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Message from the Mayor

Residents of Springfield,
Spring is upon us, and as the warmer weather slowly begins creeping in during the day, many residents are kicking spring cleaning into gear. Just a reminder, you may not drop off vegetative waste in front of or around the DPW building located at 54 Center Street. This has been an issue recently, and those who have been caught doing so have been fined. Beginning on May 1st through October 18th the new drop off location for grass clippings, leaves, and other soft vegetative waste will be hosted at the Springfield Pool E-Cycle Center. Hours: Monday and Friday 7-9am and Wednesday 1-3 pm

Vegetated is also accepted the first Saturday of every month at the E-Waste drop off. Hours: 7-11 am. Public Works personnel will be on site to assist residents during these set hours. During the month of April Public Works will canvass the township 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. As always, I'd love to hear from you. You can reach me at Erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

(Check website for updates)

Monday, April 22 - Workshop

Tuesday, April 23 - Regular Meeting 7 pm

Tuesdays, May 14 and 28 - Regular Meeting 7 pm

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER PROGRAM ON TAX FREE INVESTING

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer a program on tax free investing at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 6. The speaker will be Wai Tsin, a professional Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Millburn. Topics to be covered will include traditional and Roth IRAs, 401k and 403b accounts, bonds, Unit Investment Trusts (UITs), mutual funds, and life insurance. Comparisons will be made between tax free and taxable investments.

This program is free and open to the general public. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Springfield is having a Birthday!!!

225 Years Old! 1794-2019

ESTABLISHED APRIL 14, 1794

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

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

Help is needed in planning the Celebration.

225th CELEBRATION JUNE 22-23, 2019

Preliminary Schedule of Events:
(rain or shine)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

10:00AM - Re-enactor Camps Open to the Public
(Rear of High School)

10:45AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at DAR Monument

11:00AM - March to Church Mall

11:15AM- 11:30AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at 1st
Presbyterian Colonial
Burial Grounds & Monument

12:00PM - Nooning

1:00PM - People of the Brigade Program - Camp

1:30PM - 18th C. Musick Demo - Camps

2:00PM - Pre-Battle Formation - Camps

2:30PM - March to Tactical Weapons Demonstration
(TWD)

3:00PM - TWD - Battle of Springfield - Meisel Ave Park

4:00PM - TWD ends - March back to Camps

4:30PM - Camps Close to Public

Saturday Night Fireworks Program
Meisel Field

5 PM - Rides & Petting Zoo

Food for Sale

7:30PM - Oldies Concert by 1910 Fruitgum Company
Dusk – Fireworks (Rain Date: Next Clear
Night)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD

9:30AM - March to Church - 1st Presbyterian Church –
3 Blocks

10:00AM - Camps Open to Public

11:00AM - Return March from 1st Presbyterian Church

11:30AM - Nooning

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NO FIREWORKS ON 4TH of July in 2019

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

NERA PAINT & WINE

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Mera, a local family owned business is bringing corkscrews and paintbrushes together and creating a fun environment where anyone can come in, relax, and bring out their inner artist. This new studio is perfect for parties, celebrations, work/team-building, couples/date nights and for anyone looking to get creative. Paint N Sip classes are idea for all levels from beginner (you won't believe how good you will be!) to Picasso.



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SELF DEFENSE IS THE TOPIC OF RECREATION WORKSHOP



Springfield Recreation Department coach Michael Czech presented the "Psychology and Techniques of Self Defense" workshop at the Chisholm Community Center on Tuesday, March 26th. The workshop opened a dialogue between parents and children by providing insight on why violent attacks occur, by teaching common indicators of attacks and how to prevent them, and by raising awareness of violence between teens. Czech has coached the Cross Country Team, Running Club, Winter Conditioning program, and new Athletic Strength Training program. For more information on these programs, contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227 or daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us.

SPRINGFIELD OFF DUTY OFFICER NABS WALLET THEFT SUSPECT!

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Springfield police officer Luis Brito was off-duty and on his way to work when he observed a person matching the description of the suspect wanted in connection with multiple wallet thefts from office buildings in our area. Officer Brito spotted the person walking with a second individual along Morris Ave. in Springfield and immediately notified police headquarters. He followed the two subjects until additional Springfield police officers arrived, at which time the pair was detained.

Further on-scene investigation by Detective Sergeant James Mirabile and Detective John Patrick determined an additional wallet theft, which had not yet been discovered or reported to police, occurred moments before the suspect was spotted. The detectives were able to positively identify the detained individuals as the suspects involved in the current and previously reported thefts.

Anthony Smith, age 54, and Cynthia Smith, age 49, both of Newark, were placed under arrest and charged with theft and trespassing for their crimes in Springfield, and additional charges in other jurisdictions are now pending. Chief John Cook praised the actions of the Springfield officers, and reminds the community that police officers are never really off-duty. "Police officers have a higher responsibility to take action, even when they're not working. It really is a 24/7 commitment, which is what we saw from our officer today... and it's not the first time he solved a major case while off-duty."

VALLEY NATIONAL BANK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON APRIL 10



(l to r) Michael Scalera, Chris Weber, Erica Dubois, Ira Robbins (President and CEO), Dulce De Carvalho (Branch Manager), John Siberio (First Senior V.P.) and Mel Kevoe.



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SPRINGFIELD LACROSSE COMEDY NIGHT

BY JENNIFER SHERMAN

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Springfield Lacrosse supporters came out Saturday March 23rd for a fun night out to raise funds for the Lacrosse Club of Springfield. The LAX Club of Springfield hosted the annual fundraiser at The Knights of Columbus in Summit. Many supporters made this night a success ranging from parents, friends, colleagues and local businesses. The fun-filled evening featured food, drinks, funny comedians, a talented musician, a 50/50 and basket auctions. Dayton Lacrosse is fully funded by the Lacrosse Club of Springfield (Springfield Parents). The LCOS is run by volunteers who put it many hours so "our" kids can play the "Fastest Sport on 2 Feet" in Springfield. Through the kindness and generosity of the supporters, the Lacrosse Club of Springfield can continue creating opportunities and opening doors for the Springfield Lacrosse players for years to come!! If you would like to donate or show support to the Springfield Lacrosse Youth program please visit springfieldlaxnj.com.

MURMURS OF THE 2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHT THE APRIL 9TH SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Amidst the various proclamations, announcements, and resolutions at the Springfield Township Committee Meeting on April 9, 2019, Resolution 2019-142 received well-deserved attention. The Township Committee unanimously approved a resolution to introduce the 2019 Budget, which included the announcement of a Public Hearing at the Springfield Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM. Alex Keiser, who worked alongside outgoing CFO Michael Quick, announced that the \$33.5 million budget "the largest in town history" while keeping within the 2% cap rate. The Springfield Township website will feature the budget outline in the coming weeks.

The mid-to-end of April will mark one significant milestone for Springfield as well as several community events and gatherings. During Public Comment, President of the Springfield Historical Society, Margaret Bandrowski, announced that Sunday, April 14 marks the 225th anniversary of Springfield's formation in 1794. The formal celebration of the 225th anniversary will take place on June 22 and 23.

In addition to Ms. Bandrowski's announcement, the Springfield Environmental Commission, led by Alyson Miller, displayed new plastic bag collection bins, which will be located at Chisholm Community Center as well as the Springfield Public Library. Sponsored by Trex, the collection bins are for clean grocery bags, ziplock bags, dry cleaning films, and more. Bags will be transformed into outdoor furniture, such as a park bench.

Other events taking place in Springfield during April 2019 are the:

- Arbor Day celebration at Veterans Park on Friday, April 26 at 10:00 am, sponsored by the Department of Public Works and The Environmental Commission
- Springfield Community Cleanup Day 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Sunday, April 28.

F.M.B.A. LOCAL 57 PRESENTS \$2500 CHECK FOR CALDWELL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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Friday night March 15 at the Jonathan Dayton High school gymnasium, the Springfield Fire Department Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 proudly presented a check for \$2500 to Caldwell School PTA president Heather Krieger. The \$2500 is to be used for the Caldwell School's new playground fundraiser. Immediately after the check presentation, the annual basketball game between Caldwell School teachers verses the Springfield Fire and Police Departments commenced. The FMBA Local 57 takes pride supporting the Springfield community.

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BOY SCOUTS AWARDS

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On Wednesday March 20, the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council honored five people from Springfield and Union at their 2nd Annual Good Scout Awards Dinner held at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. Honorees from Springfield were Police Chief John Cook and Dr. Gary Hecht. Also honored from Union were Krystal Canady, Jeff Monge and Marie Maguire. Maguire had been a prominent Springfield Business leader when she was with investors Bank in town. She is now with BCB Community Bank in Union.

Julian Buitrago of Scout Troop 63 in Union and Dan Turano of the Patriots' Path Council Executive Board opened the dinner with remarks about scouting serving 16,000 youths and 5000 adults in several local counties. He noted they now welcome girls to scouting as well and that they can become Eagle Scouts. Their scouting group has performed 98,000

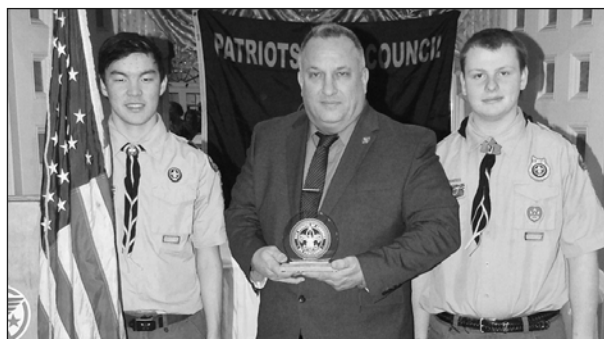
hours of community service had collected over 1000 toys last December for Toys for Tots. The Patriots' Path Council had over 400 Eagle scouts in 2018 and have had over 4000 pass thru their program in the past 20 years.

Presenting the award to Springfield Police Chief John Cook was Scott Seidel. Seidel commented in his remarks: "I can think of no one else who exemplifies the "Scout Oath" more than John Cook. "To help other people at all times; to keep physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight". In accepting the award Cook commented, "While not a scout, in reviewing the Scout Oath I realized that I have followed their oath during my life as if I had been one". Cook commented it was quite an honor to receive this award from the Boy Scouts." Chief Cook has been a member of the Union County SWAT Team, Firearms Instructor, Vice President of the Springfield Historical Society and a Trustee for Springfield HOPE. Recently, he was the Acting

Township Business Administrator for Springfield for 9 months while the township searched for a full time replacement.

Presenting the Award to Dr. Gary Hecht was Mike Scalera. Mike commented that although not a resident of Springfield, Gary is involved in many activities in Springfield helping the Township. Gary is an active member of the Springfield Rotary, LeTip, and Trustee for Springfield HOPE, Director of the Springfield Toys for Springfield Kids program & Springfield's Mayors Day Scholarship Fund. Hecht thanked his many friends in Springfield and noted he just enjoys helping people and is honored to receive this prestigious award from the Scouts.

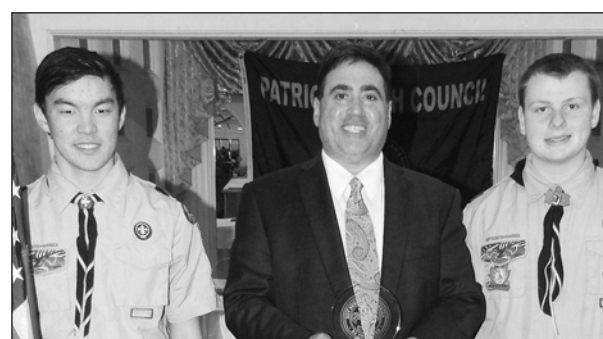
The Patriots' Path Council strives to be the leading youth serving organization in the communities they serve by demonstrating and teaching the core values contained in the Scout Oath and Law to their membership. For more information, please check www.ppcbsa.org.



Chief Cook with Scouts



Marie Maguire with Scouts



Dr Hecht with Scouts



Opening Remarks by David Arminio



The Honorees, Marie Maguire, Dr. Gary Hecht, David Arminio, Chief Cook, Krystal Canady and Jeff Monge



Flag Salute

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER IMPORTANT SCREENINGS

The Madison/Springfield/Cranford /Chatham Township Health Department will be offering the following important health screenings for adult residents of Madison, Chatham Township, Springfield and Cranford at the Madison Health Department located in the Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison.

**Women's Health Screening,
Monday, April 29 starting at 9:30 am**

**Men's Health Screening,
Monday, May 6 at 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Women's screening is performed by Dr. Rohini Jobanputra and includes manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks and education on breast self examination. Dr. Jobanputra will determine if a PAP test is necessary on an individual basis.

Men's screening is performed by Dr. John Dalena and includes testicular, prostate and colo rectal examinations.

Appointments are necessary for both events. Please call 973 593 3079 ext. 1 to register or for additional information.

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Junior Girl Scouts from troop 40390 held their booth sale on Sunday Morning in front of Bagel Supreme on Mountain Avenue! The troop has held their booth sale at this location for the last 5 cookie seasons! Thank you Bagel Supreme!



(l to ro) Sofia D., Jolie T., Jaime L., Anoushka N., Ikshita N., Marissa D., Amanda S., Ella K., and Olivia K.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 26, 2019

Proclamations and announcements were read as noted below:

Proclamation – Arbor Day – April 26, 2019

Proclamation – Captain William J. Cieri

Proclamation – Eagle Scout Robert F. Barone

Electronic Recycling at Community Pool on Saturday, April 6 from 7 to 11 am

Kite Festival & Annual Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 13, 11 am - 2 pm, Chisholm Park

Paper Shredding Event at Community Pool on Saturday, April 6 from 9 am to 1 pm

Volunteers are needed for Arbor Day.

There were several promotions in the Police Department. Officer Melissa Esteves was promoted to Sergeant, Sergeant Keith Doherty was promoted to Lieutenant, Patrol Lieutenant Kimberly Raguse to Detective Lieutenant and Detective Lieutenant Jonathan Rachel to Captain.

Chief Cook thanked the committee for allowing him to maintain the integrity of the Police Department and commented on each of the officers. "Sergeant Esteves graduated from the John H. Stamler Police Academy in 2009. She is one of the original five officers that I first hired upon becoming the Officer In Charge of the department in December of 2010. Melissa became a Field Training Officer for the Department in November of 2014. She was assigned to the Detective Bureau as an Investigator from May of 2016 thru January of 2018. She has also been active within the executive board of the PBA, holding several positions including most recently President. Officer Esteves is the third out of the four remaining of my original five hires to reach the rank of Sergeant. I would like to think that this has something to do with my choice of who to hire, but it is more so about these officers' ability to perform and exceed at their jobs."

Lieutenant Doherty was hired by the Springfield Police Department in May of 2004 and was assigned to patrol. In April of 2011 he was assigned to the Department's Detective Bureau as an Investigator where he conducted general investigations, was the juvenile officer, and also assisted as an evidence/property officer. In May of 2011, Doherty was assigned to the Union County Emergency Response Team. Lieutenant Doherty also served as one of the Department's Field Training Officers, a position where he was responsible for the training of new hires. Keith was promoted to Sergeant in October of 2015.

He has also held several positions within the PBA executive board including Vice President.

Captain Jon Rachel graduated from the Stamler Police academy and began his service with the Springfield Police Department in January 2004 where he worked in patrol. In 2006 Jon was re-assigned as the department's Traffic Officer, a position he has held for over a decade. During the re-structuring of the department, beginning in 2010, Jon's position as traffic officer was integrated into a new Special Services Unit also working along with the Detective Bureau. Throughout his career, Jon has contributed to numerous projects in many operational areas of the police department. As the accreditation manager, he oversaw all phases of the accreditation process, ultimately resulting in the department attaining an accredited status and also successfully completing a re-accreditation this past summer. Jon was promoted to Sergeant in 2014 and returned to patrol as a supervisor. In 2015, Jon was reassigned as the supervisor of the Special Services Unit. In Dec of 2017, Jon was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Detective Bureau where he remained until today.

Having watched Jon throughout his career, I can say without a doubt that there is no one more suited for this position which he is being promoted to tonight. I would like to send a shout out to Jon's Grandfather who could not make it and is home hopefully watching this online. He was present in 2014 for Jon's promotion to Sergeant. He is a retired Captain from the Linden Fire Department, and will be 103 this year! I am sure that he is as proud of Jon tonight as he was then."

Wendy Jones commented on the adopting of Resolution 2019-112 opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. She had asked for an ordinance which would be permanent and not need to be renewed every year. Committeeman Keiser commented that this is how the town can oppose the Pipeline and that the Township does not have the authority to make it an ordinance.

Resolutions were then adopted. Deputy Mayor Capodice commented that Houses of Worship were cautioned that they should seek a waiver of permit fees prior to applying for a permit, and not seek a refund as was done in Resolution 2019-118. Committeeman Keiser commented on Resolution 2019-121 recognizing Local Government Week in New Jersey.

Public comment then was held on any matter. Topics discussed were a request for a later meeting time, better posting of agendas and possibly a skating rink at the pool. Also requested was the opening of the Chisholm center on the weekends. Further comment was made on the refunding of permit fees to a house of worship.

Committeeman Weber commented that he has met with Recreation Director Adam Lieb to discuss possible locations for a skating rink.

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SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO UNVEIL NEW RECYCLING BINS

The Springfield Environmental Commission will be unveiling new plastic materials recycling bins at tonight's Township Committee Meeting. Springfield is now enrolled in a special recycling program sponsored by Trex, an industry leader in producing high quality recycled decking materials. Trex provides communities, schools and other public entities with bins for recycling plastic materials including grocery bags, clear dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

Alyson Weber Miller, Chair of the Springfield Environmental Commission, noted that: "We are excited to be able to provide our community with an alternative to dumping more plastic in our garbage. Since we can no longer put most of these materials in our recycling cans, we are very pleased to be able to provide people with an alternative." The Trex bins will be placed in the Springfield Public Library and Chisholm Community Center on April 10 and materials may be dropped off as soon as the bins are in place.

Once the bins are filled, they will be weighed and dropped off at participating retailers including Target, Kohl's, Acme and more. The goal is to recycle 500 pounds of plastic refuse in a six-month span (about 40,500 bags). Ms. Miller said, "That may seem like a lot, but it's just a little more than two bags for each person living in Springfield." Once this has been achieved, Trex will donate a bench made of high-performance composite Trex material to our community.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY PRESENTS "SECRETS OF LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY" ON APRIL 29

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer "Secrets of Landscape Photography," a presentation by Joel Simpson, at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 29. The purpose of this program is to teach those in attendance how to take strong photographic images of landscapes, whether they are images from your backyard or from travels to exotic places. Mr. Simpson is the author of the recently released book, *Earthforms: Intimate Portraits of Our Planet*, which includes his best natural scenic photographs from the past fifteen years. During the course of the presentation, Mr. Simpson will focus on several of the photographs in his book, explaining why he chose them, what he had to do to capture them, and how he used computer software to subtly modify the images. More information about Joel Simpson and his work can be found at www.joelsimpsonart.com.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE PROMOTIONS



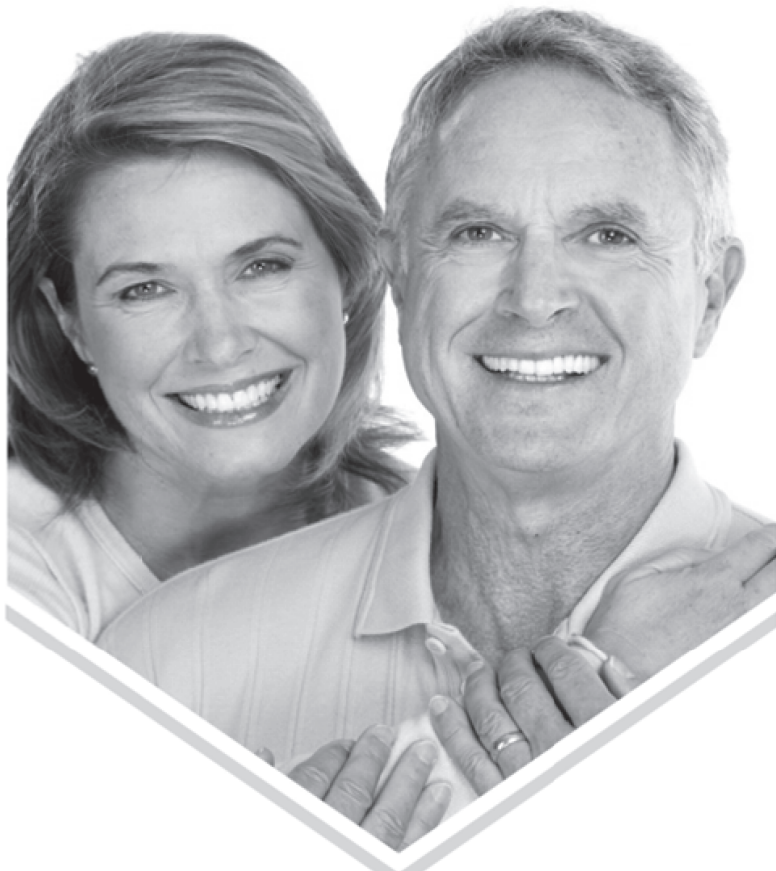
Sergeant Esteves, Lieutenant Doherty, Detective Lieutenant Kim Raguse, Police Chief John Cook and Captain Jon Rachel

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SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

Chief of Police John Cook noted there was a wallet was stolen from an employee's purse at an office building on Morris Ave. Please secure personal property at work. At the Wine Store – mini airplanes bottles and bottles of vodka stolen by a shoplifter that has been identified

On March 19, Officer Brito on his way to work discovered a suspect that was wanted from a video surveillance and suspect has been apprehended.

The Library reported issues with youth/minors after school not following rules or listening to directions being ongoing problem. Help has been requested from the police and township. The library would like to implement a code of conduct and have better camera surveillance.



(l to r) Chamber Officers with Meeting Sponsor TD Pizza Paula Kasier, Treasurer, Tracy Geyer, Secretary, TD Pizza Owner, Dave Wavra, Chamber Co-Chair Mike Scalera and Chamber VP Elliot Merkin

PHOTO BY JENNIFER SHERMAN

Township Administrator John Bussiccolo gave an informative report about town projects coming up. Members/Attendees asked questions regarding the influx of new residents as it pertains to the impact on parking and schools.

Studies will be conducted by the town and school board to further evaluate. He briefly discussed the process to go thru redevelopment and Millburn mentioned some concerns regarding parking and traffic for the Saks project but there is plenty of designated parking for the project. Prior experiences have helped in getting these new projects moving forward.

Historical Society – Margaret Bandrowski reported Annual School Tours coming up in April. Check out Stigma Free Programs informative programs and resources regarding addictions and suicide prevention.

Rotary Club – Taste of Town coming April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn

Mike Scalera reported on Chamber networking –

Reminder for members to pay their dues and suggestions to join the Chamber to network with other businesses in town. He also discussed several ongoing projects in town, Church Mall, Gomes, Saks Redevelopment Site planning are moving forward. Improvements continue for Mountain Ave streetscape project loan doking forward to demo permits being issued soon..

Redevelopment – looking to speak to business owners and property owners on the “other” side of Morris Ave to see if they are interested in redevelopment – meeting with “General Greene” shopping center to discuss ideas and visions of possible redevelopment.

4th of July/225th Celebration, **Fireworks will not be held July 4th.** Fireworks will be held the weekend of June 22nd at the 225th Anniversary Celebration of Springfield. There will be no parade. Ruby Park festival is being organized for that weekend.

Gary Hecht and Chief John Cook were honored by the Boy Scouts

April 29th first day of the St James Festival annual event for kids families and all springfield residents to enjoy

Fall Festival – Scott Seidel Save the Date October 6th

THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUES ON APRIL 22

Springfield Free Public Library will show A Star Is Born (2018) as part of its lunchtime film series on Monday, April 22nd. Additional films will be shown on Monday, May 6th and Monday, May 20th. Admission is FREE. Screenings start at 1:00 pm. For more information, stop by the library or call (973)376-4930. Funding for this program is made possible 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. Additional funding is provided by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

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.

BRENDAN O'REILLY NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RECREATION



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to announce that Brendan O'Reilly was appointed Assistant Director of Recreation at the Township Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. Brendan has served the Township of Springfield in numerous capacities -- most recently as Recreation Program Coordinator, and previously as Recreation Assistant and Pool Assistant Manager. Brendan is a member of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRA). He received his Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license from the National Swimming Pool Foundation in 2018. Brendan graduated from Lynn University in 2017, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and from Jonathan Dayton High School in 2013. In his new full-time role, Brendan will focus year-round on Springfield Community Pool planning, special events, summer staff hiring, park and playground projects, coach education, and Chisholm Community Center operations.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield



By John Cottage Sr.

SAM MARDINI 26 YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering retired from the Township on March 29 after over 26 years of service. In his capacity, he initiated many programs that improved the lives of Springfield residents. He was instrumental in bringing Springfield into the modern technology era. He initiated and managed the installation of the first fiber optics computer network for the Township. He also started and managed the Springfield Website and Facebook page. Mr. Mardini established a new Road Maintenance program where every street in town would be repaved in 15 years. With the help of the Department of Public Works, a road matrix was created and every street was given a grade point based on many criteria such as pavement and curbing condition and drainage capabilities. Mr. Mardini also initiated an internship program where the Township hires an engineering student from a local college or university. This program provides the student with invaluable work experience in their field. To date every student that completed the paid internship received full time employment from private companies immediately upon graduation because of the experience gained working as an intern for the town.

During Mr. Mardini's tenure, the Township went through three (3) major hurricanes. He worked closely with the Office of Emergency Management to restore services to the Township offices and Municipal infrastructure. During hurricane Floyd in 1999, the Municipal Building was severely flooded and the building's basement was completely under water. The Township's Police offices were destroyed and the infrastructure for the Township's phone system was completely submerged under water. Mr. Mardini worked with Verizon to relocate all phone lines to a new location on the second floor of the Municipal Building and had a new phone system purchased and installed within weeks after Hurricane Floyd. In addition, he worked with the consulting Engineering firm Keller & Kirkpatrick on flood proofing the Municipal Building. This was accomplished by installing staircases on both basement doors and elevating all window well walls to a grade above the 100 year flood level. During Hurricane Irene, no water entered the Municipal Building despite the fact that North and South Trivett Streets were inundated with flood waters.

Over the past two decades, Mr. Mardini applied for and received in excess of \$8 Million in grants from various sources including federal, state, county government and other agencies. He worked closely with every Township Administrator since 1993 and assisted all Township Committee members past and present with multiple capital improvements projects including the new pool building, various Municipal Building renovation projects, the new firehouse and improvements to the Chisolm Recreation Center. He was instrumental in getting the downtown redevelopment projects off the ground and worked with The Springfield Business Improvement District, state agencies, utility companies and property owners to resolve major obstacles related to these projects.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Mr. Mardini said "I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to my colleagues. I couldn't have been so successful if it weren't for the amazing support of my staff and other Department heads. Springfield will always be a special place for me."

SPRING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONCLUDES AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Spring International Film Festival concludes at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, May 16. The library will screen Back to Burgundy (2017) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Three siblings reunite at their home in picturesque Burgundy to save the family vineyard in this tender tale of a new generation finding its own unique blend from acclaimed director Cedric Klapisch (L'Auberge Espagnole). In French with English subtitles. Starring Pio Marmai, Ana Girardot, Francois Civil, Jean-Marc Roulot and Maria Valverde. 113 minutes. Not rated.

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



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SPRING & SUMMER SPORT PROGRAMS

In association with the Springfield Recreation Department

SPRING BREAK MULTI SPORTS CAMP

| Age | Day | StartTime | EndTime | StartDate | EndDate |
|---------|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 5 to 11 | M-F | 9:00 AM | 2:00 PM | 22-Apr | 26-Apr |

Multi Sports - \$165

SPRING WEEKLY CLASSES

| Age | Day | StartTime | EndTime | StartDate | EndDate |
|--------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 2 to 3 | Sat | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 13-Apr | 15-Jun |
| 3 to 5 | Sat | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 13-Apr | 15-Jun |
| 5 to 7 | Sat | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 13-Apr | 15-Jun |

Soccer - \$154

SUMMER WEEKLY CLASSES

| Age | Day | StartTime | EndTime | StartDate | EndDate |
|--------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 2 to 3 | Sun | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 30-Jun | 4-Aug |
| 3 to 5 | Sun | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 30-Jun | 4-Aug |
| 3 to 5 | Sun | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 30-Jun | 4-Aug |

Multi Sports - \$114

MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

| Age | Day | StartTime | EndTime | StartDate | EndDate |
|---------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 5 to 11 | M-F | 9:00 AM | 12:30 PM | 19-Aug | 23-Aug |
| 5 to 11 | M-F | 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM | 19-Aug | 23-Aug |

Multi Sports Half Day \$169 - Full Day \$199

SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

| Age | Day | StartTime | EndTime | StartDate | EndDate |
|---------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 5 to 11 | M-F | 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM | 26-Aug | 30-Aug |
| 5 to 11 | M-F | 9:00 AM | 12:30 PM | 26-Aug | 30-Aug |

Soccer Half Day \$169 - Full Day \$199



All classes take place at Chisholm Park

For full class details, learning objectives and more, visit us online

Ages 2-11 | All Abilities | Boys & Girls

CONTACT USSI Online:

USsportsInstitute.com

Phone: (866) 345-BALL

Email: Info@USsportsInstitute.com

Springfield Swim Team 2019

Head Coach of Swim Team Karen Bocian

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



Practice Will Begin After School On Tuesday, June 4th;
Wednesday, June 5th; and Thursday, June 6th:

4:15-5:00 pm – Tryouts for 8 & Unders ONLY

(Tryouts are for all new 8 & Unders, as well as 8 & Unders who were on the Developmental Team last year. 8 & Unders who were on the Regular Team last year do not need to try out. Any children ages 9-17 do not need to try out, but must be able to swim a length of the pool without stopping, and be comfortable swimming in deep water in order to be on the team.)

Attention Parents of 8 & Unders: Please stay after practice on Thursday, June 6th.

I will let you know which team your child will be placed on (Regular, Developmental, or Swim Lessons).

5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice 5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice

Tuesday, June 11th; Wednesday, June 12th; and Thursday, June 13th:

4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice

5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Time Trials 5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Time Trials

Tuesday, June 18th; Wednesday, June 19th; Thursday, June 20th;
Monday, June 24th and Tuesday, June 25th::

4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice

5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups

5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups

Championships week of July 22nd / the Awards Dinner Friday, July 26th.

Morning practice will begin on Wednesday, June 26th, and will run through the entire month of July. TENTATIVELY, practices will be at the following times:

(Monday-Friday) 11 & Overs: 9:15–10:15 am 10 & Unders: 10:15-11:15 am

Developmental Team: 11:15 am–12:00 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Karen.Bocian@springfield-nj.us

Online registration is available at

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

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

SWEET SAMANTHA 6 WEEKS BAKING AND DECORATING CLASS

AGES 8-16 Join Samantha for 6 weeks of Baking and Decorating Fun! All supplies included. Class

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

will take place at the Springfield Chisholm Center 100 South Springfield Ave., Springfield \$195 Per Session - Tuesday OR Thursday options available for sign up - Class will run 6-7:30 pm. All Classes will begin the week of April 16th and will run consecutives 6 weeks. Contact Samantha to register samilynn9@aol.com

WEEK 1: Zoo Animal Cupcake! Learn to use rolled buttercream and step by step make this quad of animals!

WEEK 2: Baking with Tea: We will be baking black tea honey cupcakes, earl grey shortbread and lemon tea cake!

WEEK 3: Sushi Cookies! Using store made cookies, we will disguise them into a yummy platter of sushi!

Week 4: JELLO Baking: Baking a variety of treats and desserts using fun Jello as flavors!

WEEK 5: Kitty Cat Cake - Learn to make fondant and go home with a 5" round sweet kitty cat cake!

WEEK 6: Girl Scout Inspired Treats! Who wouldn't love thin mint cupcakes, samoa truffles, do si do cookies? Yum!



Tuesday Classes:
4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Thursday Classes:
4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

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

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



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>.



YOUNG REMBRANDT'S

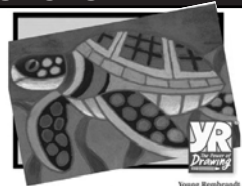
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE OUTLET FULL OF CONFIDENCE-BOOSTING FUN...
YOUNG REMBRANDT'S IS BACK WITH NEW SUMMER WORKSHOPS!

PASTEL DRAWING WORKSHOP OCEAN LIFE

July 15 to July 19 -(1:00pm to 4:00pm)

5 day camp-\$195 Ages (5 to 12)

We will create detailed, pastel compositions on each day, focusing on a different ocean-themed subject. We will draw eye-catching sea stars along the shoreline and a pair of vibrant clown fish. We will illustrate a sea turtle with bold patterns, a blue crab and a wondrous scene of jellyfish. Our instruction will bring remarkable results, and you will want to head to the frame shop with your child's finished pastel pieces. Enroll today!



ANIME & MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOP

August 12 to August 16-(1:00pm to 4:00pm)

5 day camp-\$195 Ages (5 to 12)

Our students will create dazzling illustrations that are influenced by popular Japanese anime and manga themes. Colorful characters with expressive personalities jump off of the page. Our students will be delighted as we create drawings that emulate the popular anime and manga art styles. Don't miss out on an exciting opportunity to produce wonderful artwork. Sign up today!



ENROLL ONLINE at: www.youngrembrandts.com/middlesex-union. Or your completed registration form with payment. Once submitted your child is automatically enrolled unless you are notified otherwise. Any questions please contact Pam Hubinsky via phone 908-405-4854 or email pam.hubinsky@youngrembrandts.com

TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Dept. staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave

When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

Cost: FREE

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES APRIL AND MAY 2019

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, April 15 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 16 - Forever Fit @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, April 17 - Bus trip to Cheesecake Factory @ 10:30 am (RSVP)
 Monday, April 22 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 23 - Intro. to Pickleball @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Thursday, April 25 - Club birthday bash luncheon (RSVP)
 Friday, April 26 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, April 29 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 30 - Shape UP @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, May 1 - Care Station blood pressure presentation @ 11:00 am
 Thursday, May 2 - Pickleball open play @ 10:30 am-12:00 pm
 Friday, May 3 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, May 6 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 7 - Bus trip to Livingston Mall @ 10:30 am (RSVP),
 Cards @ 11:30 am
 Wednesday, May 8 - Jewish Community Housing Corporation chocolate
 presentation @ 11:00 am
 Thursday, May 9 - Club monthly meeting @ 10:00 am
 Friday, May 10 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

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

RUNNING CLUB SPRING 2019 • Grades K-8th

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

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

Session 2

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

Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$75 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)

Includes: Professional coaching instruction, apparel item

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

Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$0 processing fee)

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us



ATHLETIC STRENGTH TRAINING

Spring 2019 • Grades 7-8

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

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

Session 2

Mondays, May 6th - June 17th
 @ 6:15-7:15 pm
 No class on
 Monday, May 27th

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



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Or register online at

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

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

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

Golf Classes

at Chisholm Community Center Gym



TGA brings the golf course to you, making it convenient and affordable to learn and play golf in a fun and safe environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop golf skills and knowledge, while using the sport to teach valuable life lessons like honesty and sportsmanship.

For more info contact: Nick Meltzer at (732) 835-8TGA or nmeltzer@playtga.com



Sign Up Today: https://unioncounty.playtga.com/



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GOLF CLASS DETAILS

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: 4/23/2019 - 6/4/2019

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Cost: \$140.00/7 weeks

Who: All kids ages 6 -11

Location: Chisholm Park

Sports Change Lives!

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2019 • Grades 3-8

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

TWO FEES \$75 payable to Township of Springfield (Check, cash, credit card. No refunds after first practice.) **\$40** payable to Springfield Cheerleading (Check only. No refunds after Friday, May 17, 2019)

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

REGISTER ONLINE WITH VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL

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

QUESTIONS? Daniel Hesse, Recreation

Program Coordinator, at
 daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us
 or (973) 912-2227

KIDDIES KALEIDOSCOPE

2019 Summer Camp

QUALITY ENRICHMENT SUMMER CAMP Grades K-5
HALF-DAY or FULL DAY Options

A well-rounded summer mini-camp featuring some of our most popular programs! Keep the learning going throughout the summer while having fun! NEW classes every week! Each day will include a Science Exploration Class & one of the following:

- ~ S.T.E.A.M.
- ~ MOSAIC STORY TELLING and ART
- ~ KIDDIES AROUND THE WORLD
- ~ REMARKABLE ME
- ~ MUSIC
- ~ KIDDIES KRAFTING

Children will have a blast learning through hands-on activities featuring experiments, curated books and art while exploring lessons involving: Science, Math, Reading, Geography, Social Studies, History, Art & Music. Children bring home a project daily

Chisholm Community Center

HALF-DAY WEEKS

July 22nd - 26th
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. \$150 per week
 July 29th - August 2nd
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

FULL DAY WEEKS

August 19th- 23rd
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$225 per week
 August 26th -30th
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$225 per week

We are offering children enrolled in the Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own lunch) — children will then be escorted to the Kiddies Kaleidoscope afternoon mini-camp — courtesy of Kiddies Kaleidoscope!!

For registration and a detailed description of each class, please visit:
www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com



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2019

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

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

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents.

Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from September 2018 to August 2019

from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND

FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS

STREET HOCKEY MEN 21+

Men age 21+ who reside in Springfield

at the Street Hockey Court, Springfield Community Pool, 44 Morrison Road

Thursdays, from March 28th-June 20th (game days could change due to weather) 6:30-8:30 pm

\$25 per person • Includes Shirt to keep, balls, goals, lights, loaned goalie equipment

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center

100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

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

Call to learn about serving
beer and wine!



Call Recreation Department (973) 912-2227



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



Union Flag Rugby Free Clinic

Saturday April 20th 2019 10-11 am
Co-Ed, Non-Contact, Youth Flag Rugby

@ The Chisholm Community Center, 100 S Springfield Ave, Springfield
(Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium)

Grades: Kindergarten-8th grade

Bring: Sneakers and Water Bottle

Learn: Basics of Flag Rugby

Teamwork, Ball Skills, Basic Rules

Have: A Ton of Fun!!

In Association With:
The Union County
Rugby Football Club
Mudturtles

Special Thanks To:
Springfield Recreation
Department

Like us: Facebook -Union Flag Rugby RSVP: UnionFlagRugby@gmail.com Find us: www.MudturtleRFC.com

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2019

Camp operates indoors and outdoors at the Chisholm Community Center and Chisholm Park (100 South Springfield Avenue). Camp is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by an adult director and young adult counselors (15 years old and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking/baking, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, one optional field trip, and much more! Camp runs for eight weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to 100 campers per week. Campers must be potty-trained. A light snack is provided each day, but children should be sent to camp with a drink. Lunch time is not a part of camp.

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

DATES (check applicable):

☐ **Week #1:** June 26th-28th
(no camp June 24th-25th) *

☐ **Week #2:** July 1st-5th
(no camp July 4th) +

☐ **Week #3:** July 8th-12th

☐ **Week #4:** July 15th-19th

☐ **Week #5:** July 22nd-26th

☐ **Week #6:** July 29th-August 2nd

☐ **Week #7:** August 5th-9th

☐ **Week #8:** August 12th-16th

REGISTER:

• Online (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

• In-person (check, cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, on weekdays between 8:00 am-6:00 pm.

• Mail (check, money order) to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

• Payable to the Township of Springfield.

FEES: Resident child: **\$60 per week**

Non-Resident child: **\$70 per week**

* 40% discount per child for Week #1

+ 20% discount per child for Week #2

View refund policy at

<http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation>

DEADLINE: Thursday prior to each camp week

QUESTIONS: Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us. Visit us on the web at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation. LIKE us on Facebook @springfieldnjrec.



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3 day session for

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June 26th, 27th & 28th \$245

4 day session for

3 ½ HOURS each class 12:30 pm-4 pm

August 5th, 6th & 7th & 8th \$320



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INSTRUCTOR**

**Supervised Lunch included at 12:30 for students attending
A.M. Playground Camp. Please bring lunch. After cooking lesson,
children will eat their cooked meal from class.**

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

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com Click on Upcoming Classes, find Kids Cooking Camp and register for the week. Payment available online or by check to LillySprouts. Classes will close at 15 students .

Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or 908-499-0270

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield
973-376-4930

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

----- 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 – 4:00 pm

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 21,
Easter and will be closing at 2:00 pm on Good
Friday, April 19th.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Day: Saturdays in March. Drop in.

Mother Goose Group at 10:30 on selected days:

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver.

Friday April 12, Tuesday April 16, Thursday April
18, Saturday April 20, Tuesday April 23, Friday April
26, Tuesday April 30.

Bedtime Story at 6:00 pm: Wednesday April 24.

Family Craft: Wednesday April 17, Tuesday April 23.

Saturday Craft-ernoon: Saturday, April 27 from
2:00-3:00 pm. Registration required.

TEEN PROGRAMS

DAY-GLO VIBE PAINT & DESIGN

Friday, April 26 at 2:30pm

As part of the library's ongoing 50th anniversary
celebration, teens in grades 6-9 are invited to paint with
acrylic neon colors and create their own dayglo-themed
painting. Room is limited to 8 participants and
registration with Ms. Alice, the Teen Librarian, is
required.

TEEN POETRY CONTEST

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Teen
Librarian is holding a poetry contest open to Spring-
field residents in grades 6-12.

Contest Rules

- 1.) Individuals can only submit 1 poem each. No
multiple submissions.
- 2.) No collaborative or co-authored works (i.e., 1 poem
= 1 writer).
- 3.) All poetic forms accepted. Ex: haiku, free verse,
acrostic, erasure, sestina, sonnet, etc.
- 4.) Poems cannot contain inappropriate language or con-
tent.
- 5.) Poems must be your own original work. Plagiarism
will result in disqualification.
- 6.) Poems should be submitted to Ms. Alice, the Teen
Librarian, at achunn@sfplnj.org in the form of a PDF
file. No Word files, please.
- 7.) Submissions should include your full name, your
contact information, the poetic form used, your current
grade level, and school name.
- 8.) Submissions will be accepted from Monday, April 1
to Friday, April 26. Late submissions will not be
accepted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesdays through April 10

FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Now through March 29

Johnathan Dayton High School students art exhibit.

April 1st through April 30

Book Arts Round Table art show “Canterbury Tales”.

Fridays, March 15, 29 & April 12, 12:30 pm

Chair Yoga.

Thursday, March 28

Friends of the Library Children's & Young Adults

Book Sale. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm

Board of Health Opioid Program

LECTURES

Monday, April 22, 7:00 pm

“How to Help Your Loved One with a Behavioral
Health Issue” - presented by the Mental Health
Association of New Jersey.

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 pm

Geological Photography- lecture presented by Joel
Simpson.

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm

Lime disease prevention and recognition program.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, April 18, 10:00 am

Great Books: “Meditation” by Marius Aurelius.

Thursdays, April 25 & May 9

Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm

Really Good Book discussion: “First Class: The
Legacy of Dunbar, America's First Black High
School” by Alison Stewart

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm

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

FILMS

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Retro Film “On Her Majesty Secret Service” (1969).

Monday, April 18, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

International Film: “Bye Bye Germany” (2017).

Monday, April 22, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film: “A Star is Born” (2018).

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm

Documentary “Bag It”.

Monday, May 6, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film: “RBG” (2018)

HOBBIES and INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

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

Every Tuesday Afternoon Mahjong Club.

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

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

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

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

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

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

Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT

SPRING BREAK CRAFT!

Join the Springfield Free Public Library for a fun Spring
Break Craft: Ladybug Potato Stamping on Thursday,
April 25 at 11:00 AM! Please be advised we will be
using potatoes and acrylic paint as the materials for this

project and are not advised for children with food aller-
gies or concerns. Due to space limitations, the craft will
be limited to 15 participants. For more details and to
register, please call Brianne Mintz at 973-376-4930, ext.
232, or visit our website at sfplnj.org.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S 1969 RETRO FILM SERIES CONTINUES WITH SCREENING OF ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

As part of the Springfield Free Public Library's ongoing
celebration of its 50th anniversary at its present location,
the library will host a screening of On Her Majesty's
Secret Service at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 17.
Released in 1969 and based on Ian Fleming's bestselling
novel of the same name, this film is the only one in the
series that featured actor George Lazenby as James
Bond. Other notable cast members include Telly Savalas
and Diana Rigg who has become known to a new
generation of viewers through her appearances as
Olenna Tyrell in television's Game of Thrones.

“CHAUCER REIMAGINED: ILLUSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOOK ARTS ROUNDTABLE” TO BE ON EXHIBIT IN SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM APRIL 1-30

“Chaucer Reimagined: Illustrations by Members of the
Book Arts Roundtable” will be on display in the Donald
B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Li-
brary April 1-30. The pieces in the exhibit are part of a
seventeen-member collaboration that depicts contempo-
rary versions of pilgrims included in Geoffrey Chaucer's
Canterbury Tales. Each piece is created on Rives BFK
paper in a variety of different media, including drawing,
printmaking, gel transfer, and collage. In addition to the
“portrait,” each work includes a brief text that explains
the character referenced.

Founded in 2000, The Book Arts Roundtable is based
at the Baird Community Center in South Orange. Mem-
bers participate in at least one themed collaborative
project per year. The group welcomes new members
who are interested in exploring the art and craft of
handmade books.

RICHARD REITER SWING BAND TO PERFORM AT SPRING MAY 5

The Springfield Free Public Library will present a
performance by the Richard Reiter Swing Band at 2:00
pm on Sunday, May 5. Together for more than twenty
years, this combo performs familiar standards from the
swing era and, when requested, the best of classic rock.
The group features Reiter on saxophone, clarinet and
flute, plus vocalist Tricia Slafta, Mitch Schechter on
piano, Paul Ivory on bass, and Luther Rix on drums.
Repertoire includes such favorites as “Our Love is Here
to Stay,” “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” “As Time Goes
By,” “Jump Jive an' Wail,” and “Sing Sing Sing.” The
audience is invited to both listen and dance during the
performance as space permits.

Richard Reiter's long musical career includes an
Emmy award for composing, appearances as a featured
artist on PBS television, appearances as an on stage
clarinet soloist in Bob Fosse's Broadway musical,
Dancin' and as a back up performer for such musical
icons as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson,
Johnny Mathis, Cher, the Temptations, and the
Supremes. More information about Richard Reiter and
his ensemble can be found at www.richardreiter.com/swing.html

This program is free and open to all members of the
general public.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

Respect for Electricity

Electricity has become one of our basic needs and the Springfield Fire Department is encouraging you to get grounded in the basics of electrical safety.

According to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical fires were involved in an estimated annual average of 47,820 reported home structure fires in 2007-2011. These fires resulted in 455 civilian deaths and 1,518 civilian injuries, with \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

The best way to keep the home safe from electrical hazards is to take good care of appliances and to use all electrical equipment properly. Respect for electricity and the power it provides must occur every day throughout the year.

By reviewing the electrical safety tips below and taking action, Springfield Patriot reader can help reduce electrical fires in our community.

- When you are buying, selling or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips often, find out why and correct the problem. Replace fuses with the correct amp rating for the circuit they protect; never replace a fuse with a higher rated fuse. If the problem continues, call an electrician.
- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Buy only appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- Avoid pinching cords against walls or furniture or running them under carpets or across doorways. This can cause a fire.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- If an appliance is malfunctioning, unplug it if it is safe to do so. If necessary, cut off power by unscrewing a fuse or turning off the circuit breaker.
- Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a new kind of circuit breaker that shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- Keep ladders away from overhead power lines including the electrical service into your home. Never touch a power line. Stay at a safe distance – you could be electrocuted.
- Report downed power lines to 9-1-1.
- Some power lines are underground. Call the NJ One Call at 800-272-1000 for an underground utility mark-out before you dig. It's free and it's the law.

For more electrical safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org. For other fire safety topics, please visit the Springfield Patriot at www.springfieldpatriot.com/ and look under monthly archive to reference other fire safety topics. Or follow us at www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Sands Casino

Casino, Restaurants, Outlet Shopping

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am
Bus will depart the Sands Casino at approximately 4:30 pm

\$30 – Springfield residents and Senior Citizens Club members

Payment due by Monday, May 13, 2019

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

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

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

Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack, \$20 slot free play (photo ID required), \$5 food coupon. **Questions:** (973) 912-2227



SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT “10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TODAY’S ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES MARKET,” BY APPRAISER AND RADIO PERSONALITY MICHAEL IVANKOVICH

The Springfield Free Public Library will present “10 Things You Need to Know About Today’s Antiques and Collectibles Market,” with guest speaker Michael Ivankovich at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15. In addition to working as an auctioneer, appraiser, and home downsizing specialist, Ivankovich is also the host of the radio show, “What’s it Worth,” which can be heard Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM EST on WCBF 1490 AM. This show can also be accessed through the internet at www.AskMikeTheAppraiser.com. Ivankovich has had more than 35 years of experience in the personal property field and is one of only 236 Graduate Personal Property Appraisers in the United States in addition to being one of only 60 Master Personal Property Appraisers in the US. In 2004, he was honored as Pennsylvania’s Auctioneer of the Year and is the author of 20 published books plus numerous antiques related articles.

More information about Ivankovich can be found at www.michaelivankovichappraisals.com. This program is free and open to all members of the general public. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

The Pre-school of Sha'arey Shalom Springfield Celebrated Dr. Seuss Week On Wednesday, March 6

They dressed up in silly outfits and their classroom was turned inside out and upside down!

(l to r) top row Adrianna Alessi, Mary Ellen De John - teacher, Brady Mongon, Antonia Sosa, Emmanuel Harper, Danielle Rego - teacher, Mia Hand, Bottom Row, Gio Cocuzza, Rayyan Shanawani, Cami Goldfarb, Jordyn Zucker.



RENOVATED SOFTBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD OFFICIALLY ILLUMINATED IN CEREMONY

On Thursday evening, April 4th, girls softball players, coaches, parents, members of the governing body, Recreation Department staff, and other municipal officials gathered at the Chisholm Park lower softball field to “flip the switch” on the scoreboard to commence the spring softball season. The scoreboard recently underwent a new paint job and was converted to wireless technology. The Springfield Recreation Department league and Springfield Storm travel league attract well over 100 players in grades K-9 in spring, summer, and fall seasons.



(l-r): Township Committeeman Chris Weber, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Springfield Girls Softball Inc. President Jen Cataldo, and Mayor Erica DuBois. Not pictured, but in attendance: Recreation Program Coordinators Brendan O'Reilly and Daniel Hesse, and Township Clerk Linda Donnelly.



CORRECTION:

In the Saint James Stem Expo in our March paper, Julia Landicho's name was spelled wrong under this picture. We apologize.



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– PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT –
ALCOHOL AWARENESS
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ON THE BODY

Drinking too much on a single occasion or over time can take a serious toll on your health. Here's how alcohol can affect your body:

BRAIN

Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways. Change mood and behavior, and make it harder to think clearly and move with coordination.

HEART

CARDIOMYOPATHY: stretching and drooping of heart muscle
ARRHYTHMIA: irregular heart beat
STROKE - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

LIVER

INFLAMMATION:
STEATOSIS OR FATTY LIVER
ALCOHOLIC HEPATITIS
FIBROSIS - CIRRHOSIS

CANCER

The more alcohol a person drinks particularly the more alcohol a person drinks regularly over time the higher his or her risk of developing an alcohol associated cancer.

Which are the following :

HEAD AND NECK CANCER
ESOPHAGEAL CANCER
LIVER CANCER - BREAST CANCER
COLORECTAL CANCER

PANCREAS

Produce toxic substances that can eventually lead to pancreatitis, dangerous inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels and prevent proper digestion

IMMUNE SYSTEM

Drinking too much can weaken your immune system, making your body a much easier target for disease.

**SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CERT TEAM IN TRAINING**



(l to r) Apu Mullick, OEM Deputy Coordinator, conducts a training session for some of Springfield's CERT members, Herb Gersh, Irene Muniz, Maggie Keffer, Craig Abrams, Stephanie Weiss, Lorraine Loza, and Rob Stopiello

Springfield's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members attended a bi-monthly training class. CERT, a volunteer division within Springfield's Office of Emergency Management, trains the community and its members to be prepared to meet their immediate needs after a natural or man-made disasters and assists in a whole community response to planned and unplanned events.

For more information about joining, e-mail oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us.



Springfield Unity Project held its first public gathering at the Chisholm community center. It was well attended and provided an opportunity for a diverse audience to share their experiences with one another.

**REGISTER FOR POOL MEMBERSHIP, CAMPS, SWIM TEAM,
AND SWIM LESSONS**



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

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

**SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY ADDS NEWARK MUSEUM TO
ITS MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM**

The Springfield Free Public Library has added the Newark Museum to its museum pass program, available to adult Springfield residents who are library card holders in good standing. Two passes are currently available to be borrowed on a one week basis, with each card providing access to the Newark Museum for a family. The fee for returning the pass after its due date is \$10.00 per day. The replacement fee for a lost pass is \$40.00. More information about the Newark Museum can be found at www.newarkmuseum.org.

Other museum passes that the library makes available for borrowing are the Frick Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, the Intrepid, and the Morris Museum. More information about the library's museum pass program can be found at <http://www.sfplnj.org/programs-a-services/museum-passes>. The museum passes are made available to Springfield Library patrons by the generosity of the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. The Friends perform fundraising activities throughout the year for the benefit of the library and also assist in other ways, as needed. Membership information is available at the library and new members are always welcome.

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