

**NEXT  
CHAMBER  
MEETING**

**December 19th**  
8:30am - 9:30am  
**Jonathan Dayton  
High School  
(Senior Citizens'  
Breakfast)**

**LIGHT THE  
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**Tuesday  
December 9th**  
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## MANY CONTRIBUTE TO VETERAN’S DAY TRIBUTE

On Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 am, students from Springfield Public Schools and St. James the Apostle school joined with the members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 273, American Legion Post 228 and VFW Post 7683 and other community organizations to participate in Springfield’s Veteran’s Day Celebration. This well attended event gave everyone an opportunity to reflect on the courage and bravery that so many proud Americans displayed to ensure our country’s freedoms.

Student council members presented speeches regarding the significance of the day. FMG and Dayton bands performed the Star Spangled Banner and the fifth grade choirs from Caldwell and Sandmeier performed “America”. Guest Speaker Ronald Slate of the JDHS Staff was the guest speaker. He explained that he was not a veteran but a proud son of a Vietnam Veteran, and the proud grandson of a Korean War veteran, both of whom were Navy men. Slate asked the crowd to stop and think for a moment about their daily challenges and how much they would be multiplied if not for the courage and bravery of our service people.

Chaplain Warren Sim of Legion Post 228 led an invocation in which he stated “At 11 am on November 11, 1918, 90 years ago today an armatice was signed which ended World War I. We celebrated that occasion at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, in the 11th month of each year from 1918 to 1954. In 1954 the name was changed from Armatice Day to Veteran’s Day to honor all the men and women who ever served in the armed forces of the United States of America.”



(above, l-r) Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard, Sergeant Chuck Gleason, Chief Nick D'Achille, Deputy Director Scott Seidel, Lieutenant Marc Marshall.



(above) High School band trumpeters.



(above, l-r) Richard Shippman and Warren Sim.

Color photos can be seen, downloaded and prints can be purchased at [picasaweb.google.com/joerenna1](http://picasaweb.google.com/joerenna1)



(above, l-r) Veterans Zack Roberts, William Smith, Warren Sim, Veteran and former Mayor Greg Clarke.

## BANNERS REVEALED AT INVESTORS SAVINGS EVENT

Springfield Chamber of Commerce President Scott Seidel announced the start of the Chamber Banner program at a “Meet and Greet” event hosted by the Chamber and Investors Savings Bank. Details of the event and additional photos can be found on page 11.



(above, l-r) Scott Seidel, Chamber Co-Chair, John Cottage Chamber Treasurer and Elliot Merkin Chamber Secretary.

## ROTARY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

The Rotary Club of Springfield recently celebrated its 60th Anniversary at a reception held at TD Bank. During that event, the Rotary presented the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow Award to Township resident Elizabeth Fritzen in recognition of her many years of volunteer service to the Springfield First Aid Squad.



(above) l-r) John Cottage, Rotary President Rosalinda Perez, Elizabeth Fritzen, Assemblyman John Bramnick, Rotary Secretary Steven Friedman.

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Message from the Mayor



As 2008 comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Faigenbaum, Beth Manes, Ziad Shehady and Steven Grau, my fellow members of the township committee, for their hard work and dedication in serving our community this year. I have been on the township committee for a little over 2 years, and I can say without any hesitation that this year’s committee worked more cohesively then any of the previous committees on which I was a member.

The configuration of the committee will change in 2009, as Hugh Keffer will be replacing Steven Grau. I don’t expect the governing body to lose a step during this transition and I am sure Hugh will bring a valuable perspective to our meetings. I would like to acknowledge Steven Grau’s dedication and contributions to the town and the committee. Thank you, Steve, for all your hard work.

Our recreation department continues to thrive with increased participation in all programs including the youth, adult and senior groups. Our Minute Men youth football programs were very successful this year, and we look forward to the same success with the Minute Men and Netties basketball programs this winter. It is a testament to the dedication of our children and their coaches as we see the continued improvement being made each year. In addition, Mike Tennaro and his staff should be commended for all they have done to insure our programs run smoothly.

It was my pleasure and honor to judge the first annual Girl Scout Bake Off, on Sunday November 16th, in which there were 24 delicious entries. It was a tough job but somebody had to do it. Congratulations to all who participated and please call on me to judge again next year.

I can’t say enough about The Patriot, our town’s newspaper, which provides a source for our residents to read about what’s happening in Springfield each month. The township, in conjunction with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce has worked hard to make this paper a success, with a special thanks to Scott Seidel and John Cottage. I understand there are still some homes or businesses that are not receiving a copy in the mail. Since the township is providing addressed copies for every address in Springfield, I suggest that if anyone you know hasn’t had a copy delivered to them they should contact the Springfield Post Master, at 973-564-6184 to find out why.

In closing, I would like to remember two people who passed away this year, our friends and colleagues, Marie Sedlak, our CFO, and Bobby McGuire, from the Recreation Department. They will be missed.

I have enjoyed my year as mayor and welcome the opportunity to continue representing the residents of Springfield in 2009 as a township committee member.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

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.,  
Municipal Building

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.  
December 22

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

December 11, 27

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

December 17-18

GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

12/9 NETWORKING

OUTSIDE THE BOX

6:00pm Stone House at Stirling Ridge,  
50 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ

12/10 KENILWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

8:30am My Cuban Rose,  
625 N. Michigan Ave., Kenilworth, NJ

12/11 LINDEN CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

5:30pm La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ

12/12 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30am Township of Union, City Hall  
1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ

12/16 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING EVENT

6:00pm Molly Maguire’s,  
1085 Central Avenue, Clark, NJ

12/17 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING

8:30am Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
36 Valley Road, Clark, NJ

12/18 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

11:45am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ

12/19 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00am Lana's Fine Dining at Hyatt Hills,  
1300 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ

12/19 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING

8:30am Springfield High School  
Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ

12/19 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

8:00am Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 202  
(I-287, Exit 30B), Basking Ridge, NJ

## KEEPING UP WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The response to the Springfield Patriot has been truly amazing!!!! Each month we are overwhelmed with content!! While we receive many terrific articles, were we to print them all (and we'd love to be able to) the paper would be well over 20 pages!! With our split of advertising and articles, we really only have about 6 pages to accommodate all the news.

The Chamber's "Welcome to Springfield" Banner program has begun, and with over 45 sold to date, we are sure you've seen the new banners going up all over Town.

If you are interested in obtaining a banner for your business or organization, please contact the Chamber at [banner@springfieldpatriot.com](mailto:banner@springfieldpatriot.com).

At \$240 each (\$200 for Chamber members) they are truly a bargain. The anticipated useful life of these banners is at least 3 years. Please keep the news coming and continue to patronize our advertisers.

*Scott Seidel, Patrick Paoletta*  
Co-Chairs  
Springfield Chamber of Commerce



## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION

Springfield Recreation Department registrations are held at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall Monday through Friday 8am- 4pm or Mail registrations.

For information call (973) 912-2226 or Email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 13, from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Parents enjoy a few hours off while your children enjoy a few hours of fun! Kids night out is held at the Chisholm Community Center. Kids will play sports and games, watch movies, make crafts, and more! Children age 3 (toilet trained) to grade 5 are welcome to attend. Cost per child is \$7.00. Parents must provide a snack and drink for their child.

### 1st GRADE BASKETBALL CLINIC

This is an 8-week clinic for boys and girls that are in first grade in Springfield. Clinics are held on Saturdays at the Chisholm Community Center beginning January 10 and ending February 28. There is a \$30 registration fee payable to the Township of Springfield at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. For more information regarding this program call (973) 912-2226 or email [springfieldrecreation@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldrecreation@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is December 12, 2008.

Registration Fee \$30

### GIRLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Register by January 16, 2009

Registration Fee \$65

**Jonathan Dayton sports schedule can be viewed on [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net)**

*Scores are posted each Monday morning from the previous week of all sporting events.*

*Happy Holidays!*

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The Holiday season is in full swing and Springfield H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Endure) is asking the community to help their neighbors in need. Monetary donations and non-perishable food and can be dropped off at the firehouse or arrangements can be made to pick them up. For further information, or if you know of a family that needs assistance, please contact Firefighter Tom Ernst 973-912-2211.

## JERSEY CARES 13th ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The goal of the 13th Annual Jersey Cares Coat Drive is to collect and distribute 20,000 “gently used” winter coats to at-risk men, women, children and infants. This year we have invited our local organizations and businesses to join forces with. The drive ends on Friday December 12th, 2008; then the coats will be brought to Jersey Cares for distribution to nonprofit agencies who service those in need. Please join us in this endeavor, by dropping off your “gently used” winter coats.

You can drop your coats at all Springfield schools, the Library, YMCA and businesses throughout the community. For more information call 973.376.4485.

## ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... DECEMBER 11th AT THE SPRINGFIELD YMCA

The Moms club of Springfield/Mountainside, a non-profit support group, will host a Holiday Boutique sale on Thursday, December 11th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Springfield YMCA, 100 South Springfield Avenue. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Springfield Public Library and the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Bags, jewelry, accessories, clothes, toys, food, etc. ... gifts galore for you and your loved ones! And don’t miss a chance to win goodies galore at our silent basket auction. For information call 973-467-0354.



## Police Chief's Column Chief William Chisholm

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the police department urges shoppers to use common sense while shopping. Please guard your credit card information if you use one in a store. Request any carbon copies if they are produced and destroy them. If you shop on-line use secure websites. Do not display large sums of cash while making purchases. If you use an ATM please be aware of any person waiting near you and safeguard your pin number.

Do not leave packages in open view in your vehicles. Place them in the trunk! If shopping at night, park in a well lighted area. If you feel that someone is watching or following you go to an area with other people or enter a store.

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

With the approach of winter, the police department would like to remind residents and property owners of their responsibility to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks that abut their property. For many people this is a tedious task, but it is one that is necessary to ensure safe passage for persons utilizing

the sidewalks. Yes, it is frustrating to remove the snow from the sidewalk to see it plowed back in by a truck clearing the streets, but again it is the owner or tenant’s responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear. Please don’t throw or blow the snow into the streets. If you use a plowing service make sure they do not plow the snow from your property into or across a street.

Township ordinance (19-8.1) states that within 24 hours of the cessation of a fall or formation of snow, ice or hail, the owner or tenant remove same from the sidewalk abutting the street.

The cleared portion of the sidewalk shall not be less than 24 inches wide.

Ice which is frozen to the sidewalk shall be removed or covered with sand, ashes or other chemical which would prevent slipping.

For those residents who may be away from their homes for a period of time it would a good idea to arrange to have your property maintained by someone during this time frame. If you have any elderly neighbors think about assisting them. A little help would go a long way in making their lives easier. If you are shoveling yourself, use common sense. Take breaks and do not over exert!

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Winter is rapidly approaching and in its own way is a beautiful time of year. However, winter also brings with it special hazards when precipitation occurs. Snow and ice are the winter seasons negatives when seen through the eyes of Public Works Departments across the state. We in the Springfield Public Works Department work diligently to keep our roadways open and safe for all of our residents. However, as in most of our endeavors, help from our residents is needed and appreciated. Please follow the directions listed below to ensure that driving this winter will be as worry free and safe as possible.

Parked cars must be removed from roadways until the roads are cleared. Illegally parked cars are subject to ticketing or towing, ord. #98-20.

Blowing, shoveling, plowing or placing snow

in the streets by any means creates hazardous conditions and is illegal, ord. #98-20. Residents are responsible for the actions of their snow removal contractors.

The plowing of Township streets is performed on a priority basis in accordance with traffic and safety requirements. Please do not call the Public Works Department with requests for plowing. We cannot deviate from our schedule. If you have an emergency please call the proper authority, (Police, Fire, 911) and emergency plowing will be performed at their direction.

Sidewalks must be cleared within 18 hours of daylight after a snowfall, ord. #98-20.

Adhering to these few simple rules will ensure a safe and happy winter season for everyone.

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– Proverb

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## Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

### ALL CHIMNEYS DON'T BURN WOOD

As we find ourselves coming into another heating season, homeowners should think about the proper service of their heating systems. While there are many ways to heat your home, there is one common element to virtually all heating systems – a chimney, flue or vent system. The chimney is an area of your home that goes unnoticed until there is a problem.

The first question many homeowners have is “How often should a chimney be inspected and swept?” There is no exact answer because there are different factors that need to be considered, such as what the chimney is used for and its frequency of use. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 211 says, “Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary.”

Homeowners commonly think that if they don't have a wood burning fireplace, that the chimney doesn't need sweeping or inspection. In reality, oil and gas fired appliances, especially high efficiency models, can leave high levels of condensation and acidic moisture in the flue, which can produce corrosive deposits and deterioration of the clay liner and brick work. Flues should be inspected to ensure that the flue gases, including carbon

monoxide, are vented properly up the chimney and are not coming back into the house. Flue cracks can allow a cozy wood burning fireplace to become a chimney fire without warning. How would you know if you have a chimney fire? As the fire burns, it draws air up the chimney and sounds like a jet engine. If that happens, get out and call the fire department immediately.

How does a homeowner avoid being scammed by people claiming to be chimney sweeps? Scam artists use high pressure, aggressive sales tactics. These questionable contractors usually prey upon senior citizens and people living alone because they would rather deal with a lone decision maker who may be frightened by a potentially dangerous situation that “must be corrected immediately”. They may also offer “special prices” that cannot be passed up because of huge savings.

If faced with a costly repair estimate, don't take one person's word for it. No reputable contractor should object to your getting a second opinion and obtaining several estimates. Before you let someone do any work, ask for a business card and references. Chimney contractors are required to have a home improvement license through NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. A building permit will be required if the proposed work exceeds a minor repair. The key to a safe chimney is to be informed. Please contact the Fire Department with any questions.

Show your town spirit  
and join together as we

## Light the Town Hall Tree

Sing holiday songs,  
and welcome Santa Claus!

**Tuesday, December 9**  
6 pm

### Town Hall Lawn

Everyone is welcome to the First Aid Squad  
immediately following the celebration.

Sponsored by FMBA Local 57.

**Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider,  
and Doughnuts will be served.**



Collection box will be at the tree lighting.  
You may drop off any new, unwrapped toys.

In case of inclement weather,  
the Holiday Lighting  
will take place on

Wednesday, December 10 at 6 pm.

Please call (973) 912- 2228  
after 4pm on December 9  
if weather is questionable.

For questions regarding this event  
please call:

Springfield Recreation (973) 912- 2226.

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

On November 10th, colleagues, friends and family gathered to celebrate the promotions of Frank Fiorelli and James Anagnos from Firefighter to Captain. Captain Fiorelli and Captain Anagnos were sworn in at the Township Committee meeting which was, coincidentally, held that evening at Fire Headquarters. With the promotions, the Springfield Fire Department once again has a full roster of Captains.

(right, l-r) Captain Carlo Palumbo,  
Captain James Anagnos,  
Fire Chief James Sanford,  
Captain Frank Fiorelli  
and Captain Charles Colline.



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# HARVARD RESPONDS TO STUDENT WRITERS

English teacher Jennifer Kuzmerski’s ninth grade students collectively arrived at an epiphany recently as they completed an authentic writing task for their teacher: Make the time to write thoughtfully and clearly while keeping audience in mind and you might anticipate a prompt and sincere response from a person of influence. They got just that, in the form of a candid and detailed letter from a Harvard dean, who conceded that he had found himself struggling academically at their age, but ultimately prevailed.

“I know from experience that the ninth grade can be extremely challenging,” wrote Dr. William Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions and financial aid for Harvard College. “Without going into unnecessary detail, I can tell you that my own ninth grade experience was not particularly successful.”

In his letter, Dr. Fitzsimmons responded to the students’ concerns and interests in standardized testing; the dean serves on a standardized testing committee.

Prior to setting her students to task on the letter, Mrs. Kuzmerski had pounced on a recent New York Times article about the role that standardized testing plays in college admissions practices. The students first critically read and examined the article; then formed an opinion on the matter; then drafted, shared and critiqued one another’s work; and finally, Mrs. Kuzmerski shipped everything off to the dean. They heard back within a week or two.

“I am delighted and honored that you and your students have become so much involved and interested in the issue of standardized testing as a result of our Commission’s work,” Dr. Fitzsimmons wrote. “I can’t tell you how impressed I am with their letters. Clearly, you and your students have a clear and nuanced view about the central issues surrounding standardized testing.”

## DEC 5 PERFORMANCES TO BENEFIT WALTON PLAYGROUND FUND

Kenny Woods, the 2007 Los Angeles Music Award Winner for Best Children’s Music, is coming to Springfield on Friday, December 5 to perform two shows at 5:30 and 7:00 PM, at the Edward V. Walton School. Tickets are \$10 per child, adults are free. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Autoland on Route 22 in Springfield, all proceeds will directly benefit the Edward V. Walton School Playground Fund.

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# STUDENT PLAYWRIGHTS BRING STAGE TO CLASSROOM

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School teacher, Ms. Stephanie Shack, pictured here with some of her 7th Grade Communication Arts students, is in the business of building thespians. Besides her work with the school play, Wonka, which premieres December 12th at the JDHS auditorium, Ms. Shack recently coached her

students through the process of planning, writing and acting out original skits. Ms. Shack’s students, including the previously shy, flourished in the front of the room to their teacher’s delight as they acted out pages of dialogue that they had previously drafted together in small theatrical groups.



# SEVENTH GRADE CIVICS PROJECT GARNISHES VISIT FROM INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Ms. Sara Milochik, a 7th grade Social Studies teacher at the FMG Middle School, engaged her students last year in “Project Citizen” which is a project to get students to understand the process of identifying a common issue and getting legislation passed by the government. Although four classes took part in the project, only one class was chosen to enter the competition last spring. This class entered their 400 page portfolio and presented their case before a panel of judges at the NJ Center for Civic and Law-Related Education at Rutgers University. The FMG team came away with the two top honors with their portfolio and presentation. Never before has one school been awarded both honors and never had middle school students received these awards.

Through Rutgers University, the students were again honored when a group of

international dignitaries visited FMG to meet, listen, and question the students on their portfolio. The dignitaries from Serbia and Senegal included: Radmila Dudic, Program Coordinator, Miljenko Dereta, Director of Citizen’s Association for Democracy and Civic Education, Milka Mihaailovic, Civic Education Specialist, Belgrade University, Vukasin Pavlovic, Faculty, Belgrade University, Eleanora Vlahovic, Institute for Education Development, Boubacar Tall, Director of Project Citizen at the Senegal Ministry of Education, Abdou Sow, Dean of University Cheik Anta Diop de Dakar and Baracar Fall, Chief du Departement d’histoire et de Geographie, UCAD.

Ms. Milochick then had the dignitaries observe her new 7th grade Civics classes engaged in starting their “Project Citizen”.







## HOLY CROSS WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Pastor J. David Knecht was recently welcomed as the new Senior Pastor of Holy Cross Church at 639 Mountain Ave, in Springfield, NJ. The ongoing efforts from the Search Committee resulted in a great match for Holy Cross. Pastor Knecht brings solid experience and great knowledge to the congregation. He is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry program in the area of Missions, and holds a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at

Philadelphia. While serving as a missionary and pastor in Taiwan, he met his wife Yu-Mei, and they now reside in Springfield with their young son and daughter.

Pastor Knecht's ministry is characterized by challenging the congregations he has served to reach out, and for individuals to deepen their own discipleship relationships. He says, "I was attracted to Holy Cross because of the faith commitment of its leaders, its great children's programs, the warm welcome I received, and the congregation's desire and priority of continuing their dynamic worship of its Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Some of Pastor's current goals

are to encourage spiritual growth through his sermons and teaching, to assess current strengths and areas of growth in the church, to connect people's talents with various opportunities, and to make personal connections stronger through home fellowship groups. Pastor mentioned that, "The Holy Cross website has more about our various ministries, and we recently posted a sermon series on Discipleship at [www.holycrossnj.org](http://www.holycrossnj.org)."

For more information about Holy Cross, please call 973-379-4525. Holy Cross worships each Sunday at 10:00 AM, and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

JBQ Printing and The Arc of Union County are neighbors separated only by two parking lots and a strip of tall evergreen trees. For more years than anyone can remember, the previous tenants of the same building, Ace Printing Company, Inc. had a positive and long standing relationship providing a substantial amount of The Arc's printing. Fortunately for The Arc, although Ace Printing is no longer, the new JBQ Printing neighbors offer the same services and much, much more.

Recently JBQ Printing President Bruce Konecky asked his team if anyone knew of 3 people who might be able to come directly to the print shop to help complete a customer's fulfillment job. Having tried many times before, historically JBQ has attempted to hire temporary help through employment agencies only to find that being a half mile from the nearest bus stop severely affected the print shops ability to find and keep potential workers.

Within a moment of Bruce asking the initial question, staff member Catherine Kurtzo picked up the phone and called The Arc asking for assistance. By the next day, 3 adults with developmental disabilities and their Arc on-site supervisor were in the shop as the temporary work force. Within the allotted time, the project was successfully completed by The Arc's Supported Employment crew.

JBQ Printing staff member Michael Marantz and former owner of Ace Printing stated that they have found over time that the partnership between The Arc's Vocational Program for adults with developmental disabilities and the printing company has been quite positive with the workers being dependable and reliable. Previously work for the printing company has been delivered down the street to The Arc's

Vocational Services building and once completed the job was then transported back to the print house.

For on-site work, a big advantage of hiring individuals through The Arc Supported Employment program is that the workers are transported to the site, supervised the entire time by Arc staff and picked up by an Arc van. Marantz emphasized, "Especially with on-site work a JBQ supervisor initially stands along side The Arc supervisor to help assure that every step of the project is done flawlessly. Once understood and performed correctly by The Arc workers, throughout the remainder of the project the JBQ supervisor can simply do quality assurance 'spot checks.' For the adults with developmental disabilities, it is a wonderful opportunity to learn additional skills and to work within their local community earning a pay check just like their peers.

For more information on how The Arc might assist with your business, please call:

Linda DiMarco at 973-315-0079



(above, l-r) Arc worker Rosanna Walcheski, Arc supervisor Lilian Gonzalez and JBQ Printing Co. President, Bruce Konecky.



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## SPRINGFIELD’S ECKMANN GIVEN ENGINEER AWARD

The New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers honored one of their Life Members, Leo Eckmann, for his service to the organization. At their annual meeting held as part of the League of Municipalities, Mr Eckmann was presented with the Presidents Distinguished Service Award by C. Richard Roseberry, President of the Society. This award was , not only for the work that he did for the communities that he represented, but for the work he did in revising the Asphalt Handbook for County and Municipal Engineers, edition 2 and 3, but as a judge for the Project of the Year Awards program since 1990. The Asphalt Handbook is currently included in the Site Plan Standards of the N.J. State Land Use Law. Mr. Eckmann has served as Municipal Engineer for various communities , including his hometown of Springfield.

Mr Eckmann is a graduate of Newark College of Engineering, and is a Registered Professional Engineer, Land Surveyor and Certified Municipal Engineer. He has been a resident of Springfield for fifty years. He served on the Springfield Flood Advisory Committee, whose work culminated in the Flood Protection Construction Program of the 1970's. A member of St. James Church, he served on the Parish Council, President of the St James Baseball Little League, and sang with the Church Choir for many years. As an Adjunct Professor in the Rutgers Continuing Education Program, he taught in the Municipal Construction Program for twenty years. In his retirement , he continues to enjoy sailing, square dancing, travel and grandchildren.

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- Sat. 12/29 **Hancock** 2pm

### MOTHER GOOSE GROUP IS ON THE MOVE!

Mother Goose Group....Enhanced...In addition to our regularly scheduled Mother Goose Group, we now have an American Sign Language Interpreter (ASL) for Wed. Dec 10 and Wed. Dec. 17.

MGG is for toddlers, babies and pre-schoolers, with caregiver. Wee listen to storybooks and sing and dance! If you have a deaf friend with children, please invite them to attend! This program is open to all local residents, of any town.

Weds. @ 10:30: Dec. 10 & Dec. 17 & Dec. 24  
Fridays @ 10:30: Dec. 12, Dec. 19 & Dec. 24

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Mondays @ 7pm (not12/29)

### NEW! SCHOOLAGE STORYCRAFT

Grades 1-3 Mondays @ 4-5 pm (not12/29)

### THE 39 CLUES BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 12/2 4:00 pm

### DROP-IN HOLIDAY CRAFT

Saturday Dec 20 @ 11-3

### THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

Wed. Nov 26 @ 1-3

### THE THINKING READER’S BOOK CLUB

Saturday Dec 6 @ 3:45 pm (please read Alanna: The First Adventure by Tamora Pierce)

*Check our online calendar for many more special activities!*

## ADULT PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

- A DRAMATIC READING BY MAGGIE & TOM WORSDALE & JAMES DYNE

December 7, 2:00 pm

### KNIT WITS KNITTING GROUP

December 8, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

### ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL WITH KEN JUKUPKO

December 8, 7 pm

### MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

December 11, 10:15 am

### INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

- THE LIVES OF OTHERS (GERMAN)

December 11, 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

### LUNCHTIME VIDEO

- POCKETFUL OF MIRACLES

December 16, 12 pm

### NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -THE MAN IN THE SHARKSKIN SUIT -LUCETTE LAGNADO

December 17, 7 pm

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP - PROMETHEUS BOUND BY AESCHYLUS

December 18, 10:00 am

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 18, 7:30 pm

### HANUKKAH AD JEWISH MUSIC -MOSHE KATZBURG

December 28, 2:00 P.M



(above) Here she is at a visit to

Congregation Israel. @ ext. 232.

Mrs. Sandford (aka Miss Debbie), the Children’s Librarian, loves to visit pre-school kids to read stories. If you would like to arrange for her to visit your school or group, call her at 973-376-4930

# DON’T LET THE HOLIDAYS WEIGH YOU DOWN!

Forget the hassles of shopping, running around and the headaches...The YMCA is helping Springfield get and stay healthy through this stressful time of year. Take a chance to breathe, meet up with friends and take the time to focus on YOU! Members, new and old, enjoy the cardio room, weight room and the group exercise classes.

In the cold winter months, when you are longing for the tropics, dance the chills away in Zumba, a Latin infused dance class which will have you smiling all day long! In Dance Aerobics, members love to sing, laugh and dance their way to health – it’s a fun class that keeps members coming back year after year!

Relax and slow down with Yoga which is offered 5 times a week. Yoga gives members the opportunity to unite the mind, the body and the spirit. In addition to yoga, the Y offers the ancient art of Tai Chi which uses gentle flowing

movements to reduce the stress of today's busy lifestyles and improve overall health.

If you are an early riser, the YMCA has a class for you – Wake Up Call. Offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6am, this class is a combination of cardio including hi/lo aerobics, step, toning and kickboxing.

There are classes for all levels, both aerobic and toning. Take stability ball class, indoor spin or step -- all classes are open to all members and is included in the membership. Coming in the new year, keep an eye out for ½ hour beginner classes to help Springfield get started!

Start now to gain and maintain control of your life. You can’t take care of others unless you take care of yourself. The YMCA is here to help.

For an updated list of classes and programs, check on line at [summitareaymca.org](http://summitareaymca.org) or call the Springfield YMCA directly at 973-467-0838.

## MACK CAMERA PHOTO SHOW ONE DAY ONLY - MEET THE REPS

Springfield- Mack Camera is excited to offer its annual Photo Show on Sat., Dec. 6th between 9:30-3:30. There will be reps from Tamron, Nikon and Olympus. Learn about the newest models, see all the new cameras and lenses, ask your questions on how to operate your equipment. Also, special show pricing will be available.

In addition, Mack will have their technicians on premise to check your camera for: metering system; focusing, card reader; shutter speeds and dirt in prism. Special value on CCD cleaning Reg. \$70.00 Show Price \$35.00. For more information, call 973-467-2291 x111.



## SPRINGFIELD GIRL SCOUTS HOST BAKEOFF



Nearly 30 Girl Scouts of all ages from throughout the Springfield Community of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey turned out to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on November 16 for a Cookie Bake-Off. The girls, with help from their parents, took their best shot at concocting delicious baked goods which were put to the test by a group of judges. The panel judged each cookie on its originality, presentation, texture and overall taste. Springfield Mayor Bart Fraenkel took time out of his busy schedule to indulge in the treats.

Entries ran the gamut from shortbread to chocolate chip to autumn spice. The second place finisher was 7-layer magic bars while the winning entry was Pilgrim Pumpkin Bars. Everyone was a winner however as each girl came away with a goody bag of baking instruments for the future.

## NEW SCOUTS WELCOMED



(above, l-r) Den leader, Mark, Tiger cubs, Michael, Mathew, Jack, Chris and Zachary.

Tiger Den of the Springfield Cub Scouts Pack 73 Den 1 meets every second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Sara Bailey Civic Center in Springfield at 7pm. All kids are welcomed to join. Information about the Pack can be found at the website [SCOUTSONLINE.COM/PACK73](http://SCOUTSONLINE.COM/PACK73).

## CALL TO JOIN THE GIRL SCOUTS

Junior Girl Scout Troop 40273 visited the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey's Westfield Service Center on November 6th. The girls took a tour, learned about the history of Girl Scouting and earned their Girl Scouting in the USA badge. Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey serves nearly 40,000 girls and adults in 7 counties.

To join a Springfield Girl Scout troop, please contact Heather Sanford, Town Registrar at [Scouts@TeamSanford.net](mailto:Scouts@TeamSanford.net)



## MINUTEMEN "A" TEAM ARE SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS!



The Minutemen defeated Richmond Boro 34-6 on November 23rd. The A team was named National Conference Champions for their Division November 16th when they defeated Summit 32-14. Summit had held this title for the past three years. The boys were welcomed home with a police and fire escort through town.

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As the original gift-animals bear offspring, families pass on to other families animals as valuable as the ones they received. A cow means milk and cheese and a little less loneliness. A goat means being able to survive. A camel means relieve from backbreaking labor and milk for children in times of drought. Please consider giving an animal in honor of someone for the Holidays or a birthday, maybe

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