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(l to r) Mike Scalera, Chamber Co-chairman, Erica Infantolino, Susan Palombo, Mayor Christopher Capodice, Alice Kellett, Colin Lorimer, Mike Mirabella and Jared Gollin.

NEW TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



Senate President Nicholas Scutari administers Oath of Office to Harris Laufer, as Aron and Judith Laufer hold Bible. (story on page 4)

MULTI JURISDICTIONAL AWARD PRESENTED TO SPRINGFIELD, SUMMIT AND MILLBURN DEPARTMENTS (story on page 11)



Photo by John Rickershauser

(l to r) Firefighter Stewart Jurcak, Captain Mark Russo, Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, Captain Michael Mastroeni, Captain Erwin Heinrich, and Firefighter Altay Vigilante

MAYOR CAPODICE CUTS RIBBON AT UNION COUNTY SAVINGS BANK'S SPRINGFIELD OPENING



(l to r) Jack Ciattarelli, Lucy Amicucci (UCSB Chief Community Investment Officer), John P. Cook (Springfield Police Chief), Chris McFadden (UCSB Chief Financial Officer), Christopher Capodice (Springfield Mayor), Joseph Yewaisis (UCSB Chairman, President & CEO), Tom Kean (Congressman), Scott Seidel (Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chairman) and Mike Scalera (Springfield Chamber Co-Chairman). (story on page 11)

MEDICENTRAL OPENS FOR BUSINESS IN SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Monte Ehrenkranz, Chamber Representative, Rich Huber Springfield Township Committee, Scott Seidel Chamber Co-Chairman, Carlos Tronza, Mayor Chris Capodice, Chief of Police John Cook, Dr. Elen Wasserman, Nicole Reinhold, Springfield Police Captain Jon Rachel, Samantha Moore, Edmund Warner, Harolynne Mendez and Chamber Co-Chair Mike Scalera. (story on page 5)

COFFEE WITH A COP AT HALO ROASTERS



(see story and additional photo on page 4)

SPRINGFIELD GATHERS FOR EGG HUNT AND KITE FEST (story on page 4, more photos on page 8)



Photos by Erin McNany, Springfield Recreation Department

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Springfield Recreation Department



Springfield First Aid Squad's Cadets Present:

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SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS

Refreshments will be served!

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SPRINGFIELD FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL SUNDAY MAY 7 (see page 6)



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Message from the Mayor

Spring has definitely sprung in Springfield. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Spring Break and are ready for some warmer weather. Springtime means spring clean-up for many of our residents. During the month of April, Public Works will canvass the township, in the garbage packer truck, collecting lawn material placed in paper recyclable bags or trash cans curbside for spring clean-up. Residents cannot place material loose in the street – it must be contained. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (973) 912-8483.

Saturday, April 22nd is Earth Day! I encourage all of you to take part in Springfield Community Cleanup, hosted by the Springfield Environmental Commission, Green Team, and DPW. This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 23rd from 11 am - 2 pm. Wear boots and long pants, we provide gloves and garbage bags.. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours and help their community. For more information email environmental.commission@springfield-nj.us.

We have a new redevelopment attorney this year and I have ordered them to do whatever it takes to push the property owners at the Gomes site to get in compliance and continue the project. I have been updating our residents monthly on their progress and I am hopeful you will see more and more action on the site each week.

As always, I believe that good leadership starts with good listening. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please email me at chris.capodice@springfield-nj.us. Your voice matters, and I want to hear from you!

Stay safe!

Mayor Christopher Capodice

Dear Residents,

This past winter I shared with you the ongoing challenges of the rising costs in our municipality, state, and country over which we have no control.

The Township has been hard at work attempting to maximize our cost-saving efforts, including reviewing existing and potential new shared services agreements with other public entities, shifting service entities to control cost.

In the upcoming months we will be moving our emergency dispatch services from Mountain Valley to Union County Dispatch services saving over \$350,000. We also plan to enter a shared service agreement with the County for our Health services, saving an additional \$250,000. Cutting back Bulk Pickup from four times a year to twice a year saved us \$50,000.

During the off season, the pool parking lot is used to station School Buses increasing revenue approximately \$150,000. Lastly, we have been awarded various first responder grants in the amount of \$125,000.

Although we have made some significant headway, we still are faced with a significant hurdle to keep taxes in check while providing the same level and quality of services and programs to our residents, businesses, and visitors. I encourage all of you to attend our public budget presentations later this month to ask questions and find out more.

Stay safe!

Mayor Christopher Capodice

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

From all of us in Springfield Public School, we hope you and your family have enjoyed the changing weather and holiday celebrations over the past weeks. I'm excited to share a few updates about our work in our schools!

The Referendum Vote held on March 14, 2023, represented a significant step forward for our community. Voters approved the two questions on the ballot. The official count totaled 1,425 votes in favor and 390 opposed for Question 1 and 1,309 votes in favor and 499 opposed for Question 2.

We deeply appreciate the time our community devoted to learning about the proposal and sharing information with neighbors over these last few months. It was wonderful for me, personally, to meet so many members of our community and hear the variety of perspectives and experiences that will continue to impact our work moving forward.

We are now looking at the next steps for planning critical repairs for our district's infrastructure including safety and security upgrades at all five schools, bathroom renovations to improve plumbing and sewer systems, heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems updates, as well as refreshed spaces, which include the high school and middle school gyms and rooms used for art and music education at both the high school and middle school.

Throughout March, our students were also accomplishing great things! At Jonathan Dayton High School, our talented students showcased their skills at the Spring musical Heathers the Musical: High School Edition. Our Spring athletics teams began preparing for the season, and early indications promise some great games! Our athletic schedule is available on our website, and we invite our community to join us with Bulldog spirit! Students are celebrating college acceptances, and we are proud to see them planning for their next steps.

In the month ahead, we are continuing work on the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Media Center and Learning Lab spaces, and as the project progresses, we are looking forward to welcoming students next Fall.

At James Caldwell School, we are eagerly anticipating the delivery and installation of the new playground equipment, and remain grateful to the Township and the Planning Committee members for advocating for schools while evaluating planning opportunities. We hope to announce a ribbon cutting soon!

As a reminder, at our Board Meeting on March 27, 2023, our calendar was updated. The schools will be closed on May 26th and 29th for Memorial Day, June 6th for Election Day, June 19th for Juneteenth, and our last day of school will be June 22nd. Jonathan Dayton High School Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 21st on our home field. We look forward to continuing to keep you updated about the wonderful things happening in Springfield.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesdays, April 25 and May 9, and 23 at 7:00 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

3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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Macy's Furniture Gallery

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LEGAL NOTICE

“ Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-8 et seq., application has been made to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, to receive title papers authorizing the sale of 2004 Mercedes Benz ML500 VIN# 4JGAB75E74489892 on April 25th of 2023, and 11:00 am by means of a public / private sale. This described motor vehicle which came into possession of 21st Century Auto Group Inc through abandonment or failure of owners to claim it may be examined at 305 Route 22 East, Springfield, NJ 07081. Objections to this sale, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the following address: State of New Jersey, Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Titles Unit, 225 East State Street, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, NJ 08666.”

SPRINGFIELD GATHERS FOR EGG HUNT & KITE FEST

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On Saturday, April 8, 2023, hundreds of community members of all ages joined together at Chisholm Park for the Township of Springfield’s annual Egg Hunt & Kite Fest, which was postponed from the previous week due to rain and wind. The event was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, along with Mike Scalera State Farm Agency and Cardinal Land Properties. On a partly cloudy day in the low-50s, the popular spring event featured kite flying and separate egg hunts for toddlers through teenagers. Prizes -- awarded to children for finding the winning ticket eggs, bringing the most creative kites, and flying the highest kites -- were presented by Mayor Christopher Capodice; Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Mike Scalera, who served as master of ceremonies; Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Scott Seidel; Director of Recreation Adam Lieb; Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O’Reilly; and Chief of Police John Cook. The gift card prizes were donated by event supporter TD Pizza. Township Committeeman Richard Huber and Congressman Tom Kean, Jr., visited with event participants prior to the egg hunts. Following the two egg hunts, the Easter Bunny made an appearance and posed for pictures with families throughout the afternoon. In addition, a photo ring by Summit Soundz roamed the event snapping pictures and instantly texting them to cell phones for posting on social media. Summit Soundz also provided DJ music, dancing, and children’s contests. Party Maniacs of Springfield was a returning favorite at the event with make-your-own sand art necklaces. TD Pizza partnered with the event for a third time, this year selling a variety of flavor ices and ice cream to a line that stretched across the park. Returning this year was a giant inflatable corn maze by Amazing Amusements that proved fun and challenging. On hand at the event keeping the crowds safe were Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Scott Seidel and Deputy Coordinator Frank Applegate, as well as Springfield First Aid Squad Chief and OEM Deputy Coordinator Apu Mullick, plus their crews. The Egg Hunt & Kite Fest received logistical and staff support from the Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, Springfield Auxiliary Police, Springfield First Aid Squad, and several youth and adult volunteers.



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COFFEE WITH A COP

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For two hours on March 30th members of the Springfield Police Department worked the register at Halo Roasters taking orders and serving breakfast to community members who stopped by and were able to chat with Police Officers in an informal setting and ask questions.

HARRIS LAUFER TAKES OATH

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Laufer is a lifelong Springfield resident who is pursuing a Masters in Public Administration from Rutgers University Newark. He is also a State Director for the Jewish Federations of New Jersey. He worked as a Legislative and Policy Director for New Jersey State Senate: Office of Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari. He is also a Director for the Model United Nations Development Organization, Former Chairman of the Springfield Board of Health and Vice Chair for the Springfield Board of Adjustment. In an exclusive interview with the *Patriot Times*, Laufer commented: “I want to thank my family, the members of the Township Committee, and Township staff for giving me the opportunity to serve the town. To the residents, I want you all to know I will do my best to make Springfield even better. I am always reachable for any questions, comments or concerns.” Laufer fills the seat recently vacated by Committeewoman Erica DuBois.

MAKER’S DAY AT SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Springfield Free Public Library held several successful New Jersey Maker’s Day events on March 24th and 25th. The weekend, which was partially funded by a NJ STEM Month Grant, was attended by more than 150 adults and children.

Springfield Library’s first ever Maker’s Day celebration included activities for young and old. The festivities kicked off with catapult making on Friday and continued all day on Saturday. Participants learned about circuitry by creating blinky bows and light up led cards. Teens and adults also enjoyed making their own original string art.

The event’s finale was a two hour “Making Around the World” session held in the library’s museum and meeting room. Participants used their design skills to build with Legos and straw connectors, make scratch off art, drive the library’s new mini Sphero robots and more. We also had a surprise guest. Attendees were thrilled when Davin from Robot Revolution in Summit dropped by to demonstrate one of their robots!

Maker’s Day at the Springfield Free Public Library was a wonderful time. Follow the library on Instagram and Facebook to find out about more upcoming events.





Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

THE PROBLEM

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

SAFETY TIPS

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

SIGNS OF PROBLEMS

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

BATTERY DISPOSAL

Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. — Recycling is always the best option. — Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions. — Do not put discarded batteries

CHARGING AN E-BIKE

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling

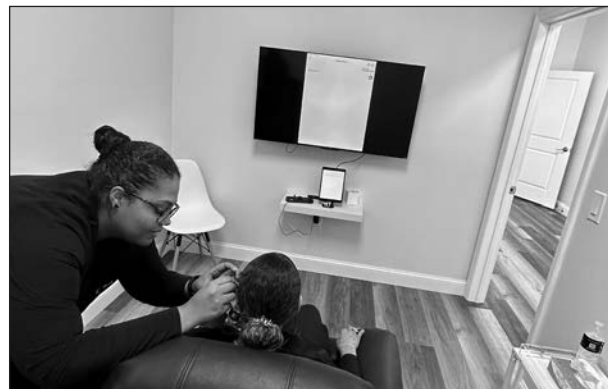
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The MediCentral has opened its newest Walk-in Clinic in Springfield, NJ. The MediCentral is a resource for adult and pediatric urgent care and primary care needs. Their new Walk-in clinic will be open 7 days a week and you can just walk in to be seen without an appointment or referral. The clinic will support the medical needs of families in Springfield and nearby communities with convenient weekday and weekend hours, as well as a personalized and concierge healthcare experience. The new location also has on-site state-of-the-art technology, which allows for patients to be seen quicker all while eliminating unnecessary long wait times as in a traditional urgent care.

Patients of all ages visit The MediCentral for many reasons, including treatment for upper respiratory infections, colds and flu, asthma, allergies, minor injuries, sore throats, insect bites and rashes, among other conditions. Our medical providers can diagnose and treat pink eye, croup, minor orthopedic injuries, and nosebleeds. Rapid testing for flu, covid, strep throat, mononucleosis, UTIs and other conditions are also among available services.

The MediCentral has multiple medical centers across New Jersey spanning Union, Hudson & Essex counties. The MediCentral accepts most insurances and offer low cost self pay options for those that are uninsured. Please visit their website www.themedicentral.com (<http://www.themedicentral.com/>) for further info.



SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY APRIL 23, 2023

Springfield's Community Cleanup Day is set for Sunday, April 23, from 11 am until 2 pm. Volunteers are welcome and needed in Laurel Park, Patriots Park and trails and the area around the catch basin across from Meisel Park. The Springfield Department of Public Works and the Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team will supervise volunteers and provide gloves, trash bags and tools. Community service hours will be awarded for JDHS volunteers.

Alyson Weber Miller, Chair of the SEC noted, "We welcome everyone who can help to clean up our parks — and if there's an area you know needs cleaning but it's not on our list just let us know by sending photos to EC@springfield-nj-us." Ms. Miller also said there is no need to register in advance. Just come out and help.

For more information, visit the Springfield Environmental Commission's Facebook page or the Town of Springfield website, www.springfield-nj-us

The Springfield Environmental Commission works with the Township of Springfield and its citizens to educate and advocate for positive changes to our environment and plays a significant role in municipal master planning, land use ordinance development and site plan reviews. The Commission sponsors several annual events including the Houdaille Quarry Walk, Clean Community Day and an Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.

"SENIOR CITIZENS HEALTH DAY" - A FUN & INFORMATIVE HEALTH EVENT

On Sunday, April 23rd, 2023, the Cadet Corps of the Springfield First Aid Squad will be hosting a "Senior Citizens Health Day" from 10:30am-2:30pm at the Chisholm Community Center at 100 S Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081. This special event will be hosted entirely by the young cadet volunteers of the First Aid Squad and is FREE to all who RSVP that they will attend.

For those unfamiliar with Springfield's cadet program, the corps is made up of 16 and 17 year old high school students, who are, or training to be, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). As part of their annual community outreach project, this group of young adults has organized this year's event with the intent of helping the seniors of the neighborhood. In past years, the cadet's community outreach project has taken many different forms, including blood drives, pediatric health fairs, ambulance tours, and more.

The fair on April 23rd will feature booths such as a mental health resource station, a "Facts of Life" station in which a cadet will assist you in filling out a sheet containing vital health information, numerous other information stations on various health facts, and even complementary food, drinks, and giveaways (while supplies last)! You won't want to miss this wonderfully informative event! To RSVP, please email SeniorHealthDay@gmail.com.

And of course, the First Aid Squad is always looking for volunteers! If you're interested in asking questions about membership call 973-908-8EMS or come to this "Senior Citizens Health Day", and any squad member would love to help you understand what it's like to be a volunteer. Be sure to stop by for an informative and good time with the cadets of the Springfield First Aid Squad.

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★ ★ Veteran's Corner ★ ★

What is the PACT Act? The PACT Act is probably the biggest health care and benefit expansion in the history of the VA. The law's full name is: The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act. The Act is important because it expands and extends eligibility for VA healthcare for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War and post- 9/11 eras. More than 20 presumptive conditions for Agent Orange, burn pits and other toxic exposures have been added in addition to more presumptive-exposure locations for radiation and Agent Orange.

If a Veteran previously filed a claim and it was denied PLEASE reapply. Also if you are a survivor of a Veteran (this includes surviving spouses, children and parents) you may be eligible for benefits. You do not need an attorney to file. Go to the website www.VA.gov Use VA Form 21P-534EZ if you are a surviving spouse or child, or VA Form 21P-535 if you are a surviving parent.

American Legion Post 228 meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge at 80 Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ All veterans with an honorable discharge are eligible to join the Legion. Please join us. We would love to meet you and tell you more!

Gerry McManus, Post Commander

Keeping YOU Informed!



••SPRINGFIELD UPDATE••

Municipal Court proceedings continue regarding violations of the Municipal Ordinances concerning the condition of the property. The trial is scheduled to continue before Municipal Court Judge Rosenbluth on April 10, 2023.

Meanwhile, last week two reports were provided concerning the steel beams, strength of concrete, and replacement of curved pipe. On Friday, March 24, 2023 the Township's Redevelopment Counsel requested further verification including the necessary sealed plans.

In addition, the Property Maintenance Inspector has issued a notice that the fencing must be removed and replaced from the Springfield rights-of-way because of safety issues. The Notice requires compliance no later than the close of business on April 3rd in accordance with the Springfield Ordinances. If this is not accomplished, Springfield intends to obtain a quote and undertake the necessary work. If Springfield does the work (which is required to be done by the property owner), a resolution will be presented to the governing body to impose a lien for all expenses incurred against the property.

We continue to evaluate whether the property owner can complete the project. The Township is actively evaluating its remedies if the project continues to be stalled.

Finally, certain matters are pending before the Union County Construction Board of Appeals which involve substantial penalties against the property owner. We are hopeful that these matters will be scheduled for a determination in the immediate future.

THE MORRIS AVENUE BRIDGE

The Morris Avenue bridge replacement project is in its final design stage. The New Jersey Department of Transportation is coordinating with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for proposed Green Acres impacts of widening the bridge.

Start of construction is anticipated in late Summer 2024. The construction duration for the overall project is approximately 1½ years. There are timing restrictions that affect when the contractor can work in the river to prepare for the bridge replacement which will start after schools begin the summer break. Rt 82 will be closed over one summer to replace the bridge.

VARIOUS SAFETY ISSUES

Our Springfield Zoning Official issued a notice to Springfield Center Urban Renewal ("Gomes Property") requiring it to address various safety issues including the fencing and rights of way. Instead of immediately complying, Springfield Center filed a complaint in the Superior Court of New Jersey in Elizabeth on March 30th. Our Redevelopment counsel filed substantial opposition on Sunday, April 2nd.

The Court held an emergent telephonic hearing on April 3rd. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Court stated, among other things, "the time for talking is over. . ." The Court directed Springfield Center to provide 24/7 security for the site until complete fencing was erected and directed that a meeting occurs on the site within 24 hours.

On April 4th the Township Officials, including the Mayor, met with Springfield Center and their counsel. The entire perimeter of the exterior of the site and the interior of the site were examined. The Township made it clear that the rights of way must be returned to the

Township as soon as possible. This will require certain backfilling to ensure the safety of the sidewalks. This will also require that the PVC pipe which crosses the sidewalk at the corners of Caldwell and Morris Avenue and Center and Morris Avenue must be removed on a daily basis or placed below the sidewalk.

All of these conditions continue to be of the utmost importance to the Township. Springfield Center indicated that they are going to begin work immediately. The Township also identified various construction and other debris which need to be removed from the site.

As a result of certifications from outside engineers concerning the integrity of the steel and concrete, the previous Stop Work Order has been rescinded but all work must commence in a safe manner.

We will continue to keep you updated concerning this site and the Township's efforts to mandate compliance with all safety and other ordinances, codes, and laws.

Here are the latest information, news, updates, and resources from the state of New Jersey!

WATER AND SEWER BILL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

New Jerseyans having trouble paying their water or sewer bills are encouraged to apply for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Households must have total gross monthly incomes at or below 60% of the State median monthly income of \$6,662 (based on a family of four) to qualify for assistance. Applicants' names must match the names on their water or sewer bills.

A NEW RESOURCE FOR TRANSGENDER AND NON-BINARY NEW JERSEYANS

A new, one-stop hub can help members of New Jersey's transgender and non-binary community find information about essential programs and services.

The Transgender Information Hub at Transgender.NJ.gov contains information such as how to change a name, acquire legal assistance, obtain mental health and medical support, learn about rights and legal protections, and more. As New Jerseyans and community stakeholders provide feedback, the site will be updated and further enhanced.

RESOURCES FOR FORMER DECAMP BUS COMMUTERS

Most commuters impacted by the discontinuation of daily DeCamp Bus routes into Manhattan can begin taking NJ TRANSIT buses from their former DeCamp stops beginning Monday, April 10th. Four existing NJ TRANSIT bus routes will be modified to accommodate approximately 85% of current weekday DeCamp customers.

TROUT SEASON NOW OPEN

Anglers of all ages can head to their favorite fishing spots as of Saturday, April 8th. The Pequest Trout Hatchery has stocked New Jersey waterways with more than 180,000 rainbow trout. Anyone aged 16 or older must obtain a New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp to fish for trout.

STAY HEALTHY THIS SPRING

New Jerseyans are encouraged to continue taking necessary precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy. Respiratory viruses, including COVID-19 are still among us.

Residents are particularly encouraged to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 and flu vaccinations, including receiving the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster when eligible.

Everyone six months of age and older is now eligible for the bivalent COVID-19 vaccinations that target recently circulating Omicron subvariants. COVID-19 vaccines are free to everyone. Find locations offering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters on the COVID-19 Vaccine Finder and Community Calendar.

Flu vaccines, which are often covered by insurers at little to no cost to individuals, can be found at pharmacies, health care provider offices, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and local health departments. FQHCs and health departments may

Springfield Food Truck Festival

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Sunday, May 7, 2023
11AM - 6PM

- ◆ Food Trucks by Main Street Fairs
- ◆ Beer & Wine Garden
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle
- ◆ Live Entertainment

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Proceeds benefit Rotary Club of Springfield, Springfield Recreation Department and JDHS Senior Scholarships.

Event to be held at the Springfield Community Pool Parking Lot, 44 Morrison Avenue. On-site parking is available on first-come-first-serve basis. Proper ID required for entry to Beer & Wine Garden.

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also offer the flu vaccine at little to no cost for eligible uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Everyone is encouraged to take common sense measures to protect themselves and the people around them. This includes coughing or sneezing into your sleeve, washing your hands, staying home when you're sick, and wearing a mask if you or someone you're spending time with is at high risk of severe illness. If symptoms appear, get tested for COVID-19. Free at-home test kits are available from the federal government and testing is offered for free at certain sites around New Jersey. Keep children home from school and child care centers if they are feeling unwell.

GOMES UPDATE APRIL 2023

On April 10th Municipal Court Judge Rosenbluth finalized the testimony and evidence in the trial concerning the December 2021 Summonses against Springfield Center Urban Renewal. A decision should be forthcoming in the near future.

Also on April 10th, our Township Construction Official issued a Notice of Unsafe Structure concerning the hairstylist building which is part of the development site. This Notice requires the property owner to remove the structure or attempt to make it safe.

Last week, our Township Zoning Official issued a notice to remove various debris from the site. If the debris is not immediately removed, a new summons may be issued against the property owner.

The Township has determined to retain a construction expert, Bill Costello of Epic Management. Mr. Costello toured the site on April 10th along with other Township officials.

On April 10th, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) was at the site to inspect worker safety protocols and open areas.

The Township has contacted JCP&L to check the safety of a utility pole which is on Morris Avenue immediately adjacent to the site. We are hopeful that they will be on scene within the next few days.

The State has apparently issued a notice concerning asbestos abatement from the structure remaining on the site.

The Township intends to continue, to do weekly and daily inspections. demanded a construction phasing plan.

We will continue to keep you advised as to all issues.

Stay safe!

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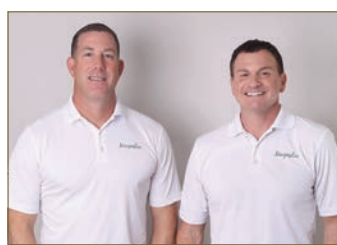
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PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO TORI CAPPO OF CASA OF UNION COUNTY BY MAYOR CHRISTOPHER CAPODICE

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and, in New Jersey and Springfield, CASA Child Advocate Month as well.

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Winners of kite fest prizes

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PROGRAM ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT ON APRIL 17

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to partner with The Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA) to present a program about identity theft and the steps that people can take to avoid becoming a victim of this growing problem. Specific topics that will be covered include how identity thieves steal the personal information of their victims and what they do with it, what to do if you are a victim of identity theft, what the warning signs are, and what the steps are to prevent fraud from happening. The program will take place at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 17, in the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum.

The Society for Financial Awareness is a national non-profit 501c3 organization that was founded in 1993. The organization's mission is to provide financial education across America, one community at a time. The program being offered will run approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES APRIL 25, 2023

Springfield Free Public Library will show Downton Abbey: A New Era (2022) as part of its lunchtime film series on Tuesday, April 25th. Additional films will be shown on Tuesday, May 9th and Tuesday, May 23rd. Admission is FREE. Each film starts at 12:00 pm. For more information, stop by or call (973)376-4930.

Funding for this program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

SPRING CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold a Children's and Young Adult Book Sale Thursday - Sunday, April 20 - 23, 2023. Sale hours will be Thursday 11 am-8 pm, Friday 11am - 4:30 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and 1-3:30 pm on Sunday. The sale will be held in the Meeting Room at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

The Friends accept donations of paperback and hard cover books for Children and Young Adults all year. Bring all donations to the Library's Circulation Desk during regular business hours. All donations should be clean and in good condition. Please DO NOT put donations in the Library's Book Drop. Donations of textbooks and encyclopedias are not accepted.

For additional information regarding the book sale, you can reach out to Mara at mfriedman@sfplnj.org.

Our Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale will be held in October (date not set yet). For more information about The Friends and its programs, check out our Facebook page at Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, Union County, NJ.

The Friends are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All proceeds from sales benefit programs and materials for Children, Young Adults, and Adults at the Springfield Free Public Library. New members are welcome all year.

THE STORY OF THE YIDDISH THEATER IN WORDS AND MUSIC, A CONCERT LECTURE PERFORMED BY DIANE CYPKIN, PHD



Join us in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 23 when Professor Diane Cypkin presents a musical lecture about the history of the Yiddish Theater.

The Yiddish Theater is not merely a historical curiosity from a by-gone age but is a force that is still felt throughout the entertainment industry today. As a native Yiddish speaker who has performed in many Yiddish stage productions, Prof. Cypkin is uniquely able to combine her performance and professorial skills to tell the story of the Yiddish Theater in a way that is both entertaining and educational.

Between renditions of some of the great songs from the Yiddish stage, Dr. Cypkin will share tales of the Yiddish theater and its formidable and colorful characters, including Boris Thomashefsky, Jenny Goldberg, Aaron Lebedeff, and Menasha Skulnik.

Dr. Cypkin's set list will include such Yiddish classics as Di Grineh Kuzine (The Green Cousin), Rozhinkes mit Mandlen (Raisins and Almonds), Ikh Bin a Mame (I'm a Mother), and Bei Mir Bist du Schön (Means that You're Grand). In addition, Dr. Cypkin's accompanist, Lena Panfilova, will perform instrumental renditions of Mein Shtetele Belz (My Little Town, Belz), Ikh Vel Vart'n Oyf Dir (I Will Wait for You), and Rumania, Rumania.

Diane Cypkin is a Professor Emerita in the Media, Communications and Visual Arts Department of Dyson College of Arts & Sciences at Pace University. For several years she was Yiddish Theatre Consultant at the Museum of the City of New York and curated the highly successful exhibition, A Celebration: 100 years of Yiddish Theatre in New York. She has appeared in Yiddish language musicals for more than two decades. In addition, Dr. Cypkin has worked in the English-speaking theatre as both singer and actor in shows at the Soho Repertory Theatre, the New York Theatre Workshop, the Jan Hus Playhouse, and the Three Muses Theatre.

Lena Panfilova is a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory. She has performed as a collaborative pianist with many musicians and has given numerous solo and chamber concerts in Russia, across Europe, and in America.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public, preregistration is not required, and seating will be on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org

LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUES ON MAY 9, 2023

Springfield Free Public Library will show Everything Everywhere All At Once (2022) as part of its lunchtime film series on Tuesday, May 9th. Additional films will

be shown on Tuesday, May 23rd and Tuesday, June 6th. Admission is FREE. Each film starts at 12:00 pm. For more information, stop by the library or call (973)376-4930.

Funding for this program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

THE WPA: WHEN THE GOVERNMENT PROMOTED ART, GAVE THE COUNTRY HOPE, AND DEFEATED THE DEPRESSION, AN IN PERSON PRESENTATION BY JANET MANDEL

(picture on page 8)

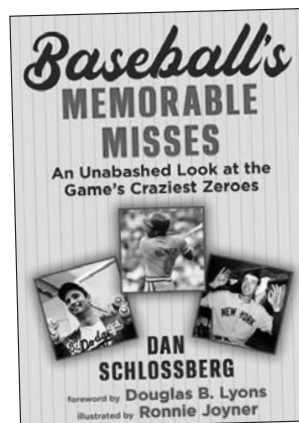
The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to present "The WPA: When the Government Promoted Art, Gave the Country Hope, and Defeated the Depression," a live and in-person presentation by Janet Mandel, to take place in the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 26.

In 1935 the United States Government initiated an ambitious employment and infrastructure program known as the Works Progress Administration to contend with the bleakest years of the Great Depression. Federal Project Number One, as its cultural division was known, employed musicians, artists, writers, actors and directors in arts, drama, media, and literacy projects. This talk will introduce you to some of the artists and their works that helped lift the nation out of despair, launched many careers, and forged a lasting legacy.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public, and preregistration is not required. For more information, contact Dale Spindel, Library Director, at dspindel@sfplnj.org

BASEBALL WRITER DAN SCHLOSSBERG TO DISCUSS "BASEBALL'S MEMORABLE MISSES" 7:00 PM ON MAY 10

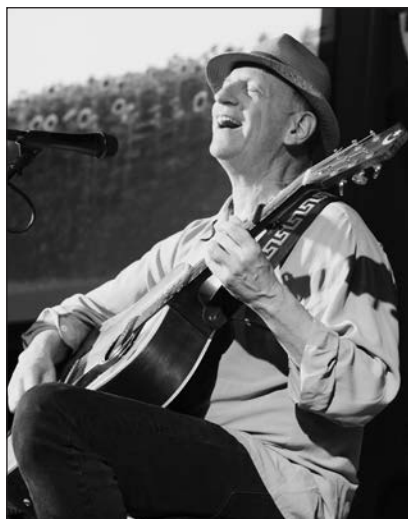
The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to welcome back baseball writer Dan Schlossberg for a presentation based on his most recent book, "Baseball's Memorable Misses," published in March by Sports Publishing, an imprint of Skyhorse Press. Like the book, the presentation will shine a light on such memorable "misses" as the fact that Nolan Ryan never won the Cy Young Award, Greg Maddux never pitched a no hitter, Willie Mays never led his league in runs batted in, and Stan Musial never won a home run title.



In a sportswriting career that has spanned more than fifty years, Schlossberg has written 40 books (2 more are in progress) and more than 10,000 articles about baseball. As a current adjunct professor at Bergen Community College's Institute for Learning in Retirement, he offers a four part course called "Baseball's Ironies & Oddities."

This program is free and open to all members of the general public, and preregistration is not required. For more information, contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER "BOPPA CHUA," A HISTORY OF THE MUSIC OF THE '50S AND '60S



Join us at the Springfield Free Public Library at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 7 for a live and in person presentation of "Boppa Chua: A History of the Music of the '50s and '60s." New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Marc Black will be your guide for an afternoon of song, storytelling and laughter as you celebrate such wonderful songs as "Itsy Bitsy, Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini" and "Blowin' in the Wind" and take a look back at artists who run the gamut from Dean Martin to George Harrison. The program will also feature a slide show by Susan Black that promises to "slide you right back in time." Marc will also perform "Happy," his own top forty hit from his time performing as a member of "Blades of Grass" and being on tour with The Doors, Neil Diamond, The Dave Clark Five, and Van Morrison.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public and preregistration is not required. The performance will be taking place in the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum and the doors to the museum will open at 1:45 PM.

REALLY GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION: ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, May 24th at 4 p.m. to discuss Eleanor of Aquitaine: A Biography. Marion Meade profiles the eponymous queen of two nations (1137 AD – 1189 AD), wife of two kings, and mother of two king through a feminist lens.

May's discussion will take place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. New members are welcome! To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email to questions@sfplnj.org.

UNION COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

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On Tuesday, April 4, Union County Savings Bank, the 140-year-old community bank headquartered in Elizabeth, NJ, celebrated the opening of its new administrative office in Springfield, NJ, with a grand opening party. Springfield Mayor Christopher Capodice assisted UCSB President and CEO Joseph Yewaisis with the ribbon cutting. In attendance were also noted guests, Congressman Tom Kean, Jr., Springfield Chief of Police John P. Cook, and Springfield Chamber Co-Chairmen Mike Scalera and Scott Seidel. Located at 130 Mountain Avenue across from Jonathan Dayton High School, the brick-façade building underwent a total renovation over the winter, completing another step in UCSB's plans to modernize operations. The Bank recently introduced online and mobile banking with expanded services, like Zelle money transfers and bill pay, and it will unveil both consumer and business debit cards in mid-April. The sleek and modern Springfield office space will comfortably accommodate back-office employees, including human resources, the charitable foundation, marketing and compliance, and make it more convenient for the Bank to serve the needs of yet another Union County community through its wide array of volunteer programs and charitable grants. Union County Savings Bank celebrates its 140th anniversary this year, is FDIC insured, with \$1.8 billion in total assets and proud of its commitment to Union and Essex counties.

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MULTI JURISDICTIONAL AWARDED

(continued from front page)

On April 22, 2023 members of Springfield, Summit and Millburn Fire Departments were recognized at the New Jersey FMBA Valor Awards Banquet.

On the afternoon of May 19, 2022, Springfield, Summit and Millburn Fire Departments were dispatched to Route 24 East in Summit for the reported multi-vehicle crash with injuries. Arriving units on scene were confronted with a mass casualty incident with a total of seven vehicles involved including sedans, SUVs, pickup trucks, a tri-axle dump truck and tractor trailer. The incident was spread down the eastbound lanes spanning approximately one-quarter mile, with vehicles in every lane including the median and shoulders on both sides of the highway. Two separate areas of the crash were significant. Both areas required extensive extrications, one with two passenger vehicles, one on top of the other and approximately 300 yards away, was a tractor trailer with a sedan underneath it, with the driver heavily entrapped who was unconscious, with severe head trauma and multiple injuries.

New Jersey State Police Medi-Vac was requested to the scene, and a landing zone was set up on the highway. One patient was flown to University Hospital in Newark in critical condition, others were transported via ground ambulance to Morristown and Overlook Hospital in serious condition. Sadly, one victim did succumb to injuries and was pronounced at the scene. The crews remained on scene working with the Union County Medical Examiner to extricate/recover the victim.

In total, three victims were trapped in their vehicles and needed to be extricated at the scene. If not for the efforts of the crews on scene to be able to adapt and quickly work together, this incident likely could have had a different outcome with the potential of more lives lost.

Chief Palumbo "The members of all three departments were able to communicate and execute a plan of action. Every member on scene displayed the true meaning of professionalism by staying focused on the tasks at hand. Their actions prove in the utmost manner the level of pride and dedication these departments work to achieve in order to provide the best possible services."



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Tuesday, April 18 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursday, April 20 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Springfield Senior Citizens Club meeting and lunch with reports from town officials @ 12:00 pm
Friday, April 21 - Lunch bus trip to Miller's Ale House, Watchung @ 11:30 am (RSVP), Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Sunday, April 23 - Senior Citizens Health Day presented by Springfield First Aid Squad's Cadets @ 10:30 am-2:30 pm (RSVP to seniorhealthday@gmail.com)
Monday, April 24 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am
Tuesday, April 25 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 26 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
Thursday, April 27 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Movie with hot dogs (RSVP)
Friday, April 28 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Monday, May 1 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am
Tuesday, May 2 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm, Pearle Vision Presentation @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
Wednesday, May 3 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am
Thursday, May 4 - Lunch bus trip to Chimney Rock Inn, Bound Brook @ 11:00 am
Friday, May 5 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Monday, May 8 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am, Blood Drive @ 2:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, May 9 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm, Bus trip to PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, May 10 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am
Thursday, May 11 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday, May 12 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm

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TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

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Tennis Squirts: 4:00-4:50 pm (Ages 3-5)
Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 5-8)
Foundation Tennis: 6:00-6:50 pm (Ages 8-11)
Developmental tennis: 7:00-7:50 pm (Ages 11-14)

SUNDAYS, 4/23 • 6/18

Squirts Tennis: 9:00-9:50 am (Ages 3-5)
Foundation Tennis: 10:00-10:50 am (Ages 5-8)
Foundation Tennis: 11:00-11:50 pm (Ages 8-11)
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Police Chief's Column for readers of the Patriot Times

Now that spring is here and warmer days are just around the corner, people will be heading back outdoors to enjoy the season. Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times may notice an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as increased enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers. Officers will be conducting a variety of enforcement activities, including “cops in crosswalks” pedestrian enforcement, distracted driving and hands-free cellular device enforcement, and speeding enforcement. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility, and our goal is to educate drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists in the proper use of the roadways, and reduce the number of traffic-related incidents that occur in Springfield.

Motorists must come to a complete stop and remain stopped when a pedestrian is crossing in a marked crosswalk. This includes motorists who are making turns while pedestrians are crossing. Marked crosswalks are designated with painted lines and/or stripes, and have yellow warning signs posted as motorists approach. Marked crosswalks can be within intersections controlled with traffic signals, uncontrolled intersections, or mid-block. Crosswalks can also be unmarked, which include all intersections of streets normally considered to represent crosswalks but are not physically painted or striped. At these intersections with unmarked crosswalks, motorists must yield to the right-of-way of pedestrians and allow them to cross, but pedestrians must first wait for an adequate break in traffic that will allow them to cross safely before leaving the curb.

Pedestrians are reminded to cross only where legally permitted. At intersections with traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the signal, and cross only when the “WALK” symbol is displayed. If an intersection is not equipped with pedestrian signals, pedestrians should cross with the green light. At uncontrolled intersections or at mid-block crosswalks, pedestrians must remember to cross only when there is an appropriate gap in traffic. Pedestrians should never suddenly leave the curb and begin crossing into the path of a vehicle that is so close it would be impossible for the driver to stop or yield. Pedestrians should always be alert and wear bright reflective clothing (especially if walking at night or early morning).

Cyclists must remember that they have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. Cyclists should always ride on the right side of the road, obey all signs and traffic signals, and ride with the flow of traffic. Cyclists should always be alert, wear bright reflective clothing (especially if cycling at night or early morning), and properly maintain their bicycles in good working order – including reflectors and lights. NJ law mandates that all riders 17 years and younger (including children strapped in attached child-seats) must wear an approved, properly fitting helmet, but it is recommended for all cyclists to use one to protect themselves.

Parents are reminded that their children should not be permitted to play on public roads, even on quiet cul-de-sacs or side streets. Public roads are intended for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic only, and should never be utilized for children’s games or other activities.

As our police officers will begin additional enforcement details, I remind motorists of NJ’s “Move Over Law”, which requires drivers to change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles...not only for police, but for fire department, first aid squad, and tow trucks/driver assistance vehicles as well. If changing lanes is impossible, or if the roadway is only one lane, drivers must slow down to below the posted speed limit, and prepare to stop as they approach the emergency vehicle.

Together, we can make Springfield’s roads safer for everyone.

THE DISCOVERY ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO TV WITH MOVING MASTERPIECE

Emmy-nominated teaching orchestra’s sixth national special, Discover Saint-Saëns’ “Organ” Symphony, to premiere on WNET’s ALL ARTS on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m., and to be distributed nationally by American Public Television on May 1

SUMMIT, N.J. (March 29, 2023) — The Discovery Orchestra, the Emmy®-nominated New Jersey ensemble that has introduced millions around the world to the pleasures of listening to classical music, will release its sixth national television special this spring. Discover Saint-Saëns’ “Organ” Symphony, an aural journey through the Finale of French composer Camille Saint-Saëns’ tour de force Symphony No. 3, will have its television premiere on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m., on The WNET Group’s ALL ARTS. The one-hour program, hosted by The Discovery Orchestra Founder and Artistic Director George Marriner Maull, will also be distributed nationally by American Public Television (APT) on May 1 for broadcast on U.S. public television stations (check local listings).

The interactive special features the 91-piece symphony orchestra and Plainfield, New Jersey-based organist Mark Miller. Peter Winograd of West Nyack, New York, serves as concertmaster. Viewers will be able to gain a better understanding of the “Organ” Symphony Finale by engaging with Maestro Maull’s insights and questions on aspects such as tempo, instrumentation and other musical elements, in order to learn how to “listen better” — which is the guiding mission of the orchestra.

Viewers nationwide can stream the program from May 1 on AllArts.org; the free ALL ARTS app on all major streaming platforms, including Apple TV, Roku and Amazon Fire TV; and @AllArtsTV on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Those in the New York area may watch ALL ARTS’s 24/7 broadcast channel on Optimum 144, Verizon Fios SD 497/HD 498, Comcast 958/1156, Spectrum 1276 and Digital Antenna 21.4.

The show was made possible with the generous support of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as Elliot and MaryJeanette Dee, Bob and Cynthia Hamburger, Michael Johnston, The F.M. Kirby Foundation, The Kosloski Family Foundation, Robert Scott of Main Street Wealth Management, The Bill and Patricia O’Connor Charitable Fund, David and Ellen Williams, Lee and Jennifer Pierson, The V.A. Johnston Charitable Fund, Daniel and Gail Kopp, and Rachel Weinberger and Ed McGann.

A Note from former Township Committeewoman, Erica DuBois...

When I started the journey that led me to my role on the Township Committee nearly 8 years ago I had two relatively young children and thought “How can I run for office at this point in my life?” “I spoke to my family and I remember my dad basically telling me that you have to take opportunities when they present themselves because they may not happen again. So I ended up doing that, and after that initial loss being elected to this seat. Having the opportunity to be Committeewoman, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor are experiences I am forever grateful for. I am extremely proud of the work that I’ve done in those roles and that we’ve done collectively as a team. I am most grateful for the relationships I’ve built here and in surrounding communities.

Recently, I’ve become aware of some new opportunities that fit my skill set and the knowledge I’ve gained from my role in our governing body. However, in order to consider pursuing any of these possible opportunities, I needed to step away from the Township Committee.

Now my kids are a little older, but of course the timing isn’t necessarily perfect on paper because it’s in the middle of my third term. But as I learned nearly 8 years ago, sometimes you have to go with your gut and pursue opportunities when they are within your reach. Maybe not when they are necessarily perfect on paper.

So with that in mind, I stepped away from my role as Committeewoman. I am grateful to the team that was around me not only on the dais, but also the department heads who I’ve worked with very closely over the last 6 1/2 years, and of course Mrs. Donnelly! I am especially grateful to all the support from our residents.

Thank you Springfield for allowing me to serve you in this capacity.

*Sincerely,
Erica DuBois*

Dayton softball is poised for a big season. At the time this article was written they stand at 4-2 including a top 20 win over Hanover Park

Led by Head Coach David Rennie and Assistant coach Caitlyn Gibson, they have a young but talented roster, fielding just one senior, who is a three-year starter and second-year Captain in center field, Deanna DuBois. Four juniors including co-captains, utility player and slapper Alyssa Santangelo, catcher and big bat Kate Buckley along with Jenna Campos’s athletic glove at first base, and returning pitcher Natalie Mignone, who has also been dominant at the plate. Six sophomores on the roster, including starting shortstop Angela Gatto, who has shown tremendous power at the plate, along with another powerful bat in Ashley Weber and Olivia Douglas who has made a significant impact with her glove in right field. Sophia Badalamenti, and Jillian Mann round out the sophomore players. Freshmen pitcher Lila Carroll and second baseman Bella Pintado have stepped right into starting roles early in the season with huge contributions. Lila with 24 Ks on the mound and 3 extra-base hits early on and Bella has played like a seasoned veteran at second base. Other freshmen in the program include Maggie Mortensen, Cara Steir, Jolie Toledo, and Ella Kestin. Dayton has a 24 game regular season schedule, including 12 home games. You can follow the team on Instagram @daytonsoftball or @jdhs_athletics. The Jonathan Dayton Softball Booster Club also live streams most games on Facebook. You can reach out to the club for more information at jdsbc00@gmail.com.

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