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THE VOGUES HEADLINE SUMMER CONCERT AUGUST 4th

On Monday August 4th at 7PM, the Township of Springfield will present it's annual free summer concert on the front lawn of Jonathan Dayton High School. In the event of rain, the concert will move inside to the High School auditorium.

This year's concert features The Vogues who will be making their only 2008 area appearance in Springfield.

Inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2001, The Vogues had a series of hits in the 1960's including Five O'Clock World, My Special Angel, Till, Earth Angel, Turn Around Look at Me and You're the One.

Investors Savings Bank will be the primary sponsor of this year's free summer concert. Investors is a bank that cares about the local community and wants to give back to the community. When asked about the summer concert, the President of Investors Savings Bank, Kevin Cummings, stated that "the Bank was very happy to be participating in such a special event because it brings the community together". Roza Nedelkova, a Vice-President at Investors Savings Bank, has been very active finding projects that unite the Bank and the Springfield community. She stated that "when former Springfield Mayor Clara Harelik approached me to seek the Bank's support for the summer concert, I knew this would be a great opportunity for the Bank to show its continued support to Springfield". Former Mayor Harelik said of the Bank and its community outreach, "Investors Savings Bank is not just another business located in Springfield, but it is an integral part of our Springfield community."

In addition to the sponsorship of the summer concert, Springfield recently has benefited greatly from the generosity of Investors Savings Bank through the receipt of

grants from the Bank's Charitable Foundation. Those grants include: \$70,000 to the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad for a new ambulance; \$12,000 to the Springfield Board of Education for smart boards; and over \$20,000 to various Springfield churches and synagogues as well as the Lupus Foundation.

Other sponsors who made the Springfield Summer Concert Series possible include Autoland, Mack Camera Service, and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.



(L-R) Pat Paoella, Co-Chair Springfield Chamber, John Cottage, Treasurer Springfield Chamber, Liza Caswell Vice President Investors Savings, Roza Nedelkova Vice President Investors Savings, former Mayor Clara Harelik, Kevin Cummings President Investors Savings and Scott Seidel Co-Chair Springfield Chamber.

FREE SYMPHONY CONCERT AUGUST 17

The August Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert in Springfield on Sunday, August 17, 3:00 PM in the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Under the direction of Martin Sklar founder of the August Symphony Orchestra is a New Jersey based group of extraordinary musicians composed of amateurs, professionals, students and retirees. Since 1970, Maestro Sklar has been a symphonic bassist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The August 17th program consists of two works: Cesar Franck's expansive, romantic Symphony in D Minor and Dimitri Shostakovitch's Ballet Suite for Orchestra from The Bolt. The latter, rarely heard, is a caustic and colorful tale of skullduggery and counter-revolutionary wickedness in a Soviet factory.

Although the concert is free, a donation of \$10 will be greatly appreciated. The auditorium is comfortable and air-

conditioned. Ample free parking is available and the venue is handicap accessible. A large print program will be distributed.

Funding for the concert has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the national Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, PSEG and Palriwala Foundation. Mr. Sklar can be reached at 973.743.5425; TASO@RCN.com, AugustSymphony.org.

HELLO AND WELCOME!

On behalf of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, we would like to welcome everyone to the first edition of the Springfield Patriot. It is our hope that the Patriot will become the number one source of Springfield news and events for the residents and businesses of Springfield.

This paper will be devoted entirely to Springfield. The Chamber, as well as many residents and businesses, believe a void has been left by the various local publications which consistently have failed to publish the many positive news items which have occurred in the Township. Also, what little Springfield news does get published, gets lost in these other publications. Please look over this paper and patronize the businesses that have taken out advertisements. It is through this advertising revenue that we can continue this endeavor. We will have no editorial columns, nor will we take any political stands or make any political commentary.

Scott Seidel - Patrick Paoella
Co-Chairs Springfield Chamber of Commerce





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Message from the Mayor



I appreciate the opportunity to welcome everyone to the first edition of the Springfield Patriot. The Patriot is published by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and will contain information regarding community, business, religious and school activities in our town.

Many people had complained that the recent format change at The Local Source resulted in the paper printing little information about Springfield. Residents and merchants felt they no longer had a local paper that would provide information about our town and activities. Scott

Seidel and John Cottage looked into alternatives and with the cooperation of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce the Springfield Patriot was born.

I would like to thank Scott, John, the Chamber of Commerce and everyone who has helped in this endeavor. I hope the residents of Springfield will find the information provided in the Patriot interesting and helpful.

I am pleased to report the Township Committee recently met with the majority property owners from Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue to discuss how we can work together to rehabilitate these areas. The meetings were very productive and it is the belief of the Township Committee that these property owners understand the benefits to everyone in upgrading their buildings.

I would also like to acknowledge two Springfield residents and who have recently made news in the sports world. Claudio Reyna, arguably the greatest American soccer player of all time, a past captain of the U.S. National Team and most recently a member of the New York Red Bulls announced his retirement from soccer at a press conference on July 16, 2008. Dorian Scott, who attended Florida State University, is competing in the shot put event at the 2008 Olympics. His parents, Dr. Winston and Sonia Scott, current Springfield residents, were born in Jamaica and therefore Dorian will be representing Jamaica in the Olympics. We wish him the best of luck.

Our Farmers Market is in full swing at the Jonathan Dayton High School through Labor Day and then moves to Ruby Park until the last Monday in October. The Market is open every Monday from 11 am to 6 pm and is a great source for fresh local produce.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and I look forward to next month's edition of the Patriot.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETINGS

Mondays preceding Tuesday meeting, Annex Building

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 8 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, 8 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Annex 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.

August 18

September 8 & 22

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

August 7, 21

Sept 4,18

October 2,16, 30

November 13, 29

December 11, 27

CURBSIDE GRASS COLLECTION

Thru Oct 24

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

September 24-25

December 17-18

UPCOMING GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

Date / Event / Time / Location (Events are at no cost unless indicated)

AUG 19 **IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SUMMERTIME NETWORKING SOCIAL,**
6:00 pm Blackthorn Restaurant & Irish Pub, Kenilworth, NJ
Members: \$20; Future Members: \$30; first time guests: FREE

AUG 20 **EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,**
8:00 am Lana's Fine Dining, Clark, NJ - \$20

AUG 21 **GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON,**
11:45 am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ, Members: \$25; Future Members: \$35

AUG 22 **SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING,**
Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, NJ,
Members \$5; Future Members: \$25, first time guests: FREE

For additional information and/or to register for any and all events please visit www.GatewayChamber.com or call the Chamber at 908-352-0900

CERT GOES BEYOND DISASTER RESPONSE

Initially, CERT programs were developed to assist communities in taking care of themselves in the aftermath of a major disaster when first responders are overwhelmed or unable to respond because of communication or transportation difficulties. As the CERT concept has taken hold across the country, however, CERTs have become much more than originally envisioned. CERTs have proven themselves to be an active and vital part of their communities' preparedness and response capability. For example, CERTs have been used to:

- Distribute and/or install smoke alarms and batteries to the elderly and disabled.
- Assist with evacuations and traffic control.
- Promote community awareness of potential hazards and preparedness measures.
- Supplement staffing at special events, such as parades.
- Act as victims in training exercises.

CERTs are an investment of local government's time and resources. To capitalize on this investment, program sponsors can view CERT members as a volunteer resource that can assist with public safety activities. Such an approach will actively involve members in serving their communities beyond disaster response and add value to the CERT program.

Anyone interested in joining Springfield's CERT Team can contact Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage at 973-467-3388 and request an application. Training is at the convenience of the applicant and a uniform shirt and "CERT" equipment bag are provided for all successful trainees. "It's a great

way for people who want to help out but don't have the time for the structured classess and training required to be an Auxiliary Police Officer" stated Cottage.

Springfield's newly established CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team) handles its first assignment at a local Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. The CERT program is administered through the local Office of Emergency Management.



(L to R) Sam Scouloukas, Alexandra Velarde, Mitch Janklow, CERT Program Coordinator and Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Police Liaison.

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SCOUTING FLOURISHES IN SPRINGFIELD

by Chris Sturm

Scouting is alive in Springfield! On the eve of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, our town is home to two very active Scout units: a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Both are chartered by St. James RC Church, but welcome and seek members from all faiths.

Cub Scouts is for younger boys from first through fifth grade. The entire unit is the “pack”, which is broken into age groups of eight or so boys called “dens”. Cubs advance together in dens as they progress through the ranks: from Tigers, to Bobcats, to Wolves, to Bears, and finally, WEBELOS. Cubs in each of these levels enjoy stimulating age-appropriate activities; including handicrafts, games, and trips. WEBELOS comprises the last two years of a Cub’s experience, and is designed to prepare boys for membership in a Boy Scout troop. The entire pack gets together for trips, Cub Family Camping twice a year, and events like the Pinewood Derby.

Pack 73 meets once a month at St. James School. The dens meet individually at least once a month. The Cubmaster is Rick Locke. More

information is available on the Pack’s website, www.scoutsonline.com/pack73/.

Troop 73 is a highly active Boy Scout troop which meets at Chisholm Recreation Center. Boy Scouts range in age from eleven to eighteen. Much of the program consists of outdoor activities (“The greatest part of ‘Scouting’ is ‘outing’.”), but boys are also taught to serve the community and to develop strong and honorable character traits. Scouts progress through a system of ranks—learning outdoor skills, performing service, and exhibiting quality citizenship. Most of the more advanced Scouts pursue higher ranks that require them to earn a variety of merit badges. The highest Scout rank is Eagle, typically earned by only four percent of all registered Scouts. Troop 73 has produced a steady string of Eagle Scouts throughout the years. Additionally, several Scouts from our troop belong to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s national honor society, and several have been trained at National Youth Leadership Training Seminars.

Troop 73 meets at 7:30 on the second through

final Mondays of each month from September through June. Visitors are welcome. The troop goes on at least one trip per month during this period. Some of these trips in the recent past have been: Canoe camping in the Pine Barrens, wilderness survival weekend, backpacking at Harriman State Park, winter cabin camping, a ski trip, summer camp at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, and participation in the NJ State Police Camporee. In the 2008-09 year, the troop is planning to spend the night on the Battleship New Jersey in the spring, along with many other fun events. Aside from camping, Troop 73 engages in several service activities each year. The latest was helping the Springfield First Aid Squad with their annual car wash.

Springfield Troop 73 has a full staff of well-trained and involved adult volunteer leaders. The Scoutmaster is Jim Kukucka.

For more information, please contact Assistant Scoutmaster Chris Sturm at thesturms1@verizon.net.



Twelve Scouts and six leaders from Troop 73 enjoyed summer camp this July at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation in Stanhope.

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HOPE SPRINGS ANEW FROM SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E.

New Charity Outreach Program Created to Assist Township Families in Need Year-Round



(above l-r) Pat Paoletta, Scott Seidel Co-Chairs Springfield Chamber; Mayor Bart Fraenkel; John Cottage, Treasurer Springfield Chamber and Tom Ernst, Firefighter.

DONATION GOES TO H.O.P.E.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel presented a check for \$331.00 to Springfield H.O.P.E. The money was raised on July 4 at the Township's Fourth of July Celebration. The Take Pride in Springfield Committee rented the dunk tank, and residents got a chance to dunk the Mayor!! Although everyone got a little wet from the rain that evening, Mayor Fraenkel spent several hours totally drenched. Committeeman Ziad Shehady tried to stay dry while collecting the receipts. Over a hundred people took turns for the chance to send the Mayor into the drink!! But they had to be careful as he was armed with a super soaker and could shoot back!!! Springfield H.O.P.E is a local non profit devoted to helping Springfield Residents in need.

The good will of the holiday season has given birth to a new nonprofit charity outreach program intended to provide assistance to needy families in Springfield throughout the year.

Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just get by throughout the year, not only during the holiday season.

The organization is the brainchild of Tom Ernst, career Springfield firefighter and coordinator of the Springfield Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Ernst formed the not-for-profit corporation as a result of his experiences with Toys for Tots and as a firefighter.

“People want to make donations all year long, not just at the holidays,” Ernst said. “And they want to give not only toys, but donations of money and other goods, as well.”

Ernst is in a unique position to hear directly from those in need. With his job at the Fire Department, he is the first person visitors meet at the front door. He also is in close contact with local clergy.

Last year Ernst noted that the home of a Springfield family was completely destroyed by fire and literally had only the clothes on their back. There was an outpouring of support from the community, but it reached the point that donations of clothes, toys and other goods became too much.

“You don't need 20 coats to get by, but you could use help with food, books and other

necessities,” Ernst said.

The firefighter realized it would be great to have an entity to accept cash donations for cases like this and turned to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for help. The Chamber quickly jumped on board and donated \$500 to help form a corporation.

Scott Seidel, Springfield Chamber co-chair, worked to establish a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation consisting of four trustees: Ernst, Seidel, Chamber of Commerce co-chair Pat Paoletta of Kearny Federal Savings Bank and Chamber Treasurer John Cottage. All four individuals will donate their time to run Springfield H.O.P.E.

Seidel stated that they have just received their 501(C)3 Tax Exempt Status from the Internal Revenue Service and Springfield H.O.P.E. is now officially a non profit corporation.

Beyond filing fees, all proceeds of Springfield H.O.P.E. will directly benefit needy families and individuals in the township. According to Cottage, donations will be in the form of gift cards to local establishments, food stores, clothing stores, etc., to avoid abuse of the system.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by contacting Tom Ernst at 973-912-2211 or mailing a check to Springfield H.O.P.E., 200 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081. Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E. may contact Tom Ernst at the above number. All requests for donations will be kept strictly confidential.



(above, left, middle, right) Mayor Bart Fraenkel sprays youngster with a super soaker, who fires back a base ball with a direct hit to the bull's eye and gets

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MACK CAMERA PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

In celebration of National Photo Month in May, Mack Camera Service, in conjunction with Jonathan Dayton High School, held a Photo Contest. Photos were judged on originality, composition and artistic ability. Mack Camera will be awarding the prizes this month. Please stop in to view the winning photos as well as the other creative entries. Mack Camera is pleased to announce the winners:



1st Place: #29 Kylie Karp



2nd Place: #31 Jacqueline Kuczynsk



3rd Place: #10 Klyle Chalkin



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPRINGFIELD YMCA

Things never slow down at the YMCA here in Springfield. They are already gearing up for a fantastic fall. From free one on one coaching for members to programs for the whole family, there is never a dull moment at the Y.

At the YMCA your little ones don't need to sit on the sidelines! They are keeping those kids in mind with a Rookies Soccer program created for children 3 to 6 and Kickball for 4 and 5. Fall Rookies T-Ball for ages 5 to 7 is a perfect fit for the Derek Jeter in your life. Back by popular demand is Youth Tennis which is offered for children from 3 to 11 with varying levels of difficulty.

As always, the YMCA's much loved Dance Classes will be available as well as sewing, cooking and art. For a parent/child bonding and a socializing experience, check out Music for Me and Creation Station.

Don't let a computer be your kids' best friend! Instead have them come to the YMCA to join in a friendly game of Dodgeball (ages 9 to 12) or Girls Volleyball (ages 11 to 13).

A Fun in Training (F.I.T.) program is a sure fire way for 9 to 11 year olds to stay healthy and get fit with the help of their own trainer.

Have a Bruce Lee on your hands? Try Beginner Aikido (7-11) and Karate (4-10) both taught by Masters of the art.

Twelve year olds no longer have to wait to get into the fitness center thanks to an Introduction to Circuit Training class. Once 13, teens can be trained to use the weight room and cardio room as well as take part in the Y's new Teen Exercise Classes. For teens looking for a voice in what

the YMCA offers, inquire about teen focus groups which will be forming this fall. YMCA adult members needn't be left out of the fun. Members can enjoy a variety of classes with their membership such as Cardio Kickboxing, Yoga, Pilates, Indoor Cycling and Beginner Tai Chi. Such specialty classes as Belly Dancing and Aikido are offered at an additional fee. The Y offers exercise classes for all ages and levels.

Registration begins for the fall session on August 11th for family members and August 12th for youth and non-members. Classes begin the week of September 8th and run for 10 weeks until November 16th.

For information on membership or any of their programs, please call the YMCA directly at 973-467-0838.

INVESTOR SAVINGS BANK DONATED \$5,000 TO YMCA IN SUPPORT OF THEIR STRONG KIDS CAMPAIGN.

Through the support raised by the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, the YMCA reaches out to children and families throughout the community to provide opportunities that they might never otherwise have. Donations help provide the funds needed to make these programs available, providing the recreational, learning and life-enhancing experiences that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.



(l-r) Lucinda Mercer, VP, Financial Development YMCA; Liza Coswell, VP, Investors Savings; Roza Nedelkova, VP, Investors Savings; Andrew Bobbitt, Interim CEO, YMCA and Kevin Cumming, President, Investors Savings

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Here are some of the services and programs we offer to our patrons:

- Free tax advice for seniors during tax season
- Reciprocal borrowing so that cardholders in Springfield can withdraw books from most libraries in either Middlesex or Union counties
- Notary • Fax service • Copiers • Typewriter and Microsoft Office on all Internet computers



SUMMER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAYS
JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 30
Full day Saturday hours resume on September 6th. Sunday hours resume on October 5th.
Note: Library closed Saturday, Aug. 30; Sunday, Aug. 31 and Labor Day Monday, Sept.

ADULT PROGRAMS

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitated by Bobby Fewell,
Monday, August 4th, 7:00 p.m.

LECTURE - REMEMBER THE TWIN TOWERS

By Angus Kress Gillespie, PhD,
Monday, August 4th, 7:00 p.m.

LUNCHTIME VIDEO – STRIKE UP THE BAND

Tuesday, August 5th, 12:00 noon

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

– RIDING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES,
Thursday, August 7th,
12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

KNIT WITS KNITTING GROUP

Monday, August 11th, 10:00 a.m.

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

Thursday, August 14th, 10:15 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – THE BAND’S VISIT

Thursday, August 14th,
12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

HANDS-ON COMPUTER DATABASE TRAINING

– HOW TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF
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Saturday, August 16th, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

LUNCHTIME VIDEO – BABES ON BROADWAY,

Tuesday, August 19th, 12:00 noon

KNIT WITS KNITTING GROUP,

Monday, August 25th, 10:00 a.m

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

Thursday, August 28th, 10:15 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

September 12th, 13th & 14th.
Donate books for the book sale!
Donations accepted starting
Monday, August 25th.



YOUTH SERVICES

All August programs end Aug. 23.

MGG - MOTHER GOOSE GROUP

Most Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am
Babies & Toddlers up to 3 1/2 years with their caregivers. We listen to storybooks and sing and dance! (Older kids welcome!)

PRESCHOOL STORYCRAFT

Fridays, 10:30 am
Recommended for ages 3 1/2 and up. Simple craft. Children should be able to listen to a series of stories.

TALES FOR TAILS

(Read-to-the-dogs) is in full swing! Be sure to Register for August 5th or 14th!
These are certified dogs and trainers from St. Hubert’s Giralda. Students ages 6-12 register for a 15 minute slot to read to a therapy dog. The purpose of the program is 1) fun and 2) to enable a shy student to get practice reading aloud in front of an audience.

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CAMPFIRE STORIES

Most Mondays, 7:00 pm
We’ll hear Fairy Tales, Folktales, Spooky Stories and more! Snacks are served.
Drop-in, all ages.

WEDNESDAY MOVIES:

Kids Movies show time 10:30 am
The Last Mimzy - August 6
Arctic Tale – August 13
Are We Done Yet? – August 20

Teen Movies show time 4 pm
National Treasure - August 6
Men in Black - August 13
Golden Compass – August 20

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS!

It’s not too late to see your required summer movies!
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INTRODUCTION TO GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Jim Coyle,
President

Allow me to introduce you to the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, the largest chamber in the New York Metro Area. I think you'll be very interested in the kinds of benefits others have obtained for their businesses.

Companies that join the Chamber cite 2 major benefits:

- 1) Customer acquisition – especially valuable to companies who want to grow, who want to make sure they are getting their fair share, or more than their fair share of opportunity.
- 2) Cost reduction – for companies who want to confirm they are shopping effectively.

Most companies are looking for more business. We have chamber members, who made a commitment to participate, and are now enjoying greater visibility, personal introductions to other members, and 50% or greater increases in sales.

We have a series of panels and committees for special business interests, manufacturing, shipping, etc., which help businesses meet and/or solve common challenges, including sales, marketing, strategy, etc. We have a series of Affinity Programs that give the lowest cost to Chamber members, in areas including telecom, office supplies, conference calls, and car rentals.

Most members have found that the savings are in excess of their membership dues, which really makes our Chamber valuable to them.

In addition to the cost-savings initiatives, we hold approximately 175 events throughout the year.

Springfield is one of our thirteen local chambers and networking groups and all have very full calendars from the Taste of Kenilworth to the Central Jersey Art in the Park to Linden's Annual Awards Dinner. The events range from very big, like Springfield's Annual Dinner to the very intimate like our introductory New Member Breakfasts.


In addition, Gateway itself hosts and sponsors events throughout the year like our Annual Business-to-Business Expo in October to the Annual Mayor's Dinner in March to the Annual Golf outing in May.

Ultimately, by providing our members with significant, tangible benefits while concurrently offering them both large and small venues for networking and relationship building, the Gateway Chamber has been able to consistently offer business owners much, much more than your average chamber. If you're interested in further details, please don't hesitate in calling the Chamber office at 908-352-0900.

All the best,
Jim Coyle, President
Gateway Chamber of Commerce

- The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York Metropolitan Area with about 1,800 members. We hold approximately 150 events per year from large 600-person dinners to small 10-person breakfasts, and everything in between, with a great emphasis on networking and business promotion.
- The Gateway Chamber has a long history dating back to 1911 when it was founded as the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce by John D. Rockefeller and other New Jersey industrialists.
- Today, the Gateway Chamber serves as the umbrella organization for 13 regional and local chambers and networking groups including:
 - Union County Chamber of Commerce
 - Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce
 - Route 22 Chamber of Commerce
 - Springfield Chamber of Commerce
 - Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce
 - Roselle Park Chamber of Commerce
 - Clark Chamber of Commerce
 - Linden Chamber of Commerce
 - Somerset Hills Business Network
 - Networking Professionals of New Jersey
 - Gateway Association of Business Women
 - Gateway After Hours
 - Irish Business Association
- When you join the Gateway Chamber you automatically become a member of all thirteen sub-groups at no additional cost.

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Police Chief's Column

Chief William Chisholm

As a service to the community, the police department would like to make the residents aware of some issues that arise throughout the year.

GARAGE SALES

Many residents wishing to dispose of property through garage sales do not realize that the township has specific ordinances governing the running of the garage sales. (Township Ordinance 4-13 et seq.) Residents must obtain a permit from the township to hold the garage sale and are limited in the number of times they may be held during the year and the duration of the sale. All persons are prohibited from erecting signs other than those signs provided by the township. Signs are not to be posted upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb or curbstone, flagstone or any other portion or part of any public way or public place, or any lamppost, electric light, telegraph, telephone or trolley line pole etc. (Township Ordinance 3.2 et. seq.)

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Pedestrians are reminded for their own safety to obey the motor vehicle laws governing pedestrians on roadways. Pedestrians should use designated crosswalks to cross a street where provided, or at unmarked crosswalks at intersections, at right angles to the roadway where not otherwise prohibited. Common sense should dictate to the pedestrian that even though they have the right of way at certain crossings under certain conditions, they should exert the utmost caution to observe motor vehicles and yield to them to avoid being struck. Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where there are no sidewalks provided or paths provided for pedestrian use, pedestrians shall where practical, walk only on the extreme left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing approaching traffic. This applies to people who exercise by walking, jogging or running on roadways.

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Laws: 39:4.33; 39:4-43; 39:4-35; 39:4-36;

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

The 25th Annual National Night Out, a unique safety and community event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

On Tuesday night August 5, 2008 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm The Springfield Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be participating in the Americas Night Out campaign.

The event will take place at Meisel field, and will include numerous emergency vehicles from throughout the county, moon-walk, bounce tents, arts & crafts and McGruff Springfield's own Crime dog and maybe a chance of a helicopter landing.

Please contact Corporal John Rowley of the Springfield Police Department for further information at row616@yahoo.com or call 973-921-1775.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Go to www.nationalnightout.org to find out more about the history of NATW and National Night Out.



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