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**The Municipal Offices  
of the  
Township of Springfield  
will be closed  
for the following holidays:  
Veteran's Day,  
Wednesday November 11th  
Thanksgiving Day  
and the day after,  
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November 26th & 27th**

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## VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 11th AT 11am

Springfield Veterans Alliance announces that the annual observance and commemoration of Veterans Day will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial Park located at the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

November is the month in which we traditionally give thanks for all of the many blessings that we as Americans have received. Even during these difficult financial times, we continue to be the freest, most prosperous nation on earth.

That freedom and prosperity is due, in large part, to the sacrifices made by the members of the Armed Forces of the United States. It is fitting then, that we honor our soldiers on November 11 – Veteran's Day.

In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veteran's Day and calling upon all American to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

The Veteran's Administration was charged with the responsibility of organizing and overseeing the national observance of Veteran's Day.

Each year on 11/11 at 11 A.M., the Veteran's Day National Ceremony is held at Arlington National Cemetery. Similarly, at the Kenilworth Veteran's Center the VFW holds a ceremony commemorating our veterans and their service to our country.

On Veteran's Day please remember to thank all veteran's serving now and in the past for all they have done for us. And if you can, please attend Springfield's observance and commemoration. Local students, the Springfield Fire Department, the Springfield Auxiliary Police among other groups will be participating with the Veterans in the program.

All are urged to attend this tribute to all the Veterans of all United States wars.

## SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E. TO RUN TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS PROGRAM

Springfield H.O.P.E. is hosting a new program, Toys for Springfield Kids. They have created their own Toys for Springfield Kids collection boxes, donated by Liberty Transportation, to be placed at the Town Hall, Kearny Federal Savings, Investors Savings, TD Bank, Union Center National Bank, Mack Camera, Springfield Orthodontics, Remlinger Real Estate and Dr. Gary Hecht's office and other locations around town. Anyone wishing to have their donated toys go to needy Springfield families, may deposit their NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS in the H.O.P.E. boxes at these and other locations to be noted on their website, [www.springfieldhope.com](http://www.springfieldhope.com). Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Other toy programs require their toys to be sent to out of town locations and for families in need to travel to those sites. H.O.P.E. believes this places an undue burden on these families and wishes to simplify the process for those in need. Those wishing to make financial donations in lieu of Toys for Springfield Kids may do so by making their checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E., 200 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081. Toy collection will run through December 21, 2009. Any families in need of

toys please contact Springfield HOPE by phone or by e-mail. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Springfield H.O.P.E is a 501c3 charity as defined by the IRS. Anyone needing assistance from H.O.P.E should contact them at 973-467-3388 or by email [drhecht@aol.com](mailto:drhecht@aol.com).



(above, l-r) Brianna and Kirsten Figueroa and Dr. Gary Hecht make the first donations to the Toys for Springfield Kids Campaign.

## SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1

Springfield Volunteer Fire Company #1 held an open house recently. Preston Benjamin dressed up as a firefighter for Halloween and wanted to get a chance to meet the firefighters and see the engines. For the event the volunteer department used the Jaws of Life in an extrication demonstration and children were given a chance to jump on the engines and see some of the equipment.

(right) Members of Springfield Volunteer Fire Company #1  
(back row, l-r) Chris Farinhas,  
Ben Dorkin, Tony Decampos,  
Anthony DeAngelo,  
Jason Ropelski.  
(front, l-r) Connor Hamilton,  
Preston Benjamin (In costume),  
and Pat Kelly.



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## Message from the Mayor



Congratulations to the Dayton High School football team. They have started the season 7-1 and recently beat Bound Brook 20-7 and New Providence 18-7, a team that had been a thorn in their side in recent years. As most people know, the football program was resurrected only a few years ago. The coaches and players have shown our community how dedication, effort and desire can help bring a successful program back to our town.

Over the past few months there have been a number of new store openings on Rt. 22 in Springfield. It's nice to see new businesses opening and I hope our community supports them with their patronage. In addition, the AAA store located on Rt. 22 east bound is the showcase facility of their association. They are very community oriented and offer a car seat fitting station regardless of whether or not you are an AAA member.

In the October report from our DPW (department of public works) the township committee saw information indicating the continued success of our recycling efforts. This is a wonderful way for the town to save money through the cooperation of our residents by reducing garbage tipping fees. Last month there was an article in The Patriot about the Sustainable Jersey program. This is a program that encourages the cooperation of businesses, government and residents to practice and teach environmental awareness, conservation of natural resources and education for future generations. In order to organize the towns' efforts we have put together our "Green Team", headed by Lori Sandler. Anyone interested in participating or learning more about it should contact Lori at GreeningSpringfield.springfield-nj.us.

On Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 8:00 P.M. in town hall, the township committee will be dedicating the committee chamber and municipal courtroom in honor of past mayor and Committeeman Ken Faigenbaum. We will also be honoring his memory with a day of remembrance on January 1st of each year, which was Ken's birthday.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

*Mayor Bart Fraenkel*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

NOVEMBER 5 & 6 AND 26 & 27

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.

Work Shop Sessions 7:30 pm.

followed by Regular meeting 8:00 pm.

Executive Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mon. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Emergency Management Office top floor of the Fire House at 7:00 pm.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Nov. 16 & Dec. 7 - Regular meeting

### CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

Nov. 12

## GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

### 11/10 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 AM Kenilworth Public Library  
548 Boulevard, Kenilworth

### 11/10 VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

6:00 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel  
36 Valley Road, Clark

### 11/11 NEW JERSEY REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK MEETING

6:00 PM The Westwood  
439 North Avenue, Garwood

### 11/13 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30 am Visit website for location  
6:00 pm Molly Macguire's Irish Pub,  
1085 Central Ave. (exit 135 GSP), Clark

### 11/19 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON

11:45 am La Casa di Martino  
301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park  
(reservations requested)

### 11/20 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

8:00 am Olde Mill Inn (Somerset Room)  
225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

### 11/24 LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8:30 am Hampton Inn @ Aviation Plaza  
501 West Edgar Road  
(Route 1 & 9 North), Linden  
Hosted by Mercer Coating & Lining Co.

### 11/25 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am Crowne Plaza Hotel  
36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark

### 11/25 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER GROUP

8:30 am Office of Emergency Management  
@ the Springfield Firehouse  
Mountain Avenue

## BULL DOG BASKET AUCTION

Bull Dog Basket Auction offered by the Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO and benefiting Project Graduation Class of 2010, will open at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, in the school's east gym, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Admission costs \$8.00.

For ticket information,  
call Dotti Shtafman (973) 376-0254  
or Donna Strober at (973) 912-8789.

**If you like this newspaper,  
then thank an advertiser**

## SPRINGFIELD SENIORS

The Springfield Seniors are looking for new members. Come join in on the socialization and fun! The Springfield Senior groups are active seniors in our community. For information call (973) 912- 2226.

### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

The Springfield Seniors will host a trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, November 18. The cost per person is \$25. Each person will receive a casino bonus of \$30 slot cash. The bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 8:45am and return approximately 6:30pm. Advanced registration is suggested. For information call (973) 912- 2226 or register in person at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

### TRIP TO DOOLANS

The Springfield Seniors will host a trip to Doolans in Spring Lake to see the Radio City Tribute Holiday Spectacular on Thursday, December 10, 2009. Enjoy a day of feasting, dancing, drinking, and laughter at this all star Christmas show. Includes served luncheon. Cost is \$50 per member and \$65 per non-member. Bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 9:45am and return a 5pm. For information call Michele Zambrana at (973) 912- 2226.

## RECREATION

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

Parents enjoy a few hours off while your children enjoy a few hours of fun! Kid's night outs are held at the Chisholm Community Center on November 14 and December 12. Children age 3 (toilet trained) to grade 5 are welcome to attend. Cost is \$8.00 per child. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. For information call Michele Zambrana at (973) 912- 2226.

### DISNEY ON ICE BUS TRIP

The Recreation Department will be hosting a special bus trip to the Disney on Ice show at the Izod Center on Wednesday, November 25. The bus will be leaving the Chisholm Community Center at 1:45pm for the 3pm show. Tickets are limited and cost \$25 each for lower level seating. Reserve your tickets today! For information call (973) 912- 2226 or email recreation @ springfield-nj.us.

### 1st GRADE BASKETBALL CLINIC

This program is offered to boys and girls in the 1st grade. This is an 8 week clinic held on Tuesday Evenings at the Caldwell School. Clinic will run January 5 through February 23. Times will vary each week; schedules will go out in December. Registration deadline will be December 4, 2009. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. For information call (973) 912- 2226.

Show your town spirit  
and join together as we  
**Light the Holiday Tree**  
Sing holiday songs,  
and welcome Santa Claus!

**Tuesday, December 8  
6 p.m.**

(Rain date December 9)

### Town Hall Lawn

Everyone is welcome to the  
First Aid Squad  
immediately following the celebration.  
**Sponsored by FMBA Local 57.**  
Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider,  
and Doughnuts will be served.

**The Mom's Club  
of Springfield & Mountainside**  
is an international non-profit club for  
both working and stay at home mothers.

**THE CLUB MEETS  
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

**AT 10:00 am  
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for each month, from playgroups  
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**IF INTERESTED,  
PLEASE COME TO A MEETING.  
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

## HADASSAH MEETING NOVEMBER 19

The regular Springfield Hadassah meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 12:00 PM at the Springfield Public Library.

Naomi Yablonsky will present a review of Geraldine Brooks' book, People of the Book

The story deals with the survival of the Sarajevo Haggadah. A haggadah is a Jewish holy book that is used at home during Passover so that a family can tell the story of the Exodus. The Sarajevo Haggadah was unusual in that it was one of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images.

Created in the fourteenth century, during Spain's Golden Age, this haggadah survived the Inquisition, World War 2, the Bosnian War and countless other narrow escapes. Most remarkably, Christian and Muslim individuals, who had neither religious imperative nor

personal stake in its existence, repeatedly saved the book. A truly exciting read, this book blends stories from the haggadah with Geraldine Brooks' imagined stories.

The reviewer, Naomi Yablonsky, is a retired teacher who has done book reviews for Hadassah and Jewish Women International. She is also active in Community Theater where she has acted in and directed numerous plays. Recently, she directed the Westfield Community Players production of "Don't Drink the Water," by Woody Allen.

A brief business meeting and light lunch will precede the program.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who are not Hadassah members are urged to call Lorraine Seidel at 973.376.5067 so that adequate refreshments will be available.

**The Mom's Club  
of Springfield & Mountainside**  
is having their  
**ANNUAL VENDOR SALE & SILENT AUCTION  
December 6 from 9:00am -1:00pm  
at the Springfield YMCA.**

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shopping done under one roof!  
Please come out and show your support.  
Proceeds will be donated  
to various local charities and groups.*

### ROSE LOVERS INVITED

The Springfield Garden club invites all gardeners and rose lovers to our meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30pm. The meeting will feature a talk on the "Ten Best Roses" by Jeff Van Pelt of the Somerset County Colonial Rose Gardens. He will touch on issues of fragrance, disease-resistance, care of, soil needs, seasonal care and placement of rose bushes. He will gladly take questions, so come prepared.

We meet at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall. Visitors are welcome.

Come get answers to your questions and meet friendly people. "We Want To Help You Grow"! Information? Please call 973 379 4879.

### AARP FREE TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

AARP/IRS free tax preparation program in the Springfield Library needs volunteer tax preparers. All volunteers will receive free training from AARP, in conjunction with the IRS, during December and January. For those who do not feel comfortable with computers or do not want to prepare tax returns, there is also a need for facilitators. Volunteers will be asked to help on a one day a week basis during the mid-February to April 15 tax season.

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Scrubby the Bear and Ms. Lee Pafford, a representative from the Red Cross, visited St. James the Apostle School, Springfield, on October 20, 2009. Ms. Pafford was happy to talk with the Pre-K 3 students about the importance of clean hands.

Ms. Pafford demonstrated how and why we must wash our hands. She caught the students' attention by using a black light to examine the appearance of germs on unwashed hands. She then used it again to demonstrate how the germs disappeared after washing. She gave all of the children a handout and a Scrubby Bear sticker as a reminder to wash their hands often!

ST. JAMES GOES ON STRIKE



St. James the Apostle School and Church recently enjoyed a day out at the bowling alley! The School Principal, Mrs. Patricia Dolansky, arrived with her bowling ball and took her time to bowl at each lane. This gave her the opportunity to spread the strikes and increase each families score sheet. Mrs. Dolansky poses for a picture with one of her third grade students, John MacElroy and his sister, an alumni of St. James, Deirdre MacElroy.

**SPRINGFIELD  
ORTHODONTICS ANNUAL  
HALLOWEEN CAMPAIGN**

Springfield Orthodontics has just completed their annual Halloween “Cash for your Stash” campaign. Dr. Lee Kaswiner and Dr. Brett Handsman invited all their patients and the entire community to bring their Halloween candy to their office at 165 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. Everyone who brought in their candy had it weighed and received one dollar for every pound of candy they collected. All the candy along with toothbrushes was donated to the Apostles’ House in Newark. The person with the most candy won a gift certificate for \$25 to Toys R us.

SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CANDIDATES NIGHT



The Springfield Candidate’s Night was a big success with a larger than normal crowd in attendance. (pictured above l-r) Candidates for Springfield Township Committee: Marc A. Krauss, Jerry Fernandez, Richard Huber and David Barnett

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# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN SPRINGFIELD



*Pictured above are Patrick Paoella, Springfield Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman with the winners of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce sponsored Halloween costume contest. The children were given Barnes and Noble gift cards.*



*(above, l-r) John Abram, age 4, Roman Soldier; A.J. Duallo, age 4 with his dad Marc, Autobots*



*(above) Nicolas Sieminski, age 14 months, dressed as a Pirate, took a nap in his wagon.*



*( above) Catching bubbles is Taylor Addis, age 5, Little Red Riding Hood*

# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT



*(left) TEAM FMRTL gets involved in the community! Members of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC, a Springfield accounting and consulting firm, participated in their 4th Annual Jean Day to raise awareness for Breast Cancer and The American Cancer Society. The firm hosted a “Healthy Start” breakfast and a Think PINK raffle was held in exchange for donations towards Breast Cancer awareness.*

# SENIOR BREAKFAST AT JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL



*(above) The Volunteer Club held their Fall Senior Breakfast in October. Even with the inclement weather, many showed up for the special breakfast fare and activities.*

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2009 CAMP BERNIE PORT MURRAY, NJ



*(above l-r) Scott Sandler, Lindsey Gaon, Josh Trinker, Allison Weber, Emma McGrath, Drew Krumholz.*

This October, five students along with JDHS Volunteer Club co-advisor Mr. Drew Krumholz, attended the NJPSA/FEA Youth Leadership Institute called “Youth Leadership for Tomorrow Today” at Camp Bernie in Port Murray, NJ. The group, which included freshmen: Lindsey Gaon, Joshua Trinker and Allison Weber, as well as sophomores Emma McGrath and Scott Sandler, left school on Friday October 16th and returned on Sunday October 18th. The Youth Leadership Institute offers high school students the opportunity to come together with their peers from around the state of New Jersey in order to identify and develop their leadership potential through a series of workshops and team building activities including: ropes courses, climbing a high wall and partaking in a night hike without lights—just to name a few! The workshops were informative, interactive and required students to collaborate with one another and to think critically about what it means to be a leader and how they can develop into superior leaders in their respective communities.

After attending the institute for the weekend, phase two of the program involves the development of a community project that the five students will plan, develop and carry out throughout the school year. Though the criteria for the project is fairly flexible and allows for student creativity, the overarching goal is to design something that increases social capital in the community. The group from Jonathan Dayton High School will meet two more times with all of the schools who participated in the institute to discuss projects and present the work that they do during the year.

All of the students involved, along with Mr. Krumholz, had a great time throughout the weekend and look forward to continuing their work with the Youth Leadership Institute throughout the 2009-2010 school year. The group would like to thank Mrs. Cresci, JDHS Principal, for her support of this truly remarkable opportunity and for making their participation in the Youth Leadership Institute possible.

# ROADRUNNERS ARE FINALISTS IN TOURNAMENT

The Springfield Roadrunners U14 Boys team made it all the way to the finals of the 21st Annual Parsippany Pride Tournament on Columbus Day weekend.

Springfield’s journey began on Saturday with a hard fought (0-0) tie with The Mountain Lakes Tri-Town United. The Roadrunners then posted their first victory of the weekend (3-0) over the North Caldwell Tornados only an hour and a half later.

On Sunday, the Roadrunners defeated the Westfield Atlas (3-0). In the finals, Springfield held the Millburn Avalanche in check as the match remained scoreless through 2 overtimes. The Roadrunners eventually succumbed in the penalty kick round. Scoring during the tournament were Tyler Citrin, Eric Pereira, Andrew Maldonado, Asmar Johnson & Arrington Joyner-Corniffe.

Springfield achieved an amazing stat as they allowed a meager (17) shots through the (4) games. The Roadrunners were the only large sided team in the tournament (out of 132) that was not scored on.

# THE KEN LLEN COMBO A VINTAGE MUSIC CONCERT AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Springfield Free Public Library will host the Ken Lelen Combo in a Vintage Music Concert on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Accompanied by bassist Matt Koch, Ken Lelen will sing ragtime, jazz and swing tunes and play vintage guitars built between 1900 and 1950. With familiar lyrics, catchy tunes and amusing anecdotes, Vintage Music Concerts are popular with many groups. "People of all ages love these songs," Lelen said, "and they're pleasantly surprised by the robust sound and classy look of vintage guitars."

Ken Lelen has played acoustic guitar for 45 years. He performs on early 20th-Century guitars made by Gibson, Martin, Regal, Kay, Oscar Schmidt, Vega, Bacon & Day and other venerable U.S. makers. The guitars produce music that is striking for its tone and sustain without use of electric pick-ups.

“Mr. Lelan is a genial performer, with a pleasant tenor,” said the New York Times (May 7, 2005). “The songs he plays will never go out of date.”

The program is free and open to all. Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and by the David Hendlin Memorial Fund.

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

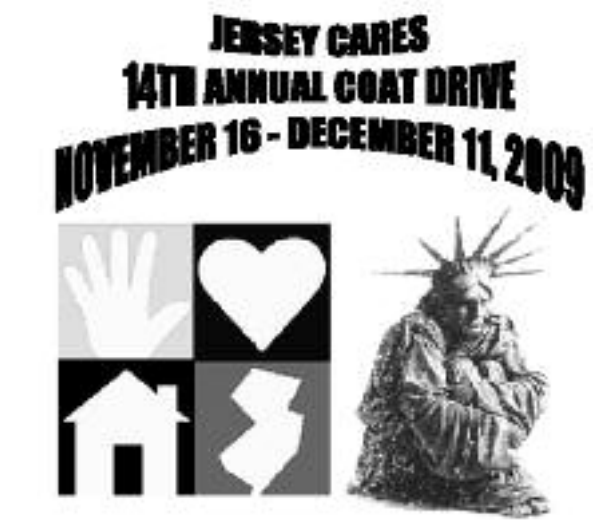
# JAMES CALDWELL FALL FESTIVAL

Despite the rainy weather, the James Caldwell Fall Festival was a huge success. While their parents were putting tickets in the Tin Can Auction and sampling a brownie from the bake sale, the many kids in attendance enjoyed playing numerous games, tried their luck at winning a live goldfish, ate lunch with friends, and danced away to the DJ . Perhaps the "hit of the day" was the pie throwing booth. The principal, many teachers, township committee members and candidates as well as our mayor, Bart Fraenkel, graciously agreed to have shaving cream pies thrown at them by the students.



*(above) Principal David Rennie and Mayor Bart Fraenkel with several JCS students in front of the "Pie Throwing Booth."*





COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
RUNS WINTER COAT DRIVE

As the temperatures begin to drop, the Community Conference of Springfield Schools’ Parent Groups (“CCSSPG”) is already working on Springfield’s coat drive for Jersey Cares. The goal of this year’s Jersey Cares Coat Drive is to collect and distribute 40,000 “gently used” winter coats to at-risk men, women, children and infants. Please help by donating your unwanted winter coats.

The drive kicks off on November 16 and ends on December 11, 2009. Collection boxes are located at the 5 Springfield public schools. In addition, boxes are located at the following sites: Springfield YMCA (100 South Springfield Avenue), Springfield Public Library (66 Mountain Avenue), Sarah Bailey Civic Center (30 Church Mall), Hecht Family Chiropractic Care (201 Mountain Avenue), Essex Union Podiatry (420 Morris Avenue), Investors Savings Bank (173 Mountain Avenue), Kearny Federal Savings Bank (130 Mountain Avenue), and Libby’s Family Pharmacy (246 Mountain Avenue).

Many thanks to all of you who donated coats for the 2008 coat drive. We collected around 700 coats from our collection sites in Springfield.

For further information, contact Debbie Neher and Mindy Strauss, CCSSPG Community Services Liaisons, at dneher@comcast.net.



Police Chief's Column  
Chief William Chisholm

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE A PROBLEM**

An alarming number of New Jersey’s youth are intentionally abusing prescription medicines to get high. The 2007 study by the National Study of Drug Use and Health found that 70% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers say they got them from friends or relatives. A recent study on drug use by New Jersey middle school students conducted by the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) found that in half the schools surveyed prescription drugs are abused more than twice that of ecstasy and cocaine. What’s worse, another PDFNJ study found that 47% of the parents of middle school students know very little about prescription drug abuse.

To help combat this growing threat to our nation’s children, the United States Senate has deemed October 2009 as National Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month. Here in Springfield we’re taking things even further by hosting Operation Medicine Cabinet New Jersey (OMCNJ) on November 14, 2009. OMCNJ is for community residents

to properly dispose of their unused, unwanted and expired medicine. This statewide initiative is the first of its kind in the nation. The statewide effort is being spearheaded by the Drug-Enforcement Administration-New Jersey Division, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey, Springfield Police Department as well as dozens of federal, state, county and local law enforcement, and prevention organizations in the state.

Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem in New Jersey, and the easiest way to combat it is to properly dispose of your old medicine. OMCNJ is the best way to do just that, so on November 14th, visit our local collection site the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, New Jersey, 07081 and drop off your unused, unwanted or expired medicine.

For more information, please visit [www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com](http://www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com)

**CALDWELL SCHOOL BIKERS CONQUER OBSTACLES, LEARN SAFETY**



James Caldwell School students rode their bicycles to school on Thursday, October 1 as part of the School’s special “Bike to School Day.”

Springfield Police Officers Angelo Bonavitacola and John Rachel spent the day at James Caldwell School teaching the students important safety tips while guiding them through several obstacle courses set up on the School’s playground.

During the day’s events, James Caldwell School students in grades 3 to 5 picked up valuable lessons regarding appropriate hand signals, the importance of wearing a helmet, paying attention to traffic, and more.

On an average day, approximately five James Caldwell School students ride their bikes to school. On “Bike to School Day” over 100 of the School’s 212 students took advantage of the opportunity to ride and learn.

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## Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

### HOME HEATING FIRE SAFETY

As we find ourselves coming into another heating season, homeowners should think about the proper service of their heating systems. While there are many ways to heat your home, there is one common element to virtually all heating systems – a chimney, flue or vent system. The chimney is an area of your home that goes unnoticed until there is a problem.

The first question many homeowners have is "How often should chimney be inspected and swept?" There is no exact answer because there are different factors that need to be considered, such as what the chimney is used for and its frequency of use. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 211 says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary."

Homeowners commonly think that if they don't have a wood burning fireplace, that the chimney doesn't need sweeping or inspection. In reality, oil and gas fired appliances, especially high efficiency models, can leave high levels of condensation and acidic

moisture in the flue, which can produce corrosive deposits and deterioration of the clay liner and brick work. Flues should be inspected to ensure that the flue gases, including carbon monoxide, are vented properly up the chimney and are not coming back into the house. Flue cracks can allow a cozy wood burning fireplace to become a chimney fire without warning. How would you know if you have a chimney fire? As the fire burns, it draws air up the chimney and sounds like a jet engine. If that happens, get out and call the fire department immediately.

How does a homeowner avoid being scammed by people claiming to be chimney sweeps? Scam artists use high pressure, aggressive sales tactics. These questionable contractors usually prey upon senior citizens and people living alone because they would rather deal with a lone decision maker who may be frightened by a potentially dangerous situation that "must be corrected immediately". They may also offer "special prices" that cannot be passed up because of huge savings.

If faced with a costly repair estimate, don't take one person's word for it. No reputable contractor should object to your getting a second opinion and obtaining several estimates. Before



Springfield kids got a chance to battle the flames at the Fire Department's second annual open house held on October 24th.

you let someone do any work, ask for a business card and references. Chimney contractors are required to have a home improvement license through NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. A building permit will be required if the proposed work exceeds a minor repair. The key to a safe chimney is to be informed. Please contact the Fire Department with any questions.

## SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPT RUNS TOYS FOR TOTS

We would like to thank all of you who donated toys for the 2008 Toys for Tots collection program, there were around 25,000 toys collected from our district.

The Springfield Fire Department, the Community Conference of Springfield Schools' Parent Groups, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve once again have joined forces for a successful Toys for Tots program and we are asking for your help.

Please help by making a donation of a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY or a financial donation to this worthy cause. Toys can be dropped off at the Fire Department or at the collection boxes in each school. Financial donations should be dropped off at the Fire Department or sent in an envelope to the attention of Alice Kerr, the Community Conference of Springfield Schools' Parent Groups Treasurer, at Walton School. All checks must be made payable to U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

Toys are collected for children up to the age of 15. Gift cards from Old Navy are also accepted. All Houses of Worship and Civic Organizations are asked to participate.

The drive kicks off on October 1st and will end for the season on December 11th. Firefighter Marc Corea, Toys for Tots Coordinator - Marc.corea@springfield-nj.us. Gloria P. Rego, CCSSPG President, Debbie Neher and Mindy Strauss CCSSPG Community Services Liaisons - ccsspg@gmail.com.



(above, l-r) Toys for Tots Coordinator, Firefighter Marc Corea, alongside Captain Frank Fiorelli and Firefighter Michael Mastroeni, accept a toy donation from 2 year old Michael Corea.

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**EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.  
Scrabble Night

Every Wednesday & Thursday Morning,  
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon  
Individual Assistance Searching the Internet, online  
databases and library catalog.  
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**NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 15th, 2:00 p.m.  
Ken Lelen Combo – Ragtime, jazz & swing  
Tuesday, November 17th, 11:00 a.m.  
Wii Bowling for Seniors  
Tuesday, November 17th, 12:00 p.m.  
Lunchtime Video— Based on novel by Rebecca Wells.  
Thursday, November 19th, 10:15 a.m.  
Great Books Discussion Group -  
The Theory of the Leisure Class by Thorstein Veblen  
Thursday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Trustees meeting  
Saturday, November 21st, 2:00 p.m.  
Investment Seminar: Researching,  
Evaluating & Monitoring Your Investments –  
Steve Percoco  
Monday, November 23rd, 10:00 a.m.  
Knit Wits Knitting Group  
Monday, November 23rd, 7:00 p.m.  
Documentary Film -  
Committee on Un-American Activities  
Wednesday, November 25th  
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR FURLOUGH DAY  
Thursday, November 26th  
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

**DECEMBER**

Tuesday, December 1, 12:00 noon  
Lunchtime Video  
Thursday, December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.  
Really Good Book Discussion Group –  
Fatal Journey: The Final Expedition  
of Henry Hudson by Peter C. Mancall  
Sunday, December 6th, 2:00 p.m.  
Concert – Rosewood & Rhythm  
Monday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m.  
Current Events Discussion Group  
Monday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m.  
Documentary Film Program –  
J. Edgar Hoover and the Great American Inquisitions  
Monday, December 10th, 10:15 a.m.  
Memoir Writing Group  
Thursday, December 10th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
International Film Festival – Tulpan (Russia)  
Monday, December 14th, 10:00 a.m.  
Knit Wits Knitting Group  
Tuesday, December 15th, 12:00 noon  
Lunchtime Video – Tom Cruise stars in Oliver Stone  
film on the aftermath of the Vietnam War.  
Thursday, December 17th, 10:15 a.m.  
Great Books Discussion Group  
Thursday, December 17th, 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Trustees  
Sunday, December 20th, 2:00 p.m.  
Piano Concert – Sophia Agranovich

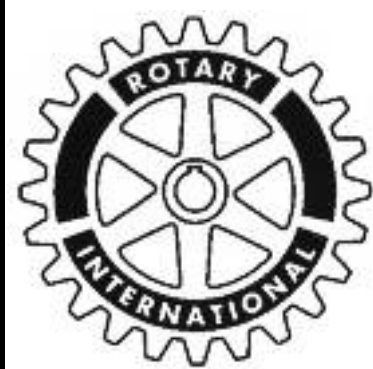
**LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

**Read to a Girl Scout!**  
First Wednesday of each month.  
Wed. Nov. 4 @ 3:30-4:30 or 6:30-7:30  
Call Youth Desk for appointment  
@ 973-376-4930 ext 232  
**Math Gym with Tim!**  
Drop in with your homework for help  
from our Math tutor!  
Sat. Nov. 7 @ 11am  
Mon. Nov. 16 @ 7:30pm  
Sat. Nov 21 @ 11am  
Mon. Nov. 30 @ 7:30pm  
**Growing Healthy Kids**  
**presented by Dr. Gary Hecht**  
Thurs. Nov. 12 @ 10:30 kids welcome!  
**Friday Afternoon Storycraft for ages 3+**  
Fri. Nov 13 and 20 @ 3:45-4:30  
**Teen PS2 Videogames**  
Wed. Nov. 4 and Wed. Nov. 18 @ 3:45-5  
**Teen Wii Videogames**  
Tues. Nov. 3 and 17 @ 3:30-4:45  
Sunday Nov. 22 @ 1-1:45  
**Mother/daughter Paper-making craft**  
**with Marcy ages 10 +**  
This is Part I of a collage craft  
(Part II is Sunday Dec 6)  
**“Music Together” Friday Nov. 27 @ 11**  
**(Day After Thanksgiving)**  
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and your child will enjoy developmentally appropriate  
songs, instrument play and movement activities.  
**“Creating Critters in Clay”**  
**Saturday Nov. 28 @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
Join artist Linda LaStella (whose work is on display in  
the Palmer Museum) for a hands-on workshop making  
forms out of clay. Ages 9+ with parent. Please register  
for this program at the Youth Desk.  
Artist reception follows until 5pm.  
**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30**  
Wed. Nov. 4 and 18.  
Tues. Nov 10 (with American Sign Language)  
Saturday Nov. 14 (with American Sign Language)  
Tuesday Nov. 24

**INDIVIDUAL TUTORING AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY**

The Library will continue its computer training program for adults on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, by appointment. Patrons can sign up for a half-hour session on basic computing skills. Stop by the Reference desk or call (937-376-4930, ext. 228) to make an appointment.  
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Arithmetic to Calculus! Math Gym with Tim meets two nights and two Saturdays per month. No appointments needed, just come in to sharpen your math skills and exercise your mind!  
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(above l-r) Scholarship Day committee members Don Lusardi; Scott Seidel, Rich Colandrea; Liz Fritzen, President Springfield First Aid Squad and William Koonz, Chairman.

The 52nd Annual Springfield Scholarship Day Tournament was held at Baltustrol Golf Course on Thursday August 27, 2009.

The Tournament is held every year at Baltustrol Golf Club. In 2009 the tournament donated \$22,000 in Scholarships to Jonathan Dayton High School Students and Baltustrol added another \$8,000, for a total of \$30,000. In

addition to the scholarships, the Committee donates to the Springfield PBA, FMBA and First Aid Squad and last year added the Springfield HOPE charity to its list of local recipients.

Those wishing to contact the Springfield Scholarship Day Tournament Committee can do so by writing,

P.O. Box 84, Springfield, NJ 07081.



[www.springfieldhope.com](http://www.springfieldhope.com)

Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just get by throughout the year, not only during the holiday season.

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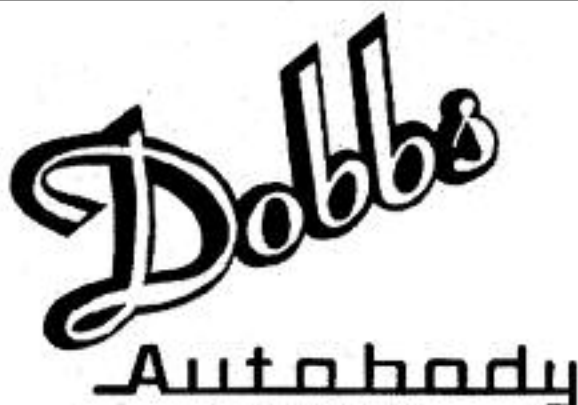
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