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## SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRES TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS AND PRESENTS AWARDS



*Chief Carlo Palumbo, Probationary Firefighter Austin Bucossi, Mayor Erica DuBois and Probationary Firefighter Ronald Werner*

The first October meeting of the Springfield Township Committee recognized the Fire Department by swearing in two new members while recognizing the heroic efforts of 10 long-time firefighters.

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and UNIT CITATION AWARDS PHOTO ON PAGE 8

## CENTURY 21 NORMA ALTMAN REALTORS OPENS IN SPRINGFIELD!



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*(l to r) Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chairman, Mike Scalera, Hope Rosenberg, Mayor Erica DuBois, Jeff Rosenberg and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chairman, Scott Seidel*

## SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS RIBBON CUTTING



*Photo By Jeff Rosenberg*

*(l to r) Beatriz Arcanio Guido, Silder Lima-Ribeiro, Kim Godesky, Alexsia Gailliot, Jonathan Malaban, Michelle Bodtmann, Elyse Pittman, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chairman Mike Scalera, Dr. Lee Kaswimer, Dr. Brett Handsman, Jessica Handsman, Dr. Dana Silagi, Annette Jacobsen, Desiree Bluestone, Lillian Infante, Debbie Lardiere, Gerri Dranoff, Diane Servello.*

Springfield Orthodontics moved to a new location and opened their doors today at 173 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. The property was the former investors Bank building.

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## ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW

Although a cloudy, overcast and cool day, the Annual Festival and Car Show drew a large crowd. The day started with the 3rd annual "Salute to Veterans " 5K RACE & FUN RUN at 9 am. The run started at Jonathan Dayton High School and continued down Mountain Avenue to Wabeno,

over to Meisel and back onto Milltown to Mountain and finished at the Festival in front of the Town Hall. Awards were presented to veterans from each town in Union County as well as the runners.

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## BILL RUBY HONORED AS UNION COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Bill Ruby was honored on September 25 as the Libraries of Union County Volunteer of the Year for his many years of volunteer service as the exhibit designer for the art gallery at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library. Standing with Mr. Ruby is Library Director Dale Spindel who nominated Mr. Ruby for the award.

## SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARREST LURING SUSPECT

*A Patriot Times Exclusive!*

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**CEREMONY**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2019**  
**11 AM AT VETERAN'S PARK**





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DEPUTY MAYOR: Christopher Capodice

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Alex Keiser - Chris Weber

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Court.....	973-912-2213
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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents and Neighbors-

We are full swing into fall and all of its related activities here in Springfield. It seems that mother nature sometimes forgets and thinks it's still summer, but we know that once we have our annual fall festival and car show we are ready for all autumn brings to Springfield. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in organizing and running this years fall festival, especially the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, it was a huge success! It was great getting to meet so many residents in so many members of our neighboring communities.

Flu shots will be available at Chisholm Community Center on Thursday, October 17 from 12:30 to 2 pm and Tuesday, October 29 from six to 7:30 pm. Please contact the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079 if you have any questions.

Our annual Halloween Spooktacular will be taking place on October 27 from 12:30 to 2:45 at Chisholm Community Center. Don't forget winter sports registration is now open on Community Pass through the Recreation Department.

Beginning October 21 leaves can be placed at curbside for collection. Our farmers market continues on Mondays through October 28 in front of the library.

On October 19 from 12 pm to 3 pm there will be a mental health and wellness fair taking place at Chisholm Community center. As always, I'd love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at Erica.Dubois@springfield-nj.us

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

**The Annual Springfield Patriot Chamber Of Commerce Candidates Forum Is Scheduled For Thursday Night, October 24, 2019, At The Springfield Town Hall. This Year's Format Will Vary Slightly From Previous Year's Forums. Please Check Our Website For More Details At [www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com). Doors Will Open At 7:00 pm And The Program Will Commence At 7:15 pm.**

## LURING SUSPECT ARRESTED

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On Tuesday, October 1 at approximately 3:30 pm, Springfield Police received a report that a possible luring incident had taken place in the area of Baltusrol Way. Officers immediately responded to the scene to attempt to locate the suspect and to ensure the victim's safety.

Sergeant Ryan Westover spotted a vehicle traveling on Morris Turnpike that matched the description given by the victim, and initiated a motor-vehicle stop. The driver was positively identified as the subject involved in the incident, and was placed under arrest. James Simmons, 28, of Newark, NJ was charged with harassment and multiple motor vehicle violations, along with having an active warrant from Irvington, NJ.

Detective Sgt. James Mirabile, Detectives Anthony Voorhees and Foster Ziegler, Corporal Marc McBratney, and Officer Gregory Weinstock all assisted in the investigation.

Chief John Cook commended all officers that were involved in the case, stating: "The officers' immediate response to this incident, along with excellent investigative work and dedication to the safety of the public, led to another successful apprehension by our police department."

## BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENCES SEARCH FOR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

*In an interview with the Patriot Times about their October 7th meeting, Scott Silverstein, BOE President, commented "Mike Davino has been a visionary and transformative educational leader of the Springfield Public Schools for the past 15 years. The debt of gratitude that this community owes him is one that we can only begin to repay by continually following his example of putting kids first and seeking to provide each student with the opportunities and support they need to reach their full potential. With the expiration of Mr. Davino's current contract in June 2020, the majority of the Board felt that it was time to begin the difficult, but inevitable, task of searching for his successor. We are thankful for his service to the community and look forward to his continued leadership and guidance as we begin the transition to the District's next chapter."*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, October 21 - Workshop at 7 pm  
Tuesday, October 22 - Regular Meeting at 7 pm  
Wednesday, November 6 - Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 25 - Workshop at 7 pm  
Tuesday, November 26 - Regular Meeting at 7 pm

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

### RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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# Springfield

Business Improvement District

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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### Springfield Pumpkin Hunt

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### SMILOW FAMILY DENTISTRY

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## VETERANS CORNER

By Gerry Gebauer

The American Legion Post 228 Springfield had the installation of officers on Thursday September 5th. The officers are as follows. Commander-Gerry Gebauer, 1st Vice Commander-Pete Mongiello, 2nd Vice Commander- David Lenci, Finance Officer- Sanfor Drucks, Chaplain-Sam Ferner, Service Officer- Joe Policastro, Membership Officer- David Penna and Sergeant at Arms- Richard Novak. The Post is looking forward to an active year. Trips to Veterans Hospitals are planned as well as social functions. We are calling on any veteran in Springfield to come join our Post. We are the last active Veterans Organization in town. We will be hosting an Open House on Veterans Day, November 11th at the Elks Lodge at 80 Springfield Avenue, Springfield from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm. All Veterans are welcome to share some refreshments and fellowship.

## OCTOBER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Jesse Broome

On October 7, Mayor Erica DuBois and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo conducted the official swearing-in ceremony for Probationary Firefighters Austin Bucossi and Ronald Werner. Both men were accompanied by their families as well as their friends and future colleagues.

In addition, a Unit Citation Award was given to the following firefighters for their heroic efforts to preserve the historic clubhouse at Baltusrol Golf Club in July 2019: Captains Michael Maestroni, Marc Corea, and Victor Kostin, and Firefighters Salvatore Cocuzza, Timothy Hydock, Joseph Cowper, Thomas Balke, Stewart Jurczak, Michael Ridge, and Mark Russo.

Boy Scout Troop 73 also attended the Township Committee Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance to commence the session. During the "Public Comment" section of the meeting, the Scouts also had a chance to voice their questions, which focused on the various redevelopment projects and traffic concerns.

### Other Proclamations and Announcements conveyed at the Regular Session included:

Recognition for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Condolences to the family of Patrick "Rich" Coan, retired Springfield Zoning Officer, who passed on September 25, 2019.

Announcement of Halloween Spooktacular, an annual event co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, and Springfield Municipal Alliances, on Sunday, October 27 at 12:30 pm.

Acknowledgment that Tuesday, October 15 is the last date to register to vote in the November General Election. The Township Clerk's Office plans to be open until 8:00 pm on that date.

Announcement of flu shots provided by the Madison Health Department at the Chisholm Community Center on Thursday, October 17, 12:30 to 2:00 pm, and Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

The October 7 meeting was held on a Monday instead of Tuesday in observance of Yom Kippur. The next Regular Session will be on Tuesday, October 22.

## CONTINENTAL POST NO. 228 AMERICAN LEGION, INC



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## GET YOUR FLU VACINATION NOW!

No appointments are necessary. The immunizations are free to all, but seniors with a Medicare Part B card are requested to bring it with them. All are reminded to wear short sleeves if possible when they come for their flu shot. Seasonal flu vaccine is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyone over the age of 6 months. According to the CDC, vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than 6 months. Everyone is encouraged to receive the 2019-2020 flu vaccine. Most people are ill with flu for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized.

Protect yourself, your family and those in your community by getting your flu vaccine at this year's clinic.

Any questions may be directed to the Madison Health Dept. 973-593-3079 ext.1

**Flu vaccine will be administered by  
Madison Health Department**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17  
12:30 - 2 pm**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29  
6 - 7:30 pm**

**CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER  
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<b>What:</b>	Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Dept. staff
<b>Where:</b>	Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave
<b>When:</b>	School Year: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm
<b>How:</b>	Handbook, registration form, photo ID
<b>Contact:</b>	(973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec
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In late-September, a beautiful custom bench -- donated by Susan Kim and her sons Jayden and Benjamin in memory of husband and father Taewan "Ted" Kim -- was installed at Chisholm Park in the playground area with a view of the softball fields. Ted Kim was a resident of Springfield and passed away in 2009. The Township Committee approved the donation in June 2019. The Kim family then worked with the Recreation Department to choose an appropriate bench that was delivered from Illinois, and the Public Works Department created the concrete and stone pad. The bench's inscription reads, "In Loving Memory of Our Dad, Ted Kim."



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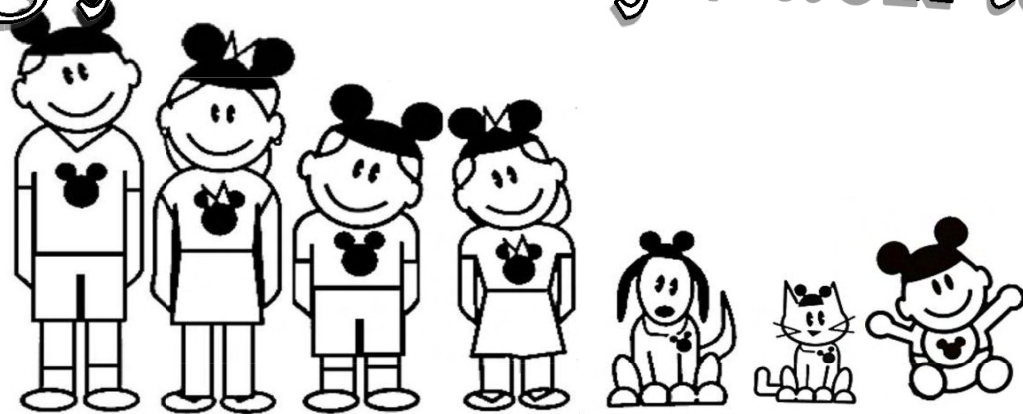
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## CENTURY 21 NORMA ALTMAN REALTORS

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The Chamber of Commerce conducted a ribbon cutting at the new Springfield Offices of Century 21 Norma Altman Realtors at 871 Mountain Ave. on Tuesday September 24th. On hand were many friends, fellow Rotarians and local business people and the Mayor. Hope and Jeff provided refreshments and food for all the attendees.

Hope Rosenberg, after operating Century 21 Norma Altman, REALTORS in Millburn for the past ten years, has opened an office in Springfield. A real estate veteran of over two decades, she tells her customers, "From our home, to your home –there's always Hope!" (a saying that is also prominently displayed now across the wall in her new office). And she means it: Hope and her dedicated staff work tirelessly for their clients, on what is usually the biggest financial decision they ever have to make.

Norma Altman started this community-based real estate agency over 50 years ago. In 2009, the torch was passed to Hope Rosenberg who proudly took the reins along with her partner (and husband), Jeff. "We are very excited to be able to blend a local tradition with a national powerhouse, and offer our clients the most sophisticated marketing tools our new digital world has to offer," said Rosenberg, Owner and Broker of Record. Century 21 Norma Altman Realtors is a local agency specializing in one-on-one customer service. It is affiliated with Century 21 (but is independently owned and operated), so the agency can tap into the resources of this global real estate powerhouse. Experienced agents offer expertise in marketing and selling homes, and helping Buyers find their dream home. Additional services include rentals, relocations, home value assessments and free current market analyses. "Each customer is unique. We assess their needs and work closely with them to achieve their goals," said Rosenberg. Hope, Jeff and their staff service Springfield as well as ALL the surrounding communities. "In today's digital world, town boundaries are not as restricting as they used to be," Jeff Rosenberg explained. Hope and Jeff live in Springfield and are intimately familiar with every aspect of the town. Between the two of them, they have served on the town's Board of Adjustments, Planning Board, Rent Leveling Board, are members of the Rotary Club and the Patriot Chamber of Commerce and volunteer at the Senior Center and Chisolm Community Center during times of storm emergencies. Jeff is also a Real Estate Instructor and a member of the regional and state Professional Standards Board. Hope and Jeff shares these expertise, along with decades of local real estate experience, with their clients.

About Century 21 Norma Altman, REALTORS: Century 21 Norma Altman, REALTORS has been providing real estate services in this area for over 50 years. Their new Springfield office is located at 871 Mountain Ave., Suite 111 (973-376-9393). For more information, go to [www.century21altman.com](http://www.century21altman.com).

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## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AT ST. JAMES SCHOOL



*Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, pastor of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield, blesses Saint James the Apostle School's outdoor classroom.*

*Photo courtesy of Saint James the Apostle Church*

Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield now sports a new addition to its campus - an outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom was planned and developed by James McElroy, a parishioner of Saint James parish and an alumnus of Saint James School. The project was the fulfillment of John's Eagle Scout Service Project. The outdoor classroom was dedicated by Caroline Ponterio, the Principal of Saint James School earlier in the month, and blessed by Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, pastor, on Saturday, September 28, 2019, after the 8:00 am mass. Parishioners who were present at mass joined in the blessing.

## SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS

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Dr. Lee Kaswiner, Dr. Brett Handsman & Dr. Dana Silagi of Springfield Orthodontics are very proud to announce the opening of their new office at 173 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. This location is adjacent to the previous location at 165 Mountain Avenue. The doctors and staff are extremely excited about their new facility. Nearly 50% larger, incredibly state-of-the-art, with all facilities located on one level, the new office has the best of everything. With 10 1/2 foot ceilings, lots of large windows and a fully glassed in foyer, the space is bright and beautiful.

The new facility also has easy parking, with the 25 parking spots also makes things easier for our patients. The "old" Investors Bank is now an incredible orthodontic facility. We invite everyone to come and see it. We are open to serve our patients Monday through Saturday with some evening hours also available. We are an Invisalign Platinum provider having treated approximately 1500 cases. As orthodontic specialists we of course, use braces, clear braces, and do interceptive treatment as well.

Leaving from 165 Mountain Avenue was not without some sadness. The orthodontic office was originally built by Dr. Lee's father, Dr. Bertram Kaswiner in 1962. It was renovated in 1987 and then again in 2007. But over the years the practice has grown and when Investors Bank closed their bank adjacent to the 165 Mountain Avenue location we felt it was meant to be. Please contact us at 973-379-3803, [info@springfieldorthodontics.net](mailto:info@springfieldorthodontics.net), our facebook page, our instagram page @springfieldortho or at [www.springfieldorthodontics.net](http://www.springfieldorthodontics.net)

## THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FALL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Fall International Film Festival continues at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, November 14. The library will screen *Woman at War* (2018) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Halla, a woman in her forties, declares war on the local aluminum industry to prevent it from endangering the environment. She risks all she has to protect the highlands of Iceland, but the situation could change with the unexpected arrival of a small orphan in her life. In Icelandic with English subtitles. Directed by Benedikt Erlingsson. Starring Halldora Geirhardsdottir, Johann Sigurdarson, Juan Camillo and Roman Estrada. 101 minutes. Not rated.

Funding for the film program has been made possible by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding is also provided by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free.

**KEEP YOURSELF SAFE FROM IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUD AND SCAMS!**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
Springfield Free Public Library  
66 Mountain Avenue  
**Coffee: 10:00 am**  
**Program: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

Don't get caught! Join us for an informative panel discussion and Q&A with security experts who will share tips for spotting scams and outwitting thieves. Sponsored by

**MELANIE HAZIM**  
Outreach Director  
New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs

Melanie speaks to thousands of people across the state each year – with a focus on frequently-targeted groups such as seniors, non-English speakers and job seekers – to teach them how to avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud.

**PATRICIA LANGDALE**  
Assistant Vice President  
Blue Foundry Bank

Blue Foundry Bank, one of northern New Jersey's largest savings banks, has served individuals and businesses for more than 80 years. Patricia provides information to the bank's customers to help them prevent having their identities stolen.

**The session is FREE. Everyone is welcome!**



# SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING

## HUD Project Based Section 8 Low Income Property

### Eligibility requirements for Occupancy & HUD Subsidy

Applicants must be of age 62 and over,  
or disabled over the age of 18.

Annual household income cannot exceed:

**1 person: \$35,500**

**2 persons: \$40,550**

To qualify applicants must be U.S Citizens or non-citizens of eligible immigration status. Applicants should be prepared to provide financial and personal information including a valid photo ID. All applications must be turned in by end of business day October 24th.

#### Applications Available

Springfield Senior Housing  
350 Independence Way, Springfield, NJ 07081

Tuesday, October 22 through Thursday, October 24, 2019  
from 9:00am to 2:00pm

#### Residency Preference

Applicants residing in Union County will have  
precedence on the wait list.

Applicants will be placed on the wait list according to the date  
and time the application is received. Approval is dependent upon  
income requirements and credit/background screening criteria.

Applicants who are disabled and require assistance  
throughout the application process may contact Linette  
Espinal at [lespinal@hillcrestmanagement.com](mailto:lespinal@hillcrestmanagement.com).

**SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING  
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IS AN EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROPERTY**



Fire Chief's Column

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

## SAFETY MESSAGES ABOUT COOKING

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It's important to be alert to prevent cooking fires.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

#### IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

#### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR COOKING WITH OIL

*Oil is a key ingredient found in the majority of today's kitchens. Whether a recipe calls for frying or sautéing, we include oil in almost all of our daily cooking. When using any of the many oils to prepare your meals like olive, canola, corn or soybean, consider the following safety tips when cooking:*

- Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. If you see wisps of smoke or the oil smells, immediately turn off the burner and/or carefully remove the pan from the burner. Smoke is a danger sign that the oil is too hot.
- Heat the oil slowly to the temperature you need for frying or sautéing.
- Add food gently to the pot or pan so the oil does not splatter.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If you have a fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time. Never throw water or use a fire extinguisher on the fire.
- If the fire does not go out or you don't feel comfortable sliding a lid over the pan, get everyone out of your home. Call the fire department from outside.

#### FACTS AND FIGURES

- A study published by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission found that 75% of range or stove fires started with food ignitions. Forty-three percent began with cooking oil; 33% started with fish or meat. Sixty-three percent of the range or stove fires beginning with food occurred when someone was frying.
- Fifty-five percent of the people who were injured in non-fatal reported home cooking fires during 2005-2009 were injured when they tried to fight the fire themselves.
- One of every four home fires reported in 2007-2011 started with fat or grease. One of every three reported fire injuries resulted from these fires.

## TIME TO CLEAN THE PARKS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Springfield Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Springfield Environmental Commission have joined forces to clean up township parks on Sunday, November 3. But, they need your help and have put out a call for volunteers. This new, fall version of Clean Communities day, aims to rid the parks of debris including plastic bottles, food containers and refuse that piles up after the spring, summer and fall sports and recreational seasons. Alyson Weber Miller, chair of the Environmental Commission, praised the efforts of the DPW, "We know the DPW does an extraordinary job of cleaning and maintaining our sports fields and playgrounds, but garbage does collect in the bushes and fringes of most of our parks. We'd like to clear this garbage out before winter." The parks to be cleaned are Washington, Irwin, Laurel, the Community Gardens/Patriot Park and the area between the Walton and Sandmeier Schools. The Environmental Commission will sign volunteer hours forms for middle and high school students.

The event will take place from 11am until 2 pm. No advance registration is necessary. Volunteers should come to one of the parks listed above. The DPW will supply gloves, pickers and garbage bags. The DPW is planning a surprise treat for volunteers at the conclusion of the event.



FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW



Mayor Erica DuBois presents Mayor's Choice Award to Ronald Raymond (center) with Car Show Organizer Garrett Wiese



(l to r) Steve Marcus, Kellyn Amozqueno and Justin Phillips-top male times for 5K RACE



Abbey Hochreiner of Springfield, 1st overall female time being posted in 20:53.27 in the 5K RACE



Garrett Wiese and A.J. Wisniewski for his 1967 Chevy Impala



Horse and Buggy Ride through the neighborhood.



Primary Festival Sponsor Wolf Premier Properties Booth



(l to r) Freeholder Sergio Granados Springfield Veteran Donald Auer and Congressman Tom Malinowski



Mike Scalera Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair and Rotarian Michael Hausman selling wristbands.



American Legion Booth



Turning Pointe Dancers



ROTC



Veterans Receive Awards

Festival Photos by Semas Grant & Scott Seidel

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD APPROVES NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By Jennifer Sherman



A mixed use development project was approved at the September 26th Planning Board Meeting. The former Saks Property located at 92 Millburn Ave has received preliminary and final site plan approval. The new development will feature 271 rental units consisting of townhomes and condominiums. Features will include a retail space fronting on Millburn Avenue, a parking garage for residents only, sections of improved landscaping and many more amenities. Several Professionals offered testimony in support of the application. Residents

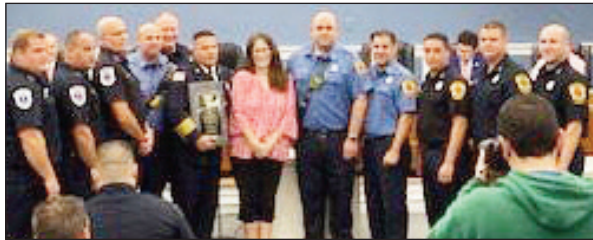
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SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY  
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Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, Township Committeemen Rich Huber and Alex Keiser, Police Chief John Cook and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel place wreath at the Memorial Community Garden next to Patriot Park.

UNIT CITATION AWARDS  
PRESENTED TO  
FIREFIGHTERS



Unit Citation Awards presented to Firefighters Michael Ridge, Mark Russo, Stewart Jurczak, Captain Michael Mastroeni, Tom Balke, Chief Carlo Palumbo, Mayor Erica DuBois, Captains Marc Corea, Victor Kostin, Firefighters Salvatore Cocuzza, Tim Hydock, Joseph Cowper

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHILDRENS CHORUS TRAVELS TO ROCHESTER FOR EASTERN HONOR CHOIRS



Four members of the Springfield Community Childrens Chorus will be traveling to Rochester NY this March to participate in the Eastern Honor Choirs sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association. Each choir is comprised of singers from 11 states who are selected through a rigorous audition process. Choir members will work with world renowned conductors and will perform for 3,000 choral directors, family members, and friends.

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## Township of Springfield Recreation Department



# Holiday Celebration

# 2019

Wednesday, December 4th @ 5:00-8:00 pm

(rain/snow date Thursday, December 5th)

Town Hall Lawn, North and South Trivett Avenues

## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL



### CLINIC PLAY 2020 • Pre-K - 1st Grades

Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for Springfield children from Pre-K-8th grades, and consists of clinic play for younger children (Pre-K-1st grades), recreation teams (2nd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades).

**Clinic Play:** Clinics are held on Sundays from January 5 to March 1, 2020, in the Florence Gaudineer Middle School (boys gym). Clinics are not held on January 19 and February 16, 2020. The schedule already includes an extra (seventh) clinic in case of snow. **There are no make-up dates.**

A maximum of 30 players are allowed in each Clinic Play group. Clinic Play groups are:

Pre-K @ 10:00-10:45 am      K @ 10:50-11:35 am      Girls 1st Grade @ 11:40 am-12:25 pm  
Boys 1st Grade @ 12:30-1:15 pm

**Fee:** \$85 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: t-shirt, junior basketball (distributed at last clinic), coaching instruction, dessert at last clinic

Registration Deadline: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019 (or until each group fills up)

### LEAGUE PLAY 2019-2020 • BOYS & GIRLS: GRADES 2-8

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for all children from Pre-K through 8th grades, and consists of Clinic Play for our younger children (Pre-K-1st grades), League Play teams (2nd-8th grades), and Travel teams (4th-8th grades). League Play is divided into boys-only and girls-only teams, and registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 2-8 who attend a school in Springfield.

**3rd-8th GRADE EVALUATIONS:** For League Play, to ensure that teams are comprised of players of equal age, skill, and height, players will need to attend an evaluation session. If, for some reason, your child cannot attend, you must contact the Springfield Recreation Department. There is no evaluation for 2nd graders. Evaluations take place at the Florence Gaudineer Middle School (boy's gym).

#### Saturday, November 2, 2019

3rd-4th Grade Boys @ 1:00-2:00 pm  
5th-6th Grade Boys @ 2:15-3:15 pm  
7th-8th Grade Boys @ 3:30-4:30 pm

#### Sunday, November 3, 2019

3rd-4th Grade Girls @ 1:00-2:00 pm  
5th-6th Grade Girls @ 2:15-3:15 pm  
7th-8th Grade Girls @ 3:30-4:30 pm

**3RD-8TH GRADE SEASON:** Weekly practices will start in mid-November (depending on teams and coaches). Regular season games will begin in early-January. Playoffs will begin in early-March. All teams make the playoffs! No games are scheduled for February 15-16, 2020, due to Presidents' Day Weekend.

**2ND GRADE SEASON:** Practices and games will take place on Sunday afternoons from January 5 to March 1, 2020, at Florence Gaudineer Middle School (boy's gym). Sessions are not held on January 19 and February 16, 2020. Time slots are 1:25-2:40 pm and 2:50-4:05 pm (your child's time slot will vary).

**PINK ZONE:** Participation in this annual skills clinic is optional, but highly encouraged. Springfield Basketball Association, Springfield Recreation Department, and Moravian College sponsor the clinic for children in grades 3-8. It will be held on Sunday morning, February 2, 2020, at Jonathan Dayton High School. The clinic is led by college and high school coaches and players to support breast cancer research through the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. Pink Zone spiritwear and baked goods will be sold at the clinic. Details and registration instructions will be available late-Fall at [www.springfieldbasketball.com](http://www.springfieldbasketball.com).

**FEES:** League Play: \$120 payable to Township of Springfield. Includes: jersey, game officials, time clock operators/scorekeepers, coaching instruction, equipment, championship tournament

#### Three ways to register.

- 1) Online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
- 2) In person with credit card, cash, check, or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Weekdays @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm.
- 3) By mail with check or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2019

## Social Code For Kids

CHILDREN'S PARTIES AND MORE!

### WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

#### 8 Weeks of ETIQUETTE/MANNERS MATTER ages: 5-9

Having manners is key in building positive friendships and healthy self-esteem! Through games, arts and crafts, songs, hearing stories and role-playing, **this fun**, hands on class teaches your child how to make introductions, a firm handshake, eye contact, good posture, basic table manners, the importance of saying "Please" and "Thank You", and much more.

Through role playing and games, your children will master:

#### LET'S MEET

- Eye contact
- Handshakes
- Appreciation
- Learning to share and what not to share aka germs
- Life skills: learning to help around the house
- Magic words: saying please, thank you, you're welcome etc.



#### LET'S EAT

- Mealtime/Table manners
- How to set a table and clean up
- How to hold a fork correctly
- What to do if you don't like something
- How to use their "indoor voice" in restaurants
- How to place an order
- What you can and can't eat with your hands
- How to sit and behave at the table



**\$96 Per 8 week 1 hour Sessions –Wednesdays 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15 \*\*no class 11/27, 12/25, 1/1**

4:00 pm-5:00pm at Chisholm Community Center

100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield, NJ • Classes will close at 15 students.



To register: Contact Sherri Fishman – Social Code For Kids at: [sherri@socialcodeforkids.com](mailto:sherri@socialcodeforkids.com)

For details on Birthday Parties and Scouting Workshops go to: [www.socialcodeforkids.com](http://www.socialcodeforkids.com)

## RUNNING CLUB



Fall 2019 • Grades K-8th

Our co-ed Running Club with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Running Club, children learn to run faster over short distances. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered, as well as an introduction to endurance running. The Running Club is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of six children are required. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to reschedule outdoor classes. No refunds are provided.

#### Session 2

Mondays from October 28th–December 9th, at Chisholm Community Center No class on Monday, November 11th Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$75 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)  
Includes: Professional coaching instruction, apparel item

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

Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or

Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 processing fee for credit cards)



## FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 between 8 am -9 am on the morning of your transportation need. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

The bus service runs from 9 am-4 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

# TRYCAN

KIDS HELPING KIDS

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>.



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## WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMS



In association with the  
Springfield Recreation Department

### WINTER SCHOOL'S OUT MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
5 to 7	Thu	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	12/26/19	12/27/19	\$145
8 to 11	Thu	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	12/26/19	12/27/19	\$145
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	1/20/20	1/20/20	\$65
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	2/17/20	2/17/20	\$65

### LATE FALL WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

Sport	Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts	2 to 3	Sat	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11/16/2019	11/21/2019	\$94
Squirts Multi Sports	3 to 5	Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	11/16/2019	12/21/2019	\$94
Squirts Soccer	3 to 5	Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	11/16/2019	12/21/2019	\$94

### WINTER WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

Sport	Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Senior Squirts Soccer	5 to 6	Sat	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134
Squirts Soccer	3 to 5	Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts	2 to 3	Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134

All classes take place at Chisholm Park

#### LIMITED SPACE

Registration: Online or by phone.  
Register soon as these classes  
typically sell out!

**Ages 2-11  
All Abilities  
Boys & Girls**

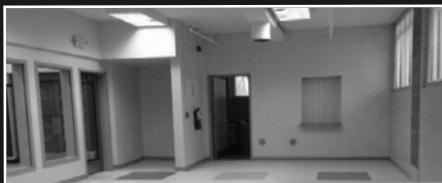
#### CONTACT USSI

Online: [USSportsInstitute.com](http://USSportsInstitute.com)  
Phone: (800) 345-BALL  
Email: [Info@USSportsInstitute.com](mailto:Info@USSportsInstitute.com)

*Pool Party Room Rental Available  
for Springfield and out-of-town  
residents and businesses.  
Fees vary from \$200-\$500.*

Call to learn about serving beer and wine!

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



*Party room and kitchen available  
at the Chisholm Community  
Center for your next event.  
Cost to Springfield residents is  
only \$225 for up to four hours.*

### 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](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) for more information.

## SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

**CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Monday, October 21 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 22 - Bus trip to Central Farmers Market and  
Coppola's Ristorante @ 11:00 am (RSVP), Cards @ 11:30 am  
Wednesday, October 23 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Thursday, October 24 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, October 25 - Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, October 28 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 29 - Exercise class @ 10:00 am, Flu clinic @ 6:00-7:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 30 - Bus trip to Sands Casino @ 10:00 am (RSVP)  
Friday, November 1 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, November 4 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Wednesday, November 6 - Bus trip to Livingston Mall @ 10:30 am (RSVP),  
Cards @ 11:30 am & 1:00 pm  
Thursday, November 7 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)  
Friday, November 8 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Wednesday, November 13 - Bus trip to Koki Buffet @ 11:30 am (RSVP),  
Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Thursday, November 14 - Movie @ 10:30 am  
Friday, November 15 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

#### WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
Billiards @ 8:00 am-2:30 pm

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT WELCOMES CHRIS CALIMANO AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



*Chris Calimano, second from left, with the Springfield Recreation Department staff.*

The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to announce that Chris Calimano has been hired as Recreation Program Coordinator. Chris will focus year-round on Springfield Community Pool aquatics and camp planning, pool operations and marketing, summer staff hiring and professional development, pool party room rentals, and special aquatics projects. Chris will also work at the Chisholm Community Center where he will assist with the office, youth wing, and senior citizen activities. A Springfield resident, Chris has been employed at the pool as a lifeguard, swim team assistant coach, and junior assistant manager for five summers. He is studying criminal justice at Union County College.

For pool party room rental information, Chris can be reached at [chris.calimano@springfield-nj.us](mailto:chris.calimano@springfield-nj.us).

## FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW



*Springfield's 225th Anniversary  
Merchandise*







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**2019 - 2020**

## ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

**PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020**  
Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

## WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents. Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from September 2019 to August 2020 from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

**FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS**

## MEN'S 21+ STREET HOCKEY

Men age 21+ who reside in Springfield. Pick-up games at Street hockey court at Springfield Community Pool, 44 Morrison Road. Mondays September 2019-January 2020 (game days could change due to weather), 6:30-9:00 pm (end time may be adjusted) **COST: \$30 per person**  
**INCLUDED:** Jersey to keep, balls, goals, loaned goalie equipment. **NOT INCLUDED:** Stick, protection  
**QUESTIONS:** (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center  
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) • Email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

## SPRINGFIELD PARK AND RIDE JITNEY CONTINUES TO SHUTTLE RESIDENTS



Springfield's Park & Ride Jitney Service transports riders from the Springfield Municipal Pool located at 44 Morrison Road to the Short Hills Train Station. Parking is free with Jitney usage. Morning Runs begin at 5:35 am and continue until 8:35 am. In the evenings, the 18 passenger bus can be seen waiting at the Short Hills Train Station from 4:45 pm until 8:00 pm to return riders to the pool parking area. The cost is \$3.00 per trip or riders can take advantage of a reduced monthly fee of \$50.00.

Additional information can be found at [www.springfield-nj.us](http://www.springfield-nj.us) or contact Jitney Coordinator, Maryellen Brennan, [maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us](mailto:maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us) or call 973-912-2202.



## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**

Join us at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave.

Any Questions? Call 973-912-2227

• **12:30-1:30 PM: COSTUME CONTEST  
REGISTRATION & JUDGING**

• **12:30-2:00 PM HALLOWEEN CRAFT, TEMPORARY  
TATTOOS, RED RIBBON WEEK GIVE-AWAYS, GUESS THE  
BEADS JAR, PHOTO BOOTH, BALLOON ARTIST**

• **1:30 PM: COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

• **2:00-2:45 PM: KIDS IN MOTION INTERACTIVE HALLOWEEN CONCERT!**

Co-Sponsored by: Springfield Recreation Department, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce & Springfield Municipal Alliance

## Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

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**Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am

Bus will depart the Sands Casino at approximately 4:30 pm

**\$30 – Springfield residents and Senior Citizens Club members**

Payment due by Monday, October 28, 2019

Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

**Make checks payable to:** Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack,

\$20 slot free play (photo ID required),

Questions: (973) 912-2227



## RECREATION RUNNING CLUB OPENS FALL SEASON

The Running Club, sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and coached by Mike Czech (pictured, rear), took off on Monday, September 23 at Meisel Avenue Park. The two-season, co-ed program, offered to children in Kindergarten through 8th grades, meets weekly and focuses on proper stretching techniques, cardiovascular health, and endurance exercises. For more information on youth sports programs, contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us](mailto:daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us).



## FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW

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This year there were more activities than ever before. Children's games and rides, an expanded petting zoo (you could "walk" an alpaca!) as well as hands on activities for kids. Food was in ample supply from a variety of vendors and food trucks and no one went home hungry! Local service organizations were present and as well. There were even two free "Caricature" artists.

The Car show had a nice mix of vehicles and awards were given out around 4 pm. The vendor booths stretched all the way from the Library to the High School on Mountain Ave. Next year's Festival is slated for October 4th, 2020. Planning is already underway and anyone interest in being a sponsor or volunteering to help with the event may contact the Chamber of Commerce at [info@springfieldpatriot.com](mailto:info@springfieldpatriot.com).

Steve Marcus, one of the organizers of the 5K run commented to the Patriot Times: "We had close to 150 runners for this years event with the top male time being posted by Springfield's Justin Phillips in 19:16.48 and the top female time being posted by Springfield's Abbey Hochreiner in 20:53.27. In addition, we had over 30 children participating in the fun run, and over 40 cadets and veterans participating in a 1 mile ruck march. Justin actually ceded the 1st place overall trophy to Summit's Kellyn Amozqueno who unfortunately turned left onto

Mountain ave and never officially crossed the finish line." All runner results can be found at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/50555>

The Chamber wishes to thank all the Volunteers that work tirelessly to make this event happen. Festival Chairpersons Robert and Gennifer Abraham, the Springfield Township Committee, Union County Chosen Board of Freeholders, Union County Sherrif's Department, The Springfield Auxiliary Police, Springfield OEM CERT Team, Springfield First Aid Squad, Springfield FMBA and Springfield Fire Department members, our Police Department and Department of Public works.

### 2019 SPRINGFIELD CAR SHOW TROPHY RECIPIENTS

(The #s are registration #)

#### Specialty Awards:

People's Choice:	#24 1953 Mack 85 LS (Firetruck)	Matt Steitz
Chamber's Choice:	#25 2019 Land Rover Defender	Xavier & Ethan Abraham
Veteran's Choice:	#4 2018 Sahara Ural	Scott & Adam Seidel
Sponsor's Choice:	#48 1968 Dodge Coronet 440	Sean Rowley
Mayor's Choice:	#19 Chevy Bel Air	Ronald Raymond

#### Judges' Choices:

- #1 2003 Chevy Corvette
- #2 1941 Chevy Pickup
- #3 1979 Chevy Malibu Earnhardt Tribute Car
- #5 1947 Plymouth
- #11 1963 Chevy Impala SS
- #13 1932 Ford 3 Window Coupe
- #20 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS
- #21 2006 Chevy Corvette
- #27 1971 Pontiac Grand Prix
- #29 1967 Chevy Impala
- #30 1937 Buick Roadmaster 80
- #32 1964 Plymouth Valiant
- #33 1933 Plymouth PC 5 Window Coupe
- #34 1933 Plymouth Coupe
- #39 1965 Chevy Corvette
- #40 1965 Cadillac
- #41 1987 Alfa Romeo Milano
- #43 1973 AMC Javeline AMX
- #45 1978 Pontiac Trans Am
- #46 1957 Ford Thunderbird

- Holly Turczyn
- Wayne Masiello
- Blair Edmonds
- Garry Capaldo
- Gary Wiese
- Ed Goins
- Walt Zag
- Joe Ferraro
- Mike Oerfradi
- A.J. Wisniewski
- Anthony Bagnato
- Greg Tomasula
- Mark Calanari
- Jim McClusky
- Bill Fischer
- Ham Scott
- Gennero Napolitano
- Phil Montouri
- Michael Delviscovo
- Tony Arcidiacomio

A special **THANK YOU** to our Primary Festival Sponsor **Lucas Wolf of Wolf Premier Properties in Springfield** as well as Car Show Sponsor **Nissan World of Springfield** and Entertainment Sponsor **Connectone Bank**.

## CHILDRENS CHORUS

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This is the first year in SCCC's history that everyone who auditioned was selected! The Springfield Community Children's Chorus is extremely proud of its 2020 Eastern Honor Choir participants. They are Clara Boyd of Metuchen – High School Chorus; Ana Craciun of Springfield- High School/College Broadway Chorus; Helena Lindner of Morristown – High School/College Broadway Chorus; and Kate Sulinsky of Springfield – Jr. High Chorus.

Springfield Community Children's Chorus is a secular non profit organization which hosts 3 choirs serving singers in grades 2-12. For more information about SCCC please email [SpringfieldKidsSing@gmail.com](mailto:SpringfieldKidsSing@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY

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Police, Fire, OEM, and FAS personnel along with Township employees gathered in front of Town Hall at 8:30 am on Wednesday morning September 11th for a memorial ceremony to honor the lives that were lost on September 11, 2001. After that ceremony a wreath was placed at the Memorial Community Gardens on Wabeno Ave. The ceremony was conducted by Police Chief John Cook and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, started at 8:46 with the the ringing of the Ceremonial Bell and concluded at 9:03 am with a second ringing of the bell.

## SPRINGFIELD ROTARY PROVIDES LUNCH TO SENIOR CITIZENS



(l to r) Dr. Gary Hecht, Michael Scalera, Hope Rosenberg, Anna Pedreiras, David Penna, Dr. Seth Hammer, Paula Kaiser, and Rev. Rhonda Myers.

Members of the Rotary Club of Springfield met with members of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club at its monthly birthday bash luncheon on Thursday, September 26, at the Chisholm Community Center, and provided them with a hot lunch catered by Olive Garden of Springfield. Rotarians served lunch, mingled with the crowd, and discussed their town-wide programs and services. For more information on senior citizen programs, contact Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us](mailto:amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us).

## *Springfield Free Public Library*

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973-376-4930*

Check Library website for  
MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

### ----- REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS -----

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Tuesday, Friday and Saturday  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*For Children's Programs, please call  
Brienne Mintz at 973-376-4930 ext. 232.*

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND BOOK TALKS

Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 pm – The Really Good Book Discussion Group will discuss *To The Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf.

Tuesday, November 12th & 26th at 1:00 pm – The Next Chapter Book Club will meet at Springfield Free Public Library. This is a book club for adults with developmental disabilities, led by Debra Gutman.

Thursday, November 21st at 10:00 am – The Great Books Discussion Group will discuss *The Infant Prodigy* by Thomas Mann.

## FILMS

Monday, November 4th at 1:00 pm – The Lunchtime Film Series presents *Rocketman* (2019), starring Taron Egerton and Jamie Bell.

Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm – The 50th Anniversary Retrospective Film Series presents *Cactus Flower* (1969), starring Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman, and Goldie Hawn.

Thursday, November 14th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm – The International Film Festival presents *Woman At War* (2018). In Icelandic with English subtitles. 101 minutes. Not rated.

Monday, November 18th at 1:00 pm – The Lunchtime Film Series presents *If Beale Street Could Talk* (2018). Based on James Baldwin's novel.

## COMPUTER TRAINING

The Library will offer free computer lessons on Thursday mornings, by appointment. Sign up for an individual half-hour lesson on basic computer skills. Stop by the Reference Desk or call (973)376-4930.

## SCRABBLE AND CHESS

Scrabble Night continues – Monday evenings at 7:00 pm – Bring a friend or meet new opponents! Chess for adults is on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm.

## MAH JONGG AND CANASTA

We offer Canasta on Monday nights (6:15 – 8:00 pm) and Mah Jongg on Tuesday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 pm). Mah Jongg also meets on Wednesday nights (6:45 – 8:50 pm).

## DROP IN TECH HELP

Come in for free assistance with Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, and iPhones. Learn how to borrow free eBooks, e-audiobooks, movies, music, and more with your Springfield card. Sessions run from 7:00-8:30 pm each Monday – no appointment necessary.

## MEMOIR GROUP

The Memoir Group will meet on November 14th at 10:00 am. Said group is facilitated by Zella R.P. Geltman.

## CHAIR YOGA

Tamara Tsoutsouris will lead two classes on November 1st and 15th at 12:30 pm. Each session includes guided relaxation, breathwork, and seated stretching / poses.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 pm – Members of the Christine Spero Group present “Back to Bacharach”, a musical tribute. Burt Bacharach's songs have been recorded by over 1,000 artists, winning six Grammys in the process.

Michal Barcay's paintings and photography will be displayed in the Donald B. Palmer Museum from November 4th – 28th. A reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, November 10th (2:00 pm).

Sunday, November 24th at 1:00 pm – SFPL hosts a reception for its own exhibit, “Far From Springfield: Items from Around the World in the Donald B. Palmer Museum Collection”. This has been made possible by a H.E.A.R.T (History, Education, Art, Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

## APPLE MONSTERS!

Join the Springfield Free Public Library Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 am for a program in conjunction with Greenwood Gardens!

Greenwood Gardens will be visiting the library to teach children ages 5 and older how use their imagination to make an Apple Monster with fresh apples, twigs, sticks, acorns, and other natural elements. Please be advised that this craft uses fresh fruit and natural elements that are not suitable for children with food allergies.

Registration is required- no drop ins permitted. First priority in registration goes to children and grandchildren of Springfield residents.

For more information and to register, please call Children's Librarian Brienne Mintz at (973)-376-4930 ext. 232. Please note we no longer accept voicemail as a form of registration. You will need to speak to a librarian directly in person or by telephone to register for a program.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE BY VIRGINIA WOOLF

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm to discuss *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf. Woolf's 1927 novel centers on the Ramsay family and their visits to the Isle of Skye in Scotland between 1910 and 1920. Following in the tradition of modernist novels, the plot of this book is

secondary to its philosophical introspection. To the Lighthouse delves into the minds of its characters in a stream of consciousness approach. Woolf shifts the

point of view from person to person, and she develops her characters through their thoughts, memories and reactions to each other.

Discussions take place at 7 pm in the Staff Room. New members are welcome. Refreshments are served. To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org).

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S 1969 RETRO FILM SERIES CONTINUES WITH THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE OCTOBER 24

The next installment in the 1969 retro film series of the Springfield Free Public Library will be a screening of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 24. The film is based on the novel of the same name by Muriel Spark and stars Maggie Smith in the title role as a teacher at a school for girls in Edinburgh whose pedagogical methods are both unorthodox and more than a little questionable. Fans of Maggie Smith from her recent appearances in *Downton Abbey* may enjoy seeing a much younger Dame Smith perform in the role that won her an Academy Award for best actress.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue; the library's main entrance is actually located on Hanna Street and an additional entrance is located on the side of the building nearest the rescue squad building. More information about the Springfield Free Public Library can be found at [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com).

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO HOST PROGRAM ABOUT PARENTAL RIGHTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW ON OCTOBER 26

The Springfield Free Public Library will host a program, “Parental Rights in Special Education,” sponsored by the non-profit organization Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 26. Volunteer Lawyers for Justice is a group that provides educational resources to parents as well as legal services to those in need. Special education attorney Greer Gurland, author of *How to Advocate Successfully for Your Child: What Every Parent Should Know About Special Education Law*, will be the presenter. As the parent of five children with special needs, Ms. Gurland understands from both a personal and a legal perspective, the challenges faced by parents of children with special needs. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. More information about Volunteer Lawyers for Justice can be found at <http://www.vljnj.org/>

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More information about the library can be found at [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com).



## ROBOTICS: FUN WITH ARDUINOS ON SATURDAYS: NOV 23, DEC 7, 14 & 21 FROM 2:45 PM TO 4:15 PM

In collaboration with UCVTS' Robotics Team, the Springfield Free Public Library is hosting a robotics program for girls and boys between 4th and 8th grade. The program will run for four Saturdays: Nov 23, Dec 7, 14 & 21 from 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm. Participants should make every effort to commit to all 4 sessions.

Students will learn how to use electronics in conjunction with programming in order to engineer amazing things! Arduinos (mini-computers), wires, buzzers, LEDs, and OLED displays will be used for interactive projects and exercises (such as making traffic lights or doorbells) to teach the fundamental concepts of coding and electronics. The program will culminate in a final project that uniquely demonstrates each student's expertise with the Arduino.

Space is limited to 10 participants. Registration is required with Teen Librarian Ms. Alice. Please see her in-person at the library or call her at 973-376-4930 ext. 233.

## LETTUCE READ AND GROW GARDEN CLUB: FRIDAYS IN THE FALL CRAFTS

Join the Springfield Free Public Library's Lettuce Read and Grow Children's Garden Club for fall themed crafts!

Design a bird feeder on Friday, October 18th at 10:00 am. Registration is required.

Decorate a pumpkin with the garden club on Friday, October 25th at 10:00 am. Registration is required.

Programs are recommended for ages 5 and older. Registration is required for both programs.

For more details and to register, please call Children's Librarian Brianne Mintz (973) 376-4930, ext 232. Please be aware we no longer accept voice-mails as a valid form of registration. You will need to speak to a librarian to register for a program.

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER MUSICAL TRIBUTE, "BACK TO BACHARACH" ON NOVEMBER 3

As part of an ongoing salute to 1969, the library will present "Back to Bacharach," a musical tribute to Burt Bacharach, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, to be performed by the members of the Christine Spero Group. Considered one of the most important composers of 20th century popular music, Bacharach composed hundreds of pop songs from the late 1950s through the 1980s, mostly in collaboration with lyricist Hal David. A six-time Grammy winner and three-time Academy Award winner, Bacharach's songs have been recorded by more than 1,000 different artists. In 2015, Rolling Stone ranked Bacharach and David at number 32 on their list of the 100 greatest songwriters of all time.

Singer and keyboardist Christine Spero and percussionist and saxophonist Elliot Spero (a brother-in-law and sister-in-law duo) together cover a wide variety of musical genres and styles. Audience members may remember them from a Laura Nyro tribute show they performed at the library in 2017.



## Police Chief's Column - Chief John P. Cook HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Since Halloween is right around the corner, I thought it would be best to utilize this month's column to remind readers of the Springfield Patriot Times about the importance of staying safe while enjoying Halloween festivities. I encourage all community members to follow the safety tips below to help make sure everyone has a safe and pleasant time on Halloween.

Parents should always accompany young children while they are trick-or-treating. Older children may be able to go by themselves, but they should always stay in a group with friends, use a pre-planned route, and have an agreed time to 'check in' with their family. Also, having a flashlight, glow stick, cell phone, and possibly even a first aid kit is a good idea while trick-or-treating. Costumes should be bright and contain reflective strips, and should be made of flame-retardant material. Long trailing fabric could pose a tripping hazard or even a fire hazard, as some people use candles in jack-o-lanterns. Make sure that any costumes with masks do not limit a child's ability to see ahead of them and all around them. Also, toy guns may look real in the dark, so costumes should not contain toy weapons of any kind.

While trick-or-treating, children should never be allowed to enter a person's home, unless it is a very close friend or relative. Parents should inspect all candy their children receive, and discard any unwrapped items or treats that look questionable. Children should not be allowed to eat any treat that hasn't been checked first. Any candy that appears to have been tampered with should be reported to the police department immediately.

Trick-or-treaters should respect their neighborhoods. Although it may seem like fun, 'mischief' such as smashing pumpkins, 'egging', and spray painting are all illegal activities that damage a person's property and could subject you to summonses, fines, and other serious penalties. Parents should remind their children to be thoughtful of others when taking candy left at a front door and to not deliberately damage or take any items such as decorations from homes along their trick or treating route.

Drivers should be extra careful and cautious when heading out on Halloween, and expect to contend with large groups of children racing from house to house for treats. Drivers must remember that children will be excited and may be less cautious while walking. They should anticipate children crossing the streets randomly, and possibly darting out from between parked vehicles. Before dusk and all evening, drivers should proceed slowly and with lights on in order to see children in costumes. Drivers should not use their cellular phones, unless equipped with a hands-free connection.

For those of you who won't be venturing out for trick-or-treating, and if you anticipate children coming to your home, please do not use external decorations that are illuminated with candles, especially at your front door or along paths on which children would walk. Glow sticks or battery operated candles are much safer alternatives. Also, keep in mind that household pets may become irritated from the added excitement of children coming and going, so care should be taken to keep pets in a safe and secure area while you answer the door. (Also remember to secure the candy treats in your home so your pets cannot get at them as many types of Halloween treats can be poisonous if eaten by cats and dogs).

For added safety, there will be an increased police presence throughout the town, especially in residential areas. Police officers will be patrolling in both marked and unmarked police vehicles, but all officers will wear full police uniforms for safety reasons. If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, don't hesitate to call the police department or flag down a passing police officer to report it.

By simply understanding and following these suggested safety tips you can help in making Halloween both a fun and safe experience for our children.

Please stop by the Springfield Police Department or catch one of our Officers on the streets for a glow stick, necklace or bracelet while you're out trick-or-treating.

## NEW DEVELOPMENT

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commented and asked thoughtful questions. It was a very informative meeting by all attendees and board members. Other points included in the discussion:

- Approvals were unanimous
- Property has been vacant for many years as a result of ongoing litigation.
- Applicant was very receptive to public comments and planning board requests.
- Long-awaited development can finally move toward construction.
- Landscapes including lighting and greenery, parking, flow of traffic, building materials, overall look of exterior of buildings discussed entrance and exit to development were discussed.

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