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# NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY** MAY 25, 2017

8:30 am - 9:30 am Emergency Management Office Top Floor of the Fire House In the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room 200 Mountain Ave.

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# ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO DPW



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Mayor Diane Stampoulos presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day to Robert Boettcher, Supervisor, Public Works.

# EMMETT BADAI ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE



Mayor Diane Stampoulos and Chief of Police John Cook look on as Officer Badai's girlfriend, Antonia Lokuta, pins on his badge.

Springfield's newest Police Officer, Emmett Badai, was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Diane Stampoulos at the May 2 meeting of the Township Committee. Chief of Police John Cook commented that Officer Badai meets the high standards set for Springfield Police Officers. According to Chief Cook, he is a graduate of Piscataway High School, and received a degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers. Officer Badai has an excellent work ethic and comes to us after graduating the John Stamler Police Academy in December 2016.

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# SPRINGFEST AND EGG HUNT DRAWS CROWD



(l-r) Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance, Recreation Assistant Amy McNany, Recreation Program Coordinator Sara Keffer, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Department of Public Works Employee Albert Martin.

On April 8th, a breezy and sunny Saturday, the Springfield Recreation Department sponsored the annual Spring Fest and Egg Hunt at Chisholm Park. Co-sponsored by Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance - who served as the master of ceremonies — the event was attended by several hundred children and family members. Spring Fest included egg hunts for two separate age groups, pictures with the Easter bunny, an inflatable bounce house by Amazing Amusement, DJ music by Joe Volfman, face painting and sand art by Party Maniacs, and sports activities by U.S. Sports Institute. Special thanks to the Department of Public Works, Auxiliary Police, and Fire Department for their assistance, as well as the many volunteers from Jonathan Dayton High School and the local community. Further thanks to the following business that generously donated gift cards as prizes: Dunkin' Donuts, Alen's Deli & Catering, Prima Pizza, Primo Hoagies, Sofia's Restaurant, and McLynn's Irish Pub & Restaurant.

# SPRINGFIELD ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION AWARD PRESENTATION FILLS THE HOUSE!



At the May 2nd meeting of the Township Committee Meeting, Aly Miller and Denise DeVone presented the most awards ever to Springfield children. According to DeVone, this was the largest amount of awards ever presented by them and their largest turnout for Clean Communities Day.

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# Message from the Mayor

It is hard to believe that Summer is almost here and Memorial Day is a few weeks away. We are looking for volunteers, participants, and floats to help with this year's Memorial Day Parade. This year's parade starts at 10 am at Veterans Park. Anyone interested can call or email our town clerk, Linda Donnelly, at 973-912-2201/linda.donnelly@springfield-nj.us.

Our community pool will open at the end of this month on Memorial Day Weekend. Pre-Season Weekends run from May 27–June 18, with the hours of 12:00 - 6:00 pm. Then normal summer hours start June 24–Sept 3, weekdays are open 11:00 - 8:00 pm and weekend hours are 12:00 - 8:00 pm. The holiday hours are 9:00 am to close (times vary) on May 29, July 4 and, September 4.

The pool offers something for everyone – including a day camp, main pool, and baby pool. There are five large shade structures, water slide, diving board, playground, basketball, sand volleyball, shuffleboard, bocce, tetherball, horse

shoes, street hockey, swim lessons, Wi-Fi and more!

Our activities director has planned a full calendar of arts and crafts, water exercise classes, tournaments, contests, Float Night, bingo, live music, and socials. Also Catering 101 is returning to the snack bar with a delicious menu, outdoor grill and themed nights. The pool can also host your child's birthday party.

Feel free to register either at the Chisholm Community Center in person at 100 South Springfield Avenue, Monday –Friday from 8:00 - 6:00 pm or online http://register.communitypass.net/springfield.

The community is invited to participate in the town-wide garage sale of 2017 on Saturday, June 3rd – Sunday, June 4. Sale hours will be 9 am - 6 pm. Registration is not required and there are no permit fees. Participating households are encouraged to fill out the online form on our Town Website to be included on a comprehensive listing of garage sale locations that will be posted in an interactive map on the Township website http://springfield-nj.us/garage-sale/

Our Township Committee will continue to work hard for Springfield. If anyone would like to discuss any town issues, please feel free to e-mail me at Diane. Stampoulos@springfield-nj.us.

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

# ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION AWARDS

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DeVone commented to the Patriot, "All of the designs are being shown at the library - the first place designs, special mention designs, excellent designs, and honorable mention design are on the glass walls and the others are in a BIG book. There were 586 entries from Walton, Sandmeier, Caldwell, Gaudineer and St. James Schools. The Magnet winners were 6th - 8th Grade, Megan Zuzarth and Eric Serio, 5th Grade, Emily Yesowitz, 4th Grade, Lean Perez, 2nd-3rdGrades, Nico Delapa, K - 1st Grade, Aubrie Cantagallo.

Honorable Mentions will receive their certificates at their school when we take down the show at the library and return everything." The complete lists will be available on our website at: http://www. springfield patriot.com/news/2017/05/02/springfield-environmental-commission-award-presentation-fills-house.

#### DR. SMILOW MADE FREE CUSTOM MOLDED MOUTH GUARDS FOR THE YOUTH LACROSSE PLAYERS OF THE LACROSSE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD



(l to r)
Sara and Ian
Kaesshaefer
with Dr. Smilow
after having their
impression taken
for their new
mouth guards.

# MICHAEL BUTRICO HIRED AS NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RECREATION



The Recreation Department is excited to welcome Michael Butrico as the Assistant Director of Recreation as of Monday, April 24. Michael recently served as the Assistant Director and the Assistant Pool Technician with the Borough of Mountainside's Recreation Department. He previously served as the Assistant Manager of Old Bridge Township's Senior Center. Michael earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation Administration from Kean University, and is a member of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA). As he began working in Springfield, Michael commented to the Patriot Times, "It is a great honor to be part of the Spring-field Recreation Department. I am eager to start working with not only the great staff, but also the residents of Springfield. By working together, we can provide a safe, healthy, and fun environment for everyone."

# **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesdays: May 23 - 7 pm; June 13 - 2 pm Civics Day June 27 - 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

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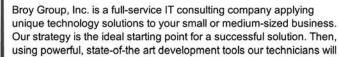
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Women and Justice, which represents women in domestic violence court cases, since 2010. Previously, Mrs. Oppenheim worked at Ruvoldt & Ruvoldt, PC in Jersey City, where she concentrated on criminal and civil law. Early in her career, Mrs. Oppenheim clerked for Judge Severiano Lisboa, III of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Hudson County

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

# SPRING: A GREAT TIME TO REVIEW YOUR SAFETY CHECKLIST

With spring comes a feeling of renewal. Families everywhere begin cleaning out their basements and garages. Windows are opened, flowers bloom and the days grow longer thanks in part to Daylight Saving Time.

The National Safety Council reminds you also to review a safety checklist for your home.

## **SMOKE ALARMS**

Smoke alarms save lives – if they are powered by a fresh battery. You should test them every month to make sure they work and replace the battery at least once a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.

Smoke alarms should be located in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts

Did you know smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly? That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to NFPA.

# CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Carbon monoxide(CO) is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible.

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#### FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

The National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members to make sure they know what to do.

Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon per day of water for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the FEMA website for a complete list.

#### THE EMERGENCY PLAN ALSO SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A communications plan to outline how your family members will contact one another if they are not in the same place and where you should meet if it's safe to go outside
- A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated; FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting
- A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different

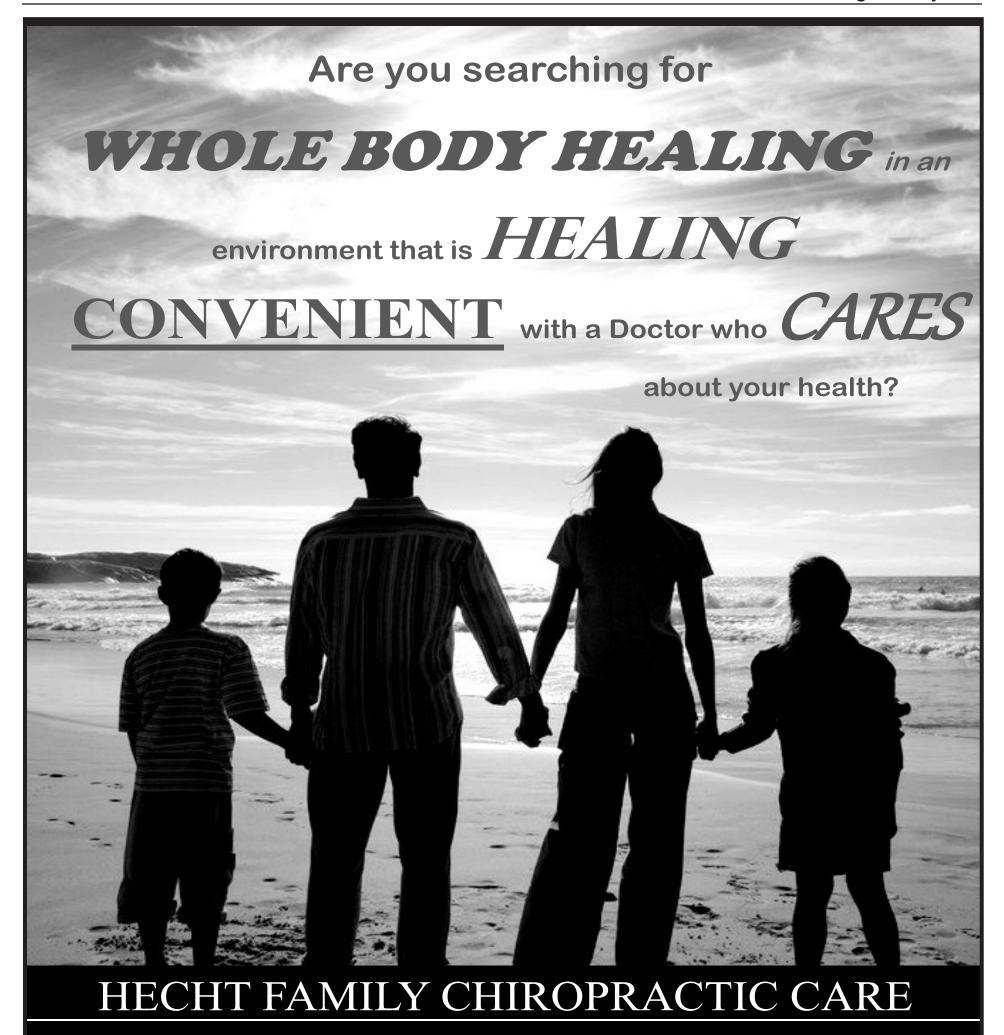
# What Else Should You Do This Spring?

NSC recommends you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or take-back event near you, update your first-aid kit and, most of all, get outside and have fun!

# MAY IS MAASAI MONTH AT SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

As part of a year-long initiative to raise money to aid the Maasai tribe in Africa and other hungry people throughout the world, Saint James the Apostle School has planned several events as a final push to reach their goal of \$5,000 to "Fill the Ark" and purchase a share in one of Heifer International's livestock initiatives. Go to http://www.springfieldpatriot.com/news/2017/05/03/may-maasai-month-saint-james-apostle-school for more details and pictures or just go to springfieldpatriot.com and scroll down to the article!





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# CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD HOSTS RECORD-SETTING GALA



The 42nd Annual Dinner hosted by Congregation Israel of Springfield (CIS) on March 21 was a record-setting evening in many important ways. The gala raised a record number of contributions in support of the synagogue's mission. It was the best-attended Annual Dinner in the synagogue's history. And for the first time ever, the congregation recognized on the same evening a couple and their daughter, as well as the daughter-in-law of a previous honoree.

Nearly 250 CIS members and supporters attended the Annual Dinner, held at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston, to honor two lifelong residents of Springfield, as well as other dedicated volunteers who have made the Township their home—and the synagogue their home away from home—for many years.

Guests of Honor Sam and Rebecca Alexander, who joined CIS as newlyweds 29 years ago, were presented with the Rabbi Israel E. Turner Memorial Award, in tribute to their selfless devotion to the synagogue in myriad leadership roles. In addition to his role as a Gabbai (assisting in religious services), Mr. Alexander is a Trustee and serves on numerous committees, while Mrs. Alexander is a Sisterhood member and has participated in many key CIS intiatives.

Their daughter Sara Alexander, a senior at Bruriah High School in Elizabeth, received the Joseph Tammam Memorial Community Service Scholarship Award, in recognition of her service to the children of CIS and the wider Jewish community.

Sherry Stein, who moved with her husband Henry to Springfield 30 years ago, was honored with the Aishet Chayil (Woman of Valor) Award, in tribute to her contributions to the CIS nursery school, and for overseeing many special events, as well as the design of all printed and electronic materials produced for CIS galas. The same award was presented to her mother-in-law, Eva Halpern z"l, in 2008.

David Kohn, a lifelong member of CIS, was presented with the Edward Konigsberg Award, in recognition of his participation in daily services, as well as his noteworthy contributions to the spiritual growth of the congregation, and to the educational programs offered by CIS.

Dr. Josh and Miryam Smilow, who moved to Springfield as newlyweds, were honored with the Young Leadership Award, for inspiring and serving as mentors to the many young couples and families who have joined CIS in the past decade. Dr. Smilow is a Gabbai and a Vice President, Mrs. Smilow is a member of Sisterhood, and both were recognized as well for their dedication to those in the community who are in need.

A mass of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated at St. James the Apostle Church, 45 South Springfield Avenue Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00 am. For more information, contact the church (973) 376-3044

# SPRINGFIELD TEEN LEADS NATIONAL CHARITY WALK

Marissa Steiner is not your average high school junior: she is the co-coordinator of a large local fundraising event called The Promise Walk for Preeclampsia. Since 2012, Marissa has co-coordinated the large New Jersey event, which benefits the mission of the Preeclampsia Foundation, alongside her mother Stephanie. Stephanie and Marissa are both survivors of a potentially deadly pregnancy condition known as preeclampsia, which is characterized by high blood pressure during pregnancy. It can be life-threatening and often requires early delivery of the baby. In Marissa's case, she was delivered 6 weeks early because of the disease.

"It's gratifying to lead this event each year with Marissa because we are some of the lucky ones to have made it through safely," said Stephanie Steiner.

The NJ Promise Walk events have raised nearly \$200,000 for preeclampsia research since Marissa began co-coordinating. Marissa is responsible for organizing local supporting fundraisers, contacting medical practices and local businesses about sponsorship, securing in-kind raffle items, recruiting and overseeing volunteers, securing proclamations, and even speaking at township meetings to thank local Mayors for issuing May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month proclamations.



Photo by Sam Mardini

Mayor Diane Stampoulos presented a Proclamation for Preeclampsia Awareness Month to Stephanie Steiner (center) and her daughter, Marissa.

"My goal is that my generation does not have to go into pregnancy not knowing what preeclampsia is or what its signs and symptoms are," explained Marissa. At last year's NJ Promise Walk, Marissa and her mother were honored with the Preeclampsia Foundation's National Promise Walk Coordinators of the Year award to recognize their many years of dedicated service to the cause. This award was presented by Preeclampsia Foundation Executive Director, Eleni Tsigas. "Marissa is a shining star in our volunteer corps, producing results with extraordinary enthusiasm and maturity. Last year she and her mother were justifiably recognized by their peers, the staff and board of the Preeclampsia Foundation as co-recipients of our national Walk Coordinator of the Year award, the first time a youngster was named. I wish I could clone her!" said Eleni Tsigas, Executive Director, Preeclampsia Foundation.

"Marissa always put in a tremendous amount of effort into everything she did, whether it was skating, completing her school work or raising awareness for Preeclampsia," commented her former teacher Bob Hildebrand. "I am very proud of her commitment to this great cause which as a result of her tireless efforts, has continued to grow over the years. I have attended the Promise Walk in the past and each year I have been inspired by Marissa's story and her abil ity to pull hundreds of people from around the state, including local and state leaders, to continue to raise awareness."

At Jonathan Dayton High School, students are required to complete service hours as part of their in

graduation requirements. It is our hope that students will develop an appreciation for community service, and an awareness of how they can make a difference in their community and beyond. It is exciting to have a Dayton student like Marisa Steiner who has a passion for community service, and who has dedicated her time and energy to helping others via the Central/Northern NJ Promise Walk for Preeclampsia. She is an awesome example for her schoolmates.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING**

Women due for a gynecological check-up are invited to sign up for an appointment with the Madison Health Department. The check-ups are open to all women 18 years and older who live in Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Cranford and Springfield, including nannies and other household employees and those without health insurance coverage. Regular check-ups are an important part of staying healthy. The screening will be held at the Madison Health Department located in the Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison on Monday, June 5th starting at 10:00 am Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext.1. A \$25.00 fee may apply if a Pap test is indicated.

This comprehensive check-up for women will include manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks and education on the technique of monthly breast self-examination for each participant. Dr. Rohini Jobanputra will determine with each woman if a Pap test is advisable for her.

Call the Madison Health Dept. (973-593-3079 ext.1) for an appointment for yourself or a loved one. Participants should have their physician's name and address ready when they call. This community event is conducted by the Madison Health Department in partnership with the health departments of Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Cranford and Springfield

# 'KNOW YOUR NUMBERS' ADULT HEALTH SCREENING

Men and women are encouraged to check their heart health at an Adult Health Screening on Thursday, June 1, 2017 starting at 8 am. The screening includes the CMP (comprehensive metabolic profile blood analysis), blood pressure checks, information on cholesterol and diet and other health related tips. The CMP analysis measures total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, CBC and other blood components. Registration is required may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext. 1. Madison, Cranford and Springfield residents are charged a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for the CMP blood test.

#### **MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING**

Adult men are encouraged to attend the men's cancer screening on Monday, June 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Sign-ups are open now and close on May 25. Dr. John Dalena will perform testicular, prostate, and colo-rectal examinations for the men's screening. Yearly check-ups are recommended for all men. Recent changes to screening recommendations for men may be discussed with Dr. Dalena in June. There is no fee for the men's health check. Both screenings are offered by the Madison Health Department in partnership with the health departments of Springfield and Cranford and are conducted in their offices at the Madison Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison.

All residents of Madison, Cranford and Springfield may participate annually in either screening. Participants should have their physician's name, address and telephone number ready when they call.

# PATRIOT PROFILES

**Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield** 

By John Cottage Sr.

# Springfield Elks Lodge – Happy 60th Anniversary!

The Elks have two big events this month. On May 13, the Elks celebrated their 60th anniversary with a gala dinner. On May 29, the Elks will be participating in the Township's Annual Memorial Day Parade and at the end of the parade will be providing free hot dogs and beverages at Jonathan Dayton High School

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is an organization with approx. 1900 lodges across the nation. The Elks as a whole, and the Springfield lodge in particular, are involved in Special Needs Children, Veterans, Youth Activities, Scholarships, and sports events. Located on Springfield Ave next to the Maplewood Nursery, the Elks have a beautiful new lodge – completely renovated after the devastating damage done by four feet of water from hurricane Irene. And like the other service organizations in town, The Elks are involved in a number of activities.

The New Jersey State Elks have a Project which is Elks Camp Moore located in Wanaque, NJ. It is for special needs children during the summer. The camp has a director and counselors who work closely with the children. It is a magnificent campus which was just featured on News 12 New Jersey.

The Elks Veterans Committee has 'adopted' a post traumatic stress ward at Lyons Hospital in Basking Ridge. Once a month, they go and serve the veterans a home cooked meal. They find it quite rewarding and interesting to have conversations with

The lodge runs a Hoop Shoot contest. Held at Caldwell School for children 8 to 13 years, the kids learn to compete and show us their talent. The State Elks also provide scholarships to High School seniors.

On a more everyday level, the Elks serve dinner in their lodge every Thursday night at 6:15 pm. The dinners are cooked by our members, a different cook each week. Meals are excellent – their own Top Chefs. Salad, bread, full meal, coffee and dessert is only \$10 and the public is welcome! It really is a nice way to kick back and catch up with everyone after a long week.

A special project for the local lodge this year is to try to raise money for a new sign on their building to let people know where they are! While there is a current sign, it is small and easy to miss while traveling on Springfield Ave.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining the Elks or in renting the lodge for a special event may contact the lodge at 973-379-9766 or Exalted Ruler Kathie Regan at 908-477-6547.

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#### **OFFICER EMMETT BADAI**

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(l to r) Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Chief of Police John Cook, Officer Badai's mother, -Marlene, Father, Khalid, Sister, Jazmin, Officer Badai, and his girlfriend Antonia Lokuta.

# TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY



On Friday, April 28, the Township celebrated Arbor Day in a big way. The Department of Public Works was joined by Saint James School, municipal employees, friends and neighborsand planted a beautiful white oak tree at the Veteran Memorial Park According to Mr. Robert Boettcher, DPW Director, we also distributed over 1,000 tree seedlings. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Mr. Boettcher, DPW Director stated "Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our township, state and across our nation. Every tree planted on Arbor Day helps clean the air and water, beautify neighborhoods, provide homes for wildlife, conserve energy, and prevent soil erosion, among many other benefits. Arbor Day gives everyone an opportunity to learn about trees and the environmental, social, economic and health benefits they provide to communities."

# HUNDREDS JOIN EGG HUNT UNDER SUNNY SKIES







#### SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT TURTLE BACK ZOO



Springfield Senior Citizens Club, under the leadership of their President Margaret Bandrowski, visited Turtleback Zoo in West Orange on April 26. The trip was especially informative thanks to the private tour provided by Andrea Cook Nadel, also a Springfield resident. Mrs. Nadel is a Docent at Turtleback Zoo and membership coordinator for the Zoological Society of New Jersey. Her detailed knowledge and enthusiasm enhanced the senior experience and opened many new horizons for them. Among the group's outstanding experiences were a visit with the giraffes, an up close look at seals, penguins, tigers, reptiles, sting rays and many more species. Even the sounds were thrilling--wolves howled, peacocks emitted their unusual noises and snakes hissed to name a new.

The group felt that they had been transported to foreign lands--yet only a few miles from home. A refuge for lions is scheduled to open in a few months and the group hopes to plan a return visit.

Membership in the group is open to all seniors in Springfield. Call the Springfield Recreation Department for further information.

# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE 4TH GRADERS LOVE U.S. NATIONAL PARKS



(l to r) Paul Knecht, Gavin Diaz and Julia Landicho

In 2015, the United States government, along with help from the National Park Service established a program called "Every Kid in a Park" which provides an opportunity for every 4th grader in the country to receive a family pass to the U.S. National Parks that is valid until the end of August during their 4th grade school year. These passes provide families with the chance to visit as many National Parks as they choose to visit for free! The students receive their passes from their teacher, then they're able to exchange that for a plastic pass at the first park they visit.

Fourth graders at Saint James the Apostle School received passes from their Technology teacher, Ms. Mary-Alice Zavocki, and several of them used their "Every Kid in a Park" pass to visit the Thomas Edison Museum in West Orange over their Easter break. The students all became Junior Rangers by completing their Junior Ranger books, then taking an oath to help protect the National Parks in the future. National Parks are a great way to see beautiful landscapes, wildlife and historic monuments that helped shape our country. Make sure you and your 4th grader get out and visit a national park soon!









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# **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2017**

This year is the 100th anniversary of World War I. You shouldn't let this milestone go without recognition. Imagine you could go back in time for a minute to the days when you couldn't wait to line up for the parade that was coming to town

You couldn't wait to hear the marching bands. See the old fashioned cars, and fire trucks. Springfield always had a huge contingent of Veterans with the flags flying from all branches of government also marching. It was a proud moment for every town. You would see your friends marching down the street. That's the thing about a parade; you don't walk in a parade, you march. Just like the soldiers who fought and died or were wounded so that we could be free. They were representing either the baseball team they were on, boy scouts, or the brownies. It was an honor to represent your organization in front of the town. Everyone had to practice how to march; single file, how to smile and wave at all the people lining both sides of the street. Sometimes you could see your parents, grandparents, relatives and friends and watch them wave back at you.

Help Springfield bring back the tradition of a really great parade, one that the community can be proud of that honors our fallen men and women with a huge turnout of people that we can look forward to, and that our kids can have the same feeling of pride and patriotism that we did.

The Memorial Day Committee is looking for organizations that would like to march. Help us make this Memorial Day a memorable one. These last few years that I have been organizing the parade, I think we have started a tradition where you not only participate by marching with your organization or group, you come watch with a new found patriotism too. Let this Memorial Day be about remembering our soldiers first, barbecue second.

This year again, we are inviting you and your children to participate and be in the parade. Help them decorate their bicycle with a patriotic theme and they can ride down the middle of Mountain Avenue and show their support for our Veterans. We are also inviting all children to participate in the ceremony at Veterans Park and help us sing You're a Grand Old Flag. We have in the last few years had a sing along. It really is a fun day and we encourage the whole community to come out and show their support for our veterans. The Spring-field Hillside Elks Lodge is once again handing out a hot dog and drink at the end of our parade which is at Jonathan Dayton High School. There will also be an exhibition game played at the turf field. I will have the Kean University Trolleys there for any person having difficulty walking. You can ride in the trolley or the senior bus.

Don't forget the pool opens that weekend and will be open on Memorial Day. Springfield has so much to offer, I hope to see you there. If you want to participate or need more information, please email me Geri Ann Bujnowski, Township Committeewoman and Parade Coordinator, at geri.bujnowski@springfield-nj.us.

# SWIM TEAM 2017 OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

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

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 24th @ 7:00 pm Chisholm Community Center



The Springfield Swim Team is open to girls and boys from 5–17 years old. The Swim Team will be divided into two groups: The Developmental Team will be made up of children 8 years old and younger who need more instruction and guidance. Developmental Team participants initially must be able to demonstrate the ability to submerge themselves underwater, swim freestyle for at least 15 yards, be able to swim on their back, and be willing and able to swim in the 5 foot and 12 foot sections of the main pool. Children who do not meet these expectations – or who the coaches feel are unable to do so without support – will be placed in group Swim Lessons (see previous page) that are not affiliated with the Swim Team. The Swim Team Parent Association check will be returned to you in that circumstance. Coaches will assess these registrants during the first week ofpractice and will determine if a child is assigned to the Developmental Team or placed in Swim Lessons. All Regular Team registrants who are 9-17 years old do not need to try out. But in order to become a member of the Swim Team, participants must be able to swim a lap of the main pool without stopping and be comfortable swimming in deep water.

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 6th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 26th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 26th, to Friday, July 28th.

Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member.

Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

In Order To Better Serve The Springfield Community, The Recreation Department Announces Extended Office Hours: 8:00 am-6:00 pm on Weekdays. Call The Springfield Recreation Department 973) 912-2227 For Details.



# FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township. Bus runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs.

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

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

# CO-ED RUNNING Spring 2017 Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

Our popular running program with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

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



Mondays from May 8th-June 19th (no class on May 29th) at Meisel Avenue Park Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$60 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction, shirt, and water bottle
Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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

## Women's Summer Softball League 2017

- Program is open to Springfield residents ages 21 and older.
  - Games take place on weeknights and Sunday nights.
    - Season runs from mid-June to mid-August.

FEES: \$300 per team (payable to Township of Springfield) No refunds after program begins. **DEADLINE**: Friday. May 26, 2017

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

TO BE PLACED ON A TEAM Contact Jen Cataldo, League Coordinator, at jencataldo@verizon.net

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

# JR. DAWGS FOOTBALL

Our tackle football league is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-8 (2017-18 school year)

#### **REGISTRATION UNDERWAY**

Two Fees: If registered April 3rd-May 7th

\$200 payable to "Springfield." Provided for multiple players from the same family:

Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:
\$175 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Bring this completed form and two checks to in-person registration.

Please note that two separate checks are needed. After in-person registration, you may register at the Springfield Recreation Department in the

Chisholm Community Center, Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

PAY \$65 TOWNSHIP FEE ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD: https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

Registration Deadline is Sunday, May, 7th. Registrations received after Sunday, May 7th, are subject to team availability, and MUST include a \$25 late fee payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization."

Questions, contact Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us (973) 912-2227





# **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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# ADULT BOOT CAMP SPRING 2017



FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM MAY 16th - JUNE 22nd CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day All participants are encouraged to bring a set of 5-10 pound

To register please go to: http://bootcampwf.com/bcwf-srd/ Or fill out the attached registration form and return to the

Springfield Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.



6 classes @ \$109 per person. Please contact **BootCampWF** for pro-rating fee!

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

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

# **Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2017 Grades 3-8**

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2017.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

☐ Week #1: June 26th-30th

☐ Week #2: July 3rd-7th

■ Week #3: July 10th-14th

☐ Week #4: July 17th-21st

☐ Week #5: July 24th-28th

☐ Week #7: August 7th-11th

☐ Week #8: August 14th-18th

☐ Week #6: July 31st-August 4th

#### FEES:

\$65.00 payable to Township of Springfield \$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading No refunds after program begins.

#### DEADLINE:

Friday, May 12, 2017 No registrations will be accepted after this date. No except

#### REGISTER ONLINE:

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL: **Chisholm Community Center** 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

#### QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227

Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

# US SPORTS institute

# **U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE**

Spring/Summer 2017 -

#### **TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS**

(age 3 to 5): Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football, All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

weights and a yoga mat to each class

#### **SUMMER CLASSES**

Dates: June 28– August 9 Details: Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm or 6pm-7pm

**Location**: Chisholm Park

Dates: August 21-August 25 Details: Mon-Fri, 4:30pm-5:30pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

# **SOCCER - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS**

(age 2 to 3): With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction.

For more information, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732 563 2520

# **TOTAL SPORTS - PARENT & ME**

**SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3):** With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction.

## **SUMMER CLASSES**

Dates: June 28-August 9 Details: Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

# **MULTI SPORTS - CAMP**

(age 5 to 11): Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more!

#### **SUMMER CAMPS**

Dates: August 21-August 25 **Details**: Monday-Friday

(5 days) 9am-4pm, 9am-12:30pm or 1pm-4pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

# SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY PREPARING TO JOIN

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As part of its mission to provide the best possible service to the members of its community, the Springfield Free Public Library has joined the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium and will "go live" as a fully participating member on Thursday, June 1. Among the benefits of membership for Springfield Library cardholders will be direct borrowing access to the holdings of all 31 member libraries, including Union County neighbors in Kenilworth, Roselle, Roselle Park, Elizabeth and Plainfield, and will enable library staff members to get materials into the hands of their library patrons in a timelier manner. Additional benefits of membership will include access through Zinio to nearly three times as many e-magazines as the library currently has available, easier access to e-books and e-audiobooks, plus access to downloadable audio and video through Hoopla. In order to give patrons the opportunity to learn all about the new system, the library will be holding demonstrations and training

(no camp July 4th)

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2017

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30

pm) that is supervised by a camp director (adult) and counselors (high school age and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield

Community Pool, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first

100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the

Resident first child: \$50 per week Resident additional child: \$45 per week Non-Resident child: \$60 per week No refunds

# **REGISTER:**

FFFS:

Online (credit card) at https:// register.communitypass.net/springfield Mail or in-person (check, cash, money order, credit card) at Chisholm Community Center. Payable to Township of Springfield.

**DEADLINE:** Thursday prior to each camp week

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

**MULTI-MEMBER LIBRARY CONSORTIUM** 

sessions at various times throughout the month of June. During the transition process, the Springfield Free Public Library will not be able to accept holds on any library materials between May 15 and May 31. Holds placed directly by patrons during this time period will also be lost. The members of the library staff regret this necessary inconvenience and will be happy to assist patrons who wish to place holds in the new system, beginning June 1. Please also note that once the new system is in place, all Springfield library cardholders will be required to re-set their PINs.

In addition to its membership in the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium, the Springfield Free Public Library will continue to participate in the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Libraries Agreement (MURAL).

For more information about the library can be found at www.springfield publiclibrary.com.







# The Rotary Club of Springfield would like to thank the following participants in our 2017 TASTE OF THE TOWNS



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Public Library
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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule:

WWW.sfplnj.org
Regular library hours from January through
June are scheduled as follows:

Mon.,Wed., and Thurs. 10:00 am – 9:00 pm Tues., Fri., and Sat. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

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

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

# **HELP WANTED:**

Springfield Free Public Library needs
2 p/t lib. assists. to work front desk.
Some evening, Sat. & Sun. hrs. req.
Computer experience a +.
Please send resume & cover letter to
Library Director,
Springfield Free Public Library,
66 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081
or to dspindel@sfplnj.org
no later than May 26

# **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 Wednesdays @ 4 – 5 pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl

Math Homework Help Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Drop-in, Grades 1 to 8. Please bring your homework and textbook.

Crafty Monday @ 4 pm for ages 4 to 8 May 22.

Crafty Fridays @ 4 pm for ages 4 to 8 May 19.

**Board-game Thursdays Ages 4 and up. 4pm May 18** & 25. In May we are playing Nature Bingo. Please register, only 6 spots.

Campfire Stories Thursdays @ 7 pm An abundance of stories for all ages in front of our crackling campfire! Wear your pajamas, bring your teddy, and enjoy a snack!

Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. Saturday & 27; Tuesdays May 23 & 30; Wednesday May 24; Thursday May 11; Fri May 19

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Fridays, May 19 & 26, June 2 & 9 Chair Yoga. 12:30 pm.

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 pm

"Spero Plays Nyro" – Laura Nyro tribute concert.

Monday, May 22

"Northern Women in the Aftermath of Civil War: The Wives and Daughters of Brunswick Boys" - Joanne Rajoppi program about her new book.

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 pm "An Extraordinary Life: Josephine Jones" - book launch by Wendy Jones.

Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 pm Music Box Demo

#### **DISCUSSIONS and WRITING**

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 am Great Books: "Mario the Magician" by Thomas Mann.

Thursdays, May 25 & June 8, 10:15 am Memoir Writing Group.

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 pm Really Good Book Discussion: "H is for Hawk" by Helen MacDonald.

Thursday, May 15, 10:00 am Great Books: "Daughters of the Late Colonel" by Katherine Mansfield.

#### **FILMS**

Thursday, May 18, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm International Film Festival - "The Illusionist", 2010

Monday, May 22, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – "Hello, My Name is Doris", starring Sally Field,

Monday, June 5 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film - "Dog Day Afternoon", starring Al Pacino, 2016.

# **HOBBIES AND INFORMATION**

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club

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

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

#### INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday/Thursday One-to-One Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT 10:30~am-12:00~pm

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

Every Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Mahjong class

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS H IS FOR HAWK BY HELEN MACDONALD

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, June 1 at 7 pm to discuss Helen Macdonald's H is for Hawk. The author is an experienced falconer who endeavored to adopt and train one of nature's most vicious predators, a young goshawk, while grieving the sudden death of her father. An instant New York Times bestseller and award-winning sensation, Helen MacDonald's story has captured the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. It appeared on more than twenty-five Best Books of the Year lists.

Discussions take place at 7 pm in the Staff Room. Refreshments are served. New members are welcome. To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: questions@sfplnj.org.

# FREE TEEN DROP-IN

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 Avenue

When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays)

Time: 2:30 - 8:00 pm (school year)
How: Handbook, registration form.

**How:** Handbook, registration form, photo ID **Contact:** (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us **Web:** www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

# DON'T THROW OUT THAT LEFTOVER MATZO! COOKBOOK AUTHOR DAVID KIRSCHNER COMES TO THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY WITH RECIPES GOOD

**FOR ALL YEAR ROUND** 

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to host professional chef David Kirschner, co-author of Matzo: 35 Recipes for Passover and All Year Round, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17. Although the cookbook includes such standards as matzo ball soup and matzo brei, Mr. Kirschner will focus on some of the more innovative recipes found in the cookbook, including matzo spanakopita, matzo spaetzel, and matzo tiramisu. Michele Streit Heilbrun, Kirschner's co-author, is the great-granddaughter of Aron Streit, founder of the company that remains a major American producer of Passover matzo. Ms. Heilbrun's contributions to the book include a brief explanation of the holiday of Passover, historical photographs pertaining to the family business, and the inclusion of treasured family recipes.

David Kirschner's training and experience enable him to bring a more modern perspective to the world of traditional ingredients. Having worked with such noted chefs as Daniel Boulud, David Drake, and Michael Mina, and having been employed at such noted restaurants as Bar Boulud, Per Se, and SeaBlue at the Borgata in Atlantic City, he is currently the proprietor of dineDK, a boutique private dining company based in New Jersey.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com. More information about David Kirschner can be found at www.dineDK.com.

# SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT BOOK LAUNCH BY HOMETOWN AUTHOR WENDY JONES ON MAY 24

Springfield resident and author Wendy Jones will celebrate the book launch of her recent publication, An Extraordinary Life: Josephine E. Jones, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 24, at the Springfield Free Public Library. Jones' book is a tribute to her mother, a sharecropper's daughter who was the first in her family to graduate from high school. Wanting to do more than work as a domestic in other people's homes, Josephine Jones graduated in 1966 from the New York Institute of Dietetics and became manager of food services at Standard Brands, making her the first black woman to serve in a management position at a Fortune 500 company. In spite of this achievement, Josephine Jones continued to work two additional jobs so that she could afford to send her daughter to an elite private school. David Rothenberg, founder of the Fortune Society, a criminal justice advocacy and service organization, has called An Extraordinary Life, "A unique love story, that of a daughter for her mother.'

Wendy Jones, having grown up in a rough patch of Harlem during the 1960s, attended the elite Dalton School in New York City and subsequently earned a B.A. in Literature from Yale University and an MFA in Fiction from Columbia University. Jones' short story, "Savannah," appeared in the anthology Illuminating Tales of the Urban Black Experience (Penguin Books: 1996). Jones' award winning play, In Pursuit of Justice: A One-Woman Play about Ida B. Wells, made its debut in 1995 and has since been revived multiple times. Ms. Jones is currently the fiction editor of theravens perch.com, an online literary magazine.

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











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# THE SPRINGFIELD LIONS **CLUB HONORS YOUTH** SERVICE TO SPRINGFIELD

On April 12, 2017 the Springfield Lions honored Eagle Scout Brandon Fontanes of Troop 73 for his service to the community though his project to restore the historic French-RIchards Cemetery in Springfield. One can see pictures and find out more about the project at. https://www.facebook. com /Historic-French-Richards-Cemetery

The Lions also honored the 2017 Lions Peace Poster Prize winners Andrea Falar, Nicholas Musico, and Christopher Lopez! All Students at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield. Kudos to Traci Burns their Art Teacher for their creative approaches to this contest theme "A Celebration of Peace". The Lions International Peace Poster contest takes place annually each year in schools around the world



(l to r) Lion's President Ed Shaffrey, Eagle Scout Brandon Fontanes, Lion 's Secretary Don Dauser



(l to r) Lion's President Ed Shaffrey, St James 8th grader Andrea Falar, Lion 's Secretary Don Dauser



(l to r) Lion's President Ed Shaffrey, St James 8th grader Nicholas Musico



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# **SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO HOST AUTHOR JOANNE HAMILTON RAJOPPI IN PROGRAM ABOUT HER NEWEST BOOK, NORTHERN WOMEN IN THE AFTERMATH** OF THE CIVIL WAR:

# **The Wives And Daughters** Of The Brunswick Boys

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to host local author Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi for a presentation about her recent book, Northern Women in the Aftermath of the Civil War: The Wives and Daughters of the Brunswick Boys, at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 22. Rajoppi's book tells the story of the perseverance and stamina of women facing an altered world in the aftermath of the Civil War. In addition to the prospect of widowhood, many women were burdened with the care of returning soldiers who were either disabled by injury, impaired by drugs or alcohol addiction, or suffering from post-traumatic stress. As a result, women found themselves unprepared for the task of providing financial support for their families. The story of the Hamilton family is told within the context of a rapidly evolving America that opened up various career opportunities for women, leading to their eventual emancipation at the start of the twentieth century.

Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi is a former journalist and lifelong resident of New Jersey. She chronicled the military service of her great-grandfather during the Civil War in her previous book, New Brunswick and the Civil War: The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion. The author was also a contributor to Meet Your Revolutionary Neighbors: Crossroads of the American Revolution and has written several pamphlets and calendars detailing the history of the region. Ms. Rajoppi also serves as a trustee and officer of the Union County Historical Society.

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









# **POOL OPENS SATURDAY MAY 27**

The Springfield Community Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 27, for Memorial Day Weekend! Brendan O'Reilly will return as assistant pool manager. He will be joined by new assistant manager Andrew Palmer. Andrew has served as a deck supervisor, lifeguard, swim instructor, and coach at the Summit YMCA. He holds certifications in lifeguarding, Water Safety Instruction (WSI), and Professional Rescuer CPR. Former pool managers Megan Rezvani and Brian Blondet, and current senior lifeguard Daniel Wilkenfeld, remain on staff as the certified pool operators (CPO). Dawn Wilkenfeld returns as the activities director and is already hard at work planning a full calendar of special events, contests, float nights, and more! The Springfield Swim Team will be led by head coach Karen Bocian, who is serving her 19th summer. Pool Day Camp, which begins on Monday, June 26, will be led by new director Tommy Walsh, new assistant director Amy McNany, and returning assistant director David Steinman. Tommy had served as a Pool Day Camp counselor for many summers, and served as director of Chisholm Playground Camp in 2016. Amy had also served as a Pool Day Camp counselor for many years, and currently serves as a year-round part-time assistant in the Recreation Department. The snack bar will be operated again by concessionaire Matthew Applebaum of Catering 101. The snack bar will feature a delicious menu of grilled cheese, wings, sausage and pepper sandwich, meatball parm sandwich, egg sandwich, grilled chicken, salads, burgers, hot dogs, pizza, drinks, ice cream, and more. New options such as chicken parm sandwich, BLT, and tossed salad will be added to the Pool Day Camp menu. Catering 101 will also offer specials, happy hours, theme nights, and camp cookouts, as well as a catering menu for private parties held at the pool. Over at Chisholm Playground Camp, which begins on Monday, June 26, new director Ricci Rajoppi has been planning the schedule and ordering supplies. Ricci has served as a counselor in this camp for many years. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents, as are spots in Pool Day Camp and Chisholm Playground Camp. Guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Group and private swim lessons are available, as are private party rentals. For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.

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

#### **HOME REPAIR SCAMS**

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

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

#### **UTILITY IMPOSTER SCAMS**

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in basement, or gas or electric and in some cases they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company the pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house. Uutility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection.

#### HOMEOWNER DISTRACTION SCAMS

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

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

Do not open your door to strangers or persons claiming to be utility workers who are at your house for some type of inspection, especially if you did not set up the inspection or were informed of it in advance by the utility company. The legitimate employee not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent.

Many residents, especially those from older generations, may not want to appear to be rude by closing or refusing to open their door. A good suggestion is to inform the individual at the door that you will be right back as you have to call your daughter or son or a grandchild who is upstairs to come down and speak to the

person at the door. You should do this even if no one is home with you and instead call the police to come to your home to verify if this individual is legitimate. A true utility company employee will wait while the scammers will run off the minute you close the door.

Police officers will immediately respond to your residence when you call us about a suspicious person or doubt the legitimacy of a utility company worker. If you believe a person at your house is attempting to commit one of these types of crimes, contact the police immediately via 9-1-1 or (973) 376-0400. My officers and I always hear residents say that they didn't want to "bother" the police by calling on a suspicious person who comes to their door. I want it to be known that no call to us is ever a bother. Our job is to serve and protect and all we require from residents of Springfield is that they call us when someone or something suspicious is observed.

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