

**NEXT
CHAMBER
MEETING**

THURSDAY
 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am
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ROBERT BOETTCHER APPOINTED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR



Robert's daughter, Alexa McCaffrey, wife, Suzanne Boettcher, Robert Boettcher and Mayor Fernandez.

Robert Boettcher began his employment with the Township of Springfield on March 9, 1978, as a laborer. In January 1987 he was appointed Equipment Operator and appointed Foreman in 1995. On November 25, 2015 he was appointed Interim Supervisor of the Department of Public Works. Mayor Fernandez commented, "Robert has worked his way up the ranks, always going above and beyond. Ken Homlish retired on June 30, 2016, as Supervisor of Public Works after serving the Township for 43 years. Tonight we are adopting Resolution 2016-211 appointing Robert Boettcher as Supervisor of Public Works." In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Boettcher said "It's been my pleasure to serve the residents of Springfield for the last 38 years. I look forward to continuing my service as the DPW superintendent. I would especially like to thank the township committee for having the confidence in me to take on this position. It's truly an honor."

KENNY HOMLISH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR RETIRES

Kenneth Homlish has worked for the Township for 44 years. Ken started with the Town, just out of Union County Technical School working as Engineering Aid. His first project was the Flood Control



Ken Homlish, his wife Kathy and granddaughter Kayleigh.

Project which is now in place on Marion Ave. and Joanne Way. He brought a high work ethic, skill and experience to the job of Department of Public Works as its Supervisor, a position he has held since 1997. He started as a laborer, moved to equipment operator and, in 1986, to foreman of the Department. During his tenure as Supervisor, DPW he advanced in every area in providing quality service to the residents of the Township of Springfield.

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THE PGA COMES TO TOWN (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!)

photo: Michael Juliano



A REFLECTION ON THE PGA

by Guest Columnist Lorraine Seidel

For many Springfield residents, the PGA has been an exasperating event—road closures, strange noises, parking dilemmas, emergency vehicles of every description, hordes of outsiders, some of whom do not respect our cherished privacy and much more. Why should the residents of Springfield endure this?

The host of the PGA, Baltusrol Golf Club, is the largest single tax payer in Springfield. They demand only minimal services in return—no schools, minimal sanitation, limited police protection (they provide most of their own security) and in general, nominal services.

Finally, it is an honor to be the site of such a world famous institution. When you state that you live in Springfield, your town is immediately identified as the site of a world class golf club, Baltusrol. No other municipality can make that statement.

It has been a long week for many of us, but now that its over and life returns to normal, we can look back on the event knowing that the Town hosted an event with tens of thousands of spectators, safely and with pride!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Some of Springfield's CERT and Auxiliary Police Officers pose for a photo in front of the Town's Mobile Command Post.

Police and Public Safety Agencies from around the County participated in Union County's 31st annual National Night Out celebration at Meisel Field on August 2nd. The event is designed to enhance neighborhood relationships, heighten crime prevention awareness, and strengthen the relationship between the community and public safety organizations including Police, Fire, OEM, and EMS.

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FREE SUMMER CONCERT AUGUST 15 SEE PAGE 8





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Message from the Mayor

Dear Springfield Residents,

So we all survived the PGA Championship. The Championship went off very well and it had an amazing finish. It was a job well done by many agencies and people. The State, Federal and Local authorities all did an amazing job. I would like to thank them all. The Springfield Police, Fire department and our Axillary Police worked tremendously hard during that week, long hours and many different issues, that they handled so well it went unnoticed to the general public. It was evident the amount of time and hard work that went into years of planning by all the agencies, Baltusrol and the PGA. Thank you to the residents of Springfield for your patience and understanding as our little town hosted an event that brought hundreds of thousands of people into it and was watched all over the world.

The Committee itself has been working very hard and we will have two meetings in August on the 9th and 23rd. We will be voting on a bond to make major improvements to our municipal pool. This is something I have championed for, for many years. Over the past few years we have spent nearly a million dollars on mostly repairs to the pool. The pool is a utility that has generated a profit every year, and that profit has been used to pay debts and to help offset our taxes. We have an opportunity to replace an aging building with a new building and add a spray park for our children. Since I have been in office we have steadily increased revenue to our municipal pool by improving our camps and allowing multiple ways to visit the pool that never existed. This is a way to generate revenue that does not include taxing the residents. Surrounding communities have wonderful pool facilities and many are on a waiting list. My feeling is that with these improvements we will not only pay off the bond with pool utility funds but we will increase revenue by tapping into a market of residents who do not attend the pool because of the age of the facility.

Redevelopment is also still moving forward, we believe that demolition of the Lyons Building should begin soon. This project will bring 140 units and store fronts to our downtown. This will begin before the end of the year with 2 other smaller projects in the horizon. By the next Major event at Baltustrol our downtown will be ready to offer more to those visiting our town.

If you would like to speak to me, please feel free to call me at 908-868-0898.

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm
Tuesday, August 23 at 7 pm

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 the Recreation Department
for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

The Springfield Police Department is currently seeking Crossing Guard applicants. If you are interested in serving your community, are free for a few hours each morning and afternoon, and enjoy being outdoors, then this may be the job for you.

All interested applicants must be US citizens and residents of this State; must be sound in body and of good health; must have good moral character; and must not have been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

Applications are available at the Springfield Police Department, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

American Legion Post 228

will start the Legion year with a meeting

September 1, 2016. All veterans from

Springfield are welcome to the meeting to see

what we are about and join the

American Legion Continental Post 228.

We have several trips planned to the VA Hospital in

East Orange and may also visit Lyons Hospital.

Meetings are held in the American Legion Hall on

Main Street in Millburn the first Thursday of every month.

For more information call 973-379-2292.

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We will be back to regular hours the first week of September.

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REGAL BANK AND THE SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOST A FREE CONCERT BY THE B-STREET BAND

Fans of “The Boss” will be dancing in the dark on August 27, 2016 when the B-Street Band, the original Bruce Springsteen tribute band, plays a free concert in the parking lot of the Springfield branch of Regal Bank. The all-ages show begins at 7:00 p.m.

The B-Street Band has been entertaining crowds since 1980 with chart-topping hits from New Jersey native Bruce Springsteen. They first performed as “Backstreets, a Tribute to the Boss” on May 19, 1980 in Asbury Park as the very first band to do an entire tribute to a live performer, paving the way for the tens of thousands of tribute bands that exist today. The B-Street Band plays about 200 shows each year around the United States.

Will Forte, keyboardist and vocalist for the band, said, “The B-Street Band is proud to have neighborhood Regal Bank as our sponsor for upcoming shows as well as shows over the last several years. For our first Springfield branch performance, we’re looking forward to welcoming a big, enthusiastic crowd of Bruce fans.”

Branch manager Raul Riveiro said, “We are very excited to host this show at our location. We’re big fans of the band and, more than anything, we love to find ways to bring our community together for a good time. It’s one more reason that we’re not just any ordinary bank.”

Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Scott Seidel, stated, “When Regal came to us and asked us to partner with them on this project we agreed right away. The Chamber works to improve the quality of life in Springfield, not just for businesses, but for residents as well. With our many programs, such as the 4th of July Fireworks celebration, Free Summer Concert (see flyer on page 8), Fall Festival & Car Show coming on October 2nd, we are always looking for ways to make the community a better place to live”.

Regal Bank has sponsored many shows by the B-Street Band over the past decade. The popular tribute band is a regular crowd pleaser in the annual Livingston Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the bank.

The branch is located at 899 Mountain Avenue in Springfield, NJ. For more information, call the branch at 973-671-1086.

ABOUT REGAL BANK

Headquartered in Livingston, New Jersey, Regal Bank is a full-service community bank offering a wide range of products and services designed to help customers meet their personal financial goals. These products and services are delivered in an efficient, friendly manner, making the experience at Regal Bank an enjoyable one. Regal Bank operates nine branch offices in Livingston, Roseland, Florham Park, Millburn, West Orange, Somerset, Springfield and Summit, New Jersey. Additional information is available at regalbanknj.com, info@regalbanknj.com, or 973-716-0600.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The public enjoys free hot dogs cooked by County Personnel and Rides provided by the County.



Regal Bank presents A FREE Concert with the B-Street Band



Summer fun with the original Springsteen tribute band

Date - August 27, 2016

Time - 7:00 PM

Location - Regal Bank (In the branch parking lot)
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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT CRIME

In my Patriot Times column this month I would like to again highlight by example the need for the police and the community to work together to prevent crime in Springfield. Between late June and early July the Springfield Police Department investigated a series of house burglaries that appeared to have been committed by the same suspect. Unlike many house burglars who stealthfully examine the exterior of a house to search for unlocked doors or windows to enter the home, this burglar merely kicked in a rear door. Once inside a home, the thief went directly to a master bedroom to take jewelry and then calmly exited and walked away from the area.

I would like to briefly explain what occurs when a crime such as a house burglary is reported to the police and how the community can assist. When the house burglary occurs the initial police officers who respond will be uniformed officers from the patrol division. The duties of these officers are to check the home and apprehend any intruder who may still be at the scene or in the area, as well as to check the surrounding homes and to safeguard the crime scene for the detectives. The detectives will attempt to retrieve evidence such as fingerprints that may lead to identifying the suspect.

Police officers will routinely canvass the area of a house burglary. This entails talking to neighbors to ascertain if they had seen anyone or anything suspicious during the time frame when the crime was committed. This is vital as many times people see someone or something but either do not want to call the police for fear that they are overreacting or do not realize that what they had seen earlier was of any significance. The canvas will also be made to locate nearby homes with external cameras that may have captured any images of the suspect either going to or fleeing from the scene of the crime.

Lastly a police K-9 scent tracking will be attempted by requesting the assistance of the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Scent tracking can tell detectives how an actor approached the house to break into and how the burglar fled. In the recent burglaries the dog tracking showed that the suspect would approach houses by entering into the back yards of houses on an adjacent street and then hopping over fences to enter the rear yards of the homes broken into.

Five separate houses broken into during a two week period, with these houses being in varied residential neighborhoods all across the township, indicated to detectives that the suspect was most likely residing locally as opposed to a transient burglar who will go from town to town committing crimes. The fact the burglar only took items that could easily be placed in a pocket most likely indicated the suspect was walking to and from the crimes and would therefore walk about residential neighborhoods looking for a house to hit as he blended in with anyone else you might see walking along our streets.

With each crime the detectives collected more evidence. This included footage from cameras that residents had at their homes that they immediately gave to police after hearing about a burglary being committed in their neighborhood, while patrol officers and detectives in unmarked cars drove around residential areas.

On July 12th a resident was in her backyard when a male entered and, when confronted, he very calmly stated that he was there to tell her that he had

stopped her recycle can from rolling down the street and with that he said good bye and walked away. This resident, having read a recent notification about the burglaries and what to look out for, sent out by the police department via the CodeRED Notification System, immediately called the police and gave a very detailed description of the subject which enabled us to quickly locate and detain him.

The subject was identified as the suspect sought for the five house burglaries and he was found to be local to the area as he had been staying at a motel on Route 22 since the end of June. He would walk about residential areas looking to break into a house in order to steal gold jewelry that he could later swap for heroin. This subject was charged with numerous counts of burglary, theft and criminal mischief and is currently in jail.

My officers and detectives are highly trained at their jobs and know how to protect the residents and businesses of Springfield. However, to more efficiently solve crimes that are committed, and deter crimes from even occurring, the police and the community need to work together. By calling the police to report suspicious activity such as someone seen cutting through backyards, soliciting door to door without a permit, or ringing a door bell but walking away, members of the public can alert the police to possible criminal activity in our residential neighborhoods that might otherwise go undetected.

Springfield, like every other community, large or small, is touched by the drug epidemic affecting our country and the resultant crimes that people commit to get money to buy illicit drugs. This arrest shows that information from the public can enable your police department to identify and stop criminal activity right in their own neighborhoods.

The arrest of this serial house burglar was the product of good police work, but more importantly, it was the direct result of the assistance from community members, whether it be someone who reported suspicious activity or someone who turned over surveillance footage from their home security camera system. Law enforcement agencies must rely on the members of the public and the business community to observe and report anything that may seem suspicious, unusual, or out of the ordinary. This is commonly known in police jargon by the catch phrase of....**SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**.....In closing I cannot stress how important it is for the community to call the police and never feel that observations you make about something that you may feel is suspicious is not worth reporting as you may "bother" the police or that nothing will be done. Only by working together can the community and the police stop those persons who seek to commit crimes in Springfield.

• Sign up for Union County First Alert, www.ucfirstalert.org, as well as the Town's Code Red notification system, <http://springfield-nj.us/services/springfield-codedred/>. Also, NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. • Public safety notifications are broadcast via Code Red as well--so stay informed and aware!!

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS HONOR FORMER MEMBER JAY BLOOM



Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library gathered near the Library's entrance on June 20th to honor long time Springfield resident, local businessman, community volunteer, and member of the Friends Jay Bloom who passed away on April 18, 2016. A Lavender Pink Rhododendron has been planted in his memory and a dedication plaque was placed by the planting on the 20th. Present at the dedication, from left to right were Mrs. Ellen Bloom, Mrs. Amy Bloom Mulford, and Friends Board members Vera Stier, Doris Ruff, Mara Friedman, and Sally Rice. Also present was Library Director Dale Spindel.

UNION COUNTY S.W.A.T. TEAM AND AMBULANCE AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



THE PGA WAS HOSTED WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS, SAFELY AND WITH PRIDE!



The Clubhouse from Hole 4.



The practice rounds.



Inside the Wanamaker Tent.



Rory McIlroy signs a hat on Sunday the 24th.



A light crowd on Tuesday the 26th.



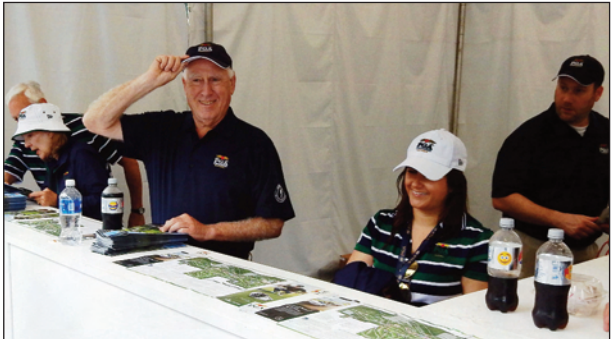
Residents compete for spectator parking.



16th Hole in the rain on Sunday.



Enjoying the game!



----- Springfield Patriot Chamber Volunteers at the Information Tent. -----



----- The crowds follow their favorite golfers. -----

Crowds line the Golf Course.

**SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY
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Aerial view of accident from drone.



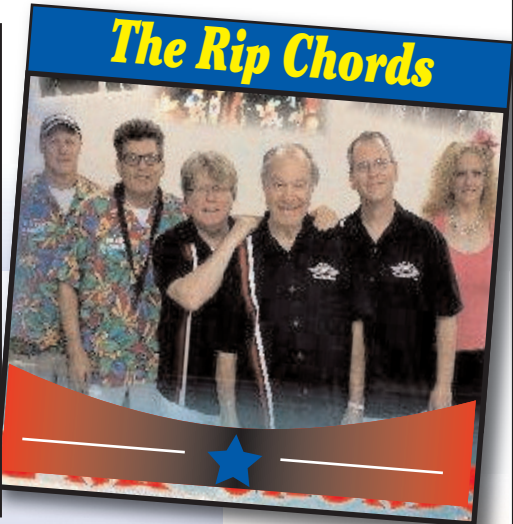
John Cottage Jr. flies the drone while Emergency Service personnel evaluate the scene.

On Monday evening, July 18th, a truck carrying containers of acid rolled over on Route 24/78 Eastbound in town. Springfield Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo requested Emergency Management to utilize its drone to fly over the accident and view the scene from above in order to evaluate what resources would be needed without putting any firefighters in harm's way. Wally Schultz, OEM Deputy Coordinator was on scene with Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo assisting the Springfield Police Department and New Jersey State Police with traffic control. As traffic in town was very congested, they provided a route for drone operator John Cottage, Jr. to access the site. OEM brought the drone to the scene and in minutes had an excellent view from above of what had transpired. OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel stated "This was our first practical use of our drone. We have flown it at special events, such as the fireworks, but this is really what we purchased it for. If we helped safeguard a firefighter from having to approach the scene and evaluate it on the ground, it has paid for itself!" OEM plans to train members of both the Police & Fire departments in its use as it is available for both agencies to use at anytime.

Springfield Presents Our:
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Summer Concert!

Monday August 15, 2016

Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium
Concert Starts at 7 PM
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Seating is limited, so please get there early!



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GRAND OPENING ROYAL LION REALTY LLC.

Royal Lion Realty- held a grand opening celebration to launch its new location at 535 Morris Ave, Springfield on June 15th. The newest real estate company in Springfield is Independently owned by town resident Rosa Stimmler. Surrounded by her agents and friends as joined by Springfield Business Improvement District Chairman Mike Scalera and Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



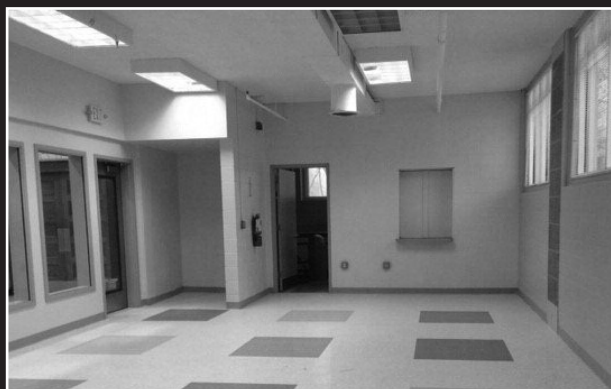
Police Chief John Cook and NJ Attorney General Christopher Porrino meet during the National Night Out event at Meisel Field.



The Kids loved the Springfield Police Motorcycle.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Party room and kitchen available at the Chisholm Community Center for your next event. Cost to Springfield residents is only \$175 for up to four hours.

**Call Recreation Department
for details (973) 912-2227**

Fall 2016 CO-ED RUNNING

Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

Our popular running program at Meisel Avenue Park 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.

Session 1: Mondays from September 12th-October 24th (no class on October 3rd)
Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Session 2: Mondays from November 7th-December 12th
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 the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.



SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-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 Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

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: Summer hours 1:00 - 6:00 pm

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

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

Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information.



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>.

Fall 2016 LACROSSE CLINICS Pre-K - 1 st Grade

**Interested in trying a new sport?
Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's fall clinic!**

The clinics are open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools.

**Six Sunday sessions from September 18 to October 23
@ 10:00-11:00 am, at Chisholm Park.**

***In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule.
No refunds will be provided.***

Cost: \$55 (checks payable to Township of Springfield)

Payment must be submitted prior to the first session.

Includes: loaned stick (if needed), balls, t-shirt

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.

Or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
(\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction)

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

SENIORS VISIT ATLANTIC CITY ON BUS TRIP



On Thursday, July 14th, close to 50 senior citizens visited Bally's Casino in Atlantic City on a bus trip sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. In addition to spending time at Bally's and nearby Wild Wild West, Caesar's, and Pier Shops, many seniors ventured onto the Boardwalk. The trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld (pictured, right) for the Recreation Department.

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MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2016 - AUGUST 2017

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax
recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation



BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

The girls in Girl Scout Troop 40471 created a butterfly garden at the Springfield Community Pool as part of their Bronze Service Award. The girls are all entering 6th Grade and will be

bridging into Cadettes in September. The garden is along the fence line behind the basketball court, please stop by to take a look. The Girl Scouts are very active in town, we have almost 200 girls ranging from Kindergarten through high school in Springfield.

SPORTS CAMPS & CLASSES 2016

In association with Springfield Recreation Department

Register today:

- Spring Registration Open
- Schedules Listed Online
- Weekly Classes & Schools Out Camps
- Look Out for our New Program Levels

Camp & Class Details:

- Ages 2 to 14
- All Abilities. Boys & Girls
- Daytime & Evening Classes
- Spring Break Camps

SUMMER CAMPS

(attend every day for a full week)

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5-11 yrs
Week Starting: Aug 22 to 26, Aug 29 to Sept 2
Time(s): 9am-4pm
9am-12:30pm
1pm-4pm
Location: Chisholm Park
Price: Starting at \$135

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS:

T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more!

Ages: 3-5 yrs
Week Starting: Aug 22 to 26
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Location: Chisholm Park
Price: Starting at \$105

FALL WEEKLY CLASSES

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

Dates: September 17 to October 29
Location(s): Chisholm Recreation Center
Price: \$139

PARENT & ME-SPORTS: With a little help, children play up to 6 sports

Ages: 2-3 yrs
Dates: Saturday's: September 17 to October 29
Times: 2:30pm-3:15pm

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS:

T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more!
Ages: 3-5 yrs
Dates: Saturday's: September 17 to October 29
Times: 3:30pm-4:30pm

ADULT WEEKLY CLASSES

(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)
CARDIO TENNIS: Burn calories in a fun and social atmosphere.

Ages: Adult (18yrs 80yrs)
Dates: Saturdays September 17 to October 29
Time(s): 3:30pm-4:30pm
Location(s): Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Price: \$145

ADULT TENNIS:

Rallying, serving, volleying and match play
Ages: Adult (18yrs 80yrs)
Dates: Saturdays September 17 to October 29
Time(s): 4:30pm-5:30pm
Location(s): Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Price: \$145

SCHOOL'S OUT FALL CAMPS!

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs
Dates: October 3rd to 4th
Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm
Location(s): Chisholm Park
Price: \$130

MULTI SPORTS CAMP: Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs
Dates: October 10th
Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm
Location(s): Chisholm Park
Price: \$65

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs
Dates: October 12th
Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm
Location(s): Chisholm Park
Price: \$65

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs
Dates: November 8th, 10th & 11th
Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm
Location(s): Chisholm Park
Price: Starting from \$65

FLAG FOOTBALL Fall 2016 • Grades K-3rd

Flag Football is co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football. This co-ed program is open to Springfield school children in grades K-3rd.

Children will learn football in a NON-TACKLE instructional team format! Emphasis will be on learning positions, football fundamentals, and playing as a team.

Six sessions take place on Mondays @ 6:30-7:30 pm, from September 19th-October 24th, at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Schedule is subject to change.

Fee: \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield)

(Includes: jersey to keep, loaned equipment, keepsake medal, end-of-season party)

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online 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 the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com

Flag Cheerleading Fall 2016 Grades K-2nd

Flag Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield schools in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Practices take place on Thursdays from September 15th-October 20th @ 4:30-5:30 pm at Chisholm Community Center.

GAMES TAKE PLACE ON MONDAYS SEPTEMBER 19TH-OCTOBER 24th @ 6:30-7:30 pm at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Fee: \$55 payable to Township of Springfield

(Includes: shirt to keep, loaned pom poms and skirt, keepsake medal, end-of-season party)

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)

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(973) 912-2227
Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us

Jr. Dawgs Football

Grades 3-8

Bring Completed Form and Checks to Registration:
Fees: (Please note 2 Separate Checks are needed):
\$60.00 payable to "Township of Springfield" AND
\$200.00 payable to "Springfield Jr Dawgs Football Organization"
Discount provided for multiple players from same family:
\$175.00 per child to Springfield Jr Dawgs and \$60.00 per child to Township of Springfield.

Season Runs September – Mid-November – Practice begins August 15th.
Practices 2 or 3 nights per week depending on age/coaches.

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

REGISTER ONLINE FOR TOWNSHIP PORTION OF FEE:
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

For information: Email: springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or recreation@springfield-nj.us

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Fall 2016 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Ages 8-14

Coach Mike Czech is back this fall! 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 between the ages of 8-14. The team meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park track.

PRE SEASON Monday, August 8th-Monday, September 12th
Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

RACE SEASON Wednesday, September 14th-Sunday, November 13th
(End date may be extended once all races are finalized.)
Team practices and official races.

FEES \$60 (payable to Township of Springfield)
\$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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Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP – SUMMER 2016

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

- **Week #7: August 8th-August 12th**
- **Week #8: August 15th-August 19th**

TIMES: 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Resident first child: \$45 per week - **Resident additional child:** \$40 per week

- **Non-Resident child:** \$55 per week

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

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Bus will leave the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am
Bus will return following the conclusion of the 11:30 am show and lunch
\$55 - Springfield residents and Senior Citizen Club members
\$65 - non-residents and non-Senior Citizen Club members
Payment due by Monday September 5, 2016
Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds unless seat is resold.

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, lunch, and show
Questions: Springfield Recreation Department, (973) 912-2227

One registration form per person please
Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Town: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Need bus to Chisholm in the morning? Yes ____ No ____ (We are unable to transport you home.)
Enclosed is my check made payable to Springfield Recreation Department in the amount of \$ _____

11TH ANNIVERSARY OF “SWIM FOR FOOD”



The summer of 2016 marks the 11th anniversary of “Swim for Food” – an organization that collects canned goods and donates them to food pantries across New Jersey. The Springfield Swim Team, led by head coach Karen Bocian, has participated every year. In an effort to increase donations, the Springfield Community Pool’s activities director, Dawn Wilkenfeld, hosted “Pie for a Cause” on Sunday, July 17th. During the event, pool patrons and guests were given the opportunity to pie one of the Springfield Community Pool staff members in exchange for a monetary or can donation. The event raised a total of \$72, and 125 cans were purchased with this money. The food collection helps to ensure that children who are not at school during the summer months are eating nutritious meals. Dawn and Karen would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to those who donated money, cans, and time to this important cause.

KENNY HOMLISH (CONT. FROM FRONT PAGE)

He has dealt with crippling storms, extreme heat and cold and more natural disasters than can be remembered in his 44 years with the Town.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Ken commented "I am proud of the Department of Public Works which has upgraded throughout the years and become more responsible. I have left the Township in excellent shape, especially with respect to storm water and sanitary sewer pumping stations. The DPW is well equipped to do any job it needs to with respect to natural disasters. I've enjoyed my 44 years with Springfield and having been able to work with such dedicated employees whose goal is to make the Township better".

SENIOR BUS SERVICE HOURS EXTENDED

The Recreation Department is proud to announce that the senior citizen transportation service now extends past 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm! The Recreation Department offers free weekday bus transportation for senior citizen residents of Springfield to locations within the township – such as grocery stores, salons, doctor offices, fitness clubs, banks, senior citizen club meetings, library, post office, and more. To make a reservation, residents can call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am to schedule an appointment for that day. The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays, and due to inadvertent weather or staffing conditions. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently. New riders are asked to complete an emergency contact form. The bus was generously donated by Investors Bank Foundation.

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regular MGG schedule:
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REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
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TUESDAY, FRIDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SATURDAY (AUGUST)
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER)
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY CLOSED

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Summer Reading @ Your Library! We give prizes for reading! There is still a MONTH to pick up a Reading Log and write down the books you read. A Treasure Chest Prize and raffle ticket are awarded when you show us your reading log each time you come to the library and have read more books. **Our second raffle drawing is August 29.** You could win an iPad Mini! A Kindle! Movie Tix! A Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Zowiee! For kids Grades K through teen. Participants will receive a VIP certificate for 1 month of free Martial Arts Classes and a free uniform at USA Karate and Fitness! Participants will also receive a certificate for a free Build-your-own-kids-meal from Chipotle!

Pre-school children and babies have a new opportunity to participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Sign-up at the Youth Services Desk and get your child's first log. After each log of 100 books the child will be awarded a small prize. **Prizes for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten will begin Sept 30.**

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!
Tues Aug 2, Fri Aug 5, Tues Aug 9,
Fri Aug 12, Wed Aug 17,
Fri Aug 19, Tues Aug 23,
Thurs Aug 25, Tues Aug 30.

TWEENS and TEENS:

Tween Wii Games for ages 10 to 15 – Wednesdays from 7:00p-8:00p. Drop in.

Tween/Teen Monday Night Movies @ 6:30pm
Aug 8 The Breakfast Club (R)
Aug 15 Back to the Future (PG)
Aug 19 Forrest Gump (PG-13)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now thru August 30
Art Show: Photography by Gina Petrecca.

Thursday, August 25, 6:00 pm Artist reception.

Friday, August 19, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, September 8,
Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, September 15, 10:00 am
Great Books Discussion: "Discourse Seven" by
John Reynolds.

FILMS

Thursday, August 11, 1:00pm & 7:00 pm
International film: "Labyrinth of Lies".
In German with English subtitles. 2014.

Monday, August 15, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS:
When seven-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) gets a chance at a Little Miss Sunshine pageant, her dysfunctional family sets out on a wild road trip. 2006.

Monday, August 29, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS:
Vinyl collector (John Cusack) and two friends run a music store that is losing money. His girlfriend suddenly leaves him and starts dating his neighbor while he starts dating singer/songwriter Marie. 2000

Monday, September 12, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film Series: Songsmith Cole Porter meets Linda Thomas in Paris. They become friends and eventually wed, though Porter was gay. While Porter's star rose his fame came with a price. Starring Kevin Kline and Ashley Judd. 2004

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

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday, Wednesday 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 Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm
Mahjong Club.

Every Wednesday starting September 7,
Bridge Club 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO START BRIDGE CLUB FOR INTERESTED CARD PLAYERS

Love to play bridge but need people to play with? Beginning September 7, bridge players are invited to check out the new Bridge Club that will meet at the Springfield Free Public Library on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:45 PM. Instruction will not be provided, so all participants must be able to follow the rules of play on their own. In order to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest, people who would like to join are asked to respond to Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@springfieldpubliclibrary.com or by calling 973 376-4930, ext. 227.

Participation in the library's bridge club is free and open to all members of the general public. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

SIT DOWN, UNPLUG, AND PLAY AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR BACKGAMMON, BRIDGE, CANASTA, AND CHESS

Old fashioned table games are having a renaissance of sorts at the Springfield Free Public Library. In addition to weekly game nights for scrabble and chess players, the library has recently added Mah Jongg and Bridge nights to its roster of activities. However, the library is looking for individuals who would be willing to volunteer their time to provide beginner's instruction to people wanting to learn how to play backgammon, bridge, canasta and chess. For more information, please contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@springfieldpubliclibrary.com or by calling 973 376-4930, ext. 227.

DINE @ CHARLIE BROWN'S FRESH GRILL AUGUST 23, 2016 AND SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Come join with other Springfield Friends on Tuesday, August 23 from 11:30am – 10pm at Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill, 35 Main St., Millburn, NJ. Advise your server prior to ordering that you are there on behalf of the Springfield Library Friends and the Friends will receive a 15% donation from the restaurant based on your food order. Enjoy a nice luncheon or dinner out and help support the work of the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. All funds raised by the Friends go to support services and program at Springfield own Public Library.

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Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a very limited number of foursomes, for the upper course only, available for this year's tournament to be held on **Monday, August 22, 2016** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. Check our website for detailed information on the outing 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.

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



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE BASEMENT FLOODS

If your basement has flooded, there are some really important things you should know. When in doubt, don't enter the flooded area until you are told it is safe by a qualified professional to do so. Call 911

First and foremost, consider your family's health and safety.

Entering a wet basement could be hazardous! Before you enter your basement, consider the following:

- **Electrical Shock** – When your basement is wet, there is a legitimate risk of electrical shock. If you are positive that you can safely do so, turn off your home's power at the main breaker switches.
- **Gas leaks** – Protect yourself against gas leaks. If you smell gas, leave the house right away and then contact Utilities Kingston immediately by calling 613-546-1181.
- **Pollutants** – Sewage can contain bacteria and transmit disease and the floodwater in your basement may have originated from the sanitary sewer and contain raw sewage. Wear protective items including gloves, safety glasses, a face mask and be sure to wash thoroughly after any contact with sewage or items touched by sewage.
- **Chemicals** – Cleaning may expose you to a wide range of contaminants, including those from the cleaning agents being used, as well as those that may have entered from flood waters. When you get to the cleaning stage, be sure to ventilate well and limit your exposure to contact and exposure as best you can.
- **Structural damage** – While this is not that common, a flood with certain conditions may weaken walls or even ceiling structures. If there is any concern that structural integrity has been compromised or you simply don't know, leave the area and call 911.

Depending of the nature of the flooding, also consider...

- If the flooding is due to a burst water supply pipe in your home, and if you are safely able to do so, shut off the main incoming water valve as this could help minimize the damage. You will probably know this is the case because the water will be clean, and likely coming down through the house from an upper level. In the future, make note of where this shut-off is and keep access clear.
- If the flooding is due to a sewage backup (or you are not sure), do not flush the toilet, run a washing machine, dishwasher or any other feature with a drain since this is likely to increase the flooding. Report your backup to the municipality.

In the event there is major flooding in the area, Keep in mind you may not be the only resident experiencing the emergency. The Springfield Fire Department is capable of assisting and pumping basements that DO NOT have sump pumps. Documentation of flood locations helps municipal staff determine if any work is required on the municipal infrastructure.



McGruff at National Night Out.

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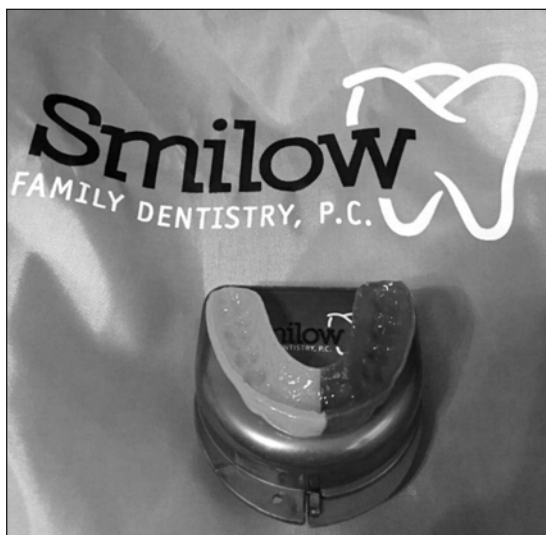
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SMILOW FAMILY DENTISTRY PUTS KIDS' SAFETY FIRST



Dr. Josh Smilow, owner of Smilow Family Dentistry on Mountain Avenue, is thrilled to have thought of a way to combine his two passions. In an interview with the Patriot Times he stated: "As an avid sports fan, I wanted to find a means of using my skills in dentistry to help the greater Springfield community". Dr. Smilow has recently volunteered to provide custom fitted mouth guards to members of the Springfield recreation department sports teams as well as members of several township school teams.

Dr. Smilow further commented, "mouth guards are crucial for not only preventing dental injuries during play, but recent research suggests a possible connection between custom mouth guard use and concussion prevention."

Dr. Smilow acknowledged that while this program is very meaningful to him personally and professionally, he has been overwhelmed by the support he has received thus far from the local coaches. "Heather Re and Adam Lieb were instrumental in facilitating my involvement with the coaches from the recreation department, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with Bill Quartier, Victor Rajoppi, Lawrence Dvorchik, Jen Cataldo and Jeff Kaesshaefer. These coaches have truly embraced this program and it has become very clear to me that they are passionate about their role in ensuring the safety of their players."

Obtaining a free mouth guard for your child is as easy as calling the office for an appointment. Typically, a fitting takes less than 10 minutes, and on the next visit, your child will go home with a custom molded mouth guard in a carrying case along with a Smilow Family Dentistry drawstring sport bag.

Please call the office (973) 379-2202 for more information regarding the mouth guard program or with any inquiries or questions.



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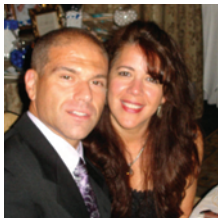


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