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SPRINGFIELD NAMES JAMES SANFORD NEW FIRE CHIEF

On August 1, 2008 James Sanford became Springfield's 20th fire chief. Mayor Bart Fraenkel said of Sanford "The Township Committee feels very confident that Chief Sanford is the right man to head our fire department and that he has great leadership qualities. It is with great pleasure that we were able to promote someone from within our department who displays integrity and intelligence."

Sanford grew up in Mountainside and moved to Springfield in 1992. He began his career in firefighting by serving on the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department from 1985 to 1998.

Chief Sanford joined the Springfield Fire Department in 1989 as a Firefighter/EMT and spent 10½ years as Firefighter in Charge. He also has worked for five years as a fire instructor with the Morris County Fire Fighters Training Academy. He was promoted to Captain on April 26, 2005. When Chief Masiello retired, Sanford was promoted to Deputy Chief, acting as Chief starting on April 24, 2008. Sanford received a full promotion to Fire Chief on August 1st.

Sanford Graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School and has a Bachelor of Science in Management Science from Kean College of New Jersey and an Associate in Applied Science, Fire Science from Union County College as well as many certifications from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

Chief Sanford has been an active member of the James Caldwell School PTA since 2003, Emerald Society of Essex County for two decades and Mountainside Elks Lodge 1585 since 2005.

Chief Sanford's top priorities are to build a new leadership team, set priorities and goals, and develop an action plan to move the Springfield Fire Department forward.



(above) As his daughter, Kaitlyn holds the Bible, James Sanford is sworn in as Fire Chief, by Township Clerk, Kathleen Wisniewski.

ALLSTATE OF SPRINGFIELD HAS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE ITS NEW OWNERSHIP



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(left, l-r) Brian Richard of Allstate, Bill Ballinger, President of Allstate New Jersey, Mayor Bart Frankel of Springfield, James Fitzsimmons, Agency Owner and John Randis CLU, Agency Manager.

EVERYBODY'S READING THE PATRIOT

By now everyone should have had a chance to read our first edition of the Springfield Patriot. Everyone we have talked to is excited and pleased with the first edition.

This is our second edition and over 7,500 copies were printed and mailed to every household and business in Springfield. It appears from the feedback we have received from the first edition the Springfield Patriot is becoming the number one source of Springfield news and events for the residents and businesses of Springfield.

The content in the paper and support from the business advertisers has been overwhelming.

We believe from the comments and support given to our first edition the void that has been left by the various local publications which have consistently failed to publish the many positive news items occurring in the Township has been met head on and effectively by the publication of the Springfield Patriot.

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(above) Pat and Mark Hurwitz, Revolutionary reenactors, at the historic Cannonball House.

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Message from the Mayor



I am proud to welcome everyone to the second edition of the Springfield Patriot. It is my pleasure to report that every single person who commented on our town's new paper had very positive things to say.

The purpose of this paper is to provide facts and information to the residents of Springfield. So with that in mind, I would like to let everyone know of some events and projects that are being reviewed by the township committee.

First, it has been brought to our attention that the historic Cannonball House is in need of major repairs. The house is the property of the Historical Society, and they are currently looking into what the cost will be to make the repairs. Since the township committee cannot provide funding for this, on behalf of the Historical Society, I would like to ask that anyone interested in helping through donations, or any other means, contact Margaret Bandrowski, of the Society, at 973-376-4784. Hopefully, if we all work together, we can preserve this valuable piece of our town's history.

Second, the township committee has made a concerted effort to begin beautifying Springfield by allocating more money toward fixing the infrastructure of our town. We are paving more roads and hope to begin with our plan to systematically place decorative crosswalk pavers at various locations throughout town. We were planning on the crosswalk pavers program to begin in September on Mountain Avenue and Caldwell Place; however the county is now suggesting we wait until next year when they repave Mountain Avenue. A decision will be made in the coming weeks as to how we will proceed.

The township committee is also actively communicating with the major property owners on Morris and Mountain Avenues, to develop plans with them for improvements in those areas. We have already met with them once to discuss what the town can do to encourage them to incur the expense of these improvements.

And finally, the township committee was approached about one year ago by a private group who asked for permission to build a multi-purpose turf field in front of Dayton High School through private funding. Since the area in which they are interested in building is owned by both the Board of Education and the township, it will take a cooperative effort for this to occur. But beyond that, it is the steadfast belief of the township committee that this undertaking must be presented to us in a logical and pragmatic manner. This means that the funding for this project cannot come from taxpayer dollars, either during the construction phase or thereafter. And based on that, the township committee provided the group with a list of questions that we need answered to our satisfaction before we can provide our approval.

I can say without any hesitation that the majority of the township committee, if not everyone, is fully behind this project as long as it is presented in the manner I have explained above. We do not believe the taxpayers of Springfield should be burdened with an additional expense, but we also recognize the value and benefit a turf field facility could bring to our town. It is our responsibility to represent every resident of Springfield which is why we insist on this project being presented with detailed planning and financials.

I look forward to seeing more people attend our township meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. And I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and we can now look forward to the changing of the leaves in fall.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel

A WONDERFUL EVENING WITH THE AUGUST SYMPHONY

The August Symphony Orchestra, directed by founder Martin W. Sklar, performed on Sunday, August 17, 2008 at Jonathan Dayton High School.

The Orchestra, in its fourth season, is a New Jersey based group of extraordinary musicians composed of amateurs, professionals, students and retirees.

(right, l-r) Marin Sklar with Amy Smith from Westfield who plays first violin.



(top) The audience of mostly Springfield residents included (above, l-r) Dan and Sue Kalem escorted by their grandson Andrew Funcheon, a student at Juillard.

(left, l-r) Volunteers from Springfield, Elizabeth Anderson, Helen Smink and Katie Knight are joined by Mary Jean Monahan and Mary Shoffner, from Bloomfield.



TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETINGS
Mondays preceding Tuesday meeting, Annex Building

PLANNING BOARD
1st Wednesday, 8 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, 8 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Annex 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.
September 8 & 22

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:
Sept 18
October 2,16, 30
November 13, 29
December 11, 27

CURBSIDE GRASS COLLECTION
Thru Oct 24

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL
September 24-25
December 17-18

GOLFER MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE AND WINS A BMW AND \$20,500 IN CASH!!!

Don Giavanello scored a Hole-In-One at the 51st Annual Springfield Mayor’s Day Golf Tournament held at Baltusrol Golf Course on Thursday, August 28, 2008. “This is the first time anyone has had a hole in one at our Tournament in its 51 year history”, quoted Golf Committee Chairman Bill Koonz. Koonz added that Mr. Giavanello will receive a 2008 BMW 328 from JMK Auto Sales of Springfield who sponsored the hole with the car as well as \$20,000 in cash from America’s Insurance Company and a \$500 cash award from Springfield Acura. Each year Autoland, Springfield Acura and JMK sponsor a hole. This year there were two cars from Autoland and one each from Springfield Acura and JMK Auto. Autoland and Acura will get their cars back!!

Mr. Giavanello made this historic shot on the 16th hole of the lower course at a distance of 165 yards.

“The Tournament is held every year at Baltusrol Golf Club. In 2007 the tournament donated \$22,000 in Scholarships to Jonathan Dayton High School Students and Baltusrol added another \$8,000, for a total of \$30,000” stated Koonz. In addition to the scholarships, the Committee donates to the Springfield PBA, FMBA and First Aid Squad and just this last week, added the newly formed Springfield HOPE charity to its list of local recipients.

Those wishing to contact the Springfield Mayor’s Day Golf Committee can do so in writing, PO Box 84, Springfield, NJ 07081.



above, l-r) Mayor’s Day Committee members Scott Seidel and Rich Colandrea, JMK BMW Sales Manager Sal Gerbino, Don Giavanello, and Mayor’s Day Committee members Don Lusardi, Sr. and Bill Koonz.

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(above, l-r) Howard Becker, Vice President, Investor Savings; Roza Nedelkova, Vice President, Investor Savings; Michael A. Davino, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools; Elizabeth Cresci, Principal of Jonathan Dayton High School and Kevin Cummings, CEO, Investors Savings Bank.

The Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, which gives charitable grants to support community enrichment programs in the neighborhoods the bank serves, has awarded a \$12,000 grant to the Springfield Public Schools.

The school system, which encompasses five schools for children in grades Pre-K through 12, will use the grant to acquire SMART boards for Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue. SMART boards are interactive displays that enable teachers seamlessly to combine projected computer presentations with a traditional whiteboard approach. Using the touch-sensitive whiteboard, teachers can control computer applications and even take notes in digital “ink” that can be saved for later review.

In addition to the SMART boards, the grant funds will enable the school system to purchase various accessory equipment for the displays,

such as projectors, stands, and wireless technology.

“The generosity of the Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation will help enliven our academic programs,” said Elizabeth Cresci, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School. “Thanks to the support of organizations like Investors, public school students and their teachers have an opportunity to benefit from exciting new technologies for education.”

“The Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation proudly supports youth programs and educational initiatives,” said Kevin Cummings, president and CEO of Investors Savings Bank. “We’re glad to play a role in enhancing the Springfield Public Schools’ long tradition of academic excellence.”

More information about the Springfield Public Schools is available online, at www.springfieldpublicschools.com.

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FAZIO, MANNUZZA, ROCHE, TANKEL, LAPILUSA, LLC DRESS 4 MS



Members of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC, Springfield, participated in their first Dress 4 MS Jean Day to raise awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. FMRTL members were encouraged to wear denim along with the MS signature orange color in exchange for a \$5 donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Pictured on Dress 4 MS Jean Day are members of the firm who helped raise over \$800.

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STUDENTS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

Superintendent, Mr. Michael A. Davino announced that on Thursday, September 4, 2008, the students of Springfield Public Schools reported to their classes for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Professional staff took part in professional development on Tuesday, September 2nd and Wednesday, September 3rd. The custodial and groundskeeping staff had been working diligently through the summer to have the buildings ready for the students' first day.

Dr Susie Hung is the principal at the Walton School which serves the district's pre-kindergarten through second grade. Please call 973-376-1025, ext 2556 to reach the Walton School. Mr. Michael Antolino is the principal at the Sandmeier School which serves grades third through fifth and Mr. David Rennie is the principal at the Caldwell school which serves the same grades. Sandmeier School can be

reached at ext. 3497 and Caldwell School can be reached at ext. 4499.

Mr. Timothy Kielty is the principal at the Gaudineer Middle School which serves all sixth through eighth graders and can be reached at ext. 1222. Mr. Michael Plias is the Gaudineer Middle

School supervisor. Mrs. Elizabeth Cresci is the principal and Mr. Norman Francis is the assistant principal at the Jonathan Dayton High School which serves all ninth through twelfth graders and the high school office can be reached at ext. 5200.

Start and end times for each building in the 2008-2009 school year remain the same as last year:

	EVW (PreK only)	EVW (K-2)	JC/TLS (3-5)	FMG (6-8)	JDHS (9-12)
Drop Off Time	AM Session 8:35 am	8:35 am	8:25 am	7:35 am	7:30am
Start Time	AM Session 8:50 am	8:50 am	8:40 am	7:45 am	7:40 am
Dismissal	AM Session 11:25 am	3:10 pm	3:00 pm	2:30 pm	2:31 pm
Start Time	PM Session 12:35 pm				
Dismissal Time	PM Session 3:10 pm				

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW STAFF

Springfield Public Schools will welcome new staff members for the 2008-2009 school year. At the Jonathan Dayton High School, Jennifer Kuszmerski and Anthony DeNicolo will join the English Department, Jennifer Jones and Barry Fugere will join the Science Department, Leslie Caufield will teach French and Dana Pizzo will teach Math.

At Gaudineer Middle School, Michele Noto will join the Physical Education Department, Mary Compton will join the Math Department, Drew Krumholz will teach Spanish and Bonnie Lowe will be in the Guidance Department. Kelly Marshall is the new Guidance Counselor and Tiffany Pilo will be the Academic Intervention Support teacher at Sandmeier School. Shannon McClure will be the Instrumental Music teacher at the Sandmeier and Caldwell Schools.

At Walton School, Robin Kirna will join the Preschool team, Deanna Leonardis will join the Kindergarten team, Victoria Fortna will teach Music and Sarah Masterson will be the Academic Intervention Support teacher.

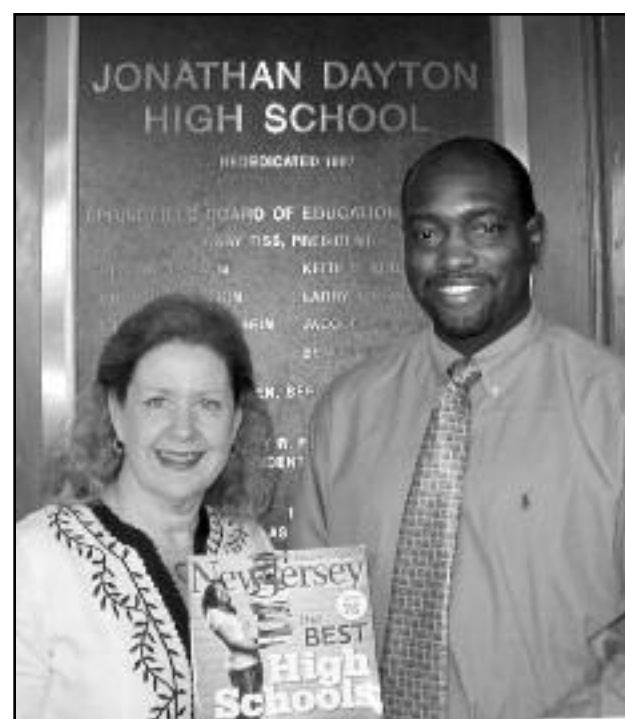
The district also welcomes Frank Fusco as the Director of Humanities for the district. The Springfield Public Schools wishes the new staff a wonderful new school year.

NJ MONTHLY RANKS JDHS 32nd TOP HS IN NJ

New Jersey Monthly magazine has named Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School as the 32nd top high school in New Jersey. This is a move up of 12 positions from 44th in the 2006 rankings. Jonathan Dayton High School is also ranked 1st out of all G/H factor group high schools in New Jersey.

Data for the biennial ranking of the State's public high schools was obtained from the state's Department of Education's most recent New Jersey School Report Card. The Monmouth University Polling Institute analyzed the data in three categories which included school environment, student performance and student outcomes. The summary scores for each category were then added together to arrive at the final overall score and ranking.

If you are interested in seeing the full article and rankings, please visit http://njmonthly.com/articles/towns_and_schools/highschoolrankings/top-new-jersey-high-schools-by-rank.html or see NJ Monthly magazine's September edition.



(above, l-r) Elizabeth Cresci, Principal of Jonathan Dayton High School and Norman Franci Assistant Principal.

PENNIES FOR THE PLAYGROUND



At the conclusion of last year, Edward V. Walton School held a fundraiser called Pennies for the Playground. Children were asked to bring in their loose change which ended up raising over \$2,000. The winning class was Mrs. Anderson's Second Grade Class which brought in nearly \$225 in change. This fundraiser was part of a series of fundraisers that were held and will continue to be held to raise money for Phase II of the Walton Playground.

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SPRINGFIELD CAMPERS MAKE DONATION



(above) Springfield Library’s Head of Children’s Services Deborah Sanford and Library Director Susan Permahan accept the donation from the Springfield Pool Campers, who collected \$265.00 for the Springfield Free Public Library.

Campers at the Springfield Pool collected coins as part of their annual camp color war to earn points for their teams. The campers managed to collect a total of \$265.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters! When the color war was over and the winners declared, the campers decided to take all the money they collected and donate it to the Springfield Free Public Library.

Library Director Susan Permahan and Head of Youth Services Deborah Sanford met with the children to accept their generous donation. The funds will be used to sponsor a special children’s program in the library in the fall. The children who worked so hard to collect the money will be recognized at the event. The date will be announced shortly.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information on this and other programs, call 973-376-4930 or consult the library web page at www.sfplnj.org.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES ENHANCED HOURS

You spoke! We listened. The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library is proud to announce that when the library re-opens on Sundays beginning October 5th, the library will remain open an additional hour until 5:00 p.m.

Fall hours begin the week of September 2nd when the library will resume full day service on Saturday opening from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The library remains closed on Sunday through the month of September and then the new Sunday hours will begin in October with the library open from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. each Sunday through May.

A SPECIAL MOTHER GOOSE GROUP

Listen to a story book! Sing and Dance! This program, which has been presented throughout the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, is aimed at babies and toddlers up to age 3 ½ with their caregivers. The Springfield Free Public Library has added an important dimension to it available only on September 23rd, October 14th and October 28th. On those days, we will have an ASL sign language interpreter to present the stories in a very special way, and assistive listening devices will be available. This is an important new offering on a very limited basis. The programs were made possible by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

SPRINGFIELD SENIORS

In addition to meetings, seniors come to Sarah Baile Civic Center throughout the month and are involved in crafts, cooking, luncheons, bus trips, and many other special events. For more information regarding the senior groups, call Michele Zambrana at (973) 912- 2226.

The Township of Springfield offers free transportation to local stores, banks, and doctors for senior and handicap residents of Springfield. The bus has two main runs per day at 9am and 12pm. To schedule a pick up, call the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on the day you need a ride before the scheduled route time, at (973) 912- 2226.

UPCOMING SENIOR TRIPS:

Space is limited, register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

September 19: Brownstone House for "La Fiesta Di San Gennaro". The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members and includes round trip transportation, family style luncheon. 1 hour open bar. and entertainment. The bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 10am and return at 4pm.

September 30: Atlantic City day trip, casino to be announced. The cost is \$23 per person and includes round trip transportation and a casino bonus. The bus will depart from Sarah Bailey at 8:30am.

October 7: Doolan’s s for "Octoberfest". The cost is \$58 for members and \$64 for non-members and includes round trip transportation, entertainment and dining, and one hour open bar. Dining will consist of traditional Octoberfest foods including: Sauerbraien. Chicken Kiev, and Tilapia. The bus will depart from Sarah Bailey at 9:30am and return at 5pm.

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Dr. Lee and Dr. Brett as they are affectionately known in Springfield said,"they are happy to go through all the trouble and expense to make the mouth guards for the Bulldogs because it is a great way to help the team. Dr. Kaswiner has always been a big believer in giving back to the community. He said, "Springfield has always been wonderful to me." He has been an orthodontist in Springfield for the past 29 years. He has belonged to the Springfield Rotary since the late 1970's and participates in many town wide events. Dr. Lee and Dr. Brett have similar philosophies of "giving back to the community." They donate a scholarship to a graduating senior that is

interested in dentistry as a career, they have also donated a Carribbean cruise which the PTSO/PTA raffled off as a major fund raiser, they even sponsor a little league team in town!

Springfield Orthodontics at 165 Mountain Avenue is adjacent to Jonathan Dayton High School. Please call us at 973-379-3803 to schedule a free consultation for your orthodontic needs. We are happy to treat children as well as adults.

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JON DENNING NAMED “STATE CHAMPION FOR NEW JERSEY”

Late Model Digest has named Jon Denning the State Champion for New Jersey. In 2007 Jon won 4 races including the Championship 300 race on November 3, 2007 at Orange County Speedway.

Springfield has been the home of the Denning family, which owns Dobbs Auto Body, since 1969. Jon graduated Jonathan Dayton HS in 2005.

In 1997 at the age of 10, Jon began his racing career with go Kart's. Jon racked up several wins locally before moving onto the WKA national level winning the 1999 International Championships at Charlotte Motor Speedway as well as the North American championship that same year. In 2000 at age 13, Jon moved up to 750cc and 1200cc minisprints.

Jon had several top five finishes and won the 2000 "Rookie of the Year" award at Whipciti Speedway in Westfield Mass. In 2001 at 14, Jon moved into NASCAR style late model stock cars and competed on a limited schedule throughout the South East. Jon's focus, determination and racing skills earned him several top finishes and respect from competitors. In 2006 the team pursued a championship at the famed South Boston Speedway, after two wins a very successful season and leading the points for a majority of the year, the team suffered some bad luck towards the end to place a respectable sixth place. The 2007 season started off rough and a team switch took place in June, Jon finished the



2007 season with Jody James as crew chief working out of Clarksville, Virginia. Jon won four races at Orange County Speedway and ran very well at many other tracks while teamed with James Racing.

After a long winter Jon finalized plans with Steve James and Mac Bailey to run a tentative amount of races in the 2008 season. Steve James will own and field the car with Baileys Cigarettes aboard for sponsorship. Jon will race between Ace Speedway in Altamahaw, NC and Orange County Speedway in Rougemont, NC. "I'm real excited about this year," says Jon. "I feel that with Steve James building and setting up the cars with support from Mac Bailey, that we are geared for success." Jon will not be running a full schedule, but check back for an official press release and a 2008 race agenda.

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SPRINGFIELD MINUTEMEN 10U BASEBALL TEAM

The Springfield Minutemen 10u baseball team competed this summer in the New Providence Green League. The 10 and under team played against other towns from as far away as Basking Ridge and Bridgewater as well as neighboring towns of Chatham, Summit, and Westfield to name a few. The New Providence Green league concludes their regular season

play with a tournament. All participating towns are separated into different brackets for single elimination play. Springfield 10u Minutemen were put into a bracket with Verona, New Providence and Basking Ridge. The Springfield team defeated New Providence in the first game 2-0 and went on to play Verona in the final championship game defeating them 9-1.



(above, l-r) Front Row: Maxwell Strauss, Lucas Boettcher, Jesse Klarfeld, Daniel Greiss, Cesar Machado, Zachary Freeman. Second Row: Jordan Mattoon, Jake Elgrably, Sam Block, Chris Aljure, Anthony Alaimo, Jordan Wnek Back Row: Coaches; Stan Wnek, Adam Greiss, Richard Strauss, Manager; Larry Freeman.

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WATERSHED POLLUTION DEMONSTRATION OFFERED

Bill Levidow, Chairperson,
Springfield Environmental Commission.

Springfield is in the Rahway River Watershed. This means that all rain falling in Springfield ends up in the Rahway River, which enters the town where it crosses Morris Ave. at Washington Ave. Along the way, from rooftops, driveways, lawns and roads, the rainwater picks up human activity pollutants, such as fertilizers, pesticides, oil, pet droppings, and household cleaners, carries them into the Van Winkles Brook, Bryant Brook, and other streams, and eventually deposits them into the Rahway River.

This polluting effect is dramatically demonstrated by the Springfield Environmental Commission with the aid of a 3-dimensional model likeness of the town. Audiences, especially children, will enjoy spreading common pollutants (simulated, of course) on the roads and lawns of the township model. Then a volunteer rainmaker can delight in sweeping this nasty stuff into the model's streams, destroying plant and animal life.

This 30 minute hands-on environmental demonstration is offered by the Springfield Environmental Commission to local groups with members of all ages. It could be an entertaining supplement to a regular meeting.

There will also be a quarry walk on October 5th. For information, call 973-467-8278.

HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SPRINGFIELD YMCA

There's something for everyone at the Springfield YMCA in September! The team at the YMCA is busy preparing its 10 year celebration in conjunction with America on the Move – an initiative to get all Americans involved in physical activity. The Y is opening its doors with a week long free membership to those interested in taking those first steps to a healthier lifestyle. From September 20th through the 26th, anyone can stop in to get a temporary membership card and get all the perks that come with a YMCA membership.

The week long event begins with a Aerob-athon on Saturday September 20th from 8:30am through 12:30. Come for the whole time or pick a class – body sculpting, Zumba, cycling, Pilates, Cardio Sculpt, Kickboxing, and abs – it's a great time to try new things, make some friends and enjoy your day!

Throughout the week, people can look forward to theme classes including Good-bye to Summer Spin and Sculpt, Old School Rap Workout, and Oldies but Goodies Sculpt. Want to unwind after working out? Pampered at Pilates is just for you with a massage following your Pilates workout at 5:30pm on Wednesday.

Want to walk outside to enjoy the sunshine before summer weather disappears? The Springfield Y is setting up Briant Park Walks for the week -- Tuesday 9:30am, Wednesday 6:30pm and Friday 9:30am. Just sign up at the front desk and meet at the Park.

The YMCA loves its kids and wants to keep them moving throughout the school year. Community Kids and YMCA Afterschool Kids will be participating in events during the week from relay races to long jump to sport activities. They can also take a free youth class – from dance to soccer to art - during the week Don't let your child be left out on the fun.


Teens are welcome for the week and even have their own schedule. Among other events is the long awaited Summit vs. Springfield Basketball Shootout on Friday September 26th at the Springfield YMCA gym. This will be followed at 4:30 by the Berkeley Heights vs. Springfield Dodgeball game.

Friday night is designed with the entire family in mind. Starting at 6:30pm the YMCA is setting up for a Family Fun Night featuring crafts, dinner and a family friendly movie.

Keep an eye out all week for free giveaways, prizes, breakfast hosted by the Springfield Mom's Club and fun events.

All of the class sign-up sheets and event schedules are at the YMCA Member Services Desk. For information on any of the programs please contact the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838.

YMCA NEWS FLASH - The Springfield Y now offers SWIM LESSONS! Lessons begin September 17th will be held at the Holiday Inn. Call the Y for more information.



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Police Chief's Column

Chief William Chisholm

As a service to the community, the police department would like to make the residents aware of some issues that arise throughout the year.

BICYCLES

During the warmer weather months there is an increase in the number of bicycles that are being operated in the township. Additionally, due to the increase of gas prices and a greater interest in physical fitness, we see an increase in the number of riders. First and foremost, the issue of safety should be considered by all riders. All bicycles should be inspected by a qualified bicycle shop to determine if there are any defects or repairs that should be done.

All bicycles should have an audible warning device, appropriate reflectors and when being ridden at night a lamp on the front with a white light visible for a distance of 500 feet and a red light visible from the rear for at least 500 feet.

Parents are reminded that any person under the age of 17 years shall wear an approved bicycle helmet while operating a bicycle on public roadways. This applies to any passenger who rides while in a restraining seat which is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle. Adults should seriously consider wearing a helmet to reduce the chances of injury in the event of a fall.

Bicycle riders shall adhere to all of the rights and subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near as possible to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Bicycles may move to the left when making a left turn from a left turn lane or pocket; to avoid debris, drains or other hazardous conditions that make it impracticable to ride at the right side of the roadway; to pass a slower moving vehicle; to occupy any available lane when traveling at the same speed as other traffic; to travel no more than two abreast when traffic is not impeded, but otherwise shall ride in single file (N.J.39:4-11; 39:4-10; 39:4-14 et.seq.).

During the year the police department offers inspections for children's bicycles and safety tips for the children. Interested individuals should contact Corporal John Rowley or Officer Jonathan Rachel at 973-921-1775.

GIRL SCOUTS FORMING

Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council will merge with two neighboring councils to form Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. This merger will provide new and adventurous opportunities for all the Girl Scouts in Springfield.

Daisy Girl Scouts – grades K-1 – can choose to attend things like a Valentine's Dinner Dance, a program on Woodland Wanderings, a Fall Tennis Clinic, or a Tea-for-Three Party.

Brownie Girl Scouts – grades 2-3 – may be interested in the Brownie Sweet Shoppe, the Girl Scout Ski Day, or the Night Flight at the Philadelphia Zoo.

Junior Girl Scouts – grades 4-5 – may enjoy Jr. Water Fun Overnight, Kitchen Kosmetics, or a Miss Teen USA Murder Mystery.

Cadettes – grades 6-8, Seniors – grades 9-10 and Ambassadors – grades 11-12 – can explore on the Lincoln Cavern Overnight, take a Self-Defense course, see Hairspray on Broadway, learn more about various careers or work on crafts such as glass bead making. They can also earn their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards by providing community service.

Visit www.gshnj.org for a complete program guide. The mission of Girl Scouts is to develop girls of Courage, Confidence and Character, who make the world a better place. Registration is \$10 for the year and includes insurance.

Financial aid is available. Volunteer leaders and co-leaders are needed. Contact Heather Sanford, Springfield's Town Registrar at Scouts@TeamSanford.net for more information or a registration form.



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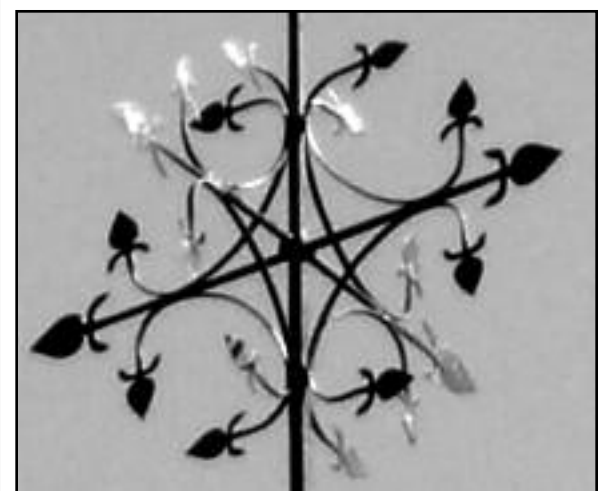
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SPRINGFIELD BLOSSOMS THANKS TO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The streets of Springfield are ablaze with color—thanks to the Township’s Beautification Committee. For many years, this committee has decorated the Township’s streets and bridges with strategically placed barrels and boxes of flowers and plants. However, 2008 has turned out to be a banner year. Never before have the plantings bloomed so vibrantly.

The cost of materials is underwritten by the Beautification Committee’s limited budget. For a nominal fee, interested merchants sponsor barrels in front of their respective establishments. Planting expertise and design are handled by the Beautification Committee under the leadership of Chairperson Ruth Schwartz, a member of the Springfield Chamber

of Commerce. Mrs. Schwartz stated that committee member Rosalie Berger suggested the flower-decorated bridges.

The Township maintenance department is permitted to water buckets and trays on public thoroughfares. However, the committee members must water floral displays on private property. This necessitates members carrying gallons of water to assigned locations. To maintain their beauty, the flowers and plants must be watered three times a week.

Ruth Schwartz stated that merchants and private homeowners are urged to take advantage of this service. Expanded participation will make Springfield an even more beautiful town. For further information, Mrs. Schwartz can be

reached at 973.376.3062.

Additional members of the Beautification Committee are Elaine Auer, Marge Grossbarth, Joy Kalfus, Cecile Kaplan, Joan Lyons, and Arlene Newman.



SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



The Springfield Garden Club was organized in 1990. The purpose of the club is to encourage the enjoyment of all nature and the appreciation of plants and gardens, to beautify the community, the home and garden and to promote the use of plants to enhance the quality of our lives. The club has approximately 55 members.

Members participate in several projects such as maintaining the garden beds at the Springfield Free Public Library and the Cannonball House. A new garden at the Cannonball House, planted by the Garden Club, contains herbs that are appropriate for that period in history. Club members visit gardens of interest either at members’ homes or in local sites.

(left) Garden Club Members Jessie Meade, Lou Stiglitz, Vinnie DeGaetano, Sue Weinberg and Karen Bonacorda setting up annual plant sale.

The “Weeders’ Digest” newsletter keeps members informed by giving helpful seasonal gardening tips and reminders of coming events as well as providing the status of Club projects.

Meetings are held in the Springfield Presbyterian Church Parish House Auditorium at 37 Church Mall, across from the Sarah Bailey Center on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except January and July when no meeting is held. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at about 9:15 p.m. Speakers or workshops are scheduled for every meeting with the exception August when members bring in fruits, vegetables and flowers from their gardens and December when a potluck holiday party is held. Members bring canned foods for needy families. Refreshments are served at every meeting. For more information, call 973-376-3436.

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