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(l to r) Maria Gonzolez, Cristina Pavlyshynets, German Kvenkin, Nella Kvenkin, Chanber Co-Chair Scott Seidel, Dr. Aliana Henkin, Julia Busko and Chamber VP Elliot Merkin



(l to r) Freeholder Sergio Granados, Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb and Freeholder Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski.

SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES COUNTY GRANTS OF \$30,000 FOR DENHAM AND COHN PLAYGROUNDS AND \$5,000 FOR TREES

Springfield was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a \$5,000 grant from Greening Union County. On behalf of Mayor Erica DuBois and the Township Committee, Springfield's ceremonial checks were presented to Director of Recreation Adam Lieb and Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly at a meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders by Freeholder Sergio Granados and Freeholder Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski on Thursday night, October 24, 2019. The Township is matching the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant to finance new playground equipment and site amenities at Denham Park and Charles Cohn Memorial Park.

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICER MARCOS VAZ SWORN IN AS ACTING POLICE SERGEANT

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Sergeant Marcos Vaz, his wife Arianna and children, Zofia, Sarah and Matias.

SPRINGFIELD'S VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

By Geri Ann Kazimar

On a nice sunny day with temperatures in the 50's approximately 100 plus people were present for the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th. Approximately 35 veterans were present as were, the Mayor, Members of the Township Committee, Police, Fire, EMS and OEM personnel, residents and students from the schools.

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RICHARD HUBER AND ERICA DUBOIS WIN RE-ELECTION IN SPRINGFIELD

Mayor Erica DuBois and Township Committeeman Richard Huber held on to their Township Committee seats for another three year term. Vote counts were as follows: Richard Huber: 2,111 Erica DuBois: 2,130 Fred Scott: 1,378 Geri Ann Kazimar: 1,368 Votes Cast: 6,989



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Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this I cannot believe that we are only days away from celebrating Thanksgiving. I hope you have the opportunity to spend some time with friends and family enjoying the beginning of this holiday season. We recently celebrated Veteran's Day in our township. I would just like to take a moment to thank all of those residents who have served or who continue to serve in every branch of our Armed Forces.

Our next Township Committee workshop session was scheduled for Monday, November 25, however it is being canceled so that Township Committee members can attend the interfaith Thanksgiving celebration that will be taking place at Saint James Church on Monday, November 25 from 7 to 8 pm. All residents are welcome to attend as well. Our Township Committee meeting on November 26 will still take place at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

The townships annual winter celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 4 from 5 pm to 8 pm on the Town Hall lawn. There will be a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to noon at Chisholm Community Center, mark your calendars now. Please also be reminded that leaf pick up has begun. Leaves that are left at the curb will be picked up by our DPW.

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AT BED BATH & BEYOND

On Saturday October 19, 2019 at about 12:23 pm the Springfield Police responded to the rear parking lot of the Bed Bath and Beyond store located at 715 Morris Turnpike. On their arrival they were met by an adult female who reported that an adult black male wearing all black approached her and demanded money from her. She added that as he demanded the money he pointed a small black silver tipped gun at her. As this took place, the female took off running into the rear of the Bed Bath and Beyond store causing the suspect to run towards Morris Ave. The incident is still under investigation with further details being released once completed. Anyone who may have been witness to this incident is asked to contact the Springfield Police at 973-376-0400

SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES COUNTY GRANTS

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The modern and interactive equipment will include a Trigon Arch Climber, Rain Wheel Panel, Verve IV Arch, Arch Swingset, Athletic Arch, Snare Drum, Tom-Tom Drums, and an Apex Arch Climber. Matching grants from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund are distributed to municipalities across Union County that are looking to upgrade or build recreational facilities for children and families. The Greening Union County grant was applied for by Supervisor of Public Works Robert Boettcher, and the funds will help the Township offset the cost of planting trees throughout Springfield. Photo by Jim Lowney.

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ACTING POLICE SERGEANT

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Springfield Police Officer Marcos Vaz was sworn in as an Acting Police Sergeant at the October 22nd meeting of the Township Committee. Friends, family and co-workers were on hand to show their support. His wife Arianna held the bible while his children, Zofia, Sarah and Matias looked on as Mayor Erica DuBois administered the Oath of Office. Chief of Police John Cook noted "Marcos had worked for the Washington Township Police Department for 2 1/2 years before being hired by Springfield in August of 2012. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 2000-2004, having served in Operation Iraq Freedom in 2003. He has been an instrumental part in our Junior Police Academy for the past two years. He is a Field Training officer for our department as well. He is also a member of an all Law Enforcement Officer Hockey team that participates in yearly charity games raising money for such organizations such as *Alex's Lemonade Stand* and *Where Angels Play Foundation*."

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 26 - Regular Meeting at 7 pm

Workshop Meeting, Monday, December 9 at 7 pm

Regular meeting, Tuesday, December 10 at 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

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VETERANS CORNER

By Gerry Gebauer

By now you should have seen the Banners hanging from the lamp posts in town with pictures of our veterans on them. If you are a veteran and your likeness is not on a banner and you would like to be recognized for your service, please contact the Home Town Heroes Committee using email at *Heroes07081@gmail.com*. As an alternative you can call Town Hall and ask for Linda Donnelly, she is a member of the committee. If you see Geri Kazimar, Maria Vassallo or Vicky Sarracino they are on the committee as well. We veterans owe them a big thanks for doing this. The banners may be coming down soon because of weather but they will be back come spring. Springfield is doing a lot for its veterans. There was a 5k run the morning of the Springfield Street Fair on October 6th. The entry fee was to benefit veterans causes. One of our town residents, Don Auer, was recognized in the ceremony following the race. You can always contact the American Legion at 973-379-2292, for more information about any veteran's event in town.

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL AND HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATE PULPIT EXCHANGE WEEKEND

On the weekend of October 19th and 20th Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael and Pastor J. David Knecht of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, both in Springfield, conducted a pulpit exchange program to promote Jewish-Christian dialog and a greater understanding of the religious diversity in our community. They also emphasized the common roots of the two faiths in the writings and festivals of the ancient Hebrews. On Saturday the 19th Pastor Knecht spoke at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael about the roots of Christian thought in the Hebrew prophet Jeremiah. On Sunday Rabbi Mallach spoke about the origins and meaning of the festival of Sukkot and how that many words and phrases used in Christian worship come from the prayers and praises of the people of Israel. This weekend also gave an opportunity for the members of each house of worship to visit the other and learn about their neighbors.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Township of Springfield will be offering their annual free rabies clinic. Residents may also register their new or existing pets (must provide proof of rabies, spay and/or neuter) at the clinic if they have not done so already. Registration fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered and \$15 for non spayed/neutered. The clinic will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Avenue). Any cats or dogs registered after January 31st 2020 will result in a late fee (an additional \$1 will be added for each month thereafter). For more information please contact the Registrar, Kristin Ragland at 973-912-2285.

SPRINGFIELD INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday, November 25, 2019
7:00 PM

Saint James the Apostle Church
45 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ

Cash donations to benefit
the Springfield First Aid and Rescue
Squad and non-perishable donations
for the NJ Food Bank are requested.

SMALL QUANTITY OF DEPLETED URANIUM RECOVERED FROM SPRINGFIELD SYNAGOGUE, AREA DECLARED SAFE

A small quantity of depleted uranium, used as a teaching aid by a local educator who inadvertently left it in a meeting room of a Springfield synagogue, has been recovered and secured by a county HAZMAT team that subsequently declared the surrounding area safe this morning, acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran, and Springfield Police Chief John Cook jointly announced Tuesday, October 29th, 2019.

Members of the Springfield Police Department and Springfield Fire Department responded to Temple Sha'arey Shalom shortly before 9 a.m. Tuesday morning on a report of a potentially hazardous substance on site, according to the preliminary investigation. Upon examination of the substance, members of the Union County Bureau of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) and the Prosecutor's Office were notified and also responded to the scene.

The substance was identified as an approximately marble-sized amount of depleted uranium, which was tested and found to emit an extremely low-level pulse of radiation, below the threshold that would be deemed an imminent health hazard. Authorities subsequently contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to coordinate safe disposal.

By 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, first responders declared the immediate area safe and departed the scene. The multi-jurisdictional emergency response marked a successful application of the Prosecutor's Office's newly implemented mass casualty incident notification protocol, through which local first responders immediately report critical incidents to county authorities through an established set of delineated procedures.

Depleted uranium is a byproduct of the process through which naturally occurring uranium is enriched in order to produce fuel that powers sources of nuclear power, according to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Possession of the substance is federally regulated, but it has several commercial uses, such as in counterweights and shielding.

CANNONBALL HOUSE OPENED FOR FOUR CENTURIES WEEKEND



(l to r) Linda Jurczak, Ryan Olsen and Margaret Bandrowski

Four Centuries Weekend Union County is an event many visitors find very interesting. Throughout Union County different historic properties are open for tours. In Springfield the Cannonball House was open for historical walking tours. Many residents took advantage of the beautiful fall afternoon on Saturday the 19th of October to visit this historic property that dates back to 1741. Springfield residents and many others from near and far came and enjoyed this piece of "living" history. The Cannonball House originally was located on a large piece of property that stretched back into Union on Springfield Avenue and Valley Street. The Cannonball is located at 126 Morris Avenue, for more information (or to make a donation) write to the Springfield Historical Society, 166 Milltown Road or call (973) 376-4784.

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The weekend of September 14th, Girl Scouts from Springfield ranging from kindergarten through 11th grade descended on Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Stillwater, NJ for a Harry Potter Themed weekend of fun! The girls learned outdoor skills such as fire building and archery. They also learned how to handle a knife safely and experienced candle making. If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please e-mail gshnjsu46@gmail.com.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

ADAM LIEB



Adam Lieb has served as Springfield’s Director of Recreation since 2014. A Springfield native, Adam has developed a tremendously successful and complete recreation program for the Township. One need only look at the several pages of Recreation Department activities in each month’s Patriot Times as evidence of that success.

Prior to assuming this position, Adam served as the Director of Recreation in Florham Park and Mountainside. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. He is a Certified Pool Operator.

Adam is a longtime professional member of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA), National Recreation and Park Association, Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey, and Sports Turf Managers Association. He currently

serves as the chairman of the Aquatics Section of NJRPA.

Since becoming Director of Recreation, Adam has been involved in the renovation of the Chisholm Community Center’s youth wing in 2015, the installation of permanent field lighting at Chisholm Park in 2017, the reconstruction of the Springfield Community Pool’s clubhouse in 2018, and the Township’s inaugural Pride Month event in 2019. He recently supervised the two-part expansion of Chisholm Park’s playground, which added accessible and inclusive play elements for members of the community with special needs. Adam’s team at the Recreation Department offers a daily transportation service, computer lab, fitness room, and a full calendar of programs for senior citizens; after school program for teens; sports leagues and extracurricular activities for youth and adults; and summer camps and jobs for hundreds of local children.

This reporter first met Adam when he volunteered his time to assist with the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield celebration in 2005. His interest and enthusiasm for Township history was very evident. It is fair to say that Adam has been the most successful Director of Recreation in recent memory. Appropriately, earlier this year, Adam was honored with the Springfield lodge of B’nai B’rith’s Young Leadership Award. The Rotary Club of Springfield has also named him an honorary member.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Adam said “One of the most meaningful parts of my job is being surrounded by people who truly care about Springfield, many of whom grew up here like myself, or who currently live here, or who call this town their second home. My job is to make Springfield a special place to live by offering diverse, affordable, and interactive recreation programs, services, and events for children, adults, and senior citizens. It’s an opportunity to give back.”



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VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

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Geri Ann Kazimar welcomed all Veterans, residents and children to the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Jordan Sievert led those in attendance in singing a stunning rendition of our National Anthem. It was beautiful.

Father Joseph Barbone, pastor St. James the Apostle Church gave both the invocation and the benediction. Len Feiner, Vietnam Veteran, American Legion Post 228 read a speech telling the story of Medal of Honor recipient David Bellavia. It's a story we should all hear. "His heroism is one story of the millions of living veterans." In the speech, we were challenged to "ask a veteran his story. Every single man and woman who has raised their right hand and pledged to give their life for their country if needed, did so for a reason. Ask them why?" We should start today and ask the questions. They have so much to say and need someone to listen; before it's too late.

Mayor Erica DuBois read a Proclamation for Veterans Day. Placement of the POW/MIA flag was made by Joe Policastro & David Penna. Gerry Gebauer read the names of the Springfield Honor Roll, township residents killed in action during previous wars. Pete Mongiello & Richard Novak presented of the wreath. David Lenci read the significance of the Pow/MIA flag. Musical medley "Hymn to the Fallen" performed by the Jonathan Dayton High School Band directed by Benjamin Krupit.

Gerry Gebauer, Commander American Legion Post 228 presented a coin to the Hometown Heroes in appreciation of their commitment to our Veterans which was accepted by Victoria Sarracino. On behalf of Maria Vassallo, Geri Ann Kazimar and Linda Donnelly; founding members who we're in attendance. The entire St. James school was in attendance and serenaded the Veterans in singing My Country 'Tis of Thee". Everyone sang along as Michelle Sblendorio of St. James led us in singing God Bless America. Echo taps played by Brycen Kirshner and Aiden Forsys.

The 3 Volley rifle salute was made by Springfield Auxiliary Police Officer Sara Abraham and Cert Team member and veteran Jim Sedlak and coordinated by Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz.

The ceremony was concluded when Linda Donnelly, Victoria Sarracino and Geri Ann Kazimar Presented the Veterans with a pin from the Township of Springfield. A picture was taken of all the Veterans. The Township is Springfield Salutes all the Veterans. We wish to thank all those in attendance and especially all the Veterans who came out. We Salute You!

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SPRINGFIELD SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROVIDE YOUR INPUT TO THE BOARD

As you may know, the Springfield Board of Education has begun the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools. In order for the board to arrive at the best possible decision, it is asking for input from parents, community members, administrators and staff to assist the Board in identifying the qualities that will make up the profile of the successful candidate.

Stakeholders may provide input through the Convenient On Line Survey, which will remain open until November 27, 2019.

The Survey may be accessed through the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Springfield-Supt-Search> - which is also available on the District's homepage at www.springfieldschools.com

The search consultants working with the Board of Education on the selection of the new Superintendent of Schools will be available in the district to both take input and answer any questions about the search process at meetings to be held at Jonathan Dayton High School on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at the times and locations listed below for each group.

For Staff

11/19/2019, 3:45 PM
HS Auditorium

For District Administrators

11/19/2019, 4:15 PM
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Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween Spooktacular was held on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the Chisholm Community Center. The annual event featured a costume contest, guessing jar contest, Springfield Municipal Alliance Red Ribbon Week give-aways, photo booth, balloon artist on stilts, Halloween crafts, temporary tattoos, Halloween games, and Kids in Motion Interactive Halloween Concert. Support for the costume contest awards was provided by TD Pizza and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, with special thanks to co-chairmen Scott Seidel and Mike Scalera. Costume contest winners are photographed with Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; and Deputy Mayor Chris Capodice who served as a guest judge.



Mayor Erica DuBois



2nd-3rd Grade Josh Turenne, Emmett Henrichs, Rebeca Carvajal, Connor Webb



4th-5th Grade Aaron Friedman



6th-8th Grade Binal Parikh, Elijah Turenne



Kindergarten - 1st Grade
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Infant - Pre-K Jacob Kutkin, Chase Werner, Dylan Velasco, Hannah Grossman



Guess the Beads Jar Aaron Friedman

OCTOBER CHAMBER MEETING



(l to r) Chamber VP Elliot Merkin, Fritz Jardine, Staples Regional Marketing Account and Print Manager, David Scully, Staples Store General Manager, Chamber Secretary Tracy Geyer and Chamber Co-Chairman Mike Scalera

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce held its October meeting on Thursday, October 24th at Staples on Route 22 East in Springfield. Staples was the host and sponsor of the meeting. The Chamber is continuing its program of increasing networking opportunities by holding monthly meetings at different Chamber member's locations.



Chamber Co-Chairman Mike Scalera with The Chamber's newest member, Bill Sherman of Super Plumbing Inc. of Springfield.

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS INDOOR HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT"

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VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

PHOTOS COURTESY OF: OSMENT SPENCER, LINDA DONNELLY, MAGGIE KEFFER AND VICTORIA SARRACINO



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH HONORS AREA VETERANS

Photo credit: Lisa Jackowski

Saint James the Apostle Church honored area veterans with a patriotic mass followed by a catered luncheon in the school cafeteria on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

At the mass, Saint James pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Barbone gave the veterans a special blessing. Boy Scout Troop 73 provided a color guard, and Springfield Mayor, Erica DuBois read a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day at the luncheon.

The Saint James Adult Choir, under the direction of Music Ministry Director, Matthew Wilson, sang patriotic songs at both the mass and the luncheon.

We are grateful for our veterans' presence in our parish and our town, and we want to show them how much they mean to us," said Rev. Barbone.

"It is a blessing to have a family member who is a veteran," said Marylou Kjelle, the organizer of the event, whose father, Frank Morano, 94, a World War II veteran, was one of the veterans honored.

Saint James the Apostle Church is located at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ. For more information about the parish, call 973-376-3044.



As Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, pastor of Saint James the Apostle Church looks on, Springfield Mayor, Erica DuBois reads a proclamation honoring Veterans Day at the church's second annual veterans appreciation luncheon.



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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL

CLINIC PLAY 2020 • Pre-K – 1st Grades

Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for Springfield children from Pre K-8th grades, and consists of clinic play for younger children (Pre-K-1st grades), recreation teams (2nd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades).

Clinic Play: Clinics are held on Sundays from January 5 to March 1, 2020, in the Florence Gaudineer Middle School (boys gym). Clinics are not held on January 19 and February 16, 2020. The schedule already includes an extra (seventh) clinic in case of snow. **There are no make-up dates.**

A maximum of 30 players are allowed in each Clinic Play group. Clinic Play groups are:

Pre-K @ 10:00-10:45 am K @ 10:50-11:35 am Girls 1st Grade @ 11:40 am-12:25 pm
Boys 1st Grade @ 12:30-1:15 pm

Fee: \$85 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: t-shirt, junior basketball (distributed at last clinic), coaching instruction, dessert at last clinic

Registration Deadline: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019 (or until each group fills up)

LEAGUE PLAY 2019-2020 • BOYS & GIRLS: GRADE 2

2ND GRADE SEASON: Practices and games will take place on Sunday afternoons from January 5 to March 1, 2020, at Florence Gaudineer Middle School (boy's gym). Sessions are not held on January 19 and February 16, 2020. Time slots are 1:25-2:40 pm and 2:50-4:05 pm (your child's time slot will vary).

FEES: League Play: \$120 payable to Township of Springfield.

Registration deadline has passed. Please email Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us to inquire about team availability.



WINTER CONDITIONING

Winter 2019-2020 • Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. Winter Conditioning, coached by Mike Czech, demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to 2nd-8th grade Springfield residents and children who attend a school in Springfield. Minimum enrollment is required. No refunds are provided past one week prior to the first date of each session.



Session 1 Fridays from November 15, 2019 thru January 3, 2020

Session 2 Fridays from January 10, 2020 thru February 14, 2020

No class on November 29, 2019, and December 27, 2019

Location: Chisholm Community Center

Grades 6-8 @ 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Grades 2-5 @ 4:30 - 5:30 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. Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

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

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



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.

TRYCAN

KIDS HELPING KIDS

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>.

SWEET SAMANTHA 6 WEEKS BAKING AND DECORATING CLASS

AGES 7-16 Join Samantha for 6 weeks of Baking and Decorating Fun! All supplies included. Class will take place at the Springfield Chisholm Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081 \$195 Per 6 Week Session - Tuesday OR Thursday options available for sign up - Class will run 6-7:30pm. All Classes will begin the week of Jan 14th (there will be no class 2/11 or 2/13) Contact Samantha to register samilynn9@aol.com

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

WEEK 1: Mini Stack of Pancake! Using cupcake base, we will sculpt, paint and create Faux Pancake mini cake!

WEEK 2: Winter Baking – Gingerbread cupcakes, Egg Nog cake & chocolate peppermint cookies!

WEEK 3: Valentine Style Cake – Learn to make fondant, roll mini roses and make this sweet 5" cake design

WEEK 4: Crazy Cakes – From scratch these easy no mixer, no egg, no butter 1,2,3 cakes are simple & yum!

WEEK 5: Winter Penguin Cookies! We will bake cut outs, decorate these cutie penguins using rolled buttercream

WEEK 6: Ice cream party! Scratch brownies, Marshmallow sauce, berry compote & magic shell Served w/ ice cream!

Tuesday Classes :
Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 18, 25
Thursday Classes:
Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 20, 27
*** In the event of snow/ice class will be canceled and rescheduled.**

www.sweet-samantha.com

WINTER CELEBRATION 2019

Wednesday, December 4, at 5:00-8:00 pm

(rain/snow date: Thursday, December 5)

Town Hall Lawn & North/South Trivett Avenues

Free Festivities! Bring Your Own Cameras!

Winter Wonderland Band (5:00-6:45 pm)

Performance by the Daytones (6:45 pm)

Christmas Tree Lighting (7:00 pm)

Toy Soldier on Stilts • Olaf the Snowman

Petting Zoo • Horse & Carriage Rides

Candy Land Inflatable Obstacle Course • Glow Sticks

Pictures with Santa Claus • Human Snow Globe Photo Booth

Treats • Warm Pretzels • Hot Drinks

Please consider donating to the following Township organizations for a great cause!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be collecting non-perishable food, gently used coats, winter accessories (gloves, hats, scarves), new socks, and gently used bath and beach towels.

Boys Scouts of Troop 73 will be selling wreaths and grave blankets.

Questions? (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us

Visit us on the web at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

Inclement weather? Please call after 12:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4, 2019



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

Winter Sports Programs

US SPORTS
institute

In association with the
Springfield Recreation Department

WINTER SCHOOL'S OUT MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
5 to 7	Thu	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	12/26/19	12/27/19	\$145
8 to 11	Thu	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	12/26/19	12/27/19	\$145
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	1/20/20	1/20/20	\$65
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	2/17/20	2/17/20	\$65

LATE FALL WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

Sport	Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts	2 to 3	Sat	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11/16/2019	11/21/2019	\$94
Squirts Multi Sports	3 to 5	Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	11/16/2019	12/21/2019	\$94
Squirts Soccer	3 to 5	Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	11/16/2019	12/21/2019	\$94

WINTER WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

Sport	Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Senior Squirts Soccer	5 to 6	Sat	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134
Squirts Soccer	3 to 5	Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts	2 to 3	Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1/11/2020	2/22/2020	\$134

All classes take place at Chisholm Park

LIMITED SPACE

Registration: Online or by phone.
Register soon as these classes typically sell out!

**Ages 2-11
All Abilities
Boys & Girls**

CONTACT USSI

Online: USSportsInstitute.com
Phone: (800) 345-BALL
Email: Info@USSportsInstitute.com

GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2020

Grades K-9 *Open to Springfield Residents and Students Attending a School in Springfield*

T-Ball Grade K Instructional League Grades 1-2*

Lower League Grades 3-5* Upper League Grades 6-9**

*Joint League with Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, and New Providence

**9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball



Two Fees

\$65 (^Grades 1-9) — Payable to Springfield Girls Softball, Inc. (check, cash, money order, credit card)
Pay online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee) at <https://www.springfieldgirlssoftball.com>
Or, return payment to Springfield Girls Softball, Inc., c/o Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
\$80 — Payable to Township of Springfield (check, cash, money order, credit card)
Register online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
Or, complete the form below and return it with both payments to: **Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081**

Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2020 — After, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team

What's Included

Uniform to keep (shirt, pants); Medals for K-2nd graders; Loaned equipment (helmet, catcher's gear, bats, balls); League fees

What's Not Included

Cleats; End-of-season picnic at pool (separate registration required); Summer and Fall travel team registration fees; Winter workout fees
Summer and Fall Travel Teams (Springfield Storm)
Registration in Spring softball league and minimum attendance required for tryouts

Questions?

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

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: School Year: 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

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, November 18 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19 - Shop-Rite dietician @ 10:00 am (RSVP),
Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, November 20 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 21 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

Friday, November 22 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, November 25 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, November 26 - Bus trip to Delicious Orchards @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, November 27 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, December 2 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 4 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 5 - Club Birthday Luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

Friday, December 6 - Exercise Class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, December 9 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, December 10 - Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 11 - Bus Trip to Woodbridge Center Mall
@ 10:30 am (RSVP), Cards @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 12 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Friday, December 13 - Exercise Class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

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

Social Code For Kids

CHILDREN'S PARTIES AND MORE!

WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

8 Weeks of ETIQUETTE/MANNERS MATTER ages: 5-9

Having manners is key in building positive friendships and healthy self-esteem! Through games, arts and crafts, songs, hearing stories and role-playing, ~~this fun~~, hands on class teaches your child how to make introductions, a firm handshake, eye contact, good posture, basic table manners, the importance of saying "Please" and "Thank You", and much more.

Through role playing and games, your children will master:

LET'S MEET

- Eye contact
- Handshakes
- Appreciation
- Learning to share and what not to share aka germs
- Life skills: learning to help around the house
- Magic words: saying please, thank you, you're welcome etc.



LET'S EAT

- Mealtime/Table manners
- How to set a table and clean up
- How to hold a fork correctly
- What to do if you don't like something
- How to use their "indoor voice" in restaurants
- How to place an order
- What you can and can't eat with your hands
- How to sit and behave at the table



\$96 Per 8 week 1 hour Sessions –Wednesdays 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15 **no class 11/27, 12/25, 1/1

4:00 pm-5:00pm at Chisholm Community Center

100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield, NJ • Classes will close at 15 students.



To register: Contact Sherri Fishman – Social Code For Kids at: sherri@socialcodeforkids.com
For details on Birthday Parties and Scouting Workshops go to: www.socialcodeforkids.com

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2019 - 2020

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 2019 - AUGUST 2020
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 2019 to August 2020
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

MEN'S 21+ STREET HOCKEY

Men age 21+ who reside in Springfield. Pick-up games at Street hockey court at
Springfield Community Pool, 44 Morrison Road. Mondays September 2019-January 2020 (game days could
change due to weather), 6:30-9:00 pm (end time may be adjusted) COST: \$30 per person
INCLUDED: Jersey to keep, balls, goals, loaned goalie equipment. NOT INCLUDED: Stick, protection
QUESTIONS: (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us

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



SAFE, SOFT DART FUN

Monday, January 6th – February 24th 6:00pm – 7:00pm

****No sessions on January 20th & February 17th ****

To register please complete, sign and return waiver form and pay via Venmo @
Vanggie Weber Any questions please call Vanggie Weber 973-494-4082 or
Email: combatkidsfunparties@gmail.com

RULES

- You may bring your own Nerf blaster. All individual items must be approved by staff.
- Eye wear must be worn at all times. Do not remove eye wear until the game has concluded and participant has exited the gym.
- Players must not push or prevent another player from advancing on the gym floor.
- Any person under the age of 18 must have parental consent to play.
- Absolutely no modifications to Nerf blasters.
- Players must only use the foam darts provided by the staff.
- During the game everyone must follow instructions and all safety rules.
- Failure to comply will result in termination from the game(s).

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.



Police Chief's Column - Chief John P. Cook

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays nearing, readers of the Springfield Patriot Times, both residents and business owners alike, are preparing for the season. For most, this includes some type of holiday shopping. Unfortunately, thieves will also be out "shopping" during the months of November and December by looking to see what they can steal from you.

Many people still prefer to use cash when paying for their holiday gifts. Shoppers should be careful when they are receiving money from banks or ATM machines. Cash withdrawals should immediately be put out of sight before exiting the bank branch or ATM machine location. While paying, avoid displaying large amounts of cash, and put your wallet away quickly.

If you decide to pay with a credit or debit card, always retrieve the card back from the cashier after making a purchase. During the rush of holiday shopping it may be inadvertently left behind at the register or deliberately retained by a dishonest employee, especially when businesses hire many temporary holiday workers. If you later discover that your credit or debit card was not returned, do not waste time attempting to contact the store to see if your card was located. Instead, immediately contact the issuing bank for your card and report it lost to prevent any unauthorized use.

Anyone carrying handbags or purses should hold onto them while in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave them unattended in shopping carts. Coupons should be kept in separate envelopes or billfolds which can be left accessible in the upper part of a cart, while wallets containing currency, credit cards or checks should be safely kept on your person. Thieves will look out for unattended carts with handbags or wallets and will quickly snatch them when shoppers are busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest. Some thieves will drive up to a person who is walking in a parking lot and pretend to ask for directions. This draws the person closer, allowing the thief to grab onto the handbag strap and then rapidly speed away. If the person's bag is worn with the strap across the chest, he or she will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks. By holding a purse with your hands, or by strapping it straight over one shoulder, the purse may be gone but you are less likely to be hurt.

As handbag thefts, purse snatches, and pickpockets increase during the holiday shopping time, you should not carry with you anything that cannot be replaced. Identification cards and other documents such as checks or credit cards can be replaced, but other documents such as your Social Security card should be left at home since thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity information to commit various types of identity theft related frauds.

Readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times should remember that smartphone thefts remain on the rise throughout the country and many thieves will merely walk up and grab a phone from someone who is texting, streaming or surfing the web. Using a smartphone tends to make some people unaware of their surroundings, which could make them a more attractive target for phone thieves. Be careful when using your phone while walking through malls, parking lots and other busy public places, and if possible, wait until entering your vehicle to make a call or text.

Shoppers should park their cars in main well-lit sections of a parking lot and should make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors when exiting. Any shopping bags should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where they are not readily visible. Thieves will walk through parking lots looking for vehicles with visible shopping bags to break into and steal. Also, do not leave gifts inside of your car overnight, even in your driveway. Instead, bring them inside your home to store.

Businesses should increase the amount of times cash is removed from register drawers and make additional bank drops if necessary, to prevent large amounts of money from being left in register drawers during business hours or overnight. Bank drops should be done by multiple employees going together and the times/days should be staggered to prevent thieves from learning business routines.

Many residents will likely order some gifts online in the months leading up to the holidays. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for unattended packages left by the front doors of homes. Residents should check the tracking and delivery information for their orders, and request a delivery date/time when they will home, if possible. If no one will be home for the delivery, they should ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve and secure their packages until they return, or request the carrier to leave any parcels at either a side or rear door of their home. Residents should be alert for slow moving vehicles driving through their neighborhood, and immediately call the police if they observe the vehicle occupants remove packages from a home.

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator
oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

DO YOU HAVE A PET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN?

Developing a pet emergency plan can reduce stress when dealing with unexpected forces of nature. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. Learn what to do during emergencies such as fires, flooding, tornados, hurricanes and earthquakes. Stay tuned in to radio, TV, or Internet for updates on weather and other emergency warnings. Follow authorities' advice about whether to take shelter or evacuate. Check out some of these tips to create a disaster plan for your furry pets.

- ✓ Keep pet identification current – collared pets with name tags and contact information and an up-to-date photo of your pet.
- ✓ Stay up to date on pet vaccinations and an updated list of medications.
- ✓ Designate an emergency contact communication plan.
- ✓ Have an escape plan – know escape routes from your home and evacuation routes from your community and pet-friendly relocation options
- ✓ Make an emergency supply kit - Pet food (canned and dried), pet medication supply, kitty litter tray, disposable bags for clean-up, pet feeding bowls, bottled water, blanket, leashes, and a pet carrier.

You can't be prepared for everything but you can try to prepare as much as you can!

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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Residents who go away for the holidays should remember to cancel their mail delivery and any newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make their homes look occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, residents can ask a neighbor or family member to park a car in their driveway and keep an eye on their home while they are away.

Scammers know that everyone wishes they had more disposable income to use during the holiday shopping season. Con artists will increase their letters, e-mails or telephone calls that fraudulently claim some type of lottery or monetary prize was won or is owed to you. You can easily recognize one of these scams, and know it is a fraud, if you are directed to pay some kind of a "fee" in order to collect the money.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling both residential areas and shopping areas in town, doing their best to deter thieves and their holiday schemes. I urge residents to immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department, and keep all of these safety tips in mind. Together, we can keep Springfield safe for the holidays.

I hope all of you and your families have a happy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season.

SHABBAT LA VIDA LOCA

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield NJ will present a free service, "Shabbat La Vida Loca," an Erev Shabbat service celebrating the Jewish community of Latin America on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Salsa Shabbat will open our lives to the taste, music and prayer of the Jews of the Southern Hemisphere. Cantor Jason Rosenman will be joined by Len Hausman and a Latin music ensemble who will lead the congregation in traditional prayers set to Latin American rhythms and melodies. All are welcome. For more information call 973-379-5387; email office@shaarey.org; visit us at www.shaarey.org.

CANDIDATES PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AT THE ANNUAL FORUM



(l to r) Dr. Gary Hecht, Candidates Rich Huber, Erica DuBois, Geri Ann Kazimar, Fred Scott and Mike Scalera

On Thursday night, October 24th, the candidates running for local office presented their views on Springfield issues at the Annual Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum. Held for many years and previously run by Lorraine Seidel who was unable to continue running the program this year, Chamber and Business Improvement Committee Co-Chair and Rotarian Mike Scalera and Chamber member and Rotarian, Dr. Gary Hecht moderated the program.

The Chamber presented candidates in advance with 10 of 15 pre-selected questions on local issues. The additional questions were asked at the Forum. Candidates had an opportunity to introduce themselves and respond on how they would help govern Springfield. Republican candidates Geri Ann Kazimar and Fred Scott discussed local issues with incumbents, Democratic candidates, Mayor Erica DuBois and Committeeman Rich Huber. About 35 people attended the event and the Forum was televised live on Springfield local TV channel. It is available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9vE8VNhks8>

INDOOR HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT"

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Due to a cold, windy, and wet Halloween 2019, indoor trick-or-treating at the Chisholm Community Center was loads of sugary fun! Special thanks to everyone who dropped off donated candy throughout the day; the parent and teen volunteers who distributed candy; Springfield Police and Auxiliary Police and the Springfield Emergency Management CERT Team for keeping the cross walks and parking lots safe; Public Works for setting up and breaking down the gymnasium; Mayor and Township Committee, Administration, and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for supporting and promoting the event on short notice; and table hosts Mike Scalera of State Farm, Sherri Fishman of Social Code For Kids, Stigma-Free Springfield, Springfield Hometown Heroes, Springfield Recreation Department, Heather Hecking, Dr. Josh Smilow of Smilow Family Dentistry, Cindy Apicella of Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty, Eileen Acevedo, and Sarah Friedman.



CALL TODAY TO ADVERTISE IN OUR DECEMBER ISSUE 973-912-2300

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
Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day
and will be closing at 5:00 pm on
Wednesday, November 27th.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*For Children's Programs, please call
Brianne Mintz at 973-376-4930 ext. 232.*

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group: Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with a parent or caregiver. 10:30 am.
Tuesday November 19, Friday November 22.

Pinecone Turkey Craft: Wednesday, November 20
at 10:30 am. Come make a pinecone turkey for
Thanksgiving! Registration is required, for ages 5 and
older.

Magic of Amore: Join us for a family friendly morning of amazement with Magic of Amore!
Friday, November 29 at 11:00 am. Drop in early for a
good seat!

TEEN PROGRAMS

3D Pens | Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm
Program open to grades 6-9. Space is limited and
registration is required with Teen Librarian Ms. Alice,
either in-person at the library or by phone at
973-376-4930 ext. 233.

Tweens Play | Tuesday, November 26 at 3:15 pm
Grades 5-9 are invited to play on the library's PS4
or Nintendo Switch and iPads. Registration is not
required, and walk-ins are welcome on a first-come,
first-served basis.

Robotics: Fun with Arduinos | Saturday, November 23 and December 7, 14, 21 from 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm
A robotics program for girls and boys between 4th and 8th grade. Students will learn how to use electronics in conjunction with programming in order to engineer amazing things! The program will run for four Saturdays from 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm. Participants should make every effort to commit to all 4 sessions. Space is limited to 10 participants. Registration is required with Ms. Alice. Please see her in-person at the library or call her at 973-376-4930 ext. 233.

Teen Video Game Club | Thursday, December 5, 12, 19 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults
with developmental disabilities.

Thursday, December 12th - 10:00 am
Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, November 21st, 10:00 am
Great Books: "Infant Prodigy" by Thomas Mann.

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: "The Library at Mount Char" by Scott Hawkins.

FILMS

Monday, November 18, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "If Beale Street Could Talk" (2019).

Monday, December 2, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "Chungking Express" (1994).

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, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Afternoon Mahjong Club.

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

Sunday, November 24, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Museum Exhibit reception: "Far from Springfield: Items in the Donald B. Palmer from Around the World."

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm
Abe Ovadia Jazz Guitar concert.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Monday, 7:00 pm – 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

ARTIST MICHAL BARKAI WILL EXHIBIT PAINTINGS AT THE PALMER MUSEUM AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEMBER 3-28

An exhibition of paintings by New Jersey artist Michal Barkai will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from November 3 through November 26. The exhibit will focus on new work that has been created since the artist's previous show at the Palmer Museum in 2009. An artist's reception will be held on Sunday, November 10 from 2:00 to 3:45 PM.

Ms Barkai is an award-winning painter and photographer. Barkai's artwork has been featured in several art publications, including Southwest Art Magazine, American Art Collector Magazine, Stone Voices Magazine, Still Point Arts Quarterly and Outdoor Painter.com.

Three of Barkai's photographs and an oil painting were included in several national juried exhibitions at the Salmagundi Club in NYC.

Barkai, who was born and raised in Israel is an IT professional turned artist and views herself as a "balanced left side/right side of the brain", crediting her former career for her analytical and organizational skills and attention to detail. Barkai is drawn to representational landscapes and florals. Waterscapes, reflections, and the changing seasons are favorite subjects and she often bases her paintings on her plein air work. In recent years Barkai has painted mostly in dry pastels and some twenty-five recent paintings will be included in this show. The artist states, "whether I am sightseeing or exploring my own backyard, nature feeds an inner search and appreciation for serenity and peace." To view

Barkai's artwork, and follow her creative process, please visit the artist's website and blog at www.Michal-Barkai.com and <https://michalbarkai.wordpress.com/> respectively.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum and the Springfield Free Public Library are located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. The main entrance to the library is actually located on Hanna Street, across from the municipal parking lot. A second entrance to the library is located on the side of the building nearest the parking lot adjacent to the Rescue Squad building. More information about the library and the Palmer Museum can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY 1969 RETRO FILM SERIES CONCLUDES WITH SCREENING OF THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY? ON DECEMBER 16

The Springfield Free Public Library will host a showing of the 1969 movie, They Shoot Horses, Don't They? at 6:45 pm on Monday, December 16. Featuring a multigenerational cast of great performers that includes Jane Fonda, Gig Young, Red Buttons, Bruce Dern and Bonnie Bedelia, the film captures the desperation of a group of down on their luck contestants in a dance marathon that serves as entertainment for a more affluent audience whose members are able to afford the price of a ticket. As the contestants are egged on by an ever more manipulative master of ceremonies, the outlook for them becomes increasingly bleak. This film continues to hold the record for the most Academy Award nominations for a film that did not also get a nomination for best picture. Gig Young received an Oscar for his role as Rocky, the master of ceremonies.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue; the main entrance is actually located on Hanna Street, across from the municipal parking lot. Additional parking and another entrance are located at the side of the library closest to the rescue squad building. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

"FAR FROM SPRINGFIELD: ITEMS IN THE DONALD B. PALMER COLLECTION FROM AROUND THE WORLD" EXHIBIT OPENING AND RECEPTION NOVEMBER 24

An opening reception for a new exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 2:00 to 3:45 PM. The exhibit, "Far From Springfield: Items in the Donald B. Palmer Collection from Around the World," will feature a diverse selection of items that were collected by Donald Palmer over the course of his life, from England, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands and Spain.

While recent exhibits in the Palmer Museum have focused more on local history, this exhibit will offer members of the community a chance to view some of the more unusual items that make up a significant portion of the collection that Mr. Palmer bequeathed to the Springfield Free Public Library. This exhibit is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

THE DANGERS OF TURKEY FRYERS

Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury. A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.

In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.

Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.

Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.

The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

SAFETY

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.

FLAG FOOTBALL AND FLAG CHEER CONCLUDE SEASON



Springfield Recreation Department's youngest football players and cheerleaders ended their fall season with a championship game under the lights at the Jonathan Dayton High School athletic complex on Monday, November 11.



SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT LIVINGSTON MALL FOR PRE-HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Livingston Mall was the destination for a bus load of Springfield senior citizens on Wednesday, November 6, for pre-holiday shopping. The trip was chaperoned by Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator (not pictured), and Tony Losito, Recreation Bus Driver (pictured, left).

RECREATION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RUNS IN SPRINGFIELD 5K



The Springfield Recreation Department's Fall 2019 Cross Country, comprised of children in grades 3-9, participated in the 3rd annual Salute to Veterans 5K in Springfield on Sunday, October 9. The team was led by Coach Mike Czech.


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A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 15
St. James the Apostle Church - 3:00 PM

Step away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and come to church to listen to the Christmas story as woven through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful Christmas Carols sung by St. James parish choirs.

All are welcome to experience this Christmas spirit-filled hour of scripture and song

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For more information, contact the parish offices at 973-376-3044.



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