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Monday, April 16
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Emergency
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Top Floor of the Fire House
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EIGHT SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS WERE PROMOTED AT THE MARCH 13, 2012 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING



(l to r) Detective Lt. Judd Levensen, Lt. Michael McNanny, Captain Pat McLaughlin, Captain James Fine, Mayor Ziad Shehady, Chief John Cook, Sergeant James Morton, Sergeant Martin Costello, Sergeant Kevin Gilchrist and Sergeant Matt Lynch.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE GRADUATE SIX NEW OFFICERS



(L - R) Springfield Police Chief John Cook, OEM Coordinator John Cottage, graduating Officers, William Epstien, Seneta Whiting, Gladys Salas, Cheryl Becker, Antonio Nacci, Captain Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Police Chief Nick D'Achille and Auxiliary Police Deputy Chief Scott Seidel.

The Essex County Basic Auxiliary Police Class conducted a Graduation ceremony for Class #145, graduating 13 Basic Auxiliary Police Officers. Six of those officers are now the newest officers of the Springfield Auxiliary Police. Graduating on Thursday, March 22, 2012, were Auxiliary Officers Seneta Whiting, Cheryl Becker, William Epstein, Gladys Salas, Antonio Nacci, and Auxiliary Captain Wally Schultz, a former member who after a leave of absence, returned to the unit. These officers will start their "on the job" training right away and continue their training with an intensive Firearms Class starting in June. They will be joined in two months by two more officers, Sara Abraham and Gina Corrcione, who are currently in training in the Union County Police Academy. 2012 will mark the year in which the unit has added 8 new members to its rank, the most in any one year in its over 40 year history!

SPRINGFIELD PARENTS AND STUDENTS: DON'T MISS THIS PRESENTATION

Wednesday April 18, 2012 Springfield Police Department will be presenting a program on internet safety. This presentation will take place at the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Sergeant Tom Rich of the Summit Police Department, who is an expert in internet, social media and juvenile crimes.

This program is to educate parents and children alike to social media sites, chat rooms, texting, sexting and various cyber crimes that can target residents and especially their children. Child luring and other crimes will also be discussed, by members of the Springfield Police Department.

There is no charge for attending and the information you receive will make a huge difference in how you monitor your child's internet access and their encounters with strangers.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATED 80TH ANNIVERSARY



Township Committeeman Richard Huber, Township Committeeman Jerry Fernandez, Springfield Mayor Ziad Shehady, Congressman Leonard Lance, Library Director Susan Permahos, Library Board of Trustees President Shelley Stangler, Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella at the recent celebration in honor of the Springfield Free Public Library's 80th anniversary.



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Message from the Mayor

April marks the beginning of the second quarter of my term as Mayor and the 2012 session of the Township Committee. A tremendous amount of progress has been achieved and critical action taken to improve the state of our Township. We are poised for a successful year and Springfield is on the right path towards rejuvenation.

Flood mitigation work is underway and this month, I invited the Mayors of the neighboring communities from Millburn, Union, Maplewood, South Orange and West Orange for a joint meeting on Monday, April 23rd to discuss the East branch of the Rahway River in an effort to lobby for support from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

We are committed to maintaining and improving local Infrastructure. In March, the Township Committee awarded a contract to repave seven of the worst roads: Berkeley Road, Midvale Drive, Mapes Avenue, Owaissa Avenue, Lynn Drive and Vista Way. Additionally, road work on Briar Hills Circle has commenced and the proposed 2012 capital budget appropriates another \$400,000 for more road improvements and, at my request, money for traffic calming devices. With the support of the Governor's Office, Springfield was awarded a \$205,000 grant from the N.J.D.O.T. for Wabeno Avenue. I have also requested, in response to resident requests, that the 2012 capital budget include funding for curbing along Meisel Avenue between Linden Avenue and Morris Avenue and a pedestrian safety walkway along Mount View Road. The 2012 capital budget will be introduced this month and reflects sound fiscal policy and long-term planning. In fact, this year Standard & Poor's assigned Springfield a 'AA+' credit rating citing our "strong financial operations and position, low debt" and recognized our "conservative management practices."

The 2012 municipal operating budget was introduced and is scheduled for adoption at the Township Committee meeting on April 24th. This budget, which represents only about 30% of your property taxes, is one of the leanest in recent history and results in what is most likely the smallest possible impact to your property taxes. The property tax increase this year can be attributed to our responsible effort to pay down old pension obligations totaling more than \$760,000 that were deferred in 2009 by then-Mayor Bart Fraenkel and former Mayors Hugh Keffer and Ken Faigenbaum. If we don't repay this obligation that was kicked down the road to us this year, we will be at the mercy of interest rates exceeding 8%.

In contrast with previous years, several attempts have been made to increase communication and collaboration with Union County despite repeated disappointments. We have requested that the County consider safety over their profits and rescind their opposition to our red-light initiative that was approved by the State two years ago. We have asked for concrete timetables for the repaving of the County-owned Shunpike Road and in response to resident concerns, our Police Department is asking for pedestrian safety measures to be implemented on the County-owned Meisel Avenue near the park. I will continue to provide updates on these efforts.

At our April Township Committee meetings, we will continue bi-partisan, civilized discussion and debate on the reorganizing of our Community Center facilities and the possibility of changing of our form of government so residents can directly elect a Mayor. I am interested in hearing your thoughts on these plans. I will also issue several proclamations in April recognizing Autism Awareness Month, Parliamentary Law Month, Days of Remembrance, and the Library's 80th Anniversary. Lastly, I am proposing the creation of the Springfield Improvement Team that was unfortunately abolished last year. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering and would like to be nominated for consideration.

I am holding open office hours on Friday, April 20th at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, April 24th at 6 p.m. Please e-mail me at mayor@springfield-nj.us or call 973-797-9423 to schedule an appointment or reserve a time slot.

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

Water Everywhere will meet on Thursday, April 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. The agenda will include continued work for flood mitigation and also final preparations for distributing our petition for Bills A2111/S98 to the legislators. For further information contact Karen and Jim Bonacorda at 973-376-7865.

Please have your submissions and news articles in by the end of the 3rd week of the month for the following month's Patriot!!! Please send them to info@springfieldpatriot.com

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday March 13 at 2:00 p.m.
& 4th Tuesday March 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers
2nd Floor, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.
All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

Springfield

Business Improvement District

The BID at Work - Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey

Springfield was on sale last Wednesday and many of our participants had a great response to our first event. Springfield's residents and visitors were able to save at many of Springfield's businesses. There were 25 Springfield businesses that participated in this event and consumers were able to enter to WIN an iPad and \$1000 in prizes! Restaurants...Salons...Shops...and more participated in putting "Springfield On Sale"! The BID thanks the following business that participated in this fun event:

Bagel Chateau	G.Q. Haircutters
McLynn's	Palm Salon
Cioffi's Deli & Caterers	Luz's Spa & Organic Products
Prima Pizza	Salon Frasca & Day Spa
Campus Sub Shop	Runway Hair Studio
Picante The Taste of Mexico	Capelli E Mani Design
Muscle Maker Grill	No Body Denied
Hinari Sushi	Screaming Parties of Springfield
Thai Amarin	Jewelry Exchange
The Ice Hut	Mack Camera & Video Service
Stew Leonard's Wines of Springfield	Hobbies & Airsoft
Salon Bangles	Trilogy Shop
Headlines at Montage	Thomas LaVone
Imagine Salon	

Congratulations! To the winner of the iPad and the winners of the many gift certificates provided by the participating businesses: **iPad Winner sponsored by Air Group - Maddy Gallant - Springfield**

Headlines at Montage - Rebecca Royce - Springfield	\$25 Gift Card
Salon Frasca & Day Spa - Grace Meyn - Westfield	\$25 Gift Card
Jewelry Exchange - Anita Gore - Union	\$25 Gift Card
Muscle Maker Grill - Todd Goldberg - Springfield	\$50 Gift Card
Hobbies & Airsoft - Paul Stillmar - Springfield	\$50 Gift Card
Capellie E Mani Design - Pam Webb - Springfield	\$25 Gift Card
No Body Denied - Sarah Lachs - Springfield	1 Month VIP Membership
Prima Pizza - Rachel Huber - Springfield	\$20 Gift Card
Luz's Spa & Organic Products - Amanda Jimenez - Springfield	Free Full Body Massage
Hinari Sushi - Sharon Hockstein - Springfield AND Evelyn Chait - Springfield	\$20 Gift Cards
Palm Salon - Amy Frei - Springfield	\$50 Gift Card
Screamin' Parties of Springfield - Shari Gozlan - Springfield AND Joyce Williams - Springfield	\$30 Gift Cards
Salon Bangles - Sue Smith - Springfield	\$10 Gift Card
Campus Sub Shop II - Harold Neher - Springfield	\$20 Gift Card
Thai Amarin - Gina Serio - Springfield	\$50 Gift Card
Runway Hair Studio - Risa Greiss - Springfield	\$25 Gift Card
Picante The Taste of Mexico - Rick Shue - Springfield	\$25 Gift Card
Ice Hut - John Cottage - Springfield	\$25 Gift Card

We are planning another great event early summer 2012. Look for details on Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey, Springfield Patriot and other on-line and print publications in June!

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT! Springfieldsurvey.com

Watch for the signs around town to participate in a survey that will ask you to "Tell us what you want". You will be able to participate in this survey on line or if you prefer you can request a survey to mail in.

You will be able to go to Springfieldsurvey.com and give us your 2 cents!

We will be using this survey to help us plan our next steps in helping Springfield's business and property owners succeed in a tough market. This survey is being done by the JGSC Group, the people we hired to provide us with a Market and Retail Analysis of Springfield.

Logo and Banners - The BID Marketing Committee with the Gruskin Group, has designed banners that will be installed on light polls in late spring. These banners will show that Springfield is a great place to shop, dine and seek professional services.

A website is being developed that will include a business directory by category and information on opening a business in Springfield. We are even working on creating a Springfield App for your Smartphone!

****The next BID meeting is on Tuesday, April 17, 8:30pm at the Firehouse, 200 Mountain Avenue, Office of Emergency Management.**

Springfield Community Partnership (BID) CALENDAR 2012

Meetings are held on the third
Tuesday of every month, 8:30 am

April 17	September 18
May 15	October 16
June 19	November 20
July 17	December 18

Meetings are held at the Firehouse,
200 Mountain Ave.
Office of Emergency Management

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR COOKBOOK'S AUTHOR TO SPEAK



JOANNE CARAS

Holocaust Survivor Cookbooks author **Joanne Caras**, of Port St Lucie, Florida, will be the featured speaker at The Jewish Learning Center of Springfield on May 14th, at 7:30 PM.

For two years the Caras family worked tirelessly to collect recipes and stories from Holocaust Survivors all over the world. Joanne then compiled them into an unforgettable **Holocaust Survivor Cookbook**. She recently completed work on her second book **Miracles & Meals**.

Proceeds from every cookbook sold benefit Carmei Ha'ir.

"To date we have raised over \$750,000 in total for a variety of groups and charities." Joanne said

"Our goal is to raise millions for Carmei Ha'ir and millions more for Jewish groups all over the world", Joanne said. "In total we would like to sell 6 million cookbooks as a tribute to the memory of those Jews who did not survive the Holocaust."

"Each story in our cookbook is a miracle". Joanne says. **Holocaust Survivor Cookbooks** can be purchased from website: www.survivorcookbook.org

The event will be hosted by Mrs. Aidella Blesofsky, please R.S.V.P for more details. Aidella@chabaduc.com or 973-218-6963 Event is Free of Charge. Donation of \$36 or more receive a free cookbook.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Homeowners are advised that during the spring and summer months various types of con artists come into New Jersey and other northeastern states and target residents, usually senior citizens or the elderly. These criminal groups are referred to as "travelers" as they travel throughout the country committing any of a series of fraud schemes that can range from attempting to receive payment for home repairs that are not done or are done in a substandard fashion to attempting to con their way into a house to steal money or jewelry.

Home Repair Scams

The homeowner is solicited at their house by persons claiming to be working in the area on driveway paving and they offer to repair or replace the victim's driveway with the left over materials they have. The scam is where the fraudsters will either do limited cosmetic work by filling in cracks and they will then spray some type of mixture of black paint and oil to make it appear that the driveway was repaved. No contracts are used and the actors will usually request payment in cash or a check made payable to cash. In some cases the checks will be altered to a higher amount when cashed by the suspects.

Homeowners, especially persons who recently purchased a house, will be solicited either by phone or at their door by persons claiming to represent some type of chimney cleaning service where the victim will be told that the prior homeowner had an annual contract to have the chimney inspected and/or cleaned. The inspection fee is always a small amount of money usually under \$50.00. If the homeowner agrees to have the chimney inspected problems will always be found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace, that the victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the victim agrees to having the repairs made, they cannot see if anything was done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed.

Utility Imposter Scams

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in basement, or gas or electric and in some cases they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company they pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change

for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house and utility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection.

Homeowner Distraction Scams

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into the rear yard in the hopes the victim leaves the front door open or they will attempt to con their way into the home so that one actor can go to bedrooms to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor's yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object in the rear yard. Once they lure a victim into the rear yard they use cell phones to communicate between the male(s) in the rear yard and the actor who enters the house. Other ploys have females asking for help in catching their runaway cat that is supposedly in the victim's rear yard.

The cons to enter the house usually consist of actors claiming to be selling something door to door, taking some type of survey to looking for an address on the street. Actor will ask for drink of water or to look at a phone book or ask for a pen and paper in order to leave a note for a neighbor. Once they can get into the house they will try to steer the victim into the kitchen while another suspect goes to the bedrooms.

Do not open your door to strangers or persons claiming to be utility workers who are at your house for some type of inspection, especially if you did not set up the inspection or were not informed of it in advance by the utility company. The legitimate employee not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent. Police officers will immediately respond to your residence if you call about a suspicious person or doubt the legitimacy of a utility company worker. If you believe a person at your house is attempting to commit one of these types of crimes, contact the police immediately via 9-1-1 or (973) 376-0400.

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM PRESENTS A YOM HA'ATSMAUT SHABBAT WITH SEEDS OF SUN, ISRAEL'S PREMIER JAZZ ENSEMBLE

****FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012 8PM ***



Rabbi Joshua Goldstein

Springfield, N.J. (March 27, 2012) Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield presents its fourth special event in honor of Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, the Temple's Rabbi, who is retiring on June 30, 2012 after 30 years.

On Friday, April 27 at 8pm, the Temple's annual "Yom Ha'atsmaut" Shabbat will pay tribute to Israel's 64th Birthday with a repeat performance by the premier Israeli Jazz Ensemble, Seeds of Sun. They will accompany the Shabbat service at 8pm with participation from the Temple Choir. Following the service, Seeds of Sun will present a concert program, "A Tribute to the Music of Naomi Shemer, Israel's National Music Legend." The community is invited to join us for this special evening.

THE SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF HADASSAH WILL HOST A GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 12:30 PM, AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The meeting is devoted to Holocaust Remembrance. Ms. Miriam Gershwin of Springfield, a Holocaust survivor, is in charge of the meeting.

The program will include a significant candle lighting ceremony during which survivors and a righteous gentile will light six candles memorializing the six million Jews who perished because of the Holocaust. Paulette Dorflauer, a Holocaust survivor, born in Marseilles, France, will speak with the group.

This meeting is open to the public. A light luncheon along with coffee, tea and cake will be served. Non Hadassah members who are planning to attend are requested to contact Hadassah president, Rona Zandel, 973.379.9498.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT JOB POSTING

Camp/Aquatics Activities Supervisor

Seasonal – Work from May 1 to September 1 - Approx. 20 -35 hours per week. No health benefits. Hours would be flexible. Some weekends may be required. Valid NJ driver's license needed.

Reports to Director of Recreation

- Organize and supervise a 10 counselor staff at the Playground Camp for 8 weeks during the summer.
- Assist with preparation of pool camp program including rosters, trips, lunch program, etc.
- Assist the camp directors with preparation and organization of activities for the pool camp.
- Assist the pool management with organization of swim pool activities that may include pool bingo,

water aerobics, special event days, sport activities, etc. Salary Range \$12 - 15 per hour.

Please print a copy of the employment application and submit to the Director of Recreation Michael Tennaro @ The Sarah Bailey Civic Center 30 Church Mall Springfield, NJ 07081 by March 2, 2012.

Pool Manager

Springfield Township Union County is looking for a Pool Manager for the Springfield Community Pool. Duties include managing and scheduling lifeguards, regulating water chemistry, managing the front gate. CPO license required. Previous experience required. Please send resumes to Michael Tennaro, Director of Recreation, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, Michael.tennaro@springfield-nj.us Range \$8,000 – \$12,000 {Depending on experience and qualification}

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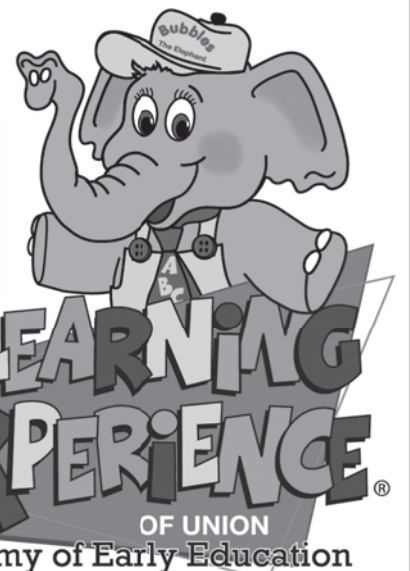
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**THE ICE HUT CELEBRATES
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
Introducing Self-Serve & More
Frozen Yogurt Options
Join the Celebration on
Sunday, May 6th 1:00 – 4:00**

SPRINGFIELD, NJ (March 21, 2012) – Springfield's newest dessert destination, The Ice Hut, celebrates its one-year anniversary on May 6th with a community-wide event featuring activities for all ages and an introduction of self-service options for its customers. Beginning at 1:00, the Ice Hut will have live music, face painting and tattoos for the children, door prizes for the adults and hourly specials to commemorate its anniversary. Since opening its doors nearly a year ago, The Ice Hut, located at 246 Mountain Avenue, has been a popular destination for students after school, families after sports events and for all ages in the evenings.

In addition, the Ice Hut is introducing a self-serve

option for its soft serve offerings and is adding four more machines to meet the demands of its customers. Beginning Saturday, March 24th, the Ice Hut will be offering six varieties of frozen yogurt including Peanut Butter, Coffee, Plain, Banana, Red Raspberry, no sugar added Cheesecake and over 40 toppings.

"It seems like yesterday we were planning for the Grand Opening of the Ice Hut and we are now weeks away from celebrating our first anniversary", said Matt Klein, co-owner of the Ice Hut and Springfield resident. "From the beginning, the Ice Hut was welcomed and embraced and in return, we were very proud to contribute to various local organizations and of course, the schools. We invite you to join us in our anniversary celebration on May 6th and try our new self-serve option with a wide variety of new frozen yogurts and toppings."

On any given day, The Ice Hut serves six different kinds of fat free homemade Italian ices ranging in flavors from mango, orange, green apple, watermelon, blueberry, red raspberry, lemon and many more. The Ice Hut also features fat free soft-serve

ice cream, hard ice cream and an expanded menu of frozen yogurt.

One of the top selling ice creams is named for Dayton called Bulldog. Another top-seller is the "combo cooler," a combination of ice cream and Italian ice, which many have done in "Springfield flavors" of blue raspberry and mango/orange. In November, the Ice Hut announced the addition of soup to their menu for the winter months and the variety was met with great enthusiasm. The Ice Hut was also certified kosher which appealed to a great number of Springfield residents.

"We thank and encourage all Springfield residents to continue to embrace the local proprietors so that we can continue to give back to the community and help serve as the foundation for a revitalized downtown," added Rich Irving, co-owner of the Ice Hut. "With the announcement of the new Turf Field, we are excited for what the future holds for Springfield and how we can be a part of it."

The Ice Hut's spring hours are Noon to 9:00 PM daily. The hours will extend to 10:00 pm every day during the summer.

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
LIBRARY OPEN FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH
FROM 10:00 A- 2:00 PM
LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAY, APRIL
8TH IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Saturday April 7 @ 1:30 Kids movie: Hop

Monday April 9 @ 3pm Peas and Carrots Music (interactive concert) for kids and families

Tuesday April 10 Kids movies: The Muppets @ 10:30; Hugo @ 1:30

Wed April 11 Kids movie: Happy Feet 2 @ 10:30

Wed April 11 The Lorax Story and craft all ages

Thursday April 12 @ 3pm Scutes and Scales Snakes and Turtles will crawl among us! Presented by Sherman-Hoffman Sanctuaries of the NJ Audubon Society

Friday April 13 Kids movie: Tin Tin @ 1:30

Saturday April 14 Kids movie: Puss in Boots @ 10:30; War Horse @ 1:30

Thursday April 26 @ 7pm Verbal Judo presented by USA Karate and Fitness. Learn how to fend off bullies! Kids and families

*Poetry Café for Grades 9-12 April 27 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Library. Open mike for sharing poetry, read your own or another poet's. Refreshments. High School ID required!

Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. This drop-in gathering meets on selected Saturdays @ 3:30. See Library website for dates in April.

Tween Crafts at the Library for Grades 5 and up: May 2 @ 4:00 to 5:00p.m.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am (ages baby to pre-school): Friday April 13 @ 10:30; Tuesday April 17 @ 10:30; Saturday April 21 @ 10:30; Wed. April 25 @ 10:30; New! Monday evening April 30th @ 6:30pm

Math Homework Help Most Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:15 a drop in service for quick questions, all grades, must bring your textbook!

WII Games with Matthew Most Thursdays 4 to 5 pm, ages 6 to 11

Storycraft with Ariel Most Fridays @ 4pm ages 3 to 7

TEEN PROGRAM

Teen Lit Review Group. Meet with the YA librarian to preview new teen books and make your own recommendations on which the library

Springfield Free Public Library

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

should select. Earn volunteer hours and enjoy refreshments. Teens grades 6-12. Drop-in on select Wednesdays: May 9 @ 5-6 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 8th through April 14th is National Library Week. Check out all our events at www.sfplnj.org You belong @your library.

Tuesdays, April 10th & May 8th, 11:00 am Chair Yoga with Pamela Nixon

MUSIC AND THEATER

Sunday, April 29th, 2:00 pm As Time Goes By with Elaine Bromka and Reathel Bean

Sunday, May 6th, 2:00 pm The Ballroom Boys perform "The Make Believe Ballroom"

LECTURES

Monday, April 23rd, 1:00 pm Whatever Happened to New Jersey's Mills? By Phil Jaeger

Wednesday, April 25th, 7:00 pm Caring Sharing Network: Vital Information for Seniors & Caretakers

Thursday, April 26th, 7:00 pm The Bully Expert: This MUST Stop! A certified anti-bullying program presented by Master Andrew of USA Karate

Wednesday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm How to Talk to Your Kids about Money by Jeffrey Romond

Monday, May 7th, 1:00 pm New Jersey State Parks by Kevin Woyce

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, April 19th, 10:15 am Great Books Discussion Group – Canterbury Tales by Chaucer

Thursday, April 26th & May 10th Memoir Writing Group 10:15 am

Thursday, May 3rd, 7:00 pm Really Good Book Discussion Group – Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue

Monday, May 7th, 7:00 pm Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

FILMS

Monday, April 16th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – 2011 Favorites: Christopher Plummer's Oscar winning role

Thursday, April 19th, 1:00 & 7:00 pm International Film – Toast

Monday, April 30th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film— 2011 Favorites: Based on the best-selling book about household workers in Mississippi

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An array of vendors will be there selling products and services, including stationery, apparel, skin care, home goods, accounting and legal services and much more. In addition, a representative from Aurum Exchange will be there to buy gold jewelry, so clean out your drawers and cash in!

It will be a fun night with great deals, please join us!

STEINER FAMILY OF SPRINGFIELD NAMED MISSION FAMILY FOR UPCOMING PREECLAMPSIA



SPRINGFIELD, NJ (March 15, 2012) – The Preeclampsia Foundation is pleased to announce that Stephanie Steiner and her family are the 2012 Cranford, NJ Promise Walk for Preeclampsia™ Mission Family. Steiner and her now 12-year-old daughter Marissa are co-chairing the 2012 Cranford walk.

“While preeclampsia put my life and the life of my daughter in jeopardy, I consider us to be the lucky ones,” Steiner said. “I am honored to walk to raise awareness and funds so that all pregnant women and infants are eventually safe from this dreadful disease.”

Steiner's daughter Marissa was born at 34 weeks, weighing only three pounds, five ounces due to severe preeclampsia. In the final weeks of her pregnancy, Steiner's face, hands and feet swelled tremendously, her blood pressure was very high and there was protein in her urine. Together, they can be deadly.

“It's scary to me because the doctors didn't diagnose my mom with preeclampsia, and we both could have died,” said Marissa Steiner. “I want everyone I know to know about preeclampsia and how common it actually is, so that more lives can be saved.”

Marissa has embraced her role as the Preeclampsia Foundation's youngest Promise Walk co-coordinator as her special mitzvah (good deed) project for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah. She wants to express her gratitude for the lives of herself and her mother, as well as to take steps to combat this disease that threatens her own future childbearing.

Stephanie, Marissa and the entire Steiner family will kick off the festivities and share their inspiring story at the 2012 Promise Walk for Preeclampsia™, on May 19, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, which is a 5K walk. As well, New Jersey Governor Christie has issued an official proclamation from the State of New Jersey declaring May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

For more information or to register to walk/donate, please visit www.promisewalk.org/cranford



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GREEN COMMON SENSE DON'T IDLE • GARDENS • HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

by Nunzio Faitoutte

The first in a series of articles with tidbits of info to help the reader save money and energy. NJ has a law which prohibits idling for more than 3 minutes for gasoline and diesel car engines. You may have noticed new No Idling signs around the state, and now in Springfield. Think of the signs as post-it note reminders to help you save gas.

Idling wastes more gasoline than turning off your car and restarting it.

But what do you do if you're in drop off line at one of the schools? This is when your common sense and best judgement should kick in. If the line does not look like it is going to move for a while, turn off your engine. Even if it is freezing outside, the warmth in your car will not disappear that fast. The same applies to those hot days of summer, if the line is not moving, turn off the engine. You will be saving gas and right now, saving gas is the same as saving money.

The harder judgement call to make is when the line is stop and go. In that case, if you can, shift into Neutral or Park. The engine will again use less gasoline to continue to run. But nothing is better than turning off the engine rather than just sitting and letting it idle.

Community Gardens Sign Up Time

Once again it is time to sign up for plots in the Community Gardens. The Gardens are located on Wabeno Avenue, at the Cannon Ball House and at the Community Pool.

Interested residents should contact Linda Donnelly, the Township Clerk at either (973) 912-2201 or on the website - <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/township-directory.html>

Earth Day Volunteers Needed

On Sunday April 22nd from 12:00 to 4:00 PM, the DPW and the SEC are running Clean Community Day to help clean the neighborhoods and open spaces in the two areas of the Township that were hit hardest by the flooding from Katrina.

Volunteers are asked to come to either the park at Marion and Morris Avenues or the park on Laurel Avenue. Please wear old clothes and possibly boots. Gloves, tools, and T-shirts will be available through the generosity of a grant received by the DPW.

Please come and show your neighbors that you care - it doesn't cost anything except time.

THE WELLNESS FAIR COMES TO JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday May 4th The Alternatives Club of Jonathan Dayton High School will be hosting a Wellness Fair from 9 AM to 1PM. The Wellness Fair is a huge event when people from the community and other health affiliated companies come in and set up tables displaying different types of wellness topics. The Wellness Fair is a great opportunity for our students to learn about various types of health and wellness that will reinforce the message of living a healthy life. We would like to extend the invitation to health care or health-affiliated individuals in the community who would like to come in and set up a table and talk with our students.

For more information please contact Maria Sista at msista@springfieldschools.com

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SPRINGFIELD, NJ - The Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) announced Sun., Sept. 30th as the date of the second annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk. After the tremendous success of the first annual event that generated over \$12,000 for SEF, the committee has decided to move the 5K up to earlier in the fall race season.

The Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk, a USA Track & Field Grand Prix event, will commence at 9:00 AM from the front parking lot of Jonathan Dayton High School. Jonathan Dayton High School is located at 139 Mountain Avenue in Springfield. There will be a Fun Run for children under the age of 9 which will also be held at Dayton.

Thanks to the generous support last year from community sponsors and individual contributors, all proceeds benefitted the Springfield Education Foundation which strives to keep our children and teachers on the leading edge of learning. The funds raised will be used for curriculum enhancing mini-grants for our teachers, to be announced at the end of the school year. If interested in becoming a sponsor of the 2nd Annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk, please contact Marie Madden at memadden3@aol.com

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EARTH DAY/ CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY - APRIL 22

On April 22 Springfield Environmental Commission is planning a cleanup at two parks near the River. Local volunteers needed to walk and pick up litter/trash by Laurel Park and Marion Ave.

2 Locations Meeting from 12-4 on April 22:

MARION AVE - right off Morris Ave

LAUREL PARK - Laurel Ave by Hemlock Terrace at Tennis courts

For more info, please contact Alyson Miller at The Comfy Canine



Pictured left to right, Meals On Wheels volunteer Daniel Talarzky of Springfield, State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and SAGE Eldercare Executive Director Jessica Rosenzweig, set out to deliver meals to senior residents on Tuesday, March 27. They participated in the Meals On Wheels Association of America's "March For Meals" campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. SAGE volunteers deliver meals to elderly residents in Union, Essex and Morris Counties.

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E.V. Walton Students, Matthew and Natalie, stop to smile during their annual Happy Hearts Dance for Valentine's Day.



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