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Perhaps you drove by the Springfield Fire Department recently and had taken a second look at what you thought was a parked taxi, but then saw what looked like a patrol vehicle.

What you saw was the Springfield Police Department’s latest means of bringing awareness to the public of some of the consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

A few months ago Captain McLaughlin had approached Chief Cook to talk about a vehicle he had seen being used by another department to promote the fight against driving under the influence.

“Knowing how I feel about this topic, the Captain felt that this could be something that we could look into doing as well,” said Chief John Cook of the Springfield Police Department.

“Once we had one of our older vehicles ready to come out of service, I decided to utilize this vehicle to promote the consequences of driving while under the influence. Normally, vehicles that are no longer used for patrol service are sold for a minimal amount of money, mostly to companies that turn them into cabs. I felt that the benefit of using this vehicle to promote not driving while under the influence would far outweigh the money that we would have made on it.”

Chief Cook stated that he had brought this idea up at a Township Committee meeting some time ago and that it was received very well by all.

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THIRD ANNUAL PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

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SPRINGFIELD HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

Below cloudy skies and temperatures in the 40s, the Township's annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting attracted hundreds of community members on Wednesday, December 9th, from 5:00-8:00 pm, outside Town Hall. The free event was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, and featured remarks by Mayor David Barnett, tree lighting, visit by Santa Claus, live winter wonderland band, petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, castle bounce house, toy soldier on stilts, strolling Rudolph and holiday bear, hot pretzels, candy canes, glow sticks, dessert, and drinks.

When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Adam Lieb, the Township's Recreation Director, said, "This celebration has always been one of my favorite events of the year in Springfield. I hope the residents enjoyed the lights, live music, food, bounce house, and everything else we were able to offer the community tonight. Thank you to everyone who helped make tonight possible –elected officials, municipal employees and volunteers, and student helpers. We are so lucky in Springfield to be able to celebrate the holiday season together.”

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

As I sit down to draft my twelfth and final Mayor's Message, I can't help but think about what an honor it has been to serve Springfield over the past three years. As your Mayor, I have had the pleasure of meeting wonderful Springfield residents, working with dedicated township professionals and volunteers and making many new friends. The list of people to thank is long and I will do my very best to reach out to each person individually.

Many people have asked me what I liked most about being Mayor and serving on the Township Committee. I consistently answer that while I am extremely proud of having been able to represent the Township at meetings and events from the federal to local levels, I am most proud of the work I've done here in Springfield. At the top of this list is the enormous progress made on downtown redevelopment. I'm happy to announce that as of this week we have a DEFINITIVE PLAN TO REDEVELOP THE 85,000 SQUARE FOOT PROPERTY ON MORRIS AVE AND CALDWELL. The Township has agreed to a detailed plan (available at town hall) and the project is moving ahead rapidly. Several other property owners have taken notice and additional discussions are in the works.

I would also like to mention that having overseen the budget for the last three years, I feel that we have delivered three fiscally conservative budgets that minimized municipal taxes, while investing in must-have items like a new ladder truck for our fire department and critical emergency equipment in case of another natural disaster. We have fully renovated and re-opened the Chisholm Community Center as a place for all Springfield residents, from children to seniors, to meet and play. We have negotiated fair contracts with our Police and Fire unions that will attract and keep talented employees and ensure Springfield's safety. We have maintained and improved our infrastructure, including roads and parks and have been able to invest \$750,000 in the community pool, without impacting taxes. As Mayor, I created the Springfield Flood Mitigation Committee and have made significant progress on flood mitigation and prevention efforts. We have made enormous progress improving our environment, even gaining prestigious certifications for our efforts, all of which I am extremely proud.

Many residents tell me what a wonderful place Springfield is to live, and I agree with them. My hopes for the future are that we continue to keep it that way. I would very much like to see the continuation of controlled spending to minimize the tax burden on residents. Future Township Committees need to look to revenue generating sources to offset New Jersey's high property taxes. I would also like to see the Sarah Bailey building developed into an Arts and Cultural center; this would draw the public to the center and spur business activity. Last but not least, I would like to see expanded recreation activities, such as utilizing the pool property during the winter as a skating rink.

Once again, It was an honor serving you and I encourage every resident to get involved in our local government. It is easily the best way to achieve the change and progress that we all want for our community. I wish everyone a safe and health holiday season and a very happy new year!

Your Mayor,

David Barnett

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 22, 7:30 pm at Town Hall
Annual Reorganization Meeting: Wednesday January 6, 6:30 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 the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

REMINDER TO ALL SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS:

It's that time of year again! Annual registration of all burglar alarm systems are due no later than January 15, 2016.

The Springfield Police Department will be sending a renewal notice and registration form to all previous registrants. Residents and business owners who were not previously registered can obtain a registration form on our website, www.springfield-nj.us, or call the Springfield Police Department Record Bureau for assistance at (973) 912-2239.

Wishing everyone a safe, and joyous holiday season!

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HOLIDAY SAVINGS



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enjoying all the great
deals from more than
50 local Springfield
businesses!!!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

SMILOW FAMILY DENTISTRY

41 Mountain Ave - (973) 343-0600

Smilow Family Dentistry, P.C. is a family practice treating patients of all ages. They're committed to delivering the highest quality dental care and do so using state-of-the-art dentist equipment. This practice offers cosmetic services like Invisalign, Veneers, Dental Implants, Zoom Teeth Whitening and more. They also perform emergency dentist services that include root canals, crowns, sedation dentistry, and bridges. Their goal is to create lifelong relationships with patients and their families...ensuring trust and quality care in a comfortable and relaxed environment. Smilow Family Dentistry, P.C. and staff invite you to schedule an appointment and experience the Smilow difference.



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250 Morris Ave - (973) 258-1600

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Their Mission at GameChanger is to provide a life changing experience by empowering young athletes and adults to reach their full potential not only in sports, but also in life while instilling a sense of self-confidence, commitment and dedication. Their programs include Adult Fitness, Women's Fitness, Senior Athlete & Junior Athlete and Baseball Training. So, regardless of your physical level, there's a program that will perfectly fit your needs and objectives.



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20 Millburn Ave - (973) 467-3939

Nothing's more important than good health. There is no age restriction for training, nor any physical requirement. Training in Soo Bahk Do "Moo Duk Kwan" will relieve your stress, increase your mental awareness and decrease or eliminate your fear and anxiety. Soo Bahk Do "Moo Duk Kwan" is a premier Martial Art. Rich in history, tradition, discipline/respect, philosophy and technique. These are the five Moo Do values that are taught here in addition to superior fighting skills. Soo Bahk Do is not a sport, rather a way of life that promotes better health and wellness.

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TURKEY DAY DELIVERY



Members of Springfield Rotary and Springfield HOPE pose in front of Stew Leonard's who donated 20 turkeys.



Members of Springfield Rotary and Springfield HOPE pose in front of Shop Rite of Springfield who assembled the dinner packages for delivery.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

Community partners for the event included: Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Springfield H.O.P.E., Jonathan Dayton High School Alternative's Club,, Business Improvement District, Township Committee, Municipal Alliance, Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management, F.M.B.A. Local #57, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, First Aid Squad, Administrator, and Township Clerk.



Recreation Director Adam Lieb and Mayor David Barnett greet the crowd.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY & SPRINGFIELD HOPE DELIVER TURKEYS

Once again the Springfield Rotary Club distributed dinners for families this Thanksgiving. In conjunction with Springfield H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Endure), the Springfield Rotary club members made individual donations and took time out of their work day to deliver dinners throughout our community.

The Springfield Rotary Club's mission is to provide assistance to the community through service. The club members are: Dr. Seth Hammer, Bart Fraenkel, Paula Kaiser, Jesse Arteche, Lloyd Grossman, Joseph Cappa, Michael Scalera, Dr. Gary Hecht, Jennifer Monasterio, Mel Kevoe, Michael Hausman, Michael Pine, Dr. Lee Kaswimer, Peter Gerges, Steve Edelstein, Lucas Wolf and Brian Rader. Honorary members are Springfield Mayor David Barnett, Police Chief John Cook, Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, and Recreation Director Adam Lieb. The Trustees for Springfield HOPE are Scott Seidel, Dr. Gary Hecht, Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Springfield Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo. The Springfield Rotary Club was the home of 2014 District Governor of Rotary, Mel Kevoe, and was recently awarded an honor by the current District Governor for providing the largest donations to Rotary International by any club in the district.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and the Springfield club epitomizes these values. But the Rotary cannot do it alone and through the generous donations of Stew Leonard's and Shop Rite (Village Super Market, Inc. of Springfield), many needy families in Springfield were able to enjoy a holiday dinner with their families.

For many years, the Springfield Rotary has provided scholarships to students at Dayton High School, provided the funds for the gazebo at Veteran's Park, the original bulletin board outside the high school, sponsored recreational teams, made donations to Boy Scouts during their projects to become Eagle Scouts, and much more. Rotary is not as well-known as some other organizations, but is always there when called on for assistance.

We are always looking for new members and are extending an invitation to Springfield residents and business people to attend one of our lunch meetings in order to find out more about what we do; and hopefully join us as a member. We meet Tuesday's at 12:15 to 1:30 at Spirit (which use to be McLynn's) on Morris Avenue. Please call the Dr. Seth Hammer at 973-376-7718.



The strolling holiday bear poses with a Springfield youth.



Children take a selfie with Santa on the steps of Town Hall



Mayor David Barnett and Santa Claus count down to the tree lighting.



Members of Jonathan Dayton High School's Alternatives Club distributed glow sticks donated by the BID.



Santa Claus poses for a picture with the The Huber Family.



Members of the Springfield FMBA take a break from serving donuts, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

Is your family walking around
like the living dead?



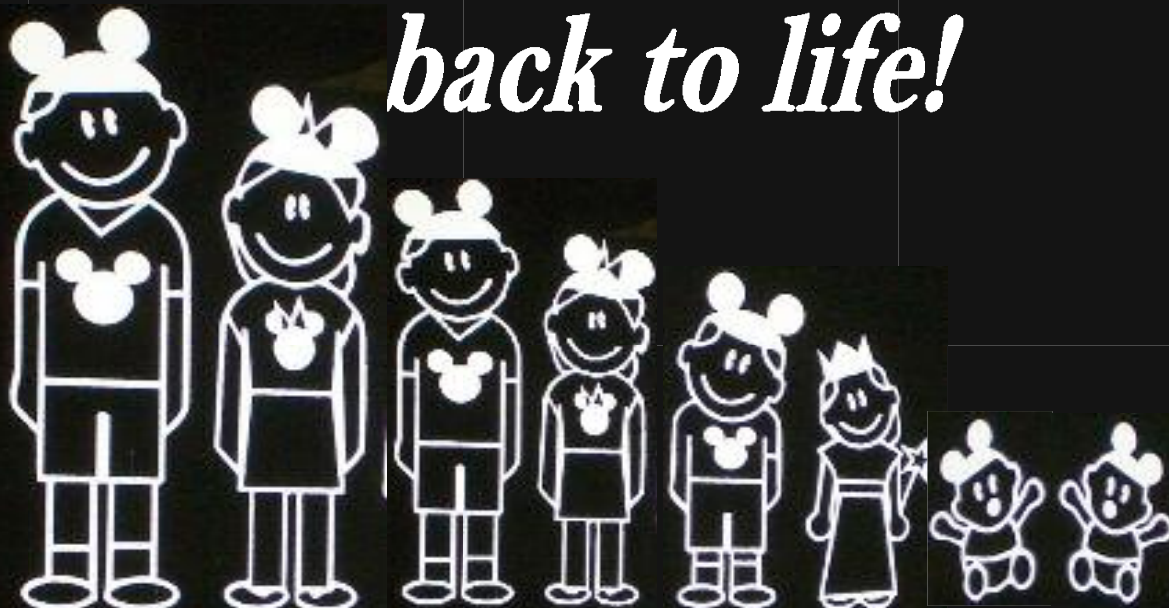
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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The winter holiday season is traditionally a festive and eventful time of year. Celebrations, family gatherings and visits from house guests traditionally increase in number during the season.

Unfortunately, statistics show that incidents of home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 30 percent of home fire and 38 percent of home fire deaths occur during the months of December, January, and February.

There are steps that can be taken to reduce the risks of death and injury from a home fire this holiday season. It is critical that families keep fire safety in mind while enjoying this festive, exciting and extremely busy time of year.

Take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- Make your check list and check it twice
- Stockings hung at least three feet from heat sources
- Purchase holiday lights that bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory
- Keep your tree hydrated
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Do not string more than three strands of incandescent lights
- Always turn off decorations before leaving your home

Best Wishes for a Happy & Safe Holiday Season!!

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDWARD V. WALTON SCHOOL

601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081

Registration for children eligible for the 2016-2017 Pre-Kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for those children eligible for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in September 2016, who are NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED in the Edward V. Walton School.

Prekindergarten & Kindergarten Registration

DATE	LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH	TIMES
January 12, 2016 Tuesday	A-G	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 13, 2016 Wednesday	H-O	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 14, 2016 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 December 1, 2016. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1, 2016. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- Child's Original Birth Certificate • Current Immunization Records
- 4 Proofs of Residency • Tax Bill or Lease Utility bill, bank statement, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at
<http://www.springfieldschools.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.

SBA REOPENS DISASTER LOAN FILING PERIOD FOR SUPERSTORM SANDY SURVIVORS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced it has reopened the filing period for survivors in all states affected by Superstorm Sandy on December 2, 2015 to apply for low-interest disaster loans. The new filing deadline for physical damage and economic injury losses is December 1, 2016. Survivors may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Additional details on the locations of recovery centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage and to return economic injury applications is December 1, 2016.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS TAKE HOME TROPHIES IN CHAMPIONSHIP

It was another exciting season for the Saint James the Apostle School girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams. The Varsity team placed first in the regular season and advanced to the playoffs and Championships. They defeated their opponent winning first place overall in the Archdiocese of Newark CYO Fall Volleyball League. JV team also placed first in the regular season, advancing to the playoffs and Championships. They finished in second place overall. The Varsity and JV teams were led by their coaches Mrs. Patricia Dolansky and Miss Nicole DePrimio.



Saint James The Apostle School Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Team



Saint James The Apostle School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team

Saint James the Apostle School has been serving the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade 8 a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

The third annual Public Menorah Lighting Ceremony was held on Sunday, December 6 at Veterans Memorial Park. Some 500 Springfielders were in attendance along with members of the Springfield's Police and Fire Departments & Township Committee. The event marked the celebration of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, with a public menorah lighting sponsored by the Jewish Learning Center of Springfield in collaboration with Congregation Israel of Springfield.

The event was arranged by the Chabad couple Rabbi Mendy & Aidella Blesofsky of the Jewish Learning Center of Springfield. They thanked all for coming and encouraged the guests to keep the miracle of Chanukah alive today by performing "Mitzvot" or good deeds for others. Mayor David Barnett wished all a Happy Chanukah & was then lifted 18 feet in the air to light the Shamash candle followed by Rabbi Blesofsky who made the three blessings over the candles. Following the lighting, traditional latkes, donuts, and beverages were served, much to the delight of children of all ages. The youngest guests also had an opportunity to sing "The Dreidel Song". A special fire dance show was another crowd favorite.

The Rabbi thanked several local businesses who sponsored the event: Dobbs Auto Body, Wolf Premier Properties, Kalman's Deli, Pinkava's Motor Co, Dynamic Media Production & 8 Min Oil Change.

FMBA DONATES FOUR DEFIBRILLATORS



The Springfield F.M.B.A. Local 57 President Patrick Federico(left) & Vice President Sal Cocuzza (second from left) donated 4 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) to Springfield Jr. Baseball and Softball League. The Springfield Fire Department members know that every second counts when it comes to emergencies and felt that this is one way they can give back to the community they serve. Training was also provided to the Coaches of both Leagues.

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SPRINGFIELD FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE SEEKING MEMBERS FOR 2016

In August, 2011, following Hurricane Irene, residents affected by the hurricane began to meet and attend Township Committee meetings to voice their concerns about flooding.

In January, 2013 the Mayor of Springfield formally established the Springfield Flood Mitigation Committee, (SFMC). Members are residents of Springfield who take an oath of service and are appointed to the SFMC on an annual basis.



(l to r) Deputy Mayor Margarget Bandrowski, Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Flood Mitigation Chairwoman Barbara Hickey, Barbara Rappaport, Committeeman Jerry Fernandez, Bill Sinkowitz, Stephanie Weiss and Dale Sinkowitz

The members along with a designated liaison from the Township Committee meet monthly to identify areas where flooding is a problem and actions to be taken to mitigate the situation. The committee and Township Committee liaison report back to the full Township Committee. Some of the issues identified and actions taken include:

- Identified portions of the Rahway River that runs through Springfield which needs to be cleaned and maintained for adequate water flow. Succeeded in getting a portion of the stream/river cleaned at Alvin Park.
- Work on projects with the Township Environmental Commission and Sustainable New Jersey. Through SFMC efforts Springfield received a grant used to construct rain gardens.
- Successfully lobbied to prevent further housing development in the Tree Top section of Springfield.
- Several SFMC members are CERT certified. They serve the community during emergencies and special events. During Hurricane Sandy they worked in the township temporary shelter.

SFMC is looking for members. You don't need an engineering degree, or be a scientist. The committee is looking for interested residents, particularly those in flood areas, willing to work and make a difference.

If interested, please send your name, address, phone number (please indicate type of phone) E-mail, and anything you would like to add about your background to: Bah0214@yahoo.com

CHOOSE YOUR RIDE

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"Deputy Mayor Bandrowski would often keep up with the status of this program by asking me how it was progressing. We were all anxious to get this vehicle completed", said Cook.

The Chief met with Mark Montenero, the President of Autoland whom he has known for quite some time. "Mark has always been interested in making a difference in our community for as long as I have known him. We occasionally would get together, when our schedules allowed, to discuss ideas we each had to better serve Springfield, sometimes working together on events to benefit Springfield or some charitable cause," according to the Chief. "From the moment I told him about our program and what we were doing with the decommissioned vehicle, he immediately insisted on being involved. Having been a volunteer firefighter himself, Mark has always been a supporter of first responders and in making as much of a positive difference in our community as possible," stated Cook.

Once the vehicle was totally decommissioned, having all emergency equipment removed, it was brought to Autoland where Montenero donated the services of the company he utilizes for wrapping vehicles. This process involves a vinyl laminate, designed to fit a vehicle's particular dimensions, which is printed with whatever design or wording as requested, and then adhered, or wrapped, onto the vehicle. This is a more efficient way to detail a vehicle as opposed to painting it. Once the wrapping of the vehicle was completed, an older, no longer used light bar was added and the vehicle was returned to the Springfield Police.

The vehicle is currently parked on Mountain Avenue near the front of the Fire Department. The hope is that as more people are made aware of the consequences of driving while under the influence, the greater the possibility that someone will heed the advice of calling for a ride, as opposed to driving themselves.

As readers can see by the photos, the front half of the vehicle is a Springfield Police black and white cruiser while the back half is designed as a yellow cab. The wording, "Choose Your Ride", is the idea that the Springfield Police wants to get out to the public.

"If someone chooses to drink and/or use drugs, they also have the choice of calling for a ride, which is far less expensive than driving and getting arrested for DUI. More importantly, a ride can save innocent victims from death or serious injury by keeping drivers under the influence off of our roads," emphasized Chief Cook.

The vehicle will be used as a mobile billboard to promote the Department's fight against driving while under the influence.

It will be present at functions such as the Springfield Street Fair, July 4th celebration, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, etc.



Police Chief John Cook, Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski and Police Captain Pat McLaughlin take delivery of vehicle.

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COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,
Emergency Management Coordinator

'Tis The Season For Preparedness

Winterize Your Vehicle

You may have prepared your home for winter weather; now it's time to prepare your car. Seasonal changes also mean changes to your emergency supply kit.

America's PrepareAthon! encourages you to update your vehicle's emergency kit with several items, including:

- A shovel
- Jumper cables
- A bag of sand or cat litter
- Warm clothes

Avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Before you hit the road, have a mechanic check items on your vehicle, including:

- Antifreeze levels – ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing;
- Battery and ignition system – terminal should be clean;
- Brakes – check for wear and fluid level; and
- Tires – make sure they have adequate tread.

*For more ways to prepare your car for winter weather, check out the How to Prepare for a Winter Storm guide from America's PrepareAthon!
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/98059>*

The Office of Emergency Management wishes everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and a great New Year!

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GRADE 10

Michael John Barrasso, Rebecca Marie Bellino, Jessica S. Brody, Alicea Monique Charlton, Kimisha Chandani Christopher, Amanda Dominguez, Alyssa Marie Dordoni, Blake Austin Doren, Samuel Harris Ehrlich, Alyssa Marie Figueiredo, Bryce Joseph Forsy, Horace Giambattista, Alexandria Giordano, Paige Goldstein, Isaiah Gorham, Rebecca Ashley Greenwald, William Thomas Hodic, Tyler Jackson, Tamara Kissoon, Ryan Emilio Lashuk, Amanda Jennifer Lau, Rachel Hannah Lefkowitz, Christopher Lepore, Xiaoyu Liu, Mikaela Lubao Magdangal, Scott Maran, Lindsey Marie Mauriello, Nicholas E. McNamee, Sophia Mikros, Anthony Joseph Nagy, Abdullah Amer Nazhat Al Fatal, Maria J. Perez, Gabriella Petruzzella, Jack Quinn, Jeremy William Quintela, Samantha Rose Rachel, Lauren Rechner, Paria Remolina, Julia Hilf Roth, Kimberly Nicole Rubin, Antonio Salcfas, Melanie Schickler, Alex Matthew Sirotkin, Daniel Evan Sobel, Meghla Sraon, Jessica Beth Steir, Fabiana Melissa Suarez, Jacob Dylan Thompson, Justine Ventisette, Isabella Vieira, Holly Wilson, Gregory Hunter Winicoff, Adam Wuest

GRADE 9

Sabrina Abdelaziz, Jibran G. Absarulislam, Rachel Morgan Bachman, Evan Berkowitz, Alexis H. Brooks, Amanda Brown, Maria De Los Angeles Carrillo, Jack Ganesh Conway, Daniel Dorokhin, Maura Duffy, Oluchi Ashley Emeana, Robertson Agustin Espinosa, Sheila H. Flood, Ava Deborah Ginefra, Rebecca L. Greenman, Maria Catherine Grzybowski, Kenneth Maurice Hardy, Julia Beth Horowitz, Kate Melissa Iglesias, Carlissa Nicole Johnson, Sara Robyn Kay, Tyler Kwinta, Jostyde U. Lekadou, Raquel A. Mack, Daniel J. Madden, Isabella Joy McKenna, Brendan O'Brien, Meital Oshri, Ryan James Pagnillo, Michael Paoella, Ishan Prushad Patel, Jacob Pereira, Maggie Elizabeth Phillips, Evan Rocha, Ryan Salman, Carina Barreiros Servello, Raquel T. Shapiro, Marco Tjan, Jeremy Tonatore, Priya Torres



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Now that the winter season is upon us, I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times take just a few minutes to read over these suggestions for winter driving safety.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
 - Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
 - Do not park atop dry leaf piles as the heat of your engine can start a fire and also remember that wet leaves on the roadway can be as slippery as driving on ice.
 - Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
 - Never leave your vehicle running unattended as thieves can easily drive off with it. Do not leave your vehicle running when you stop to pick up coffee or a newspaper during your commute. It only takes seconds to drive off with your car.
 - Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid any freeze-up to the gas line.
 - If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
 - Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
 - Always look and steer where you want to go.
 - Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
 - Do not use a hand held cell phone to talk or text while driving. During times of bad weather limit external distractions so you can concentrate on road conditions.
 - Use caution on roadways that have expansive overpasses. Treated road surfaces may be dry from the salting and the sun but some surfaces under an overpass may not receive sunlight and a driver can encounter icy road conditions on what may otherwise be a dry roadway.
- Tips for long-distance winter trips:
- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
 - Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a reputable repair facility.
 - Pack a cellular telephone with your local emergency telephone numbers, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.
 - If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
 - Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
 - Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
 - Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
 - Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
 - If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

TIPS FOR DRIVING IN THE SNOW:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

*On behalf of the officers of the Springfield Police Department,
I wish all residents and all members of our business community a very safe holiday.*

WALTON SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Walton School PTA had their annual holiday boutique where students were given the opportunity to shop for the holidays. The children loved the experience and being able to self-select gifts for each family member. For our older students, the shopping experience also involved mathematical thinking as they had to determine how much money remained to purchase additional gifts. With the help of the PTA committee chairs and the many parent volunteers, the event was another great success!



PK students, Tyler and Jonathan.



Two PK students (Lia and Eva) at the boutique.



*Party room and kitchen available
at the Chisholm Community
Center for your next event.
Cost to Springfield residents
is only \$175 for up to four hours.*

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

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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NEW! ON-CAMERA ACTING

CLASS DESCRIPTION:
Learn the fundamentals of acting for stage, film or television! Experience fun drama games and interactive scene work that will improve your public speaking skills, stage presence and much more!

SIGN UP AT
ENCOREKIDS.ORG/REGISTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Danielle Mcleer at
danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us,
or at 973-912-2227, or, Tenin Terrell
for Encore Kids at 908-462-1151.

RUNS
TUESDAYS,
JANUARY 26TH -
MARCH 1ST, 2016
4:00 - 5:30 PM

GRADES
2ND - 5TH!
FEE: \$95

Class Is At The Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Ave., Springfield
SIGN-UP EARLY! SPACE IS LIMITED. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older.
Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm
and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.
You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax
recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

BOYS LACROSSE *Spring 2016*

Boys Lacrosse is here! The fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Program Details:

- The program is open to children in Springfield schools in 1st-9th grades.
- In our travel league, 3rd-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 1st-2nd graders play fewer games, but also play surrounding towns.
- 1st-8th grade travel players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

Practices and Field Information:

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
- 1st-2nd grade team practices Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and some Saturdays
- 3rd grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 4th-5th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 6th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 7th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Thursdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 8th-9th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 7:30-9:00 pm

Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>)
- \$115 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse with a credit card online at <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>)
- \$35 (Optional fee for a shooting shirt. See rear of form. You will be contacted by the Lacrosse Club.)

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department,
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081,
or online at BOTH <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> and <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>
Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

U.S. SPORTS CAMPS & CLASSES 2016

WEEKLY WINTER CLASSES (attend one class every week for up to 8 weeks)


TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football, soccer and more!

Ages: 3 5 yrs Dates: Jan 25 to March 7 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 9:30am 10:30am / 10:30am 11:30am Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$125 No class on Feb 15.	Ages: 3 5 yrs Dates: Jan 23 to March 5 Day(s): Saturday Time(s): 10am 11am Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$139
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SCHOOL'S OUT CAMPS (takes place when schools are closed)

SOCCER CAMP: Dribbling, passing, shooting, tournaments and more!

Ages: 5-11 yrs Dates: Jan 18 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 8:30am-2pm* Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$65 * FREE early drop off at 8am	Ages: 5-11 yrs Dates: Feb 15 Day(s): Monday Time(s): 8:30am-2pm* Location(s): Chisholm Community Center Price: \$65 * FREE early drop off at 8am
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Experience the next level in coaching education this summer. PulseCamps.com

Question? Visit our website to find full program descriptors and town schedules. Our knowledgeable staff are also available via phone or live chat 7 days a week! USsportsInstitute.com 1 (866) 345-BALL

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.



SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more!
The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Please call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need.

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

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

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Cooking & Nutrition Saturday Fun! K-5th Graders

Instructor adapts to
all ages during instruction

**Healthy Kids Today, A
Brighter Tomorrow!**

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8 HOUR CORE COOKING PROGRAM

4 week session for
2 HOURS each class

*Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th
& Jan. 2nd*

10am - 12 pm Cost \$169

To reserve a spot for your child please go to
www.LillySprouts.com

Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find 8 Hour
Core Cooking beginning Dec. 5th and register.

Cooking & Nutrition Sunday Funday! K-5th Graders

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all ages during instruction

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8 HOUR CORE COOKING PROGRAM

4 week session for
2 HOURS each class

*Dec. 6th, 13th,
20th & Dec. 27th*

10am - 12 pm Cost \$169

To reserve a spot for your child please go to
www.LillySprouts.com

Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find 8 Hour
Core Cooking beginning Dec. 6th and register.

Raymond Chisholm Community Center

100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield NJ

Includes all educational materials, cooking supplies and food

Class will close at 12 students. Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or
908-499-0270 or contact Danielle McLeer @ 973-912-2227 or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

ADULT BOOT CAMP

WINTER 2016

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

January 5 - February 9, 2015

FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 8th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

COST IS \$110 PER PERSON

Registration will be available soon at
<http://bootcampwf.com/enlist>, and forms
will be available soon at the Springfield
Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults
are needed to run this program. Payment
must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation
Questions? Contact Heather Re,
Assistant Recreation Director,
heather.re@springfield-nj.us

FIT FAST WINTER BREAK CAMP

Led by Coach Mike Czech • December 2015

Monday, December 28th
Thursday, December 31st

Chisholm Community Center
Grades K-3 @ 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Grades 4-6* @ 1:00-5:00 pm

FIT FAST WINTER BREAK CAMP is designed to give your child
a great experience when school is closed for the holidays!
From Monday to Thursday, you can rest easy knowing our
team has previous summer camp experience and a med-
ically-trained staff member on site to ensure safety and fun.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES (varies by day and age)

- Air hockey/foosball tournaments
- Sports and games
- Teamwork challenges
- Crafts, cartooning, and puzzles
- Movies (age-appropriate)
- Story time (younger ages)
- Bring your own snacks
- Enrollment limited to 25 children per age group
- Homework tutoring (\$20 per hour, must be scheduled in advance)
- Late pick-up (\$15 per hour, must be scheduled in advance)

* 7th and 8th graders may be registered. Please call Coach Mike Czech at (609) 638-2926.

QUESTIONS: Contact Coach Mike Czech at (609) 638-2926 or coachmikec@yahoo.com

ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER WANTED Springfield Community Pool

Duties include: Assisting in the managing, scheduling, and coordinating of payroll for managers, lifeguards, and maintenance staff; regulating water chemistry and filter operations; supervising the front gate; overseeing grounds work; acting as liaison with Recreation Department summer camps, concession operator, swim team, and contracted pool users such as private camps and swim clubs; assisting with regular activities and special events; interacting with patrons and providing customer service; and other duties as assigned. Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license and previous experience recommended.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us



The Springfield Recreation
Department is a member of TryCAN,
a multi-community collaboration that

provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs.
For more information on program offerings or to register,
please visit <http://cityofsummit.org/trycan>.

Calming & Cooking Camp K-5th Graders

Instructor adapts to all ages
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KEEP CALM AND COOK ON!

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Events find Kids Cooking Camp beginning Dec. 28th and register. Class will close at 12 students.
Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

WINTER YOGA & COOKING CAMP

4 day session for
3 HOURS each class

Dec. 28 - Dec 31st

9am - 12pm Cost \$199

Raymond Chisholm Community Center
100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ
Includes all educational materials,
cooking supplies and food



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer indoor youth tennis and golf clinics this winter (ages 5-12). More information and online registration are available at:
<http://playtga.com/unioncounty>

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Girls Softball 2016 Grades 1-9

Open to Springfield Residents Only

Registration can be completed online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

After January 4, 2016, a \$25 late fee payable to Girls Softball Parents Association will be assessed.

Instructional League for Grades 1-2 Lower League Grades 3-5* Upper League Grades 6-9**

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA) **9th Graders **not** playing High School Softball

REGISTRATION FEES \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield)
\$50 (deadline is February 17th) / \$40 by January 29th (early bird)
(payable to Girls Softball Parents Association)

GIRLS LACROSSE *Spring 2016*

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Program Details:

- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 2nd-7th grades.
- In our travel league, teams play a 4-6 game schedule against surrounding towns home and away.
- Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

Practices and Field Information:

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
- 2nd-4th grade team practices once per week (day and time to be determined).
- 5th-7th grade team will practice on Tuesday or Friday (time to be determined).

Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>)
- \$80 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Please wait until teams are finalized before paying this fee.)

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department,
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081,
or online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Lacrosse questions? Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrosse@gmail.com.
Please visit the Lacrosse Club website at www.springfieldlaxnj.com
for additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures!

WINTER CONDITIONING 2016

The program meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:15 pm at the Chisholm Community Center in the 2nd floor fitness room, and runs from Wednesday, January 13, to Friday, February 19.

No classes on Wednesday, November 25th, or Friday, November 27th.

FEES: \$55 payable to Township of Springfield
\$20 payable to Coach Mike Czech
(Fees include professional coaching instruction and a warm-up gift.)

Minimum 6 participants are needed to run the program.

Payment must be submitted prior to the first class. There are no refunds.

Athletes need to spend time conditioning and winter is the perfect time to start! The program demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit!

The program is open to children in Springfield schools in 2nd-8th grades.

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Chisholm Community Center

100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.

AUXILIARY POLICE CLASS STARTS FEBRUARY 6, 2016

Springfield Auxiliary Police Volunteers Needed



We Need You!

For almost 50 years, the Springfield Auxiliary Police have served as an immediately available source of manpower to augment the services of the Springfield Police Department during Emergencies.

SPRINGFIELD
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



For more information and an application visit

Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at

www.Springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

The popular Bricks 4 Kidz after-school LEGO® Enrichment Program is coming to Springfield in January 2016

Our one hour classes explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts using LEGO® bricks. Students participate in 6 week sessions focusing on exciting motorized creations with weekly themes such as Inventions, Life Science, and Technology. All curriculums have been created and designed by engineers and educators. These are hands-on classes where students will design and build machines, vehicles, animals and other structures using Bricks 4 Kidz's® copyrighted model plans. Each class begins with a lesson discussion on the weekly topic. At the end of each session, students are also encouraged to modify the design, unleashing their creativity. The class is fun, exciting and educational.

Class Schedule:
Age 5-9
Fridays
4:00 – 5:00 pm
6 sessions –
1/22, 1/29, 2/5,
2/12, 2/19, 2/26
**Fees: \$99
for 6 Sessions**

BRICKS 4 KIDZ ADVANCE ROBOTICS

The Bricks 4 Kidz Advance Robotics program is coming to Springfield in January 2016

Experience the cutting edge of technology with the introduction of LEGO® MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics. Students will be captivated in this 90 minutes class as they incorporate the newest generation of motors, sensors and software by programming their commands directly into the intelligent brick. Test their capabilities by moving an object with a robotic claw, building a robot that draws, or creating a mouse trap. Our endless list of builds is sure to provide the complete fundamental components of robotics at its best!

Class Schedule:
Age 10 - 13
Thursdays
4:00 – 5:30 pm
(90 minutes)
6 sessions –
1/21, 1/28, 2/4,
2/11, 2/18, 2/25
**Fees: \$150
for 6 Sessions**



Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue

For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at bricks4kidz.com/cnj

Eugenia Chiang (908) 866-1066 • Kavita Rana (908) 616-0492
echiang@bricks4kidz.com • krana@bricks4kidz.com

SNACK BAR/CONCESSION STAND OPERATOR NEEDED

"The Springfield Recreation Department is seeking bids for a snack bar/concession stand operator at the Community Pool during the summer of 2016. All applicants must have a record of proven experience at a municipal pool of similar size, operation, and membership, or a minimum of five years retail food service/catering experience. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, at adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us, for a copy of the bid specifications and submission information."

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue,
Springfield • 973-376-4930

Check Library website for
regular MGG schedule:

www.sfplnj.org

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by and drop in! **December Monday: 12/28. Tuesday: 12/22. Wednesday: 12/16. Friday 1/13.**

Storytime Yoga Friday Dec 11 @ 10:30 with Miss Carly.

Lego Club – Tuesdays after school. Ages 6 and up. **Lego Bonanza 12/29 12:00-2:00**

Wii Games –Wednesdays @ 4:00pm Ages 6 to 11. No Wii Dec 23 or 30.

Math Help—Wednesdays @ 4pm-5pm Grades 1+ Bring your homework! No Math Dec 23 or 30.

Monday Holiday Crafts @ 4:00pm 12/14 Winter, 12/21 Christmas, 12/28 Kwanza. All ages

New! Rummikub Klub! More fun than chess! Join us in this exciting numbers game **Thursdays @ 4:00 pm.** Grades 2 and up No Klub on Dec 24 or 30.

Campfire Stories are back! Dec 17 @ 7pm. Join the Children's Librarian for seasonal stories and snacks.

Big Screen Movie: A Charlie Brown Christmas Wed Dec 23 @ 4:00 pm. Bring your own snacks. All ages.

Dramatizing Harry Potter 4-part theatrical workshop for students in Grades 3 to 5. Hosted by Youth Stages. Limited space--Sign up required. **Tuesday-Friday December 15, 16, 17, 18 @ 3:45-4:45.** Must be able to attend all 4 classes.

Storycraft Fridays Dec 11, 18 @ 4pm. Ages 3 to 7 A story and a craft!

TEENS:

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) – Earn volunteer hours! Develop programs for teens, host programs for kids, select books for the library to own, and build special projects. TAB needs your creative input! **December 21 @ 6:00pm**

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E. • SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces again this year for another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run from Monday, November 2 through Friday, December 18, 2015.

For information, please e-mail Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield Hope at toys@springfieldhope.com.

(Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now thru December 30th
Photography Exhibit by A.S. Helfman.

January, 3rd thru January 29th
Photography Exhibit by Jack Looney.

Sunday, December 13th, 2:00 pm
Holiday Concert by Richard Reiter Swing Band.

Friday, December 18th, 12:00 pm
Chair Yoga.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, December 17th, 10:00 am Great Book discussion: Book 3 of "Reflections of the Revolution in France" by Edmund Burke.

Thursday, January 7th, 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group.

Thursday, January 7th, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: "Mud Woman" by Joyce Carol Oates.

FILMS

Monday, December 21st, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THESE?: A pot smoking private eye (Joaquin Phoenix) in the late 60th investigates the disappearance of his old flame and her sugar daddy. 2014

Monday, January 4th, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – BEST PICTURE WINNERS OF YEARS PAST: The thriller teaming Paul Newman and Robert Redford, where Redford's character is trying to avenge his mentor's murder and enlists con-artist (Paul Newman) and others to help him. 1973

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Monday at 7:00 pm
Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
One-to-One Computer Training
BY APPOINTMENT 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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DAY AND ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 1,
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2:00 PM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.



SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

The Senior Citizens of Springfield's annual holiday party and luncheon – hosted by the Springfield Recreation Department – was held on Friday, December 4th, at The Westwood in Garwood. Over 100 seniors were treated to a four-course lunch, music and dancing by DJ James Patania, remarks by Mayor David Barnett, poinsettia table prizes, and a basket auction. Baskets were generously donated by TD Pizza, Bagels 4 U, Wine Library, Grillestone Restaurant and Bar, Cioffi's of Springfield, Antonio's Italian Market, Springfield Community Pool, and an anonymous donor.



Dog & cat licenses for 2015 will be available beginning January 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Township Clerk's Office.

The deadline for licensing your dog or cat is January 29, 2016; late fees will be applied after the 29.

For further information please call Jasmine Mathis at 973-912-2285 or visit springfield-nj.us/departments/registrar/

FREE RABIES CLINIC:
Saturday, January 16, 2015
8:30 am – 12 pm
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

This is an important update from your electric company, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L)

JCP&L has received increased reports of scammers targeting utility customers. In the latest scam, a telephone caller poses as an electric utility company employee and threatens to shut off the customer's power unless an immediate payment is made. In many cases, the customer is told to pay using a pre-paid debit card, such as a Green Dot/MoneyPak card, a money transfer service like Money Gram or Western Union, or in person at a physical location.

Be aware that scammers often use Caller ID spoofing software to lead you to believe you are receiving a call from JCP&L, and/or provide you with a fake "verification" phone number. These call-back numbers may even include exact replicas of greetings and hold messages you would hear when calling JCP&L's Contact Center.

Facts to remember:

- If your account is past-due, you will receive a written notice of your account status, with instructions on how to avoid disconnection of service.
- While JCP&L representatives may call a customer whose bill is in arrears in order to remind them that a payment is due, the representative would explain how a payment can be made using JCP&L's established payment options.
- They will not demand a payment over the phone or at a particular physical location.
- JCP&L does not accept prepaid debit cards or wire transfers as payment, and our representatives will not demand your bank information or credit card number over the phone.

What you should do:

- If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local police department or the state attorney general's office.
- If you have purchased a Green Dot card to pay your electric bill and would like to request a refund from Green Dot/MoneyPak, visit www.moneypak.com/refundrequest.aspx.

The PTA organized another wonderfully fun event for the students to celebrate the welcoming of autumn. Each class got their picture taken and each student picked their own pumpkin to bring home. Students participated in some fun gross motor and team building activities. It was a great event for all thanks to the PTA and many parent volunteers.

Mrs. Schoch's class- Jeremyah, Sophia, Aidan, Daniela & Julian.



Robert, Victor, Lara, Ryan & Sophia all from Mrs. Elmo's class.



Students from Mrs. Jones' 2nd grade class.



Luke, Benjamin & Samantha – 1st graders.



Mrs. Felter's KDG class- Jordyn, Gianna, Gabriel, Michael & Isabella.



SPRINGFIELD HOSTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME

The Springfield Jr. Dawgs hosted the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League annual all-star game on Saturday night, November 21, 2015, at Jonathan Dayton High School. Pictured are Springfield's representatives (l-r): players Jovanni Salcfas, Christopher Katz, Kyle Guerreiro, and Matthew Wightman, and Coach David Wightman.

CHEERLEADERS END SEASON WITH AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Springfield Cheerleading program ended its season with a luncheon and awards presentation at Café Z in Union on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Close to 40 girls participated in the fall season.

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL BEGINS 2016 CONSTRUCTION FUNDING CAMPAIGN

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control is making a direct appeal to citizens to write letters to state and federal legislators to finalize the Rahway River Flood Mitigation Study in early 2016 so construction funding for the entire project can get into position and get US Congress support.

The Mayors Council met recently in Rahway City Hall and discussed also making the Orange Reservoir and Clark Reservoir modification projects as the priority projects to be funded in 2016. Both of these projects would modify the outlets to the reservoirs to permit more storage capacity prior to a major storm. In each case the benefits are clear providing lower water elevations downstream while not impacting up stream bank protection.

Also announced at the meeting was that the seven communities' governing boards (Millburn; Maplewood; Union; Springfield; Union; Cranford; Kenilworth; and Rahway) have again agreed again to enter an inter local agreement to work towards flood control objective in 2016. The City of Orange has also indicated its support.

The Mayors discussing the construction funding campaign for funding the four phase Rahway River flood mitigation plan. Earlier in 2015, the Mayors were successful with US Congress representatives support to get the funding needed to complete the feasibility study of the flood mitigation plan including \$2.0 million of state and federal funding to complete the study. The current plan includes modification of the Orange Reservoir to store more storm water during major storm by draining the reservoir a day or

so before; increased storage at the Lenape Basin including new dikes; channelization work in Cranford to add river capacity; and modification at the Clark reservoir and channelization work in Rahway's part of the Robinson's Branch of river.

The US Army Corps of Engineers and NJ Department of Environmental Protection has been working at evaluating the hydrology; environmental impacts and optimal benefits of the federal project which would fund 90% of cost between federal and state government.

A major milestone in the project is what is referred to as the TSP milestone which is the major decision point on recommendation of the project to the US Congress and is scheduled for March 2016. The work thus far has indicated the projects would meet federal standards and be eligible to be funded.

The Mayors Council has been urging acceleration of the process to start construction funding and implementation since much is already known about the project's feasibility and benefits.

The Mayors Council action plan in 2016 includes:

*January visit with Senator Corey Booker; Senator Robert Menendez; Congressman Payne and Congressman Leonard Lance urging timely funding

*Resolutions by each of the affected communities be sent to the US Congress and New Jersey State Legislature to expedite both the TSP and Chief's Report

*Consideration of an MOU or P3 or P4 financing for the Orange Reservoir modification since that is first project that has to be done.

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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri



My name is Richie and I have to tell you I am a big fan of trucks! Having the pleasure of owning a trucking company, hauling cars enables me to not only test drive my favorite vehicles, but to buy them too! I have visited Autoland twice in the past two years and purchased two cars from them. I had a smooth deal not once, but twice! When I purchased my '12 Toyota Rock Edition Tundra from Autoland, I was probably a salesman's worst nightmare - I wanted it all and within days it was all there! Autoland even came to my house and hand delivered special mats, rain guards, and all the rest of the goodies I wanted. I could not have been served any better!

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