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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16**

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SPRINGFIELD'S FIREWORKS ROCK THE TOWN!



1910 Fruitgum Company Performs



John Ford Coley and the Cryers



An early evening shot of the crowd from the stage with hours to go before the fireworks began, rides in the background.



On Saturday evening July 4th, to a near record crowd of over 3,000 spectators, Springfield once again hosted its annual Fourth of July Celebration, Take Pride in Springfield. As usual, the Fourth of July Committee Chairmen Scott Seidel and John Cottage spent the day before, and the morning of, looking at various weather forecasts.

According to Cottage, "When I checked just days before, it was a perfect forecast. Then as the 4th approached, rain was introduced, and predicted to be constant all day and into the night." Seidel noted that "we prepared our postponement plan which involves moving the entire celebration to the next clear night - in this case, Sunday the 5th. It involves rescheduling two bands, including people who flew in from the west coast to perform, sound mixers, petting zoo, rides, food vendors and volunteers." "Not something we want to do if it can be at all avoided," stated Cottage, mentioning that "only once since Scott and I have been doing this since 1978 have we postponed the celebration and it was a mess--it's like doing it twice." At 10 am on the 4th the decision needed to be made, forecasts showed some rain but a potential for clearing in the early evening. The call was made to go on the 4th! It turned out to be a beautiful summer evening with cool temperatures and low humidity--perfect for the celebration.

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CO-CHAIRMAN OF SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER RETIRES

Patrick Paoella, long time Co-Chairman of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce has decided to retire from his position with the Chamber. Pat started the Springfield Chamber in 1997 along with Ron Kravitz of Kay's Hardware, as a subsidiary of the Gateway Regional Chamber and saw it through its transition to a stand alone Chamber in 2009 when it became the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce.

Pat has received numerous awards from the Springfield and Gateway Chambers over the years and had served on the Board of Directors and was elected Chairman of the Gateway Chamber in the mid 2000's. Pat has been a driving force in keeping the Chamber successful and on track. Pat was instrumental in the development of the Chamber's monthly newspaper, The Patriot Times, and he has been the Director of Advertising as well. Pat was a vice president with the Pulaski Savings Bank in Springfield and then with its successor bank, Kearny Federal Savings Bank, now Kearny Bank. Pat left Kearny in 2010 and even though he does not reside in Town, stayed with the Chamber to keep it growing, successful and a driving force in the community. We all wish Pat well and hope he continues to check in on us as he enjoys his retirement! He will be missed.



SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES BACK ED FANNING AS TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Fanning served the Township in that capacity from 2005 to 2010 and, over the years, had also served in several other capacities including member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Township Attorney, Township Committee, and Mayor. Ed was asked by a unanimous vote of the Township Committee to return as Administrator following the resignation of Anthony Cancro this past week. The position is an interim one in which he has agreed to provide stability and experience during the search for a new permanent Administrator. When asked in an exclusive interview by the Patriot Times, Mr. Fanning replied that he was happy to assist the Township and to renew old acquaintances with many friends he had made when he served in that capacity previously. He will be part of the search committee to replace him. It is expected that the process will be a thorough one taking several months.



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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

This year’s 4th of July concert and fireworks on Meisel field were some of the best I’ve seen in Springfield. As Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski and I walked around the field in the hours before the fireworks show, we met so many people and shared some great conversations with Springfield residents and also with many people from the surrounding area. When asked why they chose Springfield, almost everyone exclaimed what a great town we have and that our 4th is the best around. I took such great pride in hearing this. Knowing that people are recognizing the wonderful community in which we live is truly one of the best parts of being Mayor.

We continue to make progress on key projects in Springfield. Last month we accomplished two very momentous tasks in that the Township Committee finally passed two ordinances on downtown redevelopment. These ordinances now pave the way for the much needed rehabilitation of our Morris Avenue business district. Additionally, work has begun on cleaning up the Route 78 underpass and the State Department of Transportation has confirmed that they will begin work on the traffic lights along Morris Avenue shortly. All of this is part of the Morris Avenue Vision Plan that I’ve been working on for over two years and released earlier this year.

Flood mitigation efforts are progressing nicely as well. Our Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski has been working with Union County officials to clean up the stream along Meisel Field. Work crews have been onsite and much progress has been made. Additionally, plans are in the works for improving the field and track at Meisel.

Finally, I’d like to welcome back Edward Fanning as our Interim Township Administrator. Ed has served as Township Administrator for Springfield in the past and has also been our township attorney and member of the Township Committee. A long-time Springfield resident, Ed will be perfect filling this position while we search for a permanent replacement for outgoing Township Administrator Anthony Cancro. On that note, we wish Anthony Cancro all the best in his future endeavors.

On behalf of the Springfield Township Committee, I wish you a safe and happy summer. Also, I urge you to attend town hall meetings and bring your input to help us make the best decisions for our community. The Township Committee meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the Municipal Building. The Committee’s regular Tuesday meetings are televised (you can find the link at the municipal website <http://springfield-nj.us/>).

Have ideas? I’m always interested in hearing from you. Email me at david.barnett@springfield-nj.us so I can share your ideas with the Township Committee.

Your Mayor

David Barnett

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Joint meeting with the BOE Monday July 20 at 6:00 pm at JDHS media center followed by the Township Workshop at 7:30 pm in the Firehouse

Regular meeting Tuesday July 21, 7:30 at the Municipal Building **PLEASE NOTE: These will be the only meetings in July!**

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 COMMITTEE

Contact the Recreation Department for future meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

Music Fest

was postponed (due to rain)

from 7-9 until

Thursday 7-16

at

Patriot Park
(across from Town Hall)

Sponsored by the

Springfield Community Partnership (BID)

Bring your own chair and enjoy!

See information on page 3

Springfield

Business Improvement District

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC FEST

Live Outdoor Music
6:30-8:30pm

7/9, 7/23 & 8/6 at Patriot Park
and 8/20 at Echo Plaza

(Rain dates the following Thursday's)



July 9: QED
July 23: The Vaughns
Aug 6: Jerry Topinka
Aug 20: Vanessa Perea

ENJOY THESE DEALS on 7/9, 7/23, 8/6 & 8/20 (or respective rain dates)

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Dr. David B. Leventer, MD
251 Morris Ave – (973) 379-7979

Dr. Leventer's Ophthalmology practice is professional and very friendly. He is also specially trained in Cosmetic & Reconstructive Surgery of the eyelids, orbit, tear ducts, and face. Conveniently located in the center of town, his offices are comfortable and feature a retail eyeglass boutique with a wonderful selection. His staff is a pleasure, very knowledgeable and highly motivated to make you feel welcome and happy.

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Yes, the pizza is delicious (they have so many varieties!)... but don't forget about their great sandwiches, pasta and chicken, veal and seafood dishes! Whether it's a chicken parm hero or complete dinner, you'll be very satisfied... and quite full. They also cater!

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Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

Effective, June, 2015, the Springfield Municipal Court has changed the Monday Court Sessions to begin at 2:00 pm



REGISTER NOW FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE! SEPTEMBER 12-13

Back by popular demand, there will be a town-wide Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 12 - Sunday, September 13. Sale hours will be 9 am to 6 pm, except on September 13 when it will end at 3 pm. The garage sale dates are prior to bulk garbage pickups September 16 and 17 (depending on where you live), so what you don't sell, you can discard if you wish.

There is no registration or permit fee but we would like to post garage sale locations on the Township website (www.springfield-nj.us) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/springfieldtownshipnj). Please email your address to communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us or call Town Hall at 973-912-2285 so that we can post it.

This is a great opportunity to not only clean out your unwanted or unused items, but also to have a coordinated community event that welcomes people to explore our town and appreciate the Pride of Springfield!

If you have any questions about this event, please call us at 973-912-2285.

MAKING IT EASIER TO GET A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT IN SPRINGFIELD

The Township of Springfield is making it easier to apply for construction permits with a new cloud-based system called GovOnline.

The Township is implementing GovOnline to offer business owners, residents, and contractors the ability to apply for construction permits online, 24/7, from the comfort of their homes or offices. GovOnline also allows the Township staff to communicate with the applicants in real-time, facilitate internal reviews, streamline the application process, and improve transparency as the applicants can now track their application status online and receive alerts via phone and email. Springfield's Engineering Department, which oversees Building office and construction permits, is pleased to offer such a service to residents and valued customers.

"The need to make the construction permitting process easier, faster, and more efficient is essential in supporting the Township's vision to achieve real-

istic growth while maintaining a business-friendly municipality," according to Springfield's Mayor David Barnett. The online permitting system allows its users to submit their applications, make payments, and request inspections online. By doing so, this eliminates several trips and telephone calls to the department which only operates during certain office hours.

Contractors that manage hundreds of projects could use GovOnline to organize and track their projects for multiple clients throughout the entire project cycle.

"GovOnline will, over time, dramatically reduce the administrative workload for every construction permit request. The Construction office no longer has to re-enter the application information, which saves valuable time and resources," according to Sam Mardini, Springfield's Director of Engineering. In the near future, inspections can be captured using mobile devices while maintaining accurate and up-to-date records for each permit from start-to-finish.

The Springfield Engineering Department is also planning to expand the positive project experiences to include online zoning permit applications. To learn more about the Springfield's GovOnline permitting system, offered by enfoTech & Consulting, Inc., please visit <https://www.govonlinesaas.com/NJ/Springfield/Public/> or contact Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering at sam.mardini@springfield-nj.us.

THREE MORE RAIN GARDENS BEAUTIFY SPRINGFIELD

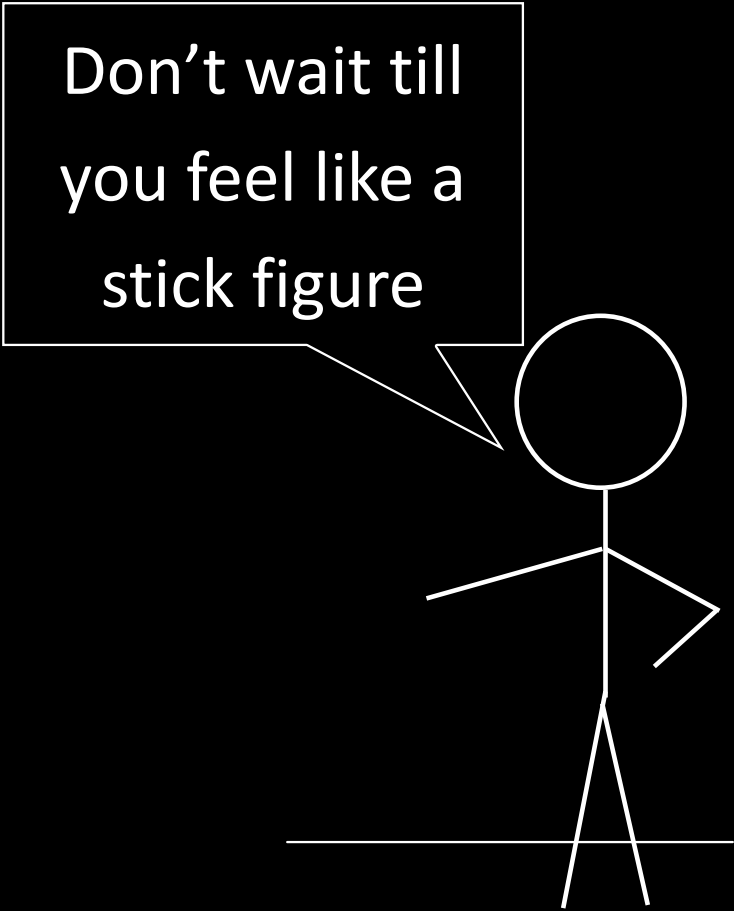
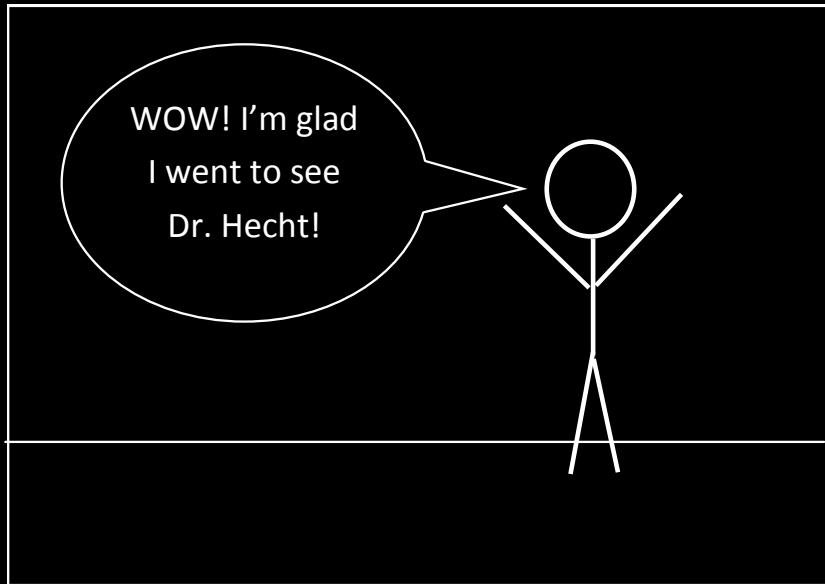
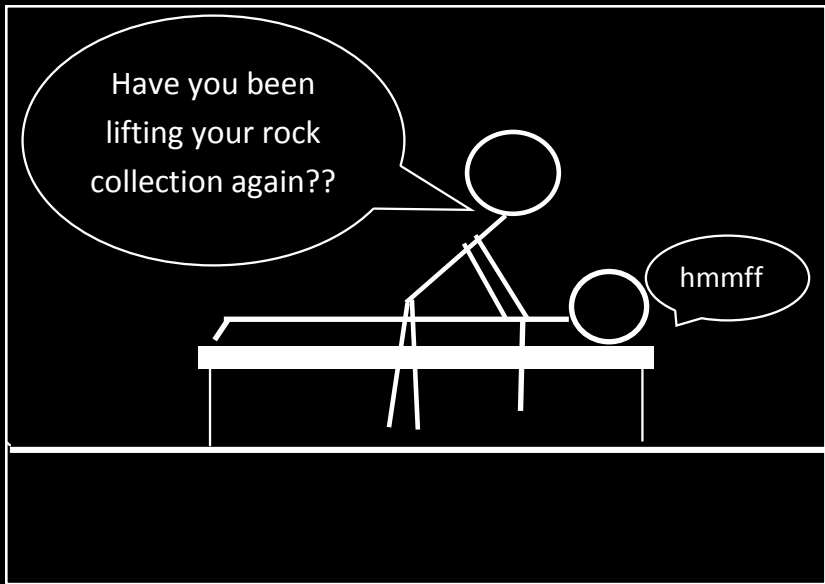
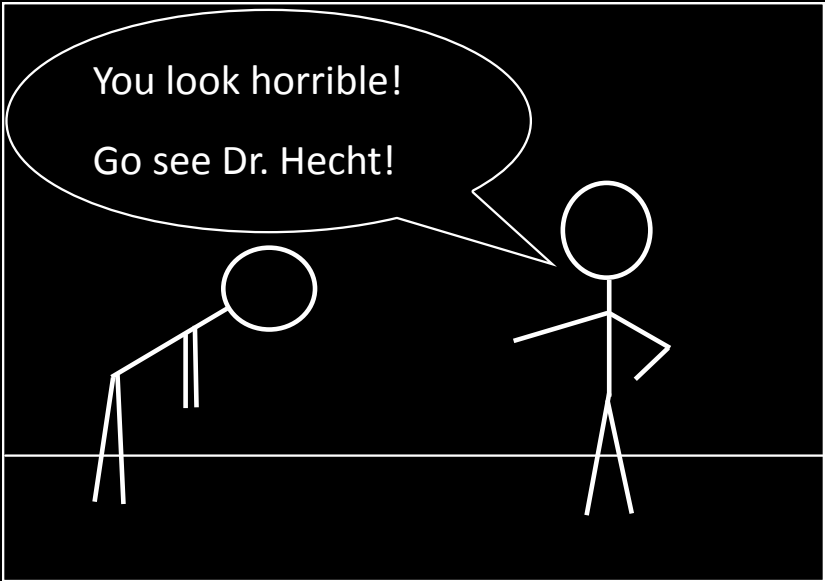
The new 3-part front rain garden at the Jonathan Dayton High School is a functional and educational celebration of water, stone, and plants as expressions of New Jersey's unique geographies. "The high school's three zone 'Jersey Rain Garden' represents the distinct types of geology and plant communities found across the state; moving from the higher ground near the main entrance (to the right) the rain garden portrays the landscapes of the Valley and Ridge and Highlands. The middle garden shows the Piedmont and the left hand, lower garden the Coastal Plain. Plant communities found in New Jersey's hardwood wetlands, floodplain forests, shrub wetlands, shallow emergent marshes and high salt marshes are represented along with types of geology found in each zone," according to Tobiah Horton, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist at Rutgers and designer of all the rain gardens recently built in Springfield as a result of the Township receiving a grant from Sustainable Jersey. All of the gardens have been collaborative construction projects involving townspeople, town workers, school participants, and heavy lifting by the DPW and the Board of Education Facilities crew.

The plants are native selections from the Pinelands Nursery in Columbus and Pleasant Run Nursery in Allentown. All of the stone (granite, limestone, sandstone and glacial erratics of various composition) is sourced locally from New Jersey quarries (supplied by Wicki Stone in Great Meadows), except basalt salvaged from the Springfield's own defunct Houdaille Quarry.



"Anthropogenic" or human-made stone is not ignored either, in the Piedmont garden (middle garden) an area of broken concrete or "urbanite" forms one of the weirs that control the flow of stormwater across the gardens. This construction in reused concrete (from the town transfer lot) demonstrates the "green infrastructure" concept of pavement removal or modification to reduce stormwater runoff and encourage infiltration. On average, the 3,100sf JDHS Jersey Rain Garden will capture and infiltrate the first 1.5 inches of rainfall (90% of all storms). This will prevent direct runoff and associated pollution, erosion and flood contribution of approximately 10.5 million gallons of stormwater annually into Van Winkle Brook and the Rahway River. Tested even before completion during last month inundation that flooded Mountain Avenue in front of Town Hall, the garden filled with water and fully drained as designed in less than 24 hours (the mosquito breeding cycle requires more than 72 hours of stagnant ponding). Beyond the stormwater function, it is hoped that the new garden will become a useful teaching tool as well as a unique, progressive, and inspiring daily welcome to students, teachers, and visitors.

"We are glad to partner with the Township of Springfield in building these beautiful rain gardens that illustrate three types of New Jersey geography and plant communities," according to Matt Clark Business Administrator for the Springfield Board of Education. Keep on the lookout for the final garden to be installed between Van Winkle's Brook and the parking lot for the Motor Vehicles Commission. As a rain garden/stream edge restoration, this next garden will invite visitors to consider the linked issues of impervious surfaces, channelized streams, and frequent flooding. "Springfield has a unique opportunity to invite its streams back into the fabric of daily life through edge enhancements that may also lessen impacts from heavy storm events. Green infrastructure such as rain gardens and edge improvements that consider flooding, access, and economic potential of redevelopment next to an environmental amenity could restructure the town's relationship to its many creeks and rivers," comments Rutgers' Horton.



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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

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This year, a new band was featured. John Ford Coley of the 70's group England Dan and John Ford Coley thrilled the crowd with songs like their smash hit from 1976 "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight." The 1910 Fruitgum Company, a regular in Springfield on July 4th, opened for Coley. Mick from the Fruitgum Company said, "it's like family when we come to Springfield. We love doing this show on the 4th here." Chamber of Commerce Secretary Elliot Merkin, who manned the "south gate," noted, "People are coming earlier each year to make full use of the rides for their kids. Where else for \$5 can your children ride the trackless train, go in the bounce house, use the water slide and ride a pony and pet the animals in the petting zoo as many times as they want between 5 pm and 9 pm? Then you get over two hours of music from two nationally recognized bands and a spectacular fireworks show! All for a \$5 donation!"

Wally Schultz, Deputy OEM Coordinator and the person in charge of logistics, told the Patriot "I am extremely pleased with how the event turned out. It was a safe event, which is our primary concern. My thanks to every volunteer, all the members of our Auxiliary Police, CERT Team members and Ham Radio operators who gave up their holiday to make this a great event for the Town."

The program is put together by the Fourth of July Committee of the Township of Springfield in conjunction with the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. The Springfield Fire Department, Department of Public Works and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad were on hand as well that evening. Seidel thanked the businesses that sponsored the show as well, JMK BMW and Fiat of Springfield, our major sponsor, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Cardinal Land Properties, Springfield Business's Improvement District, and Hecht Family Chiropractic of Springfield. In closing Seidel mentioned that they are already discussing next years show and anyone wishing to help out should contact the Springfield Office of Emergency Management at 973-376-1058 or email coordinator@springfield-nj.us.



Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad on site ready to help



SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT HONORED WITH "PROMISE OF ONE AWARD" AT KOMEN NORTH JERSEY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Springfield resident Ana Harper was honored with the Susan G. Komen North Jersey's "Promise of One Award" at Affiliate's May 20th Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Essex House in West Orange. The Promise of One award recognizes the power "one" person has to advance the Komen promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever. It is given to a volunteer who goes above and beyond the call of duty and consistently strives to further the position of the Affiliate within the community while keeping the mission at heart.



Tina Jacobs, Director of Community Health for Susan G. Komen North Jersey, (left) presents the "Promise of One Award" to Springfield resident Ana Harper at the Affiliate's Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 3rd.

Ana was 39-years old and 6-1/2 months pregnant with her 3rd child when she was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer in 2013. Her daughter Hanah heard her parents discussing the mounting medical bills, and was inspired to help.

Without telling her mother, 12-year-old Hanah initiated a one-month "Ribbon Pledge Campaign" at her school, St. James the Apostle School in Springfield, and raised \$600. Right before spring break, the school sent a check home with Hanah in an envelope with Ana's name on it.

Ana and her husband decided to donate the funds to Komen North Jersey, because, Ana said, "although we need it, we are sure that there must be someone out there who needs it more." She said that they wanted to make a difference, and that if by donating the money, one or two women would now have access to a mammogram, then it would be worth it.

Last November, Ana traveled to South Carolina and spoke with great power and conviction on behalf of Komen North Jersey at the Flash / Splash fundraiser sponsored by the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benefit Association and the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association to benefit our Affiliate. In April, she was one of the beautiful survivor models in the Fashion Show at Komen North Jersey's pre-race survivor event at Lord & Taylor Westfield.

Her daughter Hanah was one of this year's Kids for the Cure Ambassadors, representing Union County. Ana personally raised over \$2,000 for this year's Race for the Cure, and her team, Chase Life, raised almost \$6,000. Until there's a cure, Ana and her family have pledged to keep on fighting, to keep on "paying it forward."



Springfield resident Ana Harper poses with her whole family after receiving the Susan G. Komen North Jersey "Promise of One Award" at the Affiliate's Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 3rd.





Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. Each year an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who grill do it year-round, July is the peak month for grill fires.

To keep you and your family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:
 1. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
 2. Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).
 3. If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use. If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, and then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

When the grill is on:

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

Charcoal grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

The Township of Springfield is proud to announce that the Statewide Insurance Fund awarded it a Risk Control Grant of \$6,869.79 toward the recent purchase and installation of a door access security system and a closed circuit television camera monitoring system - both at the newly renovated Chisholm Community Center. Members of the Statewide Insurance Fund are eligible to receive up to 1% of the Workers Compensation and/or All Lines assessment, based on the purpose and benefit of the project. The Statewide Insurance Fund intends for the grant program to provide extra-budgetary resources for funding purchases designed to reduce the frequency or severity of employee injuries/illness, and or property and liability losses. The grant application was prepared by Assistant Recreation Director Heather Re and Recreation Director Adam Lieb, along with cooperation from other municipal departments.

Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this year's tournament to be held on **Monday, August 24, 2015** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. This year we are offering play on both upper and lower courses, please 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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

Meeting of Tuesday, June 23:

The meeting was held on the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.

At this meeting, an ordinance was read for the first time which will create a new Recreation Council; this will consist of representatives of the organized sports clubs, among others stakeholders (such as the Seniors), and will replace the previously appointed Recreation Committee. A check for a \$65,000 grant from the County was presented by Freeholder Vice-Chair Bruce Bergen. The funds will be used for a new Rain Garden at Municipal Lot No. 1 as well as other projects. Other resolutions included those for the purchase of new pump and ladder truck for the fire department (thanks to Chief Carlo Palumbo for his success in these negotiations), and a shared Animal Services agreement. The resignation of Anthony Cancro as Township Administrator was accepted and former Township Administrator Edward Fanning was appointed Interim Administrator. A resolution approving a conditional redeveloper agreement for the Morris Ave. lot was tabled.

PLEASE NOTE:

The next Township Committee meetings will be as follows:

**Monday, July 20 6:00 pm Joint meeting with the Board of Education
JDHS Media Center - 7:30 pm Workshop meeting at Firehouse**

Tuesday, July 21 7:30 pm Regular meeting at the Municipal Building

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE REGULAR MEETING IN JULY



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Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E. may call 973-467-3388



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times take just a few moments to read over these suggested tips on how to prevent your becoming a victim of a crime. While there is no fool proof way to guarantee that a crime is not committed against you, these tips may help protect you, your family, your property and personal identity information.

- Whether you leave your home for a day or only an hour remember to make sure to lock all doors and windows. Most house burglaries are commonly referred to as "break-ins" but burglars routinely walk around your home trying all doors and windows to see if one was inadvertently left unlocked so they do not have to break into your home. Remember that a closed window is not a locked window.

- Remember to always lock your car, especially in your driveway overnight and make sure the windows are closed. Cars in driveways become a frequent target of thieves who merely walk about residential areas late at night where they simply try door handles to find unlocked cars that they will then rummage through.

- Never leave valuables inside of your car overnight in your driveway as every year residents who have their cars burglarized, either by leaving it unlocked or by the thief forcing entry into it, will report the theft of cellular phones, wallets, handbags, laptop computers or tablets, cameras, GPS units and other valuables.

- Consider installing motion sensor lights around your home as an added deterrent.

- Be wary of persons at your door soliciting various types of home repair work as some may do a good job but many are just looking to con you out of your money. Some door-to-door thieves may try to con you into paying for home repairs that will wind up costing you more money to undo what they supposedly repaired. Others may try to lure you into your backyard under the guise of doing work on a neighbor's tree or requiring help retrieving a lost pet but these pretenses are done to afford additional suspects to enter your unlocked front door to commit thefts.

- You should not walk along the street or through parking lots, to or from your car, while using a smart phone as your attention is on the phone and not on the thief who will run up to snatch your phone, sometimes by physically assaulting you.

- Remember that whenever you receive a telephone call, an e-mail or a letter that indicates you have won some type of monetary prize, lottery or sweepstake and you are required to pay some type of fee to collect your prize winnings...this is a scam to con you out of money. Legitimate prizes require no payment of any fees.

- Be wary of e-mails you may receive from a bank you have a debit or credit card account with or a store where you may have used the card where the e-mail is to alert you to possible fraud on your debit or credit card account. Instead of blindly contacting the number listed on the e-mail or clicking on the supplied link you should contact your bank or the store via the numbers on your debit or credit card. Fraudsters will create very realistic looking e-mails

to con you into calling them under the guise of being your bank or a store in order to extract your full account number and or personal identity information.

- If you receive a telephone call from the IRS saying you need to pay some type of back tax immediately to avoid arrest, this is a scam. If the telephone caller says he or she is a law enforcement officer and you must immediately pay bail for a criminal charge signed against you or you will be arrested, this is a scam. If you receive a call indicating you failed to appear for jury duty and you need to pay a fine immediately or risk being arrested, this is a scam. No law enforcement or governmental agency will call threatening an arrest unless you make some type of payment where the requested payment demanded is to be made by either your debit or credit card account number or by your going to a store to purchase a prepaid MoneyPak card or to send your payment via a Money Gram or Western Union wire transfer. If you receive any of these types of calls, you should look up the telephone number for the supposed agency and contact the IRS or the police agency to verify if the call you received was legitimate. Remember that when an actual reason exists where a warrant will be issued for your arrest the only time you will be afforded an opportunity to pay your bail will be after you're arrested.

- If you receive a call from someone purporting to represent the electric company or the gas company where you are instructed to make a payment for an overdue bill or your service will be immediately shut off, you should get the information the caller gives you and look up the phone number yourself for the named utility company and contact them to verify if the call you received was legitimate.

- If you sell anything on-line or if you advertise any type of service or business on-line and you receive a check from a purported buyer or customer where the check is made out for more than the agreed upon price, AND you are requested to wire the overpayment back to the remitter, this is most likely a scam where the check you initially received is counterfeit. Ask your bank to examine the check.

- Be wary of telephone calls where you are told a relative, usually reported to be out of state or in a foreign country on vacation, has been involved in a motor vehicle accident or has been arrested and you are asked to wire money for bail or for hospital bills or to pay damages. Nowadays thieves will obtain names and other information for your relatives off of social media sites such as FaceBook to use when calling you. If you receive such a call merely get all of the contact information from the caller and hang up. Immediately call your relative who is supposedly on vacation in order to verify that the call you received is a scam.

These are just but a few tips on how to prevent some of the more prevalent crimes and scams that some township residents unfortunately fall victim to every year. If you are in doubt of a suspicious call, email, or person, please contact the police department so that an officer can meet with you to offer our assistance.



B'NAI B'RITH OF UNION COUNTY HONORS FIVE

On June 17, 2015, B'nai B'rith of Union County honored five local leaders at its 59th annual gala dinner dance held at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield, N.J. Pictured above are (l-r) Danielle Leah Ross, Esq. recipient of the Young Leadership Award, David Glass, recipient of the Keter Shem Tov Leadership Award, Mark Samuel Ross, Esq., Tri-State Region President and event chairman, Joseph Tenenbaum, President, Union County B'nai B'rith, Lisa Harris Glass, recipient of the Eshet Chayil Award, Stanley Kaish, recipient of the Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award, and Lois Kaish, recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award. The event raised funds for B'nai B'rith's numerous charitable endeavors. A donation will also be made to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in their honor.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF NEW JERSEY SUMMER GAMES



Springfield Police Detective James Mirabile and Officer Ryan Westover recently traveled to the College of New Jersey to volunteer their time at the Special Olympics of New Jersey Summer Games. They are seen here congratulating Springfield resident AJ Wisniewski after his team won the gold medal in their 4 X 25 meter freestyle relay. AJ swims and also plays soccer and basketball with the New Jersey Hawks. His team brought home gold this past spring after reaching the state finals of the spring games in Wildwood.

During the three day event, AJ also placed 4th in his individual 25 meter freestyle and took gold in his 25 meter backstroke breaking his personal best time by 3 seconds. These events would not be possible without all of the great volunteers like Detective Mirabile and Officer Westover, as well as Springfield residents Steve and Corinne Jamnik, who also volunteered their time working at the Olympic Village.

The athletes and their families greatly appreciate all of their service because these events would not be able to take place without the hard working volunteers.

— Springfield Presents Our: —

FREE Summer Concert!

starring:



The Toys
featuring Barbara Harris

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**MONDAY
AUGUST 17, 2015
7:00 PM**

**Jonathan Dayton
High School
Auditorium**

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this summer (ages 4-12). More information and on-line registration are available at: <http://play.tga.com/unioncounty>.

Springfield Basketball Association
Youth Open Gym 2015 (Coach Supervised)



WHERE: Chisholm Community Center
WHEN: Sundays, July 26th-November 29th
TIMES: 9:00-10:00 am (5th-6th grade girls) 10:00-11:00 am (3rd-4th grade boys)
COST: \$25 per child. Checks payable to Springfield Basketball Association (SBA) Return form and payment to SBA, PO Box 1353, Springfield, NJ 07081
WHO: Springfield residents and students who attend school in Springfield
WHAT: Volunteer coach-led drills, skills, shoot arounds, pick-up games
QUESTIONS: Email springfieldnjbasketball@gmail.com

2015 Springfield Lacrosse Club
Free Summer Clinic!!

New Lacrosse Players in Grades K-8
Meisel Field, Springfield
Tuesday Evenings July 21 – August 11
Grades K - 3 • 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
Grades 4 - 8 • 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

No equipment required, but bring a stick if you have one.

Brought to you by the super-fun coaching staff of the Springfield Lacrosse Club.
Questions please contact Danielle McLeer at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

Girls Lacrosse
Clinics with
Krysta Cento
Summer 2015

Krysta Cento is a 2015 graduate of Drew University where she scored over 300 career points and achieved three-time All Conference First Team 3 Drew Woman of the Year, set a season assist record, and three-time Regional All American. Her summer 2015 sessions will teach basic-to-intermediate skills for girls learning the game of lacrosse in a friendly and constructive environment!

The program is open to girls ages 8 and older. Required equipment includes goggles and mouth guard. Bring your own stick, or we will loan one to you.
Clinic dates are Tuesday, July 14th and Wednesday, August 19th, from 6:15-7:45 pm at Meisel Avenue Park. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule clinics. No refunds will be provided.
Cost is \$20 per clinic. Each clinic teaches skills and techniques that are stand-alone, or can build on attendance to both clinics.
Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield> Checks payable to Township of Springfield.

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



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>.



TRIATHLON SPRINGFIELD 2015

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| Date: Sunday, September 6, 2015 | | Distances: | | | |
| Location: Springfield Community Pool 44 Morrison Road | Age | Swim | Bike | Run | |
| | 5-6 | 15 yds | 1/4 mile | 1/4 mile | |
| | 7-8 | 25 yds | 1/2 mile | 1/2 mile | |
| | 9-10 | 50 yds | 1 mile | 3/4 mile | |
| | 11-12 | 100 yds | 2 miles | 1 mile | |
| Time: Registration/Body Marking: 7:00-7:50 am First Wave: 8:00 am | | Cost: \$25 for Springfield residents \$35 for non-residents | | | |
| Ages: 5-12 — Each age group will start separately Training wheels allowed up to age 7 | | | | | |

All questions and to volunteer please email Danielle McLeer at: Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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CARDIO TENNIS:

Burn calories in a fun and social atmosphere.

Ages: Adult
Dates: June 22-August 3
Day: Every Monday
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Price: \$140



WEEKLY CLASSES:

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

All players must provide own racquet.

ADULT TENNIS:

Rallying, serving, volleying and match play.

Ages: Adult
Dates: June 22-August 3
Day: Every Monday
Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Price: \$140

SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS WEEKLY

SUMMER CLASSES

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs
Dates: June 22-August 3
Day: Every Monday
Time: 4pm - 5 pm / 5:15pm - 6:15 pm / 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Chisholm Park
Price: from \$135

WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

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

SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs / 8-11 yrs
Week starting: 8/24, 8/31
Days: Monday - Friday
Time: 9 am - 4 pm / 9 am - 12:30 pm / 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm / 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Chisholm Park
Price: Ranging from \$60-\$209

WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

(attend everyday for a full week)

Follow, Friend or Favorite

Follow, friend or favorite us to hear all about our programs, receive special offers and discounts, and enter to win great prizes.

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, dates, and times.

CHISHOLM OFFERS TEEN NIGHTS TWICE WEEKLY. After a break for construction at the Chisholm Community Center, Teen Nights are now open to Springfield 6th-12th graders on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Over the summer, Teen Nights are held on Monday and Thursday nights. Teens are welcome to drop-in for basketball, volleyball, lounge games (pool, air hockey, and foosball), TV, and studying. The program is free and is supervised by Springfield Recreation Department staff members. Teens must sign-in at the lobby reception desk and leave emergency contact information. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 for more information.

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP – SUMMER 2015

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 #3: July 13th-July 17th
- Week #4: July 20th-July 24th
- Week #5: July 27th-July 31st
- Week #6: August 3rd-August 7th
- Week #7: August 10th-August 14th
- Week #8: August 17th-August 21st

TIMES: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

FEES: Resident first child: \$40 per week • Resident additional child: \$35 per week
• Non-Resident child: \$50 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

BRICKS 4 KIDZ SUMMER CAMP IN SPRINGFIELD SUMMER 2015



(8/10 – 8/14).....1:00 – 4:00 pm Mining and Crafting featuring Minecraft®

Minecraft® is a game about placing blocks to build anything you can imagine. Experience the world of Minecraft® with LEGO® Bricks in this fun summer camp! Campers will be challenged to create their own Minecraft® world in real life by crafting shelters, mobs, critters, tools and constructing Bricks 4 Kidz proprietary 3-D Minecraft® figures and motorized LEGO® models. So, are you ready for the challenge?

(8/17 – 8/21).....1:00 – 4:00 pm Superhero Academy

Join Bricks 4 Kidz for a week of building Superheroes with LEGO® bricks. Come and explore all the caped crusaders and discover their super powers. Together, the campers will create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil arch enemies with custom contraptions made with LEGO® bricks - both motorized models and 3-D superhero figures.

Location: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Ages: 5-11 Camp Schedule & Costs

1:00 PM – 4:00PM (\$160 per week)

Note: For campers at Chisholm playground camp, there will be supervised lunch session from 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Parents please pack lunch for the campers.

Please register at www.bricks4kidz.com/cnj

For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at www.bricks4kidz.com/cnj (908) 866-1066 or (908) 616-0492



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-1:00 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.

Sign up for Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips on the bulletin board at the Chisholm Community Center. These trips are for members only. Join the club!

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SATURDAYS 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY (JUNE 1 - SEPT 30) CLOSED

Our programs are free and open to the public, no matter what town or county you live in!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by and drop in! 7/14, 7/24, and 7/28. Continuing in August – 8/19, 8/21 and 8/25.

Storytime Yoga! –Slither like a snake & roar like a lion with Miss Carly, certified yoga instructor. **Fridays 7/17, 7/31, 8/14, & 8/28 @ 10:30am.** Ages 2 and up with caregiver.

Campfire Stories – Scare yourself chilly around our indoor campfire! Join us for a fun and creepy story time. **Monday and Thursday evenings @ 7:30pm.**

Wii Games – Wednesdays in July & August @ 4:00-5:30PM. Ages 6 to 11.

Lego Club - Continues weekly in July & August on Tuesdays @ noon-2:00. Ages 6 and up.

Karate Kickers – Mondays July 13, 20, 27, & August 3 @ 11:00 am. Learn basic Karate movement in fun relays with Master Andrew of USA Karate & Fitness. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Storycraft is BACK! - Hear a great story and make something fun! Ages 3-7 w/ caregiver. **Tuesdays (7/21, 8/11 & 8/18) @ 11am AND Thursdays (7/9, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20) @ 11am.**

Family movies: Escape the heat and come to the movies at the library. Bring your own snack! **Wednesdays @ 2:00pm.**

Puppets and More! – A fun puppet show presentation perfect for ages 2 to 5 w/ a caregiver. **Thurs. July 16 & Tues. August 4 @ 10:30am.**

TEENS:

Duct Tape Crafts – Alternating Thursdays @ 4pm. Drop in to make something amazing out of wacky duct tape! 7/23, 8/6, & 8/20. Ages 10+

Paper Mache! – July Mondays @ 12pm. Come get creative and build a mask or a hat out of paper mache! Space is limited, so sign up at the Youth Services Desk! Ages 10+

Sew a Sachet – Members of Girl Scout Troop #40739 are coming to the library to lead this introductory sewing class. Learn how to make a sachet! Space is limited, so sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Ages 8-14.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)– Earn volunteer hours and make your voices heard by joining TAB. From developing programs just for teens to helping the library select books you'd like to read, TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **July 13 & 27 @ 4pm.**

Monday Night Teen Movies! – Grab a snack and your BFF and head to the library for our Monday movie nights! Some movies are PG-13 – so grab a permission form at the Youth Services desk. Movies start between 6 and 7pm depending on the length of the movie.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

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

SAVE THE DATES

Karate Kickers – Mondays July 13, 20, 27, & August 3 @ 11:00 am. Learn basic Karate movement in fun relays with Master Andrew of USA Karate & Fitness. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Summer Reading @ Your Library! We have the Springfield Schools' summer reading list books, so come in and check out a bagful! Use the Self-Check-Out in the Youth Department to avoid lines at the Circulation Desk!

Ask your librarians for recommendations for good books—we read them, too, from Board Books to Young Adult (and Adult).

We give prizes for reading! Keep track of what you're reading in your Library Reading log and each time you come to the library (and have read more books) you can rummage through our Treasure Chest for a prize. Fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win a GRAND Prize! You could win an iPad Mini! A Kindle! Gift Cards and MORE.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, July 17th
Chair Yoga with Pamela Nixon.

June 29th thru July 30th
Art Exhibit by Linda Howe.

August 10th thru August 12
Friends of the Library Book Sale.

LECTURES

Monday, July 13, 7:00 pm
“Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters”- the seminar by NJ Chapter of Alzheimer's Association.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, July 16th, 10:00 am
Great Books Discussion - “A Simple Heart” by Gustav Flaubert.

Thursdays, July 23rd & August 13th, 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group.

FILMS

Thursday, July 16th, 1:00 and 6:45 pm
International Film – PRIDE (2014), in English.

Monday, July 20th, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film –
ROBIN WILLIAMS RETROSPECTIVE: Mr. Williams plays a new teacher at an old established prep school where he introduces his students to new ways of looking at poetry and life.

Thursday, July 23th, 1:00 and 7:00 pm
International Film – LAND HO! (2014), in English.

Thursday, July 30th, 1:00 and 7:00 pm
International Film – TIMBUKTU (2014), in French with English subtitles.

Monday, August 3rd, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film –
ROBIN WILLIAMS RETROSPECTIVE: Williams plays a doctor in a Bronx psychiatric hospital circa 1969 who gets amazing results helping catatonic patients, through painstaking treatment and guidance. Robert DeNiro plays Mr. Williams' first and most challenging patient.

Thursday, August 6th, 1:00 and 7:00 pm
International Film – ZERO MOTIVATION (2014), in Hebrew with English subtitles.

Thursday, August 13th, 1:00 and 6:45 pm
International Film – WILD TALES (2014), in Spanish with English subtitles.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am
Knits Wits Knitting Group

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, I pads, I phones and more), no appointment necessary.

FRIENDS BOOK SALE SAVE THE DATES AUGUST 10-12

The Annual Friends of the Springfield Library Book Sale will be Monday – Wednesday, August 10 - 12, 2015 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

There will be a preview sale on Monday, August 10 from 10am – noon for members of the Friends. Memberships will be accepted the day of the sale and start at \$10. The Public Sale will begin at noon on August 10. Sale hours are: Monday, August 10 noon – 8pm, Tuesday August 11 10am – 4pm, and the sale will end with a Bag Sale on Wednesday August 12 10am – 4pm. Each filled bag will cost \$5 and the Friends will provide the bags.

Donations for the sale will be accepted at the Library July 18-Saturday August 8. All donations should be clean, well kept, hard cover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's, or educational toys. Donations may be brought to the library's Circulation Desk. Please place large donations in small to medium sized cartons. Books in poor condition, “Readers Digest” Condensed books, and text books are not saleable and will not be accepted. Donations of fine and costume jewelry, recent popular magazines, and paperback books are accepted at the Circulation Desk all year long.

The sale will also include a selection of costume jewelry. Please note that the Friends Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 2-4, 2015.

Volunteers to assist with the Book Sale setup, sale, and cleanup are needed starting Monday, August 3. Those interested in helping with the sale should call Bill Holmes at 973-379-9637 or email him at global3032@yahoo.com.

UNION COUNTY AWARDS SPRINGFIELD \$65,000 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Township of Springfield received a \$65,000 grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 18, 2015 for their application to the 2015 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Program.

According to Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski, "This County grant will fund three critical projects that will improve our downtown areas which the Township has been focusing on the last few years. We are very grateful to the County for seeing the value of these projects."



(l to r) Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Chairman, Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Vice Chairman, Sam Mardini, Springfield Director of Engineering, Margaret Bandrowski, Deputy Mayor, Anthony Cancro, Springfield Township Administrator and Christopher Hudak, Freeholder.

The projects include:

1. Downtown Bus Shelter Renovation and Streetscape Improvement - The bus shelter is located at the corner of Morris Ave and Mountain Ave in Springfield. It is a highly visible and used bus shelter which is in serious need of replacement and reconstruction. The funding will be used for the design of a new bus shelter, demolition of the existing bus shelter, replacement of damaged sidewalk and curb work, new landscaping and new bus shelter(s).

2. Riverwalk Rain Garden Improvement Project - The Township received a grant for the Together North Jersey, Connecting People, Places and Potential, Morris Avenue Vision and Mobility Plan, which the County assisted in preparing and supported. The grant promotes: traffic calming and traffic flow; pedestrian/bicycle improvements; stormwater management and sustainable infrastructure; relocation/improvements for traffic stops, all intended to create a more "walkable downtown." To implement one of the recommendations, a portion of the Van Winkle Brook along Mountain Avenue will be cleared. This project is called the "Riverwalk Rain Garden Improvement Project." The Township is requesting Infrastructure Aid funding to build a rain garden in the rear section of what the Township calls Lot 1, adjacent to the NJ Division of Motor Vehicles on Center and Hanna Streets. The stream embankments will be cleared of invasive species and replaced with native stream bank vegetation on both sides, and the streetscape area will be landscaped to make an attractive streetscape/riverwalk pedestrian walkway. The rain garden will help with excessive water flow from parking Lot 1 into the garden and not into the storm sewer system. Several bike racks and benches will also be installed along the walkway.



Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen and Mayor David Barnett

3. Decorative Garbage and Recycling Containers for Downtown - The Township will install decorative garbage and recycling containers in the downtown areas along Morris and Mountain Avenues, replacing old and unsightly containers. The Township will purchase 30 garbage and recycling containers to be used in both avenues of the downtown.

The \$1,500,000 County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant initiative was made available as a result of the sale of the county-owned Runnells Hospital. Funding was made available to twenty-one municipalities in the County of Union on a competitive basis.

CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION RAISES \$1 MILLION FOR COUNT BASIE THEATRE ENDOWMENT AT BALTUSROL



Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron, CLF co-founders, matched each donation from the event, dollar for dollar. Since its first year in 2003, CLF's Charity Golf Classic has raised more than \$6.5 million to improve the lives of countless individuals.

At its 12th Annual Charity Golf Classic on June 29 at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ, the Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF) raised a record \$1 million for Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, this year's beneficiary. Each year, CLF selects a different nonprofit organization as the beneficiary of its signature event. Since the first event in 2003, CLF has devoted the Golf Classic's proceeds to a single organization that works to improve and enhance communities

Care about Springfield? Join the Springfield CERT Team

Springfield Office of Emergency Management
200 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081
973-467-3388 oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us



The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Business Improvement District jointly presented Anthony Cancro with a Plaque at their June 16th and 18th meetings. The Plaque read "Presented to Anthony Cancro, Springfield Administrator, for his tireless support and dedication to furthering the Springfield Downtown Redevelopment Project, our organizations and for making Springfield a better place to live and work".



Mayor David Barnett presents Anthony Cancro with a plaque and "Township Mug" from the Township at the June 23, 2015 Township Committee meeting.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015

The Township of Springfield and Springfield's Public Safety Departments invite the public to participate in the 31st annual National Night Out celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 6pm at Meisel Park. National Night Out is an event 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. The public will have an opportunity to meet many of Springfield's First Responders and view an array of emergency vehicles and equipment. Held in conjunction with Union County, there will be a variety of family activities, entertainment, refreshments, and live public safety demonstrations. At the conclusion of the celebration, a viewing of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day will be presented as a part of Union County's Family Fun and Flix summer entertainment series. This is a 2014 American comedy film directed by Miguel Arteta from a screenplay written by Rob Lieber. The film stars Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner, and Ed Oxenbould, and is loosely based on Judith Viorst and Ray Cruz's 1972 children's book of the same name. For more information about National Night Out, call 973-912-2217 or email Sergeant Jon Rachel at jonathan.rachel@springfield-nj.us or visit the National Night Out website: <http://natw.org>.



SENIORS GATHER FOR FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

On Thursday, June 18th, senior citizens gathered at the Chisholm Community Center for a Father's Day lunch sponsored by the Recreation Department. The free program was organized and hosted by Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator. Guests were treated to a meal of sandwiches, wraps, pickles, cole slaw, pasta salad, chips, ice cream cake, soda, and coffee. With background music setting the festive mood, guests were able to meet new friends and talk about their families.

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Angelina Robledo
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Kennedy Kwinta
Grace Roethlin

SECOND HONORS

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SECOND HONORS

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Samuel Ilagan
Nicholas Musico
Roselyn Ortiz
Adelina Pinho
Pascale Simmons

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