****The next BID meeting is on Tuesday, August 21, 8:30pm at the Firehouse, 200 Mountain Avenue, Office of Emergency Management.**

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Police Chief's Column *Chief John P. Cook* **PARKING REGULATIONS**

Each day, the Police Department receives numerous questions about parking regulations in Springfield. Because of this, I've decided to use this month's "Chief's Corner" to provide information about public parking, which will hopefully answer some of the questions you may have.

First and foremost, parking is prohibited on all streets in Springfield from 2am – 6am each day (2am – 5am on Meisel Ave. adjacent to Meisel Park). This not only ensures road maintenance activity (such as street sweeping, snow plowing, etc.) can be done more effectively; it also aids our police officers with the detection of vehicles possibly being used in criminal activity. If there is an extenuating circumstance which requires you to park your vehicle on the street overnight, you must contact the police department.

During the day, curbside parking is allowed in much of the township. All parking restrictions and time limits are clearly marked. For example, on Mountain Ave. in the area of the Library, there is free parking, but there is a 2 hour time limit between 7am – 7pm. Please be cognizant of posted parking signs before leaving your vehicle.

Within the past year, the Township has made significant changes to the ordinances governing the municipal

parking lots. Because of this, parking spaces, lot traffic flow, and rates have changed. The following is a breakdown of the regulations for each lot:

Municipal Lot 1 (Hannah St. / Center St.)

- Parking rates are \$1.00 per hour, with a 3 hour time limit between 6am – 6pm (6pm – 2am is free)
- Spaces 001-107 are hourly spaces, payable at the central meter which accepts coins, bills, and credit cards.
- Spaces labeled with a "P" are permit only spaces, reserved for Twp. of Springfield permit holders.
- The lot entrance is on Center St., and the exit is on Hannah St. The lot now has a one-direction clock wise traffic flow, clearly marked with arrows throughout the lot.

Municipal Lot 2 (Duffy's Corner off of Morris Ave.)

- Parking rates are \$1.00 per hour, with a 2 hour time limit between 6am – 6pm (6pm – 2am is free)
- Spaces 201-218 are hourly spaces, payable at the central meter which accepts coins only.
- Spaces labeled with a "P" are permit spaces, reserved for Twp. of Springfield permit holders.

Municipal Lot 3 (Church Mall)

- Parking rates are \$0.50 per hour, with a 2 hour time limit between 6am – 6pm (6pm – 2am is free)
- There are 6 hourly spaces, each having an individual coin-operated parking meter.
- The remaining spaces are "P" labeled spaces, reserved for Twp. of Springfield permit holders

Springfield Parking Permits are available for purchase through the Police Dept. Records Bureau.

In all municipal lots, vehicles are required to park head-in only. Vehicles parked in handicap spaces with valid IDs are exempt from paying hourly rates. From 6am – 6pm, if all permit spaces are full in a particular lot, permit holders are to look for available "P" spaces in one of the other two lots. Permit holders parked in hourly spaces during normal operating hours will still be required to pay the hourly fees. Overnight parking (2am – 5am) is prohibited in all municipal lots, except for vehicles having a valid Springfield Parking Permit.

A new parking lot near the Library has just been completed. 8 of the spaces are for Library patron parking only; the remaining 6 spaces are reserved for First Aid Squad parking.

Areas of several streets are designated as resident only parking, and are clearly posted. On these streets, between 8am – 6pm or 8am – 8pm, parking is prohibited except for vehicles displaying valid resident permits. Resident parking permits are available free of charge to residents on the effected streets, and an application for the permits can be obtained from the Township Clerk. Police, fire, EMS, delivery, contracting, and several other types of vehicles are exempt from this restriction.

The police department enforces all parking regulations on a regular basis. This includes all municipal lots, library employee parking spaces, and other on-street parking. If you have a parking complaint or need more information, please call the police department and your concerns will be addressed.

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TROPICAL STORM IRENE REMEMBRANCE

In just a few days we will mark the first anniversary of the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene. That storm caused severe destruction of property, vehicles, and personal possessions and left many with the costly and arduous process of rebuilding their homes and lives and replacing, where possible, their possessions.

It is an experience most of us would like to forget. However, it could happen again given that the factors, which contributed to the severity of flood, are still in place. The Rahway River needs to be cleaned up and dredged from sediment and debris and the Morris Avenue bridge that blocked the flow of water needs to be replaced. These are just some of the contributing issues that should have been addressed years ago.

After the flooding, many residents asked how this could have happened, why wasn't anything done before to eliminate the problems, and what is going to be done in the future. Rather than looking for someone to blame, a number of neighbors formed a group called WE_Springfield (formerly Water-Everywhere) to find out what needed to be done, who had to be contacted, and when needed projects addressing some of these issues would be acted on. After much research and conversations with our mayor and town council, NJDOT, DEP, and other government officials, WE_Springfield understands nothing could have totally prevent the flooding, but that steps could be taken to mitigate the impact from future storms.

With the anniversary approaching it is time to not only keep after these issues, but to increase activities to make sure the officials involved to make things happen know we are serious. The more people in Springfield that participate the better chance we have of getting these issues addressed. To see what progress has been made so far and to find out what you can do to help, sign up for the Yahoo group WE_Springfield by sending an email request to j.bonacorda@comcast.net *The future of Springfield is what you help make it!*



*Claire Keller presenting a check to
Dr. Gary Hecht, one of the
Springfield HOPE trustees
representing the balance of
the Springfield MOM's club
treasury after it was recently
dissolved.*

BRUCE BERGEN HONORED BY B'NAI B'RITH



Bruce Bergen (left) receives award from Joe Tenebaum (right)



Sal & Bea Walter (left) being praised by Joe Tenebaum (right)

Bruce H. Bergen of Springfield, a prominent New Jersey lawyer who is on his second five-year term as a member of the Union County Attorney Ethics Committee, was recently honored by the Springfield B'nai B'rith.

In presenting Bergen with the lodge's prestigious Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award at the group's 56th annual dinner dance at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield, Joseph Tenenbaum, the president, referred to Bergen as "dedicated and compassionate."

Tenenbaum noted that Bergen is currently also board chairman of Central Jersey Legal Services Inc., which provides free civil legal representation to eligible residents of Union, Middlesex and Mercer Counties.

The president of the lodge, which covers all of Union County and beyond, also praised Bergen, a partner in the law firm of Krevsky, Silber & Bergen, for his activity in numerous other programs which have benefited the general public. Bergen was recently nominated by the Union County Democratic Party as a candidate for Union County Freeholder in the November general election.

Tenenbaum also took the opportunity to praise members Bea and Sol Walter of Springfield for "their outstanding fundraising. Over the past 16 years they have raised more than \$150,000 for B'nai B'rith humanitarian causes."

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM WELCOMES NEW LEADER RABBI ARI ROSENBERG



Springfield, NJ July 10, 2012 Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield is proud to welcome Rabbi Ari Rosenberg as its new spiritual leader, teacher and mentor. Rabbi Rosenberg takes over the bimah from Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, who retired on June 30, 2012. Rabbi Rosenberg comes to Temple Sha'arey Shalom's after serving as Associate Rabbi for Hevreh of Southern Berkshire in Great Barrington, MA for four years.

Rabbi Rosenberg brings warmth, passion, an engaging enthusiasm for learning, and a lifelong dedication to social justice. He cares about all human beings, regardless of religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, or ethnic background. Rabbi Rosenberg looks forward to the synagogue becoming a spiritual

respite, embracing diversity and committed to the morals and values of an evolving Judaism. He is a lover of learning, a dynamic teacher, and a compassionate pastoral caregiver.

Rabbi Rosenberg received ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on May 31, 2008. He received his Bachelors degree from Rutgers University in 1996.

He grew up in Waterford, CT, attending Temple Emanu-El, where his father, Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, has been the rabbi for over 30 years. Rabbi Rosenberg resides in Springfield with his two children.

Rabbi Rosenberg states, "I could not be more thrilled to be returning to New Jersey to serve such an incredible congregation. The people of Springfield, and especially Temple Sha'arey Shalom, have opened their arms and their hearts to my family and me, and I could not be more grateful for this opportunity to nurture, to champion, and to promote the best that the Temple has to offer. I'm eager to put into practice the Jewish Values of welcoming the stranger, advocating for the oppressed, embracing diversity, and supporting the community with everything I've got."

Temple co-President Cindy Sigl says, "Our temple is so lucky to have Rabbi Ari Rosenberg join us as our spiritual guide and leader. He is warm, inviting, caring, and has a passion for everyone--from the youngest preschoolers to our Renaissance members. We are excited by the new ideas he brings to our programming and events."

The community is invited to join us for Summer Shabbat services every Friday evening at 8pm through August 24. Dress is casual.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

It's never too late to sign up for Summer Reading! Every student who signs up strengthens our library community!

The Summer Reading Program encourages students to read on their own over the summer.

Dream Big READ! Students in Grades 1 through 4 use a reading log to record time reading, and are encouraged to return to the library weekly to choose a prize from the Treasure Chest.

OWN the Night! Grade 5 and up also use a log to record hours and receive a prize after 10 hours of reading.

Mother Goose Group: Tuesday August 14, Wednesdays August 22 & 29, Sat August 18, and ALL August Fridays. All at 10:30 a.m. Ages babies through pre-school.

Storytime Yoga: Monday evening August 13 @ 6pm; Thursday August 30 @ 10:30 am

Storycraft with Ariel : Ages 3 to 7 Mondays @ Noon August 13, 20 and 27

New! Storytime with Daniela for ages 4 to 9. This is especially designed for siblings of the Mother Goose Group.

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YOUNG ADULT SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Teen Movies : In Meeting Room at 2:00 p.m.
AUG 15 The Mummy
AUG 21 Hunger Games

Learn Computer Animation* August 6, 7, 8: 2-3:00 p.m. Learn "Scratch" animation software and create your own animation and games.
*Must preregister and attend all three days.

Tween/Teen craft: August 14
Tied Fleece Pillow @ 2pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, August 9th 10:00 am – 12:00pm
Annual Friends of the Library Book & Jewelry Sale for members only
12:00 – 8:00 pm
Annual Friends of the Library Book & Jewelry Sale for all

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 10th & 11th
Annual Friends of the Library Book & Jewelry Sale
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 12th, 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Annual Friends of the Library Book & Jewelry Sale

LECTURES

Wednesday, September 12th, 7:00 pm "Fabulous Finishes: Great Pennant Races of the Past" presented by Dan Schlossberg

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, Aug 9th, 23rd & Sep 13th
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman
10:15 am

Monday, September 10th, 7:00 pm
Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell

FILMS

Thursday, August 9th, 1:00 & 7:00 pm International Film: Nora's Will (Spanish)

Monday, August 20th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series - The "Woody Allen Retrospective" concludes with his 2005 film set in England - the tale of a poor Irish tennis player (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) who finds himself thrust into Britain's upper crust.

INSTRUCTION

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

Fridays, July, 20, 27, Aug. 3 & 10 Chair yoga
12:30 pm

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm Chess club

Monday, Aug. 13, 10:00 am Knit Wits Knitting Group

Get clicking & enter the 3rd Annual Springfield Library & Mack Camera Photography Contest Theme: "Seasons"
Submissions due: November 2, 2012

Entries will be hung in the Donald B. Palmer Museum December 3rd, 2012 - Jan. 4th, 2013
Winners Announced Dec. 9th, 2:00 p.m.

Friends of the Springfield Library Seek Donations for August Book Sale

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library holds its annual Book Sale August 9-12, 2012 at the library, 66 Mountain Ave. Donations of clean, good condition hard and paperback books, DVD's, and educational toys may be brought to the library July 23 - August 8 in small to medium size boxes.

Call 973-376-4930 ex 221 to arrange to bring large donations. Please, no condensed books, text books, or magazines. Jewelry donations are also accepted all year long and there will be a small display of costume jewelry for sale. A full jewelry sale will be held October 12-14, 2012.

There will be a preview book sale for Friends members

on August 9, 10am – noon. Memberships will be accepted on site. The public sale will be Aug. 9 noon-8pm, Aug. 10th 10-4, Aug. 11th 10-4, and will end on Sunday Aug. 12th noon-4 with a bag sale. Each filled bag will cost \$5 and the Friends will provide the bags.

Volunteers to help with the sale should call Bill Holmes at 973-379-9637 or email him at global3032@yahoo.com.

THIRD ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Springfield Free Public Library and Mack Camera announce the third annual photography contest offering amateur photographers of all ages an opportunity to win prizes, exhibit their work, and become a part of Springfield's history. The theme of this year's contest is "Seasons".

Each contestant may enter up to two 8x10 or 11x14 framed photographs. Frames should be basic black and the entries may be dropped off at the library in person or by mail. Photographs must also be submitted on a CD as a tiff file. Contestants may obtain one free print from Mack Camera for each entry using a coupon available at the library or at Mack Camera. All entries must be received by November 2nd.

Entries will be judged by a panel and winners will be selected in several categories. All framed entries will be hung in the Donald B. Palmer Museum from December 3rd, 2012 through January 4th, 2013. They will also be shown on the library website. Winners will be announced at a reception to be held on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 PM.

For further information, call 973-376-4930. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Fabulous Finishes: GREAT PENNANT RACES OF THE PAST

The baseball season is heating up and the World Series is around the corner.

On Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm the Springfield Free Public Library will present Dan Schlossberg who will share stories of the pennant races and World Series of years past. Share the excitement, the heartbreak, the record breaking performances and the devastating losses from America's favorite pastime.

Dan Schlossberg is one of the country's premier baseball experts and is the author of 34 books and over 25,000 articles about baseball. Dan has contributed to Baseball Digest, The Sporting News, MLB.com, the All-Star Game and World Series programs, annuals, and many other publications. He has written the biographies on many baseball trading cards for companies including Topps and Upper Deck. The former Associated Press sportswriter is managing editor of BallTalk, a syndicated weekly radio baseball show, contributing editor to XM Satellite Radio's Maggie Linton Show and a featured baseball expert on BaseballGuru.com.

This free program is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library, everyone is welcome.

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TEMPLESHA'AREY SHALOM WELCOMES NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR ALLISON TANKEL

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Springfield, N.J. (July 18, 2012) Tomorrow's Super Stars, The Preschool at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, is proud to welcome Allison Tankel as its new Director. Allison replaces Nina Greenman, who retired on June 30, 2012.

Allison has more than 20 years of teaching experience in New York and New Jersey public schools and is also certified in Special Education. She has been both an educator and consultant in Early Intervention Services. In addition, she taught Judaic and Hebrew studies for several years at Temple Beth El in Somerville, NJ. Allison has a BA from the University at Albany-SUNY and an MS in Early Education from City University, College of Staten Island.

Allison is an active volunteer in her synagogue and has also served as a PTO President, among other volunteer activities. She resides in Warren with her husband and three sons.

"I am so happy to be joining the TSS family," Allison says. "It will be such a privilege to watch both the children and our Tomorrow's Super Stars Preschool program evolve and grow. The staff, the Board of Trustees and the congregants have all been so supportive of my arrival. I feel fortunate to be entering such a loving community."

Cindy Sigl, Temple Sha'arey Shalom's co-President, adds "Allison brings an exuberance and joy to our Preschool, as well as fun programming for the little ones to enjoy. Her experience puts her in the wonderful position to bring a sense of home and happiness, learning and love to Tomorrow's Super Stars at Temple Sha'arey Shalom. We welcome her with open arms and know that all the children will flourish under our school's tutelage and her guidance."

GRUSKIN GROUP™ NAMED TO ARCHITECTURAL RECORD'S LIST OF TOP 250 FIRMS FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Springfield, NJ, (July 12, 2012) --- Gruskin Group™, an integrated design firm, has been named to Architectural Record's list of top 250 firms for the second consecutive year. The prestigious list was published in the June 2012 issue of the magazine.

Architectural Record annually ranks U.S. companies based on architectural revenue from the prior year. Data is collected by McGraw-Hill Construction's Research and Analytics group.

According to Kenneth A. Gruskin, Gruskin Group principal and founder, "We are extremely proud to be included among the nation's top firms once again this year. As a firm, we push ourselves every day to outperform the previous day and grow professionally. Being named among the nation's top firms is testimony to these efforts."

One of the projects that was a hallmark of the work that Gruskin Group completed in 2011 and that contributed to its standing in the 2012 rankings was the design for a new, mixed-use 102,275-square-foot building for Kean University in Union, NJ. The six-story building, which will serve as a gateway marking the main entrance to the campus, will be home to Kean's new Robert Busch School of Design, as well as the University's expanding business programs. Designed to provide both a stimulating and metaphorical environment for learning, the building includes a café and retail space on the first floor, classroom and administration space on floors two through five, and a conference center and rooftop terrace on the sixth floor.



Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

Campus Fire Safety

Every year college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. There are several causes for these fires; however, most are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

The Facts

In cases where fire fatalities occurred on college campuses, alcohol was often a factor. There is a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In more than 50% of adult fire fatalities, victims were under the influence at the time of the fire. Alcohol abuse often impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts. Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses, closely followed by careless smoking and arson.

The Cause

Many factors contribute to the problem of dormitory housing fires.

- Improper use of 911 notification systems delays emergency response.
- Student apathy is prevalent. Many are unaware that fire is a risk or threat in the environment.
- Evacuation efforts are hindered since fire alarms are often ignored.
- Building evacuations are delayed due to lack of preparation and preplanning.
- Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early detection of fires.
- Misuse of cooking appliances, overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords increase the risk of fires.

Safety Precautions

- Provide students with a program for fire safety and prevention.
- Teach students how to properly notify the fire department using the 911 system.
- Install smoke alarms in every dormitory room and every level of housing facilities.
- Maintain and regularly test smoke alarms and fire alarm systems. Replace smoke alarm batteries every semester.
- Regularly inspect rooms and buildings for fire hazards. Ask your local fire department for assistance.
- Inspect exit doors and windows and make sure they are working properly.
- Create and update detailed floor plans of buildings, and make them available to emergency personnel, resident advisors and students.
- Conduct fire drills and practice escape routes and evacuation plans. Urge students to take each alarm seriously.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and make sure extension cords are used properly.
- Learn to properly use and maintain heating and cooking appliances.

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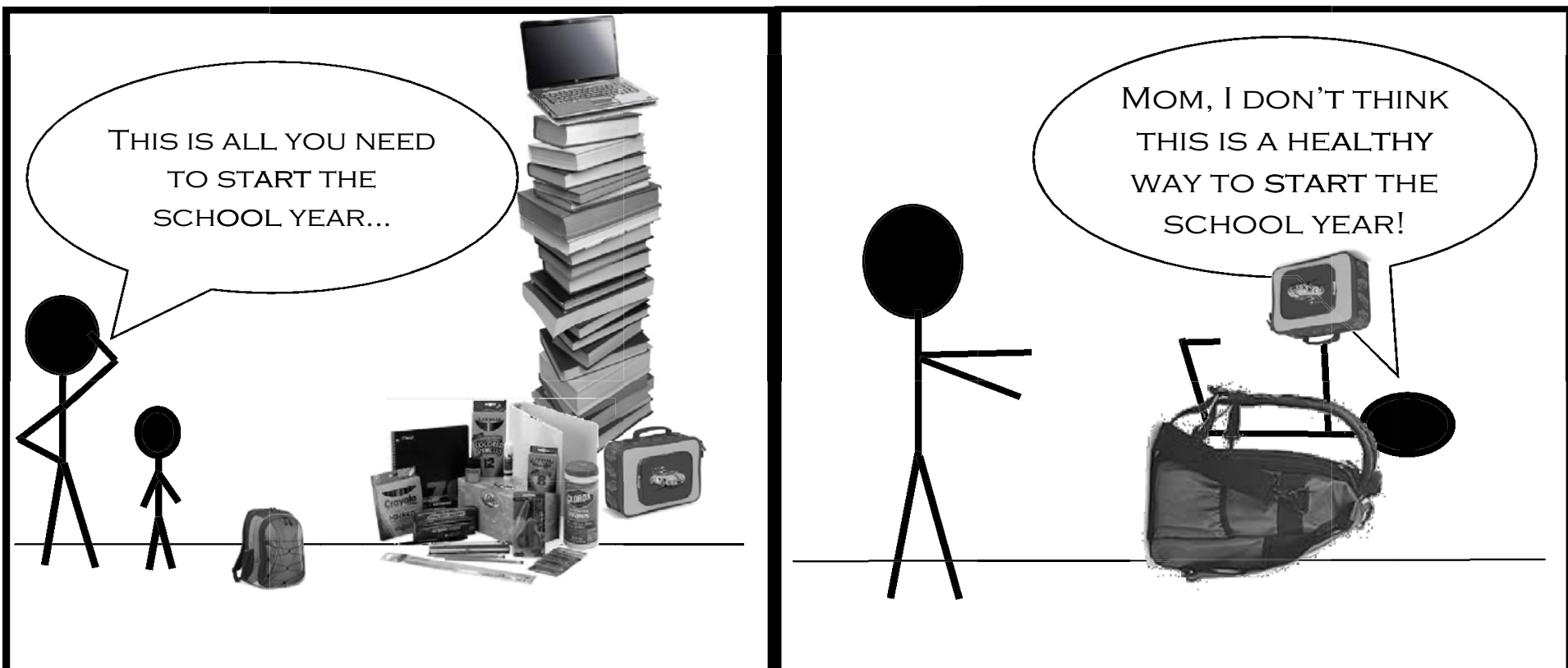
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