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SPRINGFIELD
WELCOMES
NEW BUSINESS
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JOHN BUSSICULO

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by John Cottage, Sr.

POLICE CAPTAIN WILLIAM CIERI
RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE

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Police Chief John Cook and Captain Bill Cieri

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SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT

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SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CELEBRATES
50 YEARS

By Apu Mullick



While the cornerstone for the building was set in 1966, the Springfield Free Public Library didn't open doors in its then-new location until February 24, 1969. Fifty years later, to the day, the Library opened its doors again to celebrate its service to the community.

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SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD
DEDICATES THE DANIEL KALEM CREW ROOM
- A Patriot Times Exclusive by John Cottage Sr. -

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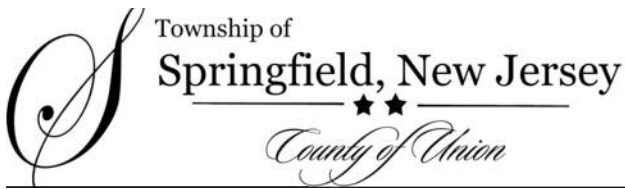
(l to r) Front Row) Township Committeeman Alex Keiser, Dan Kalem's daughters, Allyson Aborn, Toni Kalem and Rachel Funcheon (back row) Deputy Mayor Chris Capodice, Township Committeeman Rich Huber, Mayor Erica DuBois and Township Committeeman Chris Weber

SAM MARDINI IS RETIRING AFTER 26
YEARS OF SERVICE IN SPRINGFIELD

Chamber and BID Co-Chairs, Mike Scalera (left) and Scott Seidel (right) present Sam Mardini with a Plaque acknowledging his service to the Township.

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FROM THE SPRINGFIELD
PATRIOT CHAMBER
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FEBRUARY MEETING





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Richard Huber

Alex Keiser - Chris Weber

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Springfield,

March has certainly entered like a lion! It is also a time to celebrate Women's History Month. I'd like to welcome our new Township Administrator John Bussicula and thank Chief John Cook for his time that he served as T.A. over the last several months. I want to wish the best of luck to Sam Mardini, our township engineer and Police Captain William Cieri on their retirements. I along with all of the members of the Township Committee thank them for their decades of dedication and service to the township of Springfield. Look out! Demolition of the Gomes property (between Caldwell Place and Center St.), as well as the Larkin property (Church Mall and Morris SPDSAIL) are expected to take place before the end of the month. As always, I'd love to hear from you. You can reach me at Erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS APPREHEND BURGLARY SUSPECTS

On Thursday, March 7, 2019 at approximately 4:00 pm, the Springfield Police Department responded to a report of a possible burglary in progress. A resident contacted the police after being alerted by his housekeeper that a group of unknown males had walked through his yard toward a neighboring property, which was vacant. The resident observed the group exiting the neighboring home and fleeing the area in a vehicle, which he described to the police.

Officer Michael Wlazlo immediately responded to the scene, and through his preliminary investigation determined that a forced entry had been made to the vacant home. While enroute to assist, Officer Matthew Schmidt spotted the suspects' vehicle traveling on Mountain Ave. and initiated a motor vehicle stop. The four subjects in the vehicle were positively identified as the burglary suspects, and were placed under arrest by Officer Schmidt and Officer Anthony Kassis with the assistance of Mountainside PD. They are now facing charges of burglary, criminal mischief, and drug possession.

Chief John Cook credits the vigilance of the resident and the quick actions of the officers for this successful apprehension. Chief Cook commented to the Patriot Times: "Our community relies on a close working relationship between the police and the public. This is another instance where an observant homeowner and excellent police work by our officers keeps criminals off the streets."

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, at 7 pm
April is Tuesday, the 9th - Regular Meeting
(Check website for updates)

Monday, April 22 - Workshop Tuesday, April 23 - Regular

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

Springfield is having a Birthday!!!

225 Years Old! 1794-2019

ESTABLISHED APRIL 14, 1794

The Township will celebrate its **225th anniversary** in 2019.

A committee has been formed but they need volunteers to make this event a reality. A Battle Re-enactment by the Brigade of the American Revolution and Encampment is planned, a Festival and Fireworks. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact volunteer@225thspringfieldanniversary.com with your information.

Help is needed in planning the Celebration.

225th CELEBRATION JUNE 22-23, 2019

Preliminary Schedule of Events:
(rain or shine)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

- 10:00AM - Re-enactor Camps Open to the Public (Rear of High School)
- 10:45AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at DAR Monument
- 11:00AM - March to Church Mall
- 11:15AM- 11:30AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at 1st Presbyterian Colonial Burial Grounds & Monument
- 12:00PM - Noonning
- 1:00PM - People of the Brigade Program - Camp
- 1:30PM - 18th C. Musick Demo - Camps
- 2:00PM - Pre-Battle Formation - Camps
- 2:30PM - March to Tactical Weapons Demonstration (TWD)
- 3:00PM - TWD - Battle of Springfield - Meisel Ave Park
- 4:00PM - TWD ends - March back to Camps
- 4:30PM - Camps Close to Public Saturday Night Fireworks Program Meisel Field
- 5 PM - Rides & Petting Zoo Food for Sale
- 7:30PM - Oldies Concert by 1910 Fruitgum Company Dusk - Fireworks (Rain Date: Next Clear Night)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD

- 9:30AM - March to Church - 1st Presbyterian Church - 3 Blocks
- 10:00AM - Historic Church Service - 1st Presbyterian Church
- 10:00AM - Camps Open to Public
- 11:00AM - Return March from 1st Presbyterian Church
- 11:30AM - Noonning
- 12:00PM - Pre-Battle Formation - Camps
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NO FIREWORKS ON 4TH of July in 2019

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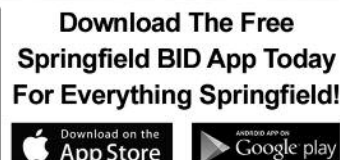
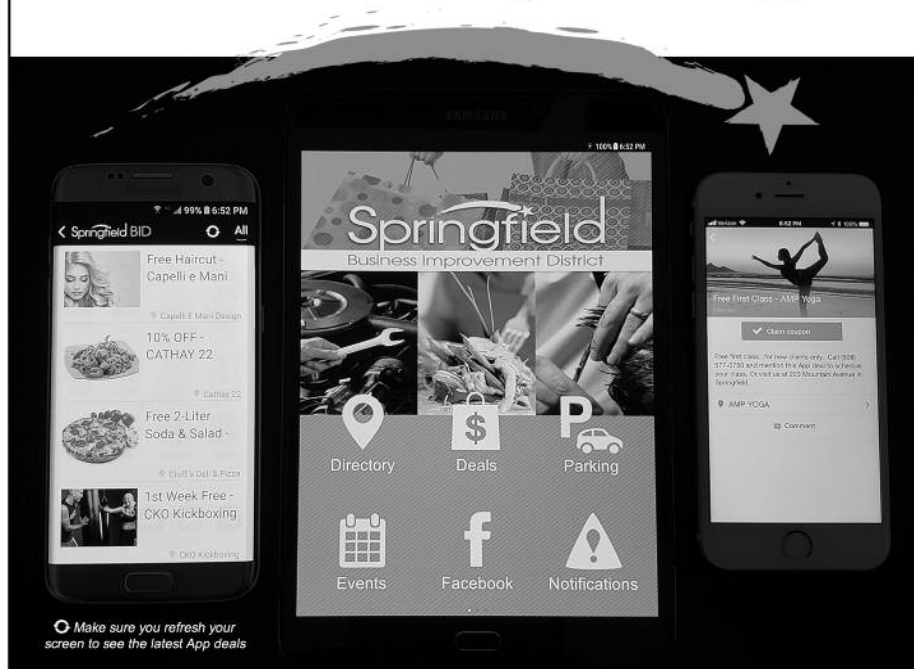
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SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

by Jesse Broome

Residents of Springfield and neighboring communities joined together at Chisholm Community Center on the evening of Wednesday, February 6 to recognize Black History Month and the impact of notable African-American people and places on Union County.



John Prescott, History Programs Coordinator for the County of Union's Office and Cultural and Heritage Affairs



(l to r) Springfield Township Committee Member Alex Keiser, Union County Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Mayor Erica DuBois, Springfield Township Deputy Mayor Chris Capodice

This year's event, entitled "Celebrating Union County's Black History," built on the success of the 2018 affair, which focused on Springfield's rich African-American heritage. The 2019 celebration opened with a song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which Mayor Erica DuBois mentioned has become the "Black national anthem." Following the singing, John Prescott, History Programs Coordinator for the County of Union's Office and Cultural and Heritage Affairs, led the audience through a brief timeline of significant African-American contributions to Union County. His presentation included inventors, writers, educators, activists, and athletes, who called various communities within Union County home.

Union County was also home to Shady Rest Golf and Country Club, the oldest African-American golf clubhouse in the US. Known today as the Scotch Hills Golf Club, the main part of the old Shady Rest Clubhouse remains. Famous visitors such as Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, and Count Basie graced the course at different points of the early 20th century.

The second portion of the event tackled the ever-changing complexion of race relations in our society, an open forum for audience members to lend their perspectives to the current state of race in the US. Topics such as the role of media and social media on race took center stage.

Moderated by Mayor Erica DuBois, the event was also attended by Union County Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Former Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Springfield Township Deputy Mayor Chris Capodice, and Springfield Township Committee Member Alex Keiser.

SPRINGFIELD IS ONE OF EIGHT TOWNS TO RECEIVE GRANT

Eight Towns Get Grants to Provide Boost for NJ Floodplain Reforestation Projects

Sustainable Jersey, The Nature Conservancy and The Watershed Institute partner to give grants and technical assistance

Sustainable Jersey announced today that over \$38,000 was awarded to eight New Jersey municipalities for floodplain reforestation projects. The Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program is a partnership between The Nature Conservancy, The Watershed Institute and Sustainable Jersey. Sam Mardini, Springfield's Director of Engineering applied for this Grant.

The grant recipients are Oakland Borough (Bergen), Mount Holly Township (Burlington), Vineland City (Cumberland), South Orange Village (Essex), High Bridge Borough (Hunterdon), Asbury Park City (Monmouth), Bernardsville Borough (Somerset) and Springfield Township (Union). These communities will receive funding to cover the costs of tree saplings and protection. The trees will be planted by local volunteers.

Michelle DiBlasio, the Watershed Restoration Coordinator for the New Jersey Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, said, "Throughout much of the state, our floodplains have been deforested and left without trees to help filter water, absorb flooding, or cool the river for fish. One important way to help ensure we can continue to rely upon our precious natural water resources is to restore New Jersey's floodplains—the critical land near our rivers' banks. For the past five years, The Nature Conservancy has worked with local, state and federal partners in northwestern New Jersey to reforest the floodplains of a key tributary to the Delaware River, the Paulins Kill."

Planting trees in places where the floodplains have been degraded will protect the lands and waters on which the people of New Jersey depend. "Sustainable Jersey values our partnership with The Nature Conservancy. These grants will help catalyze floodplain restoration efforts across the state," explained Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey.

Union County **Springfield Township** \$4,807 Reforestation of Rahway River Parkway Flood

Website: www.SustainableJersey.com; www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

GETTING TEENS INVOLVED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our young people can play an important role in preparing their families and communities for disasters. Teenagers can get involved with many community activities to learn about disaster preparedness:

- Join Emergency Management or our CERT Team (must be 14 years or older)
- Volunteer at local festivities or community park clean ups
- Start a local youth volunteer group
- Join FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council
- Get First-Aid/CPR Certified

Our young people are our nation's future, we can boost their confidence and self-esteem by giving them a chance to volunteer in our community. Local Community connections can be an important factor in positive mental health and well-being. Young people who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during emergencies and natural disasters. Teenagers can learn to deal with a range of challenges, communicate with different types of people and build up their life skills. Community activities can provide teens with a chance to learn new skills which could help in getting a job. It doesn't matter what teens do. Any involvement is good! Visit Ready.gov/youth-preparedness for the latest information and offerings.

To join Emergency Management, please email Oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR POOL, CAMPS, SWIM TEAM, AND SWIM LESSONS



The Springfield Community Pool opens in two months - on Memorial Day Weekend! Online registration for pool membership, day camp, swim team, and swim lessons, as well as Chisholm Playground Camp, is now open, at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. You may also register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Avenue) on weekdays from 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Watch your mailbox for the full-color summer brochure!

For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

PHONY IRS SCAMS CONTINUE TO TARGET RESIDENTS

Despite the many warnings law enforcement agencies, news outlets, and other consumer groups issue, IRS scams continue to occur, and people continue to be victimized by the criminals who orchestrate these crimes. I hope the following information will help all readers of the Springfield Patriot Times identify these schemes, and I ask that you share this information with friends and family members to help prevent them from being victimized as well.

IRS Telephone Scam

Fraudsters, claiming to be agents with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or U.S. Treasury Department, will make random phone calls to people and "inform" them that they owe taxes or some other type of fine. Victims will be threatened with arrest, deportation, or other legal actions unless they immediately pay a specified amount of money. On some occasions, the caller may even say that officers from the Springfield Police Department are on the way to arrest the victim.

If a victim agrees to make the immediate payment for the back taxes and/or fines, the caller will require the payment to be made with pre-paid type of debit card (such as Green Dot Visa, I-Tunes Card, etc.) or by wiring the money directly (Western Union, Money Gram, etc.) With the pre-paid cards, fraudsters can retrieve the funds by merely having the victim read off certain numbers from the rear of the card. Sometimes, fraudsters will even direct victims to the nearest business where the cards or money-wire facilities are available.

Fraudsters are beginning to use computerized robo-calls to increase the amount of people targeted. Automated phone recordings purporting to be messages from the IRS, indicating there are problems with your taxes or recently filed tax returns, are becoming more common. The messages contain call-back numbers which will then directly connect the victim with the actual fraudsters. If you listen closely to these calls, you may notice the person speaking has a foreign accent, uses incorrect words or phrases, or has incorrect sentence structure, as many of these scammers operate from overseas.

IRS Email Scam

Fraudsters will send very authentic looking e-mails, purporting to be from the IRS, "notifying" you of a problem with your taxes. These emails may even contain the actual logos for the U.S. Treasury Department or IRS within the e-mail. Victims will be prompted to click on a link to get the "full information" about the problem.

These bogus links will take the victim to websites which contain fraudulent payment prompts and blank fields to input credit card, bank, and other protected personal information. Fraudsters will use these fake websites to steal your identity information, and possibly infect your computer with viruses or other types of ransom-ware programs.

IRS False Tax Return Scam

Another scam that occurs this time of year involves fraudsters utilizing your identity information to file fraudulent tax returns. The fraudulent returns will contain your true personal information, but will utilize a different address for the refund payment.

Once the IRS processes multiple return documents with the same Social Security Number used, they will contact you via US Mail, or sometimes by phone.

However, real agents from the IRS will understand if you question the legitimacy of the call, and will instead direct you to initiate contact yourself by visiting their real website at www.IRS.gov. They will not ask for any personal information or account numbers over the phone.

IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER.....

- The IRS will not contact you by telephone to request an immediate payment for back taxes, unfiled returns, or any other penalties. The IRS uses the US Mail as the primary method of contact.
- Do not click on links in e-mails purporting to be from the IRS in which you are asked to make some type of immediate payment. Write down the information from the e-mail and initiate contact with the IRS yourself by visiting www.IRS.gov, or by finding the telephone number for your nearest IRS field office.
- The IRS, like any other agency that has the power to seek the issuance of a warrant for your arrest, will never call you in advance to inform you of a warrant AND agree to dismiss a warrant in lieu of some type of monetary payment. If an actual warrant is issued for your arrest, you may be able to post bail, but you will first be arrested. Any telephone caller who suggests you can make a payment as a way to avoid being arrested is a fraud.

If you receive one of these communications and are unsure if it is legitimate, please call the Springfield Police Department before you give out any personal information, agree to transfer money, or make any payment. We can help you determine if the correspondence is real or a fraud, and prevent you from becoming another victim.



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PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR JOHN BUSSICULO

The Township's new Business Administrator is Mr. John Bussiculo. John was most recently the Business Administrator in Berkeley Heights where he served for the past four years. He was also a member of the Board of Adjustments for the past eleven years – nine of those years as its Chairman. He resides in Berkeley Heights with his wife and three children.

That said, John is no stranger to Springfield. Prior to moving to Berkeley Heights, John was a resident of Springfield for fourteen years. While living in town, he was very active with the baseball league and other youth sports.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, John said "I am thrilled to join Springfield as your Business Administrator. This is a very exciting time for the Township as we work through the redevelopment projects that are currently started or proposed. Having gone through this redevelopment process in Berkeley Heights, I look forward to supporting the team here and bringing these projects to completion. Springfield has a very bright future and I hope to meet many of you in the town."

John looks forward to hearing from Township residents. You can email him at john.bussiculo@springfield-nj.us or call him at 973-912-2203. We at the Patriot Times wish John the best of luck in his new position.



Captain Bill Cieri waves to a crowd of over 100 well wishers as he leaves the Police Department to begin his retirement.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

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Library Director Dale Spindel (above on left) opened the event with brief remarks, inviting attendees to refreshments that included candies that were popular 50 years ago that are still in production today and requesting support for the Library's programs (\$25 is Fab, \$50 is Groovy and \$100 is Far Out). She then introduced the Odessa Klezmer Band to the packed room.

In addition to bandleader Ed Goldberg who is also is the group's accordionist and vocalist, other members of the ensemble include Stan Kaplan on saxophone, clarinet and flute, Bob "Mose" Marsley on percussion and Ellen Hodges on tambourine. Klezmer is the name given to celebratory music of the Jews of Eastern Europe although it also reflects the influence of musical styles from Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria and Germany. As Klezmer musicians migrated to America between 1880 and 1924, the sounds of American jazz also became an important influence on the Klezmer tradition.

The Library's year-long celebration will also feature discussions of books from 50 years ago, music & movies from 1969, as well as the current events of the time, including the moon landing.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

WHEN TO CALL 911

In an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately from any wired or wireless phone.

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if in progress
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, experiencing an allergic reaction, having chest pain, having uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention

Important: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the call-taker determine whether you need emergency help.

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly.

Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. Many 911 centers can tell you exactly what to do to help in an emergency until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR.

Finally, do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to.

If you dial 911 by mistake, or if a child in your home dials 911 when no emergency exists, do not hang up—that could make 911 officials think that an emergency exists, and possibly send responders to your location. Instead, simply explain to the call-taker what happened.

If you do not have an emergency, but require Police assistance, please call 973-376-0400. It is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a Springfield Police Officer.

THE DANIEL KALEM CREW ROOM

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On Sunday February 17th, The Springfield First Aid Squad held a ceremony to dedicate their new "Crew Room" to the late Daniel Kalem. Dan, a 57 year member of the First Aid Squad, gave his heart and soul to the organization over all those years.

Attending the ceremony were all five member of the Township Committee, members of the Squad and Dan's 3 daughters, Allyson Aborn, Toni Kalem and Rachel Funcheon and their families.

Squad President Elizabeth Fritzen opened the ceremony and talked about first meeting Dan when she was 5 years old and all that Dan did for the Squad and for the residents of Springfield over his 57 year membership. Gerry Gebauer and Apu Mullick also spoke about Dan's contributions.

Then Dan's daughters thanked the Squad for this honor and spoke about growing up in Springfield as a First Aid Squad family with pagers going off day and night and Dan rushing to the squad house to help residents in need.

That was followed by a tour of the new Crew Room located downstairs at the squad house – something they have never had in the 70 years the squad has been in operation.



MOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETSCAPE – PHASE II

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY



In April 2019, the Business Improvement District in coordination with Springfield Township will begin construction of Phase II of the Mountain Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project. The project will continue the streetscape construction in the area already completed in Phase I. This section of Phase II will include an area approximately 250' west of the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Springfield Avenue and continue until opposite the Post Office Building.

The second section of Phase II will be constructed further west on Mountain Avenue primarily between ConnectOne Bank and Kipling Avenue. The construction in this section will be mainly on the south side of Mountain Avenue.

The Streetscape improvements include new paver sidewalks, decorative lighting, benches, trash and recycling containers that will enhance the aesthetic of the local business community.

SPRINGFIELD IN THE TOP 100 SAFEST NJ CITIES!

Reprinted from *Alarms.org*--Springfield is number 56

Originally a colony settled by the Dutch and Swedes, New Jersey was seized by England in the mid-17th century. It also played a pivotal role in the Industrial Revolution, which completely transformed the United States.

New Jersey is home to a population of around 8.7 million (ranked 11th in the US), with state square miles ranked 47th. This makes New Jersey the most densely populated state in the country. Industry and economy are often "lost" in some perceptions as being part of the greater New York area, but New Jersey's individual wealth generation is the second highest in the US. Key wealth generators include financial services, telecommunications, chemicals and agriculture.

1.56 Average violent crime per 1,000

13.79 Average property crime per 1,000

Income levels in New Jersey are typically considerably higher than US averages. Household average income at \$80,000 is approximately a third higher and at \$40,000 there is a similar margin for per capita income. New Jersey benefits from encouraging crime statistics, though inevitably there will be variations by localities. These statistics show:

New Jersey is the 3rd safest state for property crime (where 1st = lowest crime)

It has a violent crime rate that is less than half the national average (0.45 ratio) with 1.56 crimes per 1,000 against the national average of 3.47. Compared to national averages, property crime levels are also very low at a ratio of 0.34 based upon 13.79 crimes per 1,000 which compares to the national average of 40.43.

<https://www.alarms.org/safest-cities-in-new-jersey/>

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RECYCLING TIPS

"The Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team continuing with their efforts to offer more alternatives for recycling to protect our environment will kick off their "Plastic Bag Recycling Program" for 2019. As per our SEC Chair, Alyson Miller, "this program will provide our community with a new alternative to recycle plastic bags and film packaging."

The program will start with a preview of the movie "Bag It" at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 16, at the Springfield Public Library. Then, on Sunday, April 21 the collection bins from TREX will be placed at the Library and Chisholm Recreation Department followed with another show of the movie at the Library on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm. For more information visit the Township Website, Springfield Environmental Commission, and Green Team pages on Facebook."

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

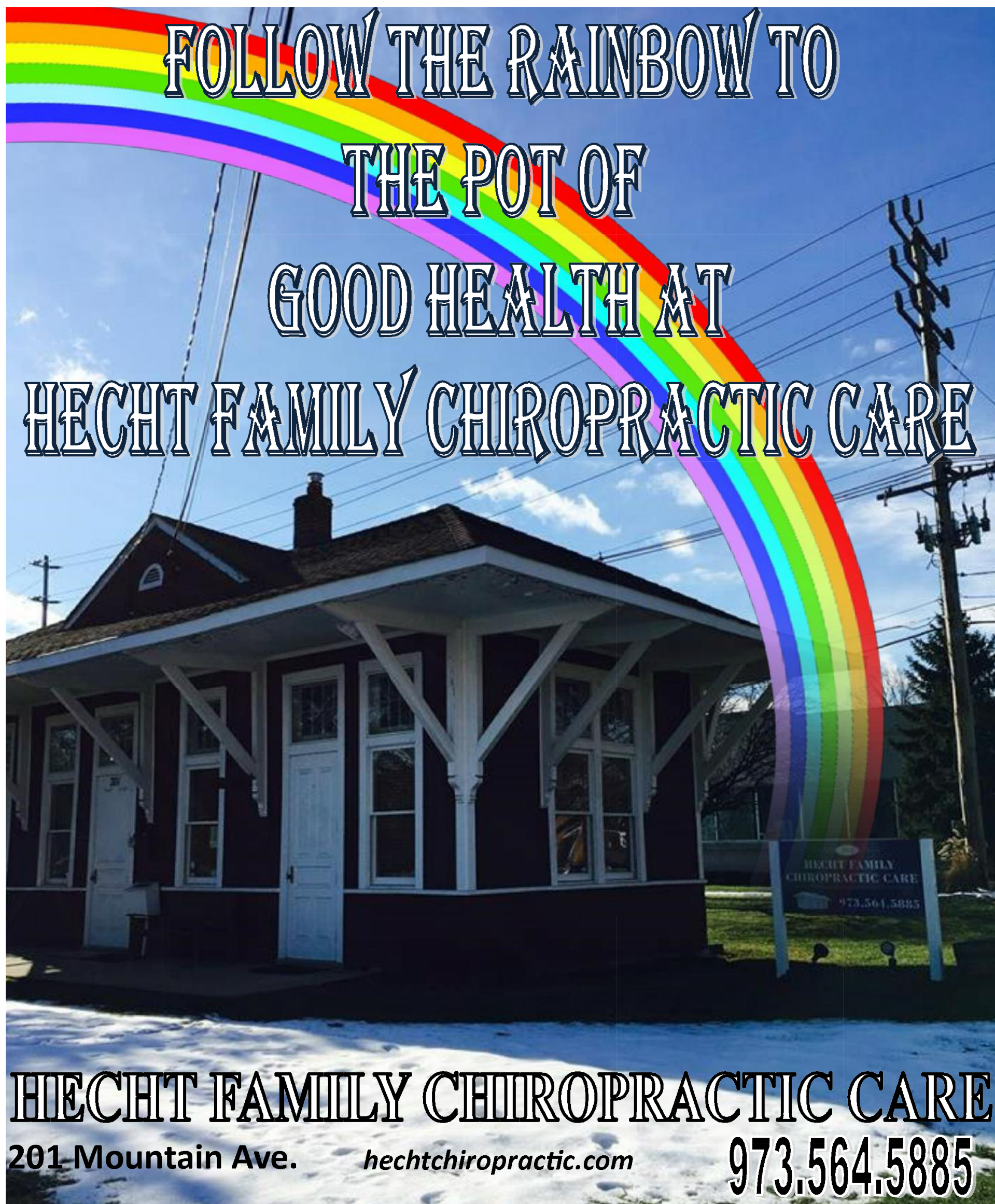
DATE	LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH	TIMES
January 15, 2019 Tuesday	A-G	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 16, 2019 Wednesday	H-O	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 17, 2019 Thursday	P-Z	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents will need to call the school at 973-376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session. To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before October 1, 2019. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before October 1, 2019. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- Child's Proof of Age (ex: original Birth Certificate or Passport)
- Current Immunization Records
- 4 Proofs of Residency (originals and a set of copies)
Tax Bill or Lease
Current Utility bills, bank statement, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at <http://www.sprngfieldschools.com/evw>. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.



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Class Name	Day	Date	Time	Age	Price
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Ages 3 - 5 • Preschool Drawing

A wonderfully illustrated flower pot will capture the spirit of the spring season. A cuddly teddy bear drawing will introduce our students to basic figure drawing. If your student has a curiosity for nature, he or she will love our bird bath and snail to help strengthen their art and compositional skills. All this and more await your budding young artist. Sign up today!

Classes: Wednesday, 3:45 - 4:30 pm • 3/20/19 - 5/01/19
Tuition: \$82 (6 Week Session) No Class 4/24/19

Ages 6 - 12 • Elementary Drawing

The season of Spring gives our artists new inspiration and lessons like the Bee Graphic and historical Model T. Every child will draw their lesson in detail and learn new techniques like how to add a little whimsy to our version of Aladdin's Lamp and some adorable Baby Dragons. Creativity, imagination and whole brain learning are all happening every week. Sign up today!

Classes: Wednesday, 4:45 - 5:45 pm • 3/20/19 - 5/01/19
Tuition: \$89 (6 Week Session) No Class 4/24/19

Ages 6 - 12 • Cartooning

Our students will learn how to personify inanimate objects, as they breathe life into the sun and moon, transforming them into funny cartoon characters. A humorous bird feeding sequence will teach your child visual and sequential story telling. We'll also create drawings that feature colorful and expressive forest animals. Enroll your student today!

Classes: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm • 3/20/19 - 5/01/19
Tuition: \$89 (6 Week Session) No Class 4/24/19

All Classes at Chisholm Community Center

Enroll Online at: www.youngrembrandts.com/middlesex-union
before March 18, 2019

Springfield Swim Team 2019
Head Coach of Swim Team Karen Bocian

Parents Only Meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2019
at 7:00 pm at the Springfield Community Pool

Practice Will Begin After School On Tuesday, June 4th;
Wednesday, June 5th; and Thursday, June 6th:
4:15-5:00 pm – Tryouts for 8 & Unders ONLY
(Tryouts are for all new 8 & Unders, as well as 8 & Unders who were on the Developmental Team last year. 8 & Unders who were on the Regular Team last year do not need to try out. Any children ages 9-17 do not need to try out, but must be able to swim a length of the pool without stopping, and be comfortable swimming in deep water in order to be on the team.)
Attention Parents of 8 & Unders: Please stay after practice on **Thursday, June 6th.** I will let you know which team your child will be placed on (Regular, Developmental, or Swim Lessons).
5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice 5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice

Tuesday, June 11th; Wednesday, June 12th; and Thursday, June 13th:
4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice
5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Time Trials 5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Time Trials

Tuesday, June 18th; Wednesday, June 19th; Thursday, June 20th;
Monday, June 24th and Tuesday, June 25th:
4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice
5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups
5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups

Championships week of July 22nd / the Awards Dinner Friday, July 26th.
Morning practice will begin on **Wednesday, June 26th**, and will run through the entire month of July. TENTATIVELY, practices will be at the following times:
(Monday-Friday) 11 & Overs: 9:15–10:15 am 10 & Unders: 10:15–11:15 am
Developmental Team: 11:15 am–12:00 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Karen.Bocian@springfield-nj.us
Online registration is available at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Two Fees: \$85 payable to: Township of Springfield and \$20 payable to: Swim Team Parent Association

SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH LUNCHEON

On Thursday, February 21, close to 100 senior citizens from Springfield, Summit, and Vauxhall congregated at the Chisholm Community Center for the annual Black History Month presentation and luncheon, co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Senior Citizens Club.



The event featured a welcome by Synthia James, pledge of allegiance by Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, senior citizen prayer by Club President Margaret Bandrowski, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and Tuskegee Airmen documentary by Recreation Program Coordinator Amefika Gray, honoring of black inventors by Sherri Franklin, blessing by Carol Surgeon, introduction by Kathy McMillian, address by Reverend Milton Hobbs of Springfield's Antioch Baptist Church (pictured), and closing prayer by Reverend Judy Copeland.

Lunch was catered by Southern Comfort Cafe of Orange, and served by Municipal Clerk Linda Donnelly, Township Administrator John Bussiculo, Assistant Director of Recreation Michael Butrico, and Recreation Program Coordinators Daniel Hesse and Brendan O'Reilly.



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.

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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

TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades
What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Dept. staff
Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave
When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm
How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID
Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec
Cost: FREE

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

MARCH AND APRIL 2019

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, March 18 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 19 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, March 20 - Bus trip to Resorts Casino @ 9:00 am (RSVP)
 Friday, March 22 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, March 25 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 26 - Board games @ 10:30 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, March 27 - Bus trip to Central Farmers Market @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
 Thursday, March 28 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
 Friday, March 29 - Toning & Weights @ 11:00 am
 Monday, April 1 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 2 - Cards @ 11:30 am
 Thursday, April 4 - TV Trivia @ 11:00 am
 Friday, April 5 - Toning & Weights @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, April 8 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 9 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, April 10 - Bus trip to Delicious Orchards @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Thursday, April 11 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am
 Friday, April 12 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

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

MICHAEL BUTRICO MOVES ON



Michael Butrico, Assistant Director of Recreation since April 2017, has moved on from Springfield. During his tenure, Michael served on the project committee for the Springfield Community Pool clubhouse reconstruction; coordinated the volunteer coach criminal background check and Rutgers coach certification process; earned his Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license; interviewed, trained, and supervised hundreds of camp counselors and pool employees; planned the upcoming Kite Festival 2019, featuring food trucks, kite flying, and an egg hunt; and successfully wrote several grant applications -- including the senior citizen transportation grant -- earning the Township thousands of dollars. The Township and the Recreation Department are grateful for Michael's service and we wish him success and fulfillment in the next stage of his career.

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2019 • Grades 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2019.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Multiple grades may be combined into a squad, if necessary, based on enrollment.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.
- Fees include: Loaned uniform (uniform sizing will take place in June), loaned pom-poms, t-shirt and two hair bows to keep, end-of-season party, award.
- Fees do not include: Leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, sweatshirt or jacket, plain white sneakers. These apparel items are mandatory and must be purchased separately.

TWO FEES \$75 payable to Township of

Springfield (Check, cash, credit card.

No refunds after first practice.) \$40 payable to Springfield Cheerleading (Check only. No refunds after Friday, May 17, 2019)

DEADLINE Friday, May 17, 2019 Registrations are not be accepted after this date. No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE WITH VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>



REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL

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

QUESTIONS? Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

RUNNING CLUB SPRING 2019 • Grades K-8th

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.

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

Session 1

Mondays from March 18th- April 22nd,
 at Chisholm Community Center
 Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm
 Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Session 2

Mondays from April 29th- June 10th,
 at Meisel Avenue Park
 No class on Monday, May 27th
 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)

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

ATHLETIC STRENGTH TRAINING

Spring 2019 • Grades 7-8

Coach Mike Czech introduces a brand new co-ed program to develop Strength and Endurance through Weight and Resistance Training!



All classes are held in the fitness room at the Chisholm Community Center, and involve stretching, weight training, and cardiovascular exercises!

Session 1 Mondays, March 18th- April 29th
 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

No class on Monday, April 15th

Session 2 Mondays, May 6th- June 17th
 @ 6:15-7:15 pm

No class on Monday, May 27th

Cost: \$75 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) **Includes:** Professional coaching instruction and apparel item. No refunds after each session has begun. The program has minimum and maximum enrollment, and is open to Springfield residents and children who attend a school in Springfield.

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

Or register online at

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee).

Chisholm Community Center
 100 South Springfield Avenue
 (973) 912-2227 Fax: (973) 912-8584
 Hours: Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Sands Casino

Casino, Restaurants, Outlet Shopping

Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 13, 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), \$5 food coupon. **Questions:** (973) 912-2227



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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Union Flag Rugby Free Clinic

Saturday April 20th 2019 10-11 am

Co-Ed, Non-Contact, Youth Flag Rugby

@ The Chisholm Community Center, 100 S Springfield Ave, Springfield Township, NJ 07081

Grades: Kindergarten-8th grade

Bring: Sneakers and Water Bottle

Learn: Basics of Flag Rugby

Teamwork, Ball Skills, Basic Rules

Have: A Ton of Fun!!

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Senior Citizen Bus Trip

Resorts Atlantic City

Casino, Restaurants, Boardwalk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am
Bus will depart from Resorts at approximately 5:00 pm

\$30
per
person

Payment is due by Monday, March 18, 2019

Seats are first-come, first-serve. 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, breakfast treat,
and \$25 slot play (photo ID required)

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

Or Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, at amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us

Please note, transportation to your residency is not available when the bus returns to Chisholm.

CO-ED LACROSSE CLINICS



Spring 2019 • Pre-K, K, & 1st Grades

Interested in trying a new sport?

Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's Spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield students in Pre-K through
1st grades. No equipment required.

Six Sunday sessions from April 7th to May 12th @ 10:30-11:30 am,
at Chisholm Park. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule.

No refunds are provided after April 4th.

Fee: \$70 Payable to Township of Springfield. Register by mail or in-person
with cash, check, or money order. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or
Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. (\$0 processing fee)

Payments must be made prior to the first clinic. Includes:
coaching, loaned stick (if needed), balls, shirt

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm
(973) 912-2227 www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Spring 2019 • Grades 3-9

Coach Mike Czech is back this Spring! New and returning team members are encouraged to
join for professional training, endurance running, and 5K competitions!

The cross country team is a co-ed travel sport for Springfield residents and children in
Springfield schools in grades 3-9. The team meets on WEDNESDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm, and
FRIDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Meisel Park.

PRE SEASON

Monday, March 1st- Tuesday, April 2nd
Train on your own with a program provided
by the coach.

RACE SEASON

Wednesday, April 3rd - Sunday, May 26th
(End date may be extended
once all races are finalized.)
Team practices and official races.

TWO FEES

\$75 (Payable to Township of Springfield.
See below for payment options.)
\$225 (Payable to Coach Michael Czech)

INCLUDES

Uniform to keep, pre-season training
program, professional coaching instruction,
race entry fees, and end-of-season party.
No refunds are provided.

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)

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us.



Springfield Free Public Library

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

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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Day: Saturdays in March. Drop in.

Mother Goose Group at 10:30 on selected days:

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver.

Wednesday March 13, Friday March 15, Tuesday March 19, Thursday March 21, Tuesday March 26.

Pre-K Power: Mondays at 4:15 pm.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Creative Writing Club: March 14, and March 21 at 3:00 pm. Open to Grades 7-9. If interested, please speak to Ms. Alice, the Teen Librarian, about joining.

Tweens Play: Rocket League: Friday, March 15 at 3:15pm. Grades 5-8 are invited to play Rocket League on the Library's PS4. Registration is not required and walk-ins are welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesdays through April 10

FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Now through March 29

Johnathan Dayton High School students art exhibit.

April 1st through April 30

Book Arts Round Table art show “Canterbury Tales”.

Fridays, March 15, 29 & April 12, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

Thursday, March 28

Friends of the Library Children's & Young Adults Book Sale. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm

Board of Health Opioid Program

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, March 21, 10:00 am

Great Books: “The Consolation of Philosophy” by Boethius.

Thursdays, March 28 & April 11

Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm

Really Good Book discussion: “Travels with my Aunt” by Graham Greene.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with developmental disabilities.

FILMS

Monday, March 14, 1:00 pm

International Film: “Film Stars Don’t Die in Liverpool” (2017). Starring Annette Bening.

Saturday, March 16, 1:00 pm

Documentary film “Bag It”

Monday, March 25, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film: “Ocean’s 8” (2018).

Starring Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, and more.

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

Retro Film “Take the Money and Run” -

Woody Allen’s first film for which he was the writer, director and actor.

Monday, April 8, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film: “Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again”

(2018). Starring Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, and Lily James.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club.

Every Tuesday Afternoon Mahjong Club.

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

Every Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm One-to-One

Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT BOOK SALE JEWELRY AND WATCH SALE SPONSORED BY SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS MARCH 28 - 30, 2019

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their Children’s and Young Adult Book Sale Thursday - Saturday, March 28 – 30, 2019. Thursday, March 28 hours have been extended to 10 am to 6 pm. Sale hours for Friday and Saturday will be 10 am-4 pm. The sale will be in the Meeting Room at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Donations for the sale are still being accepted at the Library. Bring them to the Circulation Desk. Before donating any items, please ask yourself: Are the items soiled? Are they damaged? Have the items been stored in a damp area? Are the books out of date? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, please DO NOT DONATE THEM. They are not saleable. All donations should be clean and in good condition. The sale will in

include Children’s and YA books (Hardcover and Paperback), Educational Games/Toys, Adult Paperbacks, and DVD’s for all ages. No Hardcover Adult books, text books, or encyclopedias please. The Friends also accept donations of recent (last 3 months) popular magazines.

Donations of all the above items are accepted at the Library year-round.

Reminder: The Friends Full Vintage Jewelry Sale will be held in October. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Free Public Library.

AWARD WINNING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTARY “BAG IT” ENCORE SCREENINGS AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY ON MARCH 16 AND MAY 2

The Springfield Free Public Library again pleased to be partnering with the Springfield Environmental Commission, Green Team and Department of Public Works for encore screenings of the documentary film "Bag It" at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 16 and 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 2. This award winning film focuses on the negative effects that plastic has on our oceans, environments and bodies and offers strategies for reducing its use. The film runs for 78 minutes and is appropriate for adults and older children. Both screenings are free and open to the general public.

More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

SHOP RITE DIETICIAN PRESENTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS



On Thursday, February 7, at the Chisholm Community Center, Springfield senior citizens received tips on healthy food shopping and meal preparation from Megan Hewitt, in-house dietician at the Shop Rite of Union. This presentation was one of a series organized by the Springfield Recreation Department with local vendors who specialize in senior citizen-related services.

Redevelopment Update From The February BID Board Meeting

By Sam Mardini

GOMES Morris Avenue between Caldwell Place and Center Street

All environmental work (Asbestos removal) is scheduled to be completed on or about March 10, 2018. Demo permit applications for all structures will be submitted on March 15th. Demo to start on or about March 23, 2019

LARKIN Church Mall & Morris - SPDSAIL

Demo permit application will be submitted by the first week of March. Demo to start around March 15, 2019.

RICA Site

Church Mall and Blacks Lane - Don Rica, the owner of the four (4) properties on church Mall and Blacks Lane sold the properties to Garden Homes. Garden Homes is also negotiating to buy two (2) properties on Church Mall and on Academy Green from the Methodist Church. The church closed their doors last year. Garden Homes is also negotiating the purchase of the Township owned property located at 30 Church Mall. Once Garden Homes acquires all properties, a redevelopment plan for all properties will be created and approved by the Township Committee. The Planning Board will then hear and hopefully approve the application. The project could start in early 2020.

POLICE CAPTAIN WILLIAM CIERI

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Congratulations to Captain William Cieri on his retirement! Captain Cieri, we thank you for 25 years of dedicated service to the Township of Springfield and the Springfield Police Department. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors!

Chief John Cook, and the entire Springfield Police Department.

A luncheon was held for Captain Cieri on February 28, 2019 at Town Hall. The Courtroom was packed with employees, friends and family. Chief Cook commented on Cieri's career and his dedication to the Township and to the Police Department as an exemplary leader and supervisor. Chief Cook then presented him with a plaque as well.

At 4 pm that afternoon, Captain Cieri "walked out" of the Police Station to a crowd of at least 100 people who were there to honor him. Police Officers, Firefighters, First Aid Squad Members, township employees and family members were there. At 4:02 pm he requested to go "10-42" (off-duty) on the police radio. His request was granted by Chief Cook and his daughter wished him well on the radio too.

**SAVE THE DATE
ROTARY TASTE OF
THE TOWNS WILL BE
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019**

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TACKLE REAL-WORLD ISSUES USING STEM

Saint James the Apostle School held its 3rd annual STEM Fair for students in Grades 6 and 7 on February 11, 2019. This STEM Fair model empowers students to see the possibilities of technology and engineering to create a better future. The theme of the STEM Fair is engineering solutions for global sustainable development challenges.

The challenges for the STEM Fair are based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of which there are seventeen. Goals include renewable energy, peace and justice, responsible consumption, clean water and sanitation. While developing the project, the teams had to keep in mind the three pillars of sustainability which are society, economy and the environment. Sustainability is all about providing a better quality of life for all members of society, while building solid economic growth that will have long-term environmental practices.

Under the guidance and leadership of the middle school science teacher, Mrs. Melissa Robbins, students have been working on their problems, processes and solutions while keeping an engineering design notebook since the beginning of the school year. Students presented a tri-fold brochure and prototype to an audience of eight (8) judges. This year, our students developed innovative ways to improve oral health, fight hunger, build sustainable communities, create affordable, clean energy and collect, clean and filter water.

"There are so many skills that are developed in this process... critical thinking... collaboration... problem-solving...communication... creativity. There is also an awareness of gratitude for God's blessings and recognition of the talents bestowed on us to serve and help others," said Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal. These projects will advance to the Archdiocese of Newark's STEM Expo which will take place on April 6th at the Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

The three finalists are:



JED Toothpaste – toothpaste and toothbrush for Sierra Leone – Jonathan Bugel, Ethan Pinho and Daniel Rueda



The T.A.M. Girls – nutrition bar for Yemen – Mikayla Alvarez, Tayjaah Janvier, and Alexandra Morales



Clean Water Society – water filter for India – Gavin Diaz, Tyler Evans, Jayson Gbologa and Luia Landich

The overall plan of this Expo is to create an awareness for the SDGs and to empower students to envision possibilities for solutions. Saint James the Apostle School is located at 41 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Call 973-376-5194 or Email sjschool@sjspringfield.org for more information.

• • SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • •

The Chamber met at Sofia's Italian Restaurant in Springfield on Thursday morning February 28. This was their "Meet the Mayor" meeting and it was well attended with over 30 people.

Meeting Points:

Chief Cook announced that today (February 28) at 4:00 pm Captain Cieri is retiring and there will be a traditional "walk out" from Police Headquarters. He thanked Captain Cieri for all his service to the community. He also gave a report on some thefts in Town. The Chief's full report is online under "Police Desk" section on our website.

Rotary – "Taste of Town" is scheduled for April 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 6-9 pm

Lions – May 50/50 fundraiser and Monthly Meeting held at the Marco Polo in Summit.

Library Report – Dale Spindel

The Library celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the library building. Over 130 people attended the event at different times. Coming soon: Women in Transition Discussion, Free Yoga, Story Hour for Grown-Ups, Children's Book Sale. Library is accepting donations of items as well as vintage Jewelry for upcoming sale

Scott Seidel introduced John Bussiculo as the new Township Administrator. Scott thanked Chief Cook for all he did as acting Township Administrator for the past 8 months

Scott Seidel and Mike Scalera presented Sam Mardini, Township's Director of Engineering with a plaque on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District (BID) for all Sam has done for the Township. Sam Mardini is retiring after 26 years of service to Springfield. Sam's last day is March 14th.

Mike presented an update on redevelopment which is online on our website.

Special Guest – Mayor Erica Dubois spoke about her background and how excited she is to be Mayor during the transition that is happening in the Town. Mayor Dubois said she loves to hear new ideas from residents and you can email the Mayor at Erica.Dubois@springfield-nj.us. Mayor Dubois will be conducting the Women's Forum on March 31 from 1-3 pm at the Chisholm Community Center.

The First weekend in April will be the Interfaith Community "switch" services between Holy Cross and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

Historical Society – Margaret Bandrowski

Cannon Ball Open House was a success and was well attended. George Washington Letter was on display. Annual School Tours coming in April. Repairs are needed on the historical Cannon Ball House. Donations are welcome. Upcoming plans to paint the interior of the building and repair any damage to interior walls. The Chamber meets monthly and all are welcome.



New Township Administrator John Bussiculo (second from right) with Mike Scalera, Sam Mardini and Scott Seidel



Chamber Officers pose for a photo with Mayor Erica DuBois (center, l to r) Tracy Geyer Chamber Secretary, Scott Seidel, Co-chair, Mayor DuBois, Mike Scalera Co-Chair and Paula Kasier, Treasurer



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THE SPRINGFIELD UNITY PROJECT WILL HOST SUP WITH US: A SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POTLUCK ON APRIL 7

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, The Springfield Unity Project (SUP) will host SUP With Us: A Springfield Community Potluck at The Chisholm Community Center from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Come enjoy a fun, casual afternoon chock-full of cultural dishes and meaningful conversations and understanding among Springfield's diverse communities.

The event is free and family-friendly. Get ready to impress your neighbors with your favorite dish. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/p6ckK1roSvLalbg1>. For additional information, please contact SpringfieldUnityProject@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/SUPSpringfieldNJ/>.

COMMUNITY GOES BLUE

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Thursday, February 28 signaled the global recognition for rare diseases, but for the Weissberg family, the day is about their son Holden and his unique genetic condition. Holden Weissberg has dup15q syndrome, which his mother, Lauren, explained afflicts "only 1,300 people worldwide."

For readers unaware of dup15q syndrome, understanding the disease can be quite complicated. According to the Dup15q Alliance website, "most people have 2 copies of chromosome 15..." one from their mother and one from their father. "Sometimes, extra copies... connect and form their own, extra chromosome." The symptoms can range from developmental delay to autism in addition to poor muscle tone, motor and language impairment, and even seizures.

One of the toughest realizations of the dup15q syndrome came from Marc, Holden's father, said, "I'm never going to be able to talk to my son." Fortunately, with a combination of special needs education, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and therapy, Holden is making strides in his communication skills. Lauren explained that Holden "is more aware of the adults in his life and showing more awareness of the people in his life." And, that's important now that Holden has a new baby brother, Jonas.

Lauren continued, "In the two months that the baby came, he is more curious, more alert." Lauren and Marc have been strong advocates for dup15q syndrome, joining the Dup15q Alliance and rallying the community to learn more about the genetic disorder and other rare diseases. And, their efforts have paid off. Springfield residents that know the Weissberg family (and many who don't have any affiliation) wore blue on February 28 to raise awareness for dup15q on Rare Disease Day.

Lauren and Marc know that the funds they are raising may not cure Holden, but organizations like Dup15q Alliance offer clinics, treatments, and annual family conferences to learn from the experts. And, they are fortunate that their family, friends, school district, and community continue to support them.

To receive updates on Holden and dup15q, follow the Holden's Heroes Facebook page. The family is also planning a fundraiser on Friday, May 31, 2019 at Board& Brush in Livingston, NJ with details forthcoming on the Facebook page mentioned above.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES INTERIM PASTOR



The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield warmly welcomed the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers as their Interim Pastor on February 1st. "Pastor Rhonda" will help the congregation through the transition of finding a permanent Pastor, a process that can take from 18 to 36 months.

Rev. Myers grew up in the small town of Haworth in Bergen County, NJ. She attended the public school there through 8th grade, went on to a regional high school in Demarest, and then pursued a Liberal Arts degree, with a minor in communications, from Ramapo College of NJ. She is married to Pastor Dave Myers, who has been a wonderful life partner to her.

Rhonda entered Seminary quite a few years after starting a family. She graduated from Princeton

seminary in 1995 with a Master of Divinity degree, and then from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (affectionately known as PTS West) with a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2009.

Rhonda has served as pastor to two NJ Presbyterian Churches, one in Wood-Ridge and one in Franklin, and most recently served as pastor at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan. Coming back to NJ, and being near her growing family, brings her real joy.

Rhonda has led churches in transition. She has served at the Presbytery level as chair of several committees, including: Presbytery Council, a Church Development & Redevelopment Committee, and a Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She has served on Presbytery Listening Teams, Presbytery Mission Coordination Teams, and has been a mentor to several Candidates for Ministry. She was a reader of PC(USA) Ordination Exams for about 10 years and has contributed to the greater community through leadership on such Boards as Habitat for Humanity and the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Rhonda loves to teach, preach and lead worship. She enjoys the daily events of ministry, and looks forward to serving the Springfield congregation and being a part of the Springfield Clergy Association and member of the community.

HOLY CROSS NURSERY SCHOOL CELEBRATED DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY



The children at Holy Cross Nursery School celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a week dedicated to all things Dr. Seuss. Some activities included making green eggs and ham, constructing a hat like the Cat in the Hat and welcoming guest reader, Ms. Brianne, from the Children's Department at the Springfield Public Library. The children had a Suess-tacular time!

ADULT HEALTH SCREENING

By the Madison Health Department

Adult Health Screening/CMP Blood Testing
CMP-comprehensive metabolic profile fasting blood analysis including total cholesterol (HDL and LDL), CBC and other blood components, as well as blood pressure checks, cholesterol and diet information.

Thursdays, March 14th
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Madison Civic Center
28 Walnut Street, Madison

Men's Cancer Screening
Testicular, prostate, and colo-rectal examinations. Yearly check-ups are recommended for all men starting at 40-50 years old.

Monday, May 6th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Madison Civic Center
28 Walnut Street, Madison

Pre-Registration is required for all events.
(973) 593-3079 ext. 1
Participants should have their physician's name, address and telephone number when they call.
There is no fee to participate.

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