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## SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Theresa Machauer celebrated her 100th Birthday on November 21st, 2010. Born in Tompkins Cove, N.Y. (near West Point), she is the third child of 6, with 2 sisters and 3 brothers, all now deceased.

The family moved to Carteret, N.J. where Theresa attended school and worked until her marriage to Wm. H. Machauer, Jr. on November 14th, 1931. Now residing in Elizabeth and struggling through the Great Depression, she raised two children; Barbara Robinson of Redwood City, CA, who worked almost 30 years for United Airlines as a Special Services agent and a son Wm. A. Machauer of Califon, N.J., a former Captain of 30 years with Eastern and Kiwi Airlines.

While raising her family in Elizabeth she worked for Volupte Company and Standard Oil Bayway Refinery. She was involved with her husband in founding and operating a tank truck business from 1947 until the early 70's.

Theresa moved to Springfield in 1954 and presently resides at the Sr. Citizens complex on Independence Way. Longevity is in the genes but staying active is also and the



*(left, l-r) Marcelle Pouncy age 101 & Theresa Machauer age 100 recently celebrated their birthday's at a luncheon provided by the Springfield Recreation Department at the Sarah Bailey Senior and Civic Center.*

occasional glass of wine or her favorite drink, a Manhattan, also helps. Besides being active in many Sr. Citizens activities, Theresa loves playing Pinochle, Bingo and other games. She has also made countless numbers of knitted afghans, quilts and wool caps for senior's and children's hospitals, all donated. Having lived through WW I, WW II, Korea, VietNam and the more recent wars in the Middle East, Theresa can relate quite a bit of U.S. History. Happy Birthday Theresa!

## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

9above) Board Members of Springfield HOPE along with members of the Rotary Club of Springfield accepted turkeys from Stew Leonards Wines along with food baskets from Food King witch were distributed to needy families in Springfield in November.



## VETERANS DAY



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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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## Message from the Mayor



It is with a mixture of pleasure and sadness that I write to you in my final message as Mayor. As you may know, Springfield voters go to the polls every year to elect members to the Township Committee. The Township Committee selects a Mayor for a one year term. Every year, the governing body “re-organizes” and a new Township Committee begins. My three-year term on the Township Committee, which concludes at the end of this month, has been a wonderful experience and I am honored to have had an opportunity to serve the community. It was

an honor and a privilege to work for Springfield, watch it grow and progress and to meet so many wonderful residents. Thank you!

Despite the approaching end of the 2010 Township Committee session, there is still work that needs to be done and the governing body and I have an obligation to continue working with the same level of commitment and determination for you without sinking into a lame-duck status.

At our most recent Township Committee meetings, several important matters were addressed. Next year, the Township Committee selects professionals for various vital positions. In an effort to combat our opinion that the position of Township Attorney is a clear conflict of interest for local residents with special interests and prevent a return to the old ways that held Springfield back, measures were implemented to prohibit local residents with special interests from applying for the job.

Due to nearly a dozen retirements in the Police Division this year, the Public Safety Director and Police Officer-in-Charge recommended hiring police officers to fill vacancies. The retirements account for a nearly \$800,000 savings in salaries. However, the vacancies jeopardize safety, create a backlog of work and result in an increase in overtime to nearly \$150,000. The Township Committee recently hired a total of 8 police officers with an estimated cost of almost \$500,000. In a fiscally sound move, the hires were also staggered between this year and next year to avoid a sudden burden with future promotions. These hires will also contribute to efforts to reduce overtime. We expect a savings of over \$300,000 with this staffing.

Most importantly, residents should note that they will not receive a sewer bill next year. The decision to separate the sewer utility from property taxes this year, while done in the best interest of residents, was met with widespread frustration, confusion and opposition. As a result, Committeeman Jerry Fernandez, Committeeman Marc Krauss and I have responded as concerned representatives and agreed to repeal the sewer utility as the community wants. This will return the sewer assessment back into the municipal budget as part of one unified property tax bill where it had been.

The upcoming winter season also marks the second annual Springfield Luminary fundraiser. This initiative is an excellent tradition that we can take pride in and it can serve as beneficial source for assistance to various community causes. The recipients this year are the Springfield First Aid Squad, the Springfield Y.M.C.A. Before & After Child Care Program and the Jonathan Dayton Baseball & Softball Programs. Together, let's light up Springfield this New Year's Eve.

I want to thank everyone who has served as a volunteer on the numerous Township Committees and in an appointed capacity. I greatly appreciate the cooperation you have given to ensure the success of Springfield in 2010. I also want to thank the professionals whose employment with the Township will be reconsidered by the incoming governing body and commend them for their unwavering commitment to Springfield - our Township Administrator Anthony Cancro, our Township Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer and our Public Safety Director Richard Rosell – Springfield was lucky to have such outstanding professionals. Finally, I want to thank all the Department heads and employees for their positive attitude, hard work and devotion to the team spirit.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year!

*Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.

December 14, Executive Session 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 28 Executive Session 6:30 p.m.  
Regular 7:00 p.m.

Annual reorganizational meeting will take place on Sunday January 2, 2011 at 3 p.m.. All are invited.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Meetings: December 6 & 20th

## • Springfield H.O.P.E. • • Springfield Fire department • • Community Conference of Springfield School's Parent Group • **TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS** *Now through Dec 21, 2010*

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department, together with the Community Conference of Springfield Schools' Parent Groups have joined forces this year for a successful Toys for Springfield Kids campaign.

Please donate a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY or a Barnes and Noble gift card; collection boxes have been placed in all five schools, toys can also be dropped off at the locations with a box labeled Toys for Springfield Kids listed on H.O.P.E.'s website [www.springfieldhope.com](http://www.springfieldhope.com).

Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E. and should be dropped off or mailed to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, or the Springfield Fire Department, 200 Mountain Avenue.

Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15, older kids will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run through Tuesday December 21, 2010.

For information, please e-mail Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield Hope at [toys@springfieldhope.com](mailto:toys@springfieldhope.com)

Show your town spirit and join together as we  
**LIGHT THE HOLIDAY TREE**

Sing holiday songs,  
and welcome Santa Claus!

**TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 6 P.M.**

(Rain date December 8)

**TOWN HALL LAWN**

Everyone is welcome to the First Aid Squad immediately following the celebration.  
Sponsored by FMBA Local 57. Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider, and Doughnuts will be served.

The Westfield Regional Health Department, located at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield, will be offering Springfield residents

### RESPIRATORY SCREENING

Thursday, December 9th

10:00 am – 12 noon \* no charge

\*Requires pre registration, Copy of results given to you.

Sponsored by: Westfield Regional Health Dept. and Overlook Hospital

For more information please contact Customer Service, Community Health Dept., Overlook Hospital at 1-800-247-9580

## HELP WANTED ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

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## Come celebrate Christmas with us!



### The Historic First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

- Family Worship Services Every Sunday 10:15 am
- Special Services - Lighting of the Advent Wreath- Special Music
- Coffee and Fellowship After Service - Child Care
- Pre-school Sunday School During 10:15 am Worship Hour

#### Dec. 10th - Parents' Night Out & Santa's Workshop

(Reservations Required) - Leave the kids with us from 5:30-9:00pm

#### Dec. 19th - Sunday Worship at 10:15am

- Christmas Cantata with choir & bells
- Lunch with Brass Quintet Christmas concert 11:30am after Worship Service (reservations required)

#### Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 pm Special Children's Pageant
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Service with Special Music

210 Morris Avenue at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081

Office/Parish House: 37 Church Mall (973) 379-4320

Web: [springfieldpresbyterian.org](http://springfieldpresbyterian.org)



Find the Light of Christ this Christmas!

Christmas Eve Schedule,  
December 24, 2010

Living Nativity at 3:00 pm  
Bring your family. Refreshments provided.

Family Worship at 4:00 pm  
Christmas for me and you!

Candlelight Worship at 7:00 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ  
Tel. 973.379.4525 [www.holycrossnj.org](http://www.holycrossnj.org)

## SCOUTS HELP SERVE VETERANS

The Boy Scouts assisted with the East Central District Veteran's Ball held at Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge on November 6th. The Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 served the dinner for the 100+ seating event and assisted with cleaning up afterwards. For more information about Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73, please visit scoutlander.com.



(above, l-r) Mathew Jurczak, Ryan Locke, Robert Dobler Sr. (Assistant Scoutmaster and Elks member), Aaron Scheiner, Robert Dobler, Tyler Locke, Mark Dunnder (District Chairperson for the Vets), and Steven Scheiner (Assistant Scoutmaster).

## VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

St. James the Apostle School, Springfield, 5th and 6th Grade Girls Volleyball Team poses with its coaches, Mrs. Patricia Dolansky and Mrs. Karen Gainey. The photo was taken after the team earned a 2nd Place Trophy at the All County Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Championships.



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Visit your neighborhood Y:  
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100 S. Springfield Avenue  
973 467 0838  
[www.summitareaymca.org](http://www.summitareaymca.org)

The Summit Area YMCA is one of the area's largest nonprofit organizations. No one is turned away from the Y's life-enhancing programs due to the inability to pay. If you need financial assistance, ask any staff person. If you can help us help others, volunteer or donate today.





## BLOOD DRIVE

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield will be hosting a Blood Drive for NJ Blood Services on Monday, December 27, 2010 from 10am-4pm. Donors can visit us at 78 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield.

The community is invited to come and donate blood. Walk-ins welcome.

Please remember to bring ID and have plenty to eat and drink the day of the blood drive. To give blood, you must be in generally good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years of age or 16 years of age with parental consent. For questions about eligibility, please call 1-800-933-2566 or go to [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

## TROOP SUPPORT

Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield is collecting the following items to send to our soldiers.

- Non-Perishable Food (must be sealed in original packaging)
- Hard Candy (no chocolates since they melt)
- Magazines (recycled but current - remove name label)
- Nuts and seeds
- Powdered drink mixes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Personal Care Products
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Scarves (For those who knit, hand knitted would be ideal!)
- Dried Fruits
- Pringles
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

Items may be dropped off at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm. They will be packaging these items on December 16, 2010.

### HECHT FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE

OFFICIAL DROP SITE FOR  
SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E.'s  
Toys for Springfield Kids Toy Drive



Dr. Gary Hecht Chiropractor  
201 Mountain Ave 973.564.5885  
[hechtchiropractic.com](http://hechtchiropractic.com)

## Let's Continue the Tradition, LET'S LIGHT UP SPRINGFIELD THIS NEW YEARS EVE! The 2nd Annual Springfield Luminary Fund Project

Luminaries are \$ 2.00 per bag

Please Mail or Drop Off Order With Payment

By Tuesday December 14th or Earlier To:

Project Officers

Michael & Carrie Dzikowski  
63 Garden Oval  
Springfield, NJ 07081  
973-912-4337

Dana & Vince Gatto  
70 Henshaw Avenue  
Springfield, New Jersey 07081  
908-500-7085

Email us your questions to:

[SpringfieldLuminaryFund@yahoo.com](mailto:SpringfieldLuminaryFund@yahoo.com)

All Checks Made Payable to:

Springfield Luminary Fund

Thank You for Your Support.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Luminaries \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\*For orders of 25 or more luminaries:

You have the option of having the luminaries delivered pre-assembled.

Please circle your preference: YES NO, kit is fine

Place to leave bags if not home:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**A Community Project Assisting the Springfield Children & Seniors and the Springfield Community!**  
**2010 Recipients: Springfield Volunteer 1st Aid Squad • Jonathan Dayton Baseball & Softball Programs**  
**• Springfield YMCA Before & After Child Care Program**

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## FIRST AID SQUAD

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Springfield First Aid Squad provides emergency medical services (EMS) to the residents of Springfield, those who work and play in our town and those who are "just passing through." Composed of volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life, the First Aid Squad provides aid to those in need at no cost; the Squad relies on donations to cover operational expenses.

The Springfield First Aid Squad is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization separate from the Township of Springfield. Unlike other emergency services in town, we do not rely on tax dollars for our daily operating expenses, and none of our members are paid for their work. Our expenses involve vehicle and equipment purchases and maintenance, training, supplies and the like.

### OPERATIONS REPORT OCT. 01, 2010 TO OCT. 31, 2010

Total Calls This Month: 180 Calls Canceled:

17 Patient Refused Care: 17

No Treatment Required: 8 Dead At Scene:

3 Treated & Transported: 135

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## Police Department Column

### HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

With the holidays nearing many residents and business owners alike are preparing for the holidays and tending to their holiday shopping. Unfortunately thieves are also busily shopping during the month of December and looking to see what they can steal from you.

As many persons will favor paying for Christmas or Hanukah gifts by using cash instead of credit or debit cards, shoppers should be careful when receiving money from banks or via accessing an ATM machine. Money received should be immediately put out of sight before exiting the bank branch or ATM machine location.

Woman should hold onto a pocketbook when in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave the handbag unattended in a cart while walking up and down an aisle. If at all possible store coupons should be kept in a separate billfold type wallet and this can be left open in the upper part of a cart while a wallet containing currency, credit cards or checks can be safely kept on your person and not in the cart. Thieves will look for an unattended cart with handbag or wallet in same and will watch the intended victim and snatch the wallet when the person is busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest as some thieves will drive up to a victim walking in a parking lot where driver will feign asking for directions and this is done to draw the victim closer so the thief can grab onto the handbag strap and rapidly speed away. If this is done while holding onto a handbag, the bag is gone but if the bag is worn with the strap across your chest, the victim will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks.

As handbag thefts or purse snatches increase during the holiday shopping time, your bag should not contain anything that cannot be replaced. Identification and other documents can be replaced such as checks or credit cards but forms of identification 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.

Shoppers should park their cars in the main well lit sections of a parking lot and should make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors. Any shopping bags from other

stores should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where it is not readily visible to thieves who will walk amongst cars in the lot looking for packages in order to break into the vehicle to steal the visible packages. Do not leave packages inside of your car overnight in your driveway and instead bring them into your home to store.

Remember to always retrieve your credit or debit card from the cashier after making any purchase as 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 employees. 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 or can be tracked down and instead immediately contact the issuing bank for your credit or debit card to report it as lost so any unauthorized use can be quickly prevented.

Businesses should increase the amount of times that monies are removed from a cash register drawer and make additional bank drops if necessary so no large amounts of money are left in the business overnight or in the cash register drawers. The bank drop should be done by multiple employees together and the times should be staggered on a daily basis so as to prevent thieves from watching a business to set up a theft.

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 house look as if it is occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, a neighbor or family member can be asked to park a car in your driveway if your driveway is empty.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in both marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling residential areas and the shopping areas in town in order to make the holidays safe for residents, merchants and shoppers while also deterring thieves and their holiday shopping schemes. On behalf of Captain John Cook, officer in charge, and the men and women of the Springfield Police we wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



## Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

### TIPS FOR A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

The holidays are a time to enjoy family and friends and reflect on those things that are the most important to each of us. As Fire Chief, my primary goal is the safety of the Township's firefighters and residents. By following these commonsense, but often overlooked, safety tips you will be able to enjoy a happy and safe holiday season.

#### CHANUKAH

1. Keep the menorah, oil, candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of small children and pets and at least 4 feet away from curtains and other flammable objects.

2. When lighting and blessing candles, make sure not to accidentally set your sleeves on fire when you put your hands over the flames. Never leave burning candles unattended.

3. Create a safe place in the house in which multiple candles can be lit and be aware of the large amount of heat the candles generate. Do not place candles under kitchen cabinets or on top of tablecloths and make sure all candles are in a sturdy base that will not tip over.

4. When frying latkes, keep all children away from the hot oil. Make sure all pan handles are turned inward on the stove so they can't accidentally be bumped and spill hot oil. A frying screen can help prevent grease splatters. In case of a grease fire, always have baking soda and a tight-fitting lid to your pan nearby. Never put water on a grease fire!

5. If using decorative, electric menorahs, use only UL approved appliances and cords. Inspect all cords for frayed wires or broken sockets. Turn off the menorah when you go to bed or leave the house.

#### CHRISTMAS

1. Artificial Trees – Trees should be labeled "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and any flames should extinguish quickly.

2. Live Trees – Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a

cut tree in the house. A tree can become engulfed in flames in less than 5 seconds, and the entire room can be engulfed in well under a minute. A burning tree will rapidly fill a room with both fire and deadly gases.

When choosing a tree, the needles should be green and hard to pull from the branches and the trunk should be sticky. Two weeks is about the most time a cut tree should spend in the house. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Do not place the tree near a heat source. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited. When disposing of the tree, never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove.

3. Decorations - All holiday decorations should be non-flammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heating vents. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree. If you use candles to decorate a room, make sure they are in stable holders and placed them where they cannot be easily knocked over. Never leave a burning candle unattended and always extinguish it before going to sleep.

4. Electricity - Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, loose bulb connections and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Limit the use of extension cords and avoid using multi-adaptors. Follow the manufacturer's instruction on how to use all lights. Generally, do not link more than three light strands. Make sure to periodically check all wires - they should not be warm to the touch. Unplug the Christmas tree lights when you go to sleep or leave the house. Don't run a cord under a rug or carpet and be careful when placing cords behind furniture--if pinched, cords can be damaged. Do not use indoor extension cords outside -- use only those that are made specifically for outdoor use. Keep outdoor extension cords above ground and out of puddles and snow.

## RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS A SUCCESSFUL DEBUT



The new electronic recycling program initiated by the Public Works Department was kicked off on November 6, 2010. This program is in response to a new law which comes into effect January 1, 2011. The law states that disposal of any electronics into our trash stream is prohibited, all electronic items such as computers, televisions, printers, etc. must be recycled. Since our curbside recycling vendor is not contracted to collect such items an alternative was sought that would allow residents to dispose of these items without carting them to an out of town vendor. In order to further enhance the program it was also decided to allow for the recycling of appliances and brush, grass and leaves on the specified first Saturdays of each month. All costs for this program are derived from State and County grants.

The three major benefits of this program are;

1. Residents are provided with an easier way of recycling electronic items
2. Additional revenue will be added to Township coffers through increased grant awards
3. Trash disposal costs will be reduced by reducing the amount of trash dumped and the resulting tipping (dumping) fees paid by the Township

Considering the fact that November 6 was the first day of the program, the number of residents participating was quite high. Over 75 pieces of electronic equipment such as personal computers, printers, cameras, televisions, etc. were deposited. The material will be collected at the DPW garage by a recycling vendor at no cost to the Township. Upon collection, the material is recorded and weighed. The tonnage collected will be reported to the State D.E.P. as part of our annual tonnage recycling report and the dollar amount of our tonnage grant is directly contingent upon the amount of tonnage reported for the year. Therefore the more we recycle, the more money we receive through our recycling grants and the less trash we will have to pay to dispose of.

We therefore encourage all residents to take part in this program which will cut costs and increase revenues.

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## THE SPRINGFIELD Y HELD A THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR AFTERSCHOOL KIDS

The Springfield Y held a thanksgiving feast, sponsored by the Springfield Municipal Alliance, on Tuesday, November 23 at 3:00 pm. Children attending the Springfield Y's Afterschool Program along with their families enjoyed the feast.

*(left, l-r) Jonathan Ulizio and Lauren Schultz as they prepare to serve a healthy fruit salad along with turkey and all the trimmings.*

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

Rose Cuccinello, an employee of the Springfield Police Department, was honored at a recent township committee meeting with an employee recognition award.



*(above, l-r) Rich Rosell Springfield Police Department, Rose Cucciniello, Mayor Ziad Shehady and Laura Grimshaw of Investors Savings Bank.*

## SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HONORED

The members of the Springfield Beautification Committee were honored by the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library at their meeting on November 18th, 2010. The Beautification Committee was recognized for the many contributions that they made to the Township of Springfield and the library, in particular. The committee provided services to the Springfield Free Public Library over a period of many years including but not limited to the installation of lawn sprinklers, the provision of a landscaper free of charge, the planting of shrubbery, and the gift of several sculptures which continue to be displayed on the library property.

Members of the committee who were honored include Arlene Newman, Cecile Kaplan, Marge Grossbarth, Rosalie Berger, Joan Lyons, and Teddy Lyons. The committee was chaired by Ruth Schwartz.



*(above, l-r) Arlene Newman, Cecile Kaplan, Marge Grossbarth, Myrna Wasserman, Vice President of the Springfield Library Board of Trustees, Ruth Schwartz, Beautification Committee Chair, Rosalie Berger, Joan Lyons, and Teddy Lyons.*

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## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.

### Scrabble Night

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning

10:30 A.M. -12:00 Noon BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

**Individual Assistance Searching the Internet  
online databases and library catalog.**

## DECEMBER

Sunday, December 12th, 2:00 p.m.

**Concert – Make Believe Ballroom- Ballroom Boys**

Monday, December 13th, 10:00 a.m.

**Knit Wits Knitting Group**

Tuesday, December 14th, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video – Gene Kelly is a sailor on leave in NY**

Thursday, December 16th, 10:15 a.m.

**Great Books Discussion Group – Planning & Democracy  
by Friedrich Hayek**

Thursday, December 16th, 7:30 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

Saturday, December 18th, 9:15 a.m.

**American Association of Individual Investors  
– OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Tuesday, December 21st, 1:00 p.m.

**Bridge Club—Two groups:**

**Beginners & Intermediate Players—No lessons.**

Thursday, December 23rd, 10:15 a.m.

**Memoir Writing Group**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

December 24th, 25th & 26th

Monday, December 27th, 10:00 a.m.

**Knit Wits Knitting Group**

Tuesday, December 28th, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video**

Answering service operator tries to improve the lives  
of her customers-with Dean Martin and Judy Holiday

Friday, December 31st & Saturday, January 1st

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

Sunday, January 2nd

**LIBRARY OPEN - 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

## JANUARY

Monday, January 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

**Current Events Discussion Group**

Tuesday, January 4th, 1:00 p.m.

**Bridge Club**

Two groups: Beginners & Intermediate Players  
- No lessons.

Thursday, January 6th, 7:00 p.m.

**Really Good Book Discussion Group**

- Brooklyn by Colm Toibin

Sunday, January 9th, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

**Artist Reception – Stanislaw Retinger**

Monday, January 10th, 10:00 a.m.

**Knit Wits Knitting Group**

Tuesday, January 11th, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video**

The Gospel according to Matthew  
in this Broadway show brought to film.

Thursday, January 13th, 10:15 a.m.

**Memoir Writing Group**

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am**

MGG is for babies, toddlers  
and pre-schoolers with caregiver.

Wee listen to storybooks and sing and dance!

Thurs. Dec 2 • Fri Dec 10

Tues Dec 14 • Sat Dec 18

Wed Dec 22 • Wed Dec 29

**Step Up to Chapterbooks**

For Grades 2-4. Join up with other  
interested students as we explore  
the grande adventure of reading!

Mondays Dec. 20 @ 4pm

**Friday Storycraft @ 4pm**

A story and a craft for ages 3 to 7.

Dec 3, 10, 17 with Ariel

**Storytime Yoga ages 2-12**

Fridays Dec 3 and 17 @ 10:30

Act out stories in yoga poses

**Music Together**

Monday Dec 20 @ 10:30

Songs, rhythm chants and movement activities

**Wii Games ages 6-11**

Call for dates and times

**The Deedle Deedle Dees**

Wed Dec 29 @ 7pm

This lively performance teaches kids .... history??

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**Make a snowflake mobile**

Thursday Dec 30 @ 2pm ages 5+

**Saturday Movies on the Big Screen @ 2pm**

Dec 4 The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Dec 11 The Last Airbender

Dec 18 The Karate Kid

**Special Pre-Holiday Movie Thursday Dec 23**

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## ELKS HOOP CONTEST



Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge #2004 held it's annual Hoop Shoot Contest last month at James Caldwell School in Springfield. Fifteen 8-13 year old boys and girls from Springfield and Hillside turned out for this contest where they're given 25 tries to make baskets. First place winners in each age group will compete in the district Hoop Shoot on December 12, 2010, at Rahway Recreational Center at 1:00 p.m. Pictures depict various Members of the Lodge who donated their time and assistance during the event.

## SENIORS WANTED

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The Springfield First Aid Squad provides emergency medical services (EMS) to the residents of Springfield, those who work and play in our town and those who are "just passing through." Composed of volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life, the First Aid Squad provides aid to those in need at no cost; the Squad solely relies on donations to cover operational expenses. The Springfield First Aid Squad is an all volunteer non-profit, tax-exempt organization separate from the Township of Springfield. Unlike other emergency services in town, we do not rely on tax dollars for our daily operating expenses, and none of our members are paid for their work. Our expenses involve vehicle and equipment purchases and maintenance, training, supplies and the like.



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Through the dedication to support the needs of local law enforcement and the needs of the community, Rider Insurance has donated a 2011 Harley-Davidson Police FLHP Road King to the Springfield Police Motor Unit. Captain John Cook states, "The Springfield Police Motor Unit was started in 2002 by retired Sergeant Richard Mickles with a donation from Rider Insurance of its first motorcycle (a BMW). In working with retired Captain Peter Davis and Lieutenant James Fine, Rider has increased the Springfield Motor Unit with its donation of the 2011 Harley."

Founder Harry Bleiwise, President Charles Lally and Chief Operating Officer Lauren Belfiore presented this gift in the fall of 2010. Harry and the entire Rider Insurance family would also like to congratulate all of the officers

who have been recently promoted. Rider thanks the Springfield Police Department for their continued involvement in the community and their dedication to riding.

Founded in 1971 by motorcycle enthusiast Harry Bleiwise, and built on his dedication to riding, Rider is currently the largest motorcycle insurance provider in New Jersey, and the only carrier serving the motorcycle community exclusively. Rider has now expanded operations to provide coverage to riders on the highways and back roads of Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

In addition to providing insurance coverage to the motorcycle community, Rider feels it is important to give back to the community. Through the Bleiwise Family Charitable Foundations and general corporate sponsorships



(above) Harry Bleiwise and Captain John Cook, Springfield Police Department.

and donations, Rider has been able to support many organizations. For the list of charitable contributions, visit [www.Rider.com](http://www.Rider.com).

## SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### EDWARD V. WALTON SCHOOL

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Registration for children eligible for the 2011-2012 Pre-Kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for those children eligible for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in September 2011, who are NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED in the Edward V. Walton School Pre-Kindergarten Program will be held on the following days:

### PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN

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LAST NAME DATE TIMES

BEGINNING WITH

A-G January 11, 2011 Tuesday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

H-O January 12, 2011 Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

P-Z January 13, 2011 Thursday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT EDWARD V. WALTON SCHOOL,

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PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO CALL THE SCHOOL AT 973-376-1304,

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To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before December 1, 2011. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1, 2011. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- \* Child's Birth Certificate
- \* Current Immunization Records
- \* 4 Proofs of Residency:

NJ Driver's License, Utility bill, lease, contract, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at <http://www.springfieldschools.com/evw>. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY HONORS PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Contestants in the Springfield Free Public Library's first annual photography contest were honored at an awards ceremony and reception on Sunday, November 21st. The contest, co-sponsored by Mack Camera of Springfield, offered prizes for adults and for kids.

In the kids category honorable mention went to Dylan Oliva for his photography entitled "Kid in Library". Second place went to Kayla Aljure for "Estudiar" and first prize went to Darren Farbstein for "Field of Dreams".

In the adult category, honorable mention was awarded to "Feeling Free" by Dennis Gray, second place went to Peter Cook for "Annual Beeznus" and the first prize winner went to Martin Deutsch for "Splat!"

All entries will be on display in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield through December 28th. Palmer Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.





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