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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

What a great way to welcome fall with our Annual Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show on Sunday, October 1st. It is a tradition that was started years ago and continues to successfully grow each year. This year's included an "ETSY" Craft market, carnival rides, food, games, horse and buggy rides, and so much more. A special thanks goes out to the Chamber along with Bobby & Gennifer Abraham for all their dedication to make this event so successful.

In addition, Springfield hosted its first Annual Salute to Veterans 5K and Fun Run supporting the NJ Veterans Network. It was a privilege to honor a veteran from each Union County Municipality. This year's Springfield honoree was Petty Officer Second Class Raymond Schramm. For more information, please visit www.Salutetoveterans5k.com or the New Jersey Veterans Network. We look forward to continuing this every year.

On Saturday, October 7 the town is having an expanded recycling drop off from 7:00 am-11:00 am and paper shredding event from 9:00 am -1:00 pm at the Springfield Municipal Pool. While you're there, check out the pool project for demolition work has begun and the committee was informed that it is on schedule.

Also please visit the Farmers Market every Monday thru October 30 at the Springfield Public Library.

Please join us for our annual Halloween Spooktacular on Sunday, October 30 from 12-2 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center. The event will include the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce costume contest, strolling magician, magic show, balloon artist, photo booth, and Municipal Alliance giveaways.

I'm always interested in hearing from you. Please email me at Diane.stampoulos@springfield-nj.us.

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

All Springfield Veterans and residents are invited to the Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am. The ceremony will be held rain or shine at Veterans Park; corner of Mountain and Shunpike Road. The Veterans are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the American Legion is also celebrating the start of their 100th Anniversary.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

On Friday September 22, Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick, and Assemblywoman Munoz visited the Township of Springfield for a review downtown redevelopment efforts with representatives of the Springfield Business Improvement District, Business Administrator, Township Committee, Board of Adjustment, Assistant Engineer, and Jose Gomes and Jacinto Rodrigues, property owners of the "Morris & Center LLC" project. The State permitting processes with the DOT and DEP was discussed and the legislators were asked for their assistance.

Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Networking Event at Sofia's Restaurant in Springfield Tuesday October 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm \$20 per person includes food, wine and plenty of networking.

MIKE SCALERA NAMED CO-CHAIR OF SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



At the September 28th Chamber meeting, Mike Scalera was unanimously voted in as the Chamber Co-Chair, replacing Pat Paoletta who retired from the Chamber two years ago. Mike runs the local State Farm Insurance Agency as well as being involved in Springfield's Downtown Redevelopment. Scott Seidel, Chamber Co-Chair commented, "Mike has been a great asset to the Chamber all along, working closely with us as the Chairman of the Business Improvement District and a member of the Springfield Rotary. Mike will help revitalize the Chamber and work towards adding networking events, increasing membership and our presence on social media.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Township Committee meetings at 7:00 pm in Town Hall
Tuesday October 24 and Monday November 13

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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Business Improvement District

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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A Business/Shopper Marketing At Town Hall Lawn from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

TRUBEAUTY HAIR STUDIO & HAIR LOSS CENTER

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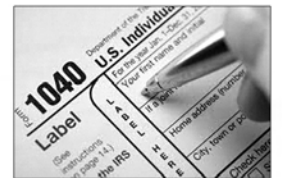
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★ CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ★ ★ MAKE SURE TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7 ★

JEFF ROSENBERG
YOUR INDEPENDENT CHOICE



I'm honored to be a candidate for Township Committee. I'm a 26 year resident of Springfield, volunteering with the Seniors, helping with the shelter during Superstorm Sandy, serving on the Board of Adjustments, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and helping out wherever I can. Currently I teach, am a member of various Boards and I help my wife run our local Century 21 real estate agency (which gives me a venue to fight to keep property values high). Prior to that, I've held senior management positions in the corporate media world with 28 years of experience managing large staffs, and dealing with budgets in excess of \$100 million.

I'm running as an Independent for various reasons. Most importantly, party politics has no place on the local level. We deal with downtown redevelopment, preserving property values, garbage pick-ups, etc. – not immigration, tax reform or foreign policy. With a 5-member Committee, one party's always in control. If I win, there won't be a controlling political party (it's currently 2 to 2, with an open seat). Think about that!

Another reason is frustration with the "stick your head in the sand" attitude. Issues get sidelined. Or if they're reviewed, and the answer is "there's nothing we can do about it", it gets removed from the docket. My style is to pursue alternate avenues and approaches. If something is being done well, let's look for an even better way. If we're told it can't be done – look for a solution or compromise before giving in and NEVER accept, "that's the way we've always done it."

I have posted, in great detail, about 18 separate issues on my FB campaign page (Jeff Rosenberg – Candidate for Township Committee). Please read my entire platform. I've stayed clear of the same old party lines we hear every year. In addition, I'm not asking for any donations, won't be beholden to any party masters and won't litter our town with unsightly signs.

JeffRosenbergC21@gmail.com

GERI ANN BUJNOWSKI
WORKING HARD FOR YOU



I have gained a lot of knowledge in the year that I have been on the Township Committee. I have had the opportunity to intimately examine the operations of the Township – from everything that is purchased in Town Hall to every road that needs to be repaved. I Chair the Finance sub-committee and go through the municipal budget with a fine-tooth comb. This budget was the first time in over a decade where we did not take on new debt and we paid down old debt from past irresponsible politicians.

I have built a reputation around town as a budget hawk to make sure that your tax dollars are used wisely because I understand many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and frankly, none of us can afford the constant tax increases that are making New Jersey a difficult place to live.

I serve as the liaison to the Environmental Commission. Additionally, I am working diligently with flood mitigation issues. I want to ensure we are good stewards of the environment for future generations. I also want the downtown redevelopment project to go forward in earnest. To that end, we are enlisting the aid of our state legislators. I think it's important to invest in our infrastructure, especially when it can help generate revenue like the pool renovation project.

I do this because I see a need and I want to give back to my community. Throughout the years, I Chaired the Caldwell School PTA's, Fall Festival, taught religious education, Chaired the Springfield Improvement Team, and coordinated the Memorial Day celebration and Veterans Day ceremony. It has been my privilege to help organize and improve these events, so that we can properly salute our heroes and honor the fallen.

I have lived with my family in town for 25 years. I have been managing successful businesses for the last 36 years since I was 18 years old. I think my experience and unique perspective sets me apart from the other candidates and makes me eminently qualified to continue serving as a member of the Township Committee. I have accomplished a lot in a short time but there is more work for the team to do, so I am asking you for your vote in November.

geribuj@gmail.com

CHRIS CAPODICE
SMART SOLUTIONS
FOR ALL OF SPRINGFIELD



My name is Chris Capodice, and I am proud to be the Democratic candidate for Springfield Township Committee. An educator, volunteer, and father, I am running to stop wasteful spending and implement smart solutions that work for all of Springfield. As your representative, my top priority will be keeping taxes in check by reducing our energy costs, moving more services online, and investigating shared services that will help us get better service at a lower cost. I will also make sure development downtown works for everyone. A good downtown is the foundation of a community, and I have a vision for Springfield's downtown that will bring together families, business owners, and artists to create a vibrant community center. In addition to transforming the Sarah Bailey Community Center into an arts space that hosts family events and activities, I will also work with business owners to open new stores that will increase ratables and create jobs. Finally, I know that all good leadership starts with listening, so I will bring back public planning meetings and schedule them at times when more people can attend. I will also televise all public meetings and will make sure our township website is always up to date. Our representatives on the Township Committee must have a vision for Springfield's future and a plan for how to make that vision a reality. I have both, and I hope I can count on your support. For more information, please check out my Facebook page, "Chris Capodice 2017" or visit my website www.capodiceforspringfield.com. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to reach out by email at info@capodiceforspringfield.com or call me at (908) 456-3788. —Chris Capodice, Democratic candidate for Township Committee.

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SPRINGFIELD CANDIDATES FORUM OCTOBER 18, 2017 **Sponsored by the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and TAP into Springfield**

The Annual Candidates Forum will take place at the Springfield Town Hall at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The program will be moderated by Dr. Gary Hecht. Three candidates will be competing for one open seat for a three-year term on the Springfield Township Committee. Township Committeewoman Geri Ann Bujnowski is the Republican candidate, Chris Capodice is the Democratic candidate and Jeff Rosenberg is the

Independent Candidate.

Attendees are urged to come with short, non-personal, pertinent questions for all candidates. Questions can be written beforehand or at the meeting, on question forms that will be supplied along with pens. Questions will then, be submitted to the event coordinator. Questions may also be submitted by email to Ellen Dickson at TAP into Springfield at edickson@tapinto.net.

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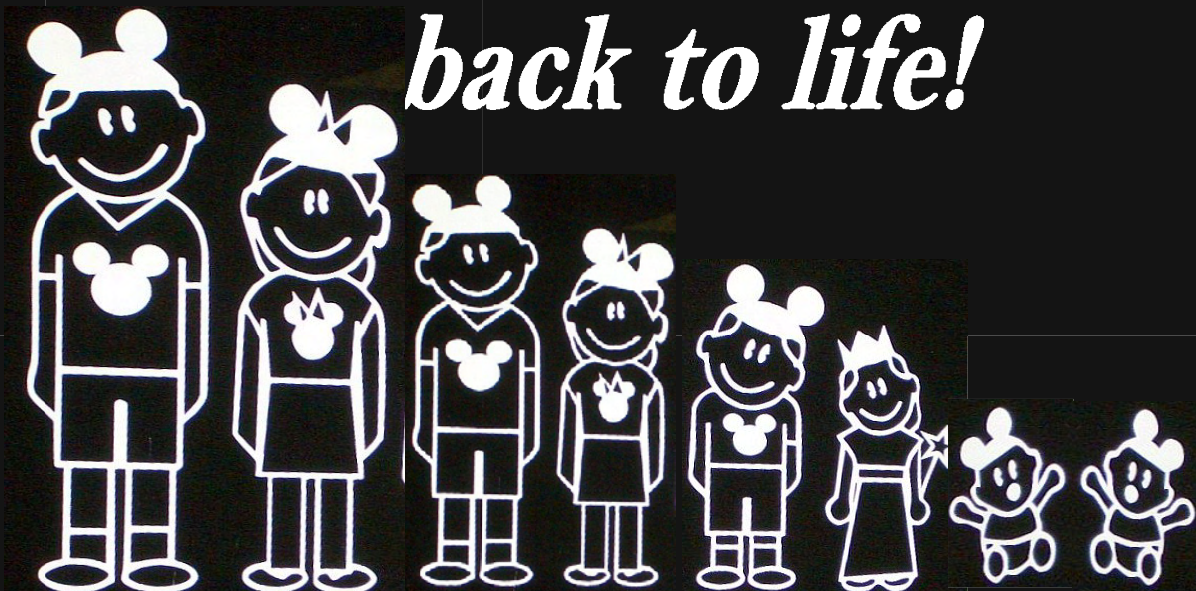
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Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

by Scott Seidel



Adam Seidel (left) and Danny Avidan

During the last week of August, did anyone notice Justin Bieber or Taylor Swift wandering the streets of Springfield? No, well that's ok, because they weren't here, but a singer/comedian who topped the billboard charts above them was! Daniel Avidan, Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1997 graduate, recently had his music rank higher than Bieber, Swift and even Loretta Lynn! Never heard of him? Well read on, but bear in mind his brand of musical comedy may be rated "PG-13" or "R"!

Late in August, in an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times at the Union Plaza Diner, I sat down for dinner with Danny and his longtime friend, fan and supporter, Adam Seidel (yes, my son). While attending a class at Bennington College, Dan produced his first independent comedy video, titled "Dick Danger, Private Eye" and immediately knew he wanted a career in the arts. Graduating college in 2001, Dan had dreams of being a musician, so he moved to Philadelphia and performed in various bands for 8 years but could not find any success. The music business, according to Dan, was in "smoking ruins."

So he turned to comedy, moved to Brooklyn and took classes at the UCB (Upright Citizen Brigade) Theatre. There he met another comedy musician, Brian Wecht--and in 2009 they formed a comedy band called "Ninja Sex Party." You may ask what's a comedy musician--well a good example would be "Weird Al" Yankovic. Dan and Brian self-produced YouTube videos and began to form a tremendous following online. Once their YouTube videos reached a few million hits, they realized they had something and moved to Los Angeles to pursue their comedy/music profession full time.

While in LA they met another internet performer, Arin Hanson, who invited Dan to join his daily online video game show called "Game Grumps." On that show, the two of them play video games while recording jokes and running commentary. It was an instant worldwide hit, and the show now averages 3 million views per day.

As of this writing, Dan has over four million "Game Grumps" Youtube subscribers and over an additional million for "Ninja Sex Party". All in all, his YouTube videos have been viewed over 3.4 BILLION times!

His music is available on iTunes, Spotify (for streaming) and Amazon. Ninja Sex Party's last three albums have topped the charts as the #1 comedy albums in America, and their most recent album reached #9 on the Billboard Top 200, ahead of such stars as Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift and Loretta Lynn.

His latest project is called "Good Game," a scripted comedy show that was produced by Dan Harmon, creator of the popular network TV Shows "Community" and "Rick and Morty."

Dan is now taking his live show all over the world, with performances across the USA, Canada and Europe. He also has plans for a tour of Australia next year. Although he resides in Los Angeles, he loves Springfield and says it will always be his home.

Just before our interview he performed on Broadway in NYC to a sold-out audience of over 3000 fans at the Playstation Theatre. Later in the week he performed another sold-out show at the world famous Electric Factory in Philadelphia. It was wonderful to sit down with Dan and hear his stories about his career. Several of the Ninja Sex Party videos were filmed here in Springfield and at our house in Vermont (Watch the credits!), and they are all available to be viewed for free on YouTube. When I asked Dan if he had anything to add, he wanted thank his family and friends who were so supportive in getting him started, as well as Bagels Supreme for having the best bagels...and to Springfield law Enforcement for not arresting him while being filmed wearing spandex garments in our public parks!



SPRINGFIELD'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



Springfield PBA Dunk-A-Cop



Petty Officer Raymond Schramm receives his Commemorative Plaque with Veterans Gerry Gebauer, Richard Novak and Mayor Diane Stampoulos



Start of the 5K Run.



Veterans line up with their awards.



Festival Chairman Bobby Abraham, Sal Apuzzio for Best Motor, George Withers of G-Wiz Productions and Chamber Co-Chair, Scott Seidel

MORE FESTIVAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 10

FARMERS INSURANCE RIBBON CUTTING
AND GRAND OPENING



From top left: Dwayne Pink, Michael Gervasio (red shirt), George Tanase (purple tie), Paul Alves, Ruth Blanchard. In the center left is Tom Corrado (glasses, dark suit), then below George and Ruth is Anthony Breen (blue shirt)
Front center is agency owner, Rosa Rosales-Szulewski, next to her in red polo shirt is her husband William Szulewski. Front row, second from right is Springfield Township Committeewoman Geri Ann Bujnowski

On Tuesday, October 10 Farmers Insurance opened their new office at 26 Millburn Ave. in Springfield. On hand were representatives from the Springfield and Millburn Township Committees as well as the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Springfield Business Improvement District. Rosa Rosales-Szulewski is the agency owner. After the ribbon cutting everyone was treated to a tour of the office and a very nice selection of sandwiches and desserts. They also had a harpist for everyone's listening enjoyment and a local massage therapist providing shoulder massages.

GIRL SCOUTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Three Girl Scouts from Troop #40157, Brielle Ramundo, Samantha Schornstein, and Nicole Ramundo, have recently completed their Silver Award project by assisting local Senior Citizens in various ways. As part of their mission, the girls painted areas of Chisholm Community Center's Youth and Senior Wings, constructed a bench, adirondack chairs, and a table for outdoor seating, planted a flower garden, and decorated personal keepsake boxes for seniors to utilize and enjoy. The girls received supply donations from local retailers, such as Lowe's, Home Depot, and Shoprite. Throughout the project, the girls felt passionate of their efforts and hoped they have made positive changes for our town's Senior community!

ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD AT THE
HILLSIDE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



(l to r) Anna Pedreiras, Hope Rosenberg, Gary Hecht, Lloyd Grossman, Joe Cappa, Paula Kaiser, Mike Scalera and Michael Hausman.

On Tuesday September 26, members of the Springfield Rotary Club volunteered there afternoon at the Community Foodbank of New Jersey in Hillside. The Foodbank is the state's largest anti-hunger and anti-poverty organization. Working together with volunteers, donors and their many partners, they fill the emptiness caused by hunger with Food, Help and Hope. Past President Dr. Seth Hammer said "We love the feeling of helping out others when we can. The Foodbank is a great way to give back to the community." The Rotary Club works as volunteers a few times a year helping out whatever the Foodbank needs. From sorting food, to making boxes, part of the fun is the camaraderie we have as a group. If you would like to help your community and see what the Springfield Rotary does please join them as a guest on Tuesday at 12:15 at McLynns in Springfield. Or call 973-376-7718 for more information.



These beautiful herb, flower and vegetable gardens were planted and nurtured by Dora Vaynberg and Patricia Martin at the Chisholm Community Center! Dora and Patty do this every year and share the bounty with us. On Thursday, September 7, the seniors had a green tomato salad from the garden, made by Dora, at their end of summer BBQ co-sponsored by the Springfield Senior Citizens Club and the Springfield Recreation Department. Everyone had a great time with a lunch by Apple's Deli and music by Nash East. If you weren't there, you missed a good time!

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

As you know October is breast cancer awareness month and like previous years during this month, the officers of the Springfield Police Department will be wearing pink ribbon pins on their uniforms and will replace their black or blue t-shirts with pink t-shirts worn under their uniforms.

This year Springfield PBA Local 76 teamed up with The McNany Foundation who donated 100 pink t-shirts for officers to wear under their uniforms. The PBA will be selling additional pink t-shirts. The proceeds of these sales will be donated to breast cancer research. These t-shirts are available to the public with the price being \$10 per shirt. There are also youth sizes available.

Anyone that would like to purchase a shirt can contact the main police desk at (973) 376-0400.



(l to r) Officer Brian Trotman #665, Sergeant Keith Doherty #434, Officer Frank Cunha #659
Corporal Marc McBratney #638

The McNany emblem is displayed on the left sleeve of the pink t-shirts.



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Springfield Recreation Department

Halloween Spooktacular

Sunday, October 29, 2017 • 12 - 2 PM
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

EVENTS OF THE DAY

11:30 am – Doors open for costume contest pre-registration.

12:00-12:30 pm – Chamber of Commerce Costume Contest – Prizes awarded at 12:30 pm.

Joe Fischer's Magic Tricks and Halloween Treats – at 1:00 pm

12:00-1:00 pm – A strolling magician will perform tricks and a balloon artist will create balloon animals.

12:00-2:00 pm – Photo booth, Halloween-themed crafts table, give-aways, and other ghoulish activities!

EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY:

Springfield Recreation Department

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AMERICARE PHYSICAL THERAPY PRESENTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS



On Friday, September 8, AmeriCare Physical Therapy of Mountainside presented a balance and fall prevention seminar to Springfield senior citizens at the Chisholm Community Center. The program also included a complimentary balance screening. Pictured is Dimitri Baldwin, PT, DPT.



Wolf Premier Properties, a major sponsor of this year's Fall Festival provided a Horse and Buggy Ride.



Lucas Wolfe and his staff at their Festival Booth

RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL

LEAGUE PLAY 2017-2018 BOYS & GIRLS: GRADES 3-8

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for all children from Pre-K through 8th grades, and consists of clinic play for our younger children (Pre-K-2nd grades), recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades). League Play is divided into boys-only and girls-only teams, and registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-8 who attend a Springfield school.


You are registering your child for LEAGUE PLAY, which consists of in-person player evaluations, weekly practices, one game per weekend, and playoffs.

PRACTICES: Weekly practices will start in early-November (depending on teams and coaches).

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 20, 2017

Fees

- League Play: \$100 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: jersey, game officials, time clock operators/scorekeepers, coaching instruction, equipment
- Pink Zone: \$20 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: commemorative t-shirt, coach-led skills clinic



CLINIC PLAY 2018 Pre-K – 2nd Grades

Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for Springfield children from Pre K-8th grades, and consists of clinic play for younger children (Pre-K-2nd grades),recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades).

You are registering your child for CLINIC PLAY, a series of weekly Sunday clinics and games that are open to children in Springfield schools in Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grades. Coaches teach basic and age-appropriate skills, boost basketball awareness, and encourage fun and sportsmanship through the game of basketball. Pre-K clinics include some non-basketball and coordination skills.

Clinic Play: Clinics are held on Sundays from January 7, 2018, to March 4, 2018, in the Boys Gym at FMG Middle School. Clinics are not held on January 14th, and February 18th. The schedule includes an extra (seventh) clinic in case of snow. There are no make-up dates.

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

Pre-K @ 10:00-10:45 am K @ 10:50-11:35 am Girls 1st-2nd Grade @ 11:40 am-12:40 pm
Boys 1st Grade @ 12:45-1:45 pm Boys 2nd Grade @ 1:50-2:50 pm

Registration Deadline: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 (or until each time slot fills up)

Fees:


- \$75 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: t-shirt, junior basketball (distributed at last clinic), coaching instruction, dessert after final clinic

Three ways to register.

- Online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee): <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
- In person with credit card, cash, check, or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue. Weekdays @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm.
- By mail with check or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

ANTHONY CIOFFI VISITS JR. DAWGS FOOTBALL OPENING DAY



On Sunday, September 10th, at Jonathan Dayton High School athletic complex, for the opening home game of the Springfield Jr. Dawgs youth football and cheer-leading, co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, cheerleaders were greeted by Anthony Cioffi (pictured, rear center). Cioffi is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School and Rutgers University, and recently played for the Oakland Raiders during the pre-season.

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 An introduction to sport in a safe & structured environment.
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 November 9-10 Multi Sports 9am–2pm, cost \$85

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Call 973-376-0539 x11, email office@tbaynj.org, or visit tbaynj.org for more info.

All welcome! Bring a friend!

CO-ED RUNNING Fall 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.

Session 2: Mondays from October 30th-December 4th, at the Chisholm Community Center
 Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$65 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction, water bottle, apparel item
 Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
 Or register online with a credit card at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 credit card convenience fee!)

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

Township of Springfield
 Recreation Department


SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Celebration

2017

Wednesday, December 6th @ 5:00-8:00 pm
 (rain/snow date Thursday, December 7th)

Town Hall Lawn, North and South Trivett Avenues



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- Circuits
- Reading schematics
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- Computer controlled Sensor programming

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades – 6-8
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 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1
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 100 South Springfield Avenue
 Springfield, NJ 07081



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MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUGUST 2018

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
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MEN'S OPEN PLAY 55+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to Springfield residents ages 55 and older. Basketball will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Edward V. Walton School. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

All players must complete the form below and return it with a copy of your driver's license and registration fee payable to Township of Springfield. Program runs from October 2017-August 2018.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department • Chisholm Community Center
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SPRINGFIELD'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

This year we added a 20 x 40-foot tent that the Jersey Central N - Trak Model Railroad Group used to set up their modular presentation in partnership with the Model Railroad Club of Union. The display was packed with spectators all day long. On the library lawn we had the NASCAR Rock N' Rolls Racing that kept the kids and big kids alike amused all day! There were pony rides and a horse and buggy that gave people a ride around the area, and if you didn't want a horse ride, you could take the train!" Gennifer added, "We had an "Etsy" craft area with 20 vendors, a local resident and book illustrator doing caricatures of people, commercial vendors, political parties, dance studio and martial arts demonstrations (separately!) and Joel Daniel The Marine Sandpiper from 29 Palms, California who was flown out for the event. Joel Daniel, a veteran himself, was pleased to be the feature musician especially with the addition of our 5K run that benefited veterans this year. Food trucks lined Mountain Ave, an old time Good Humor truck served ice cream and Pizza was cooked on site." Bobby then chimed in, "Let's not forgot our Car Show, sponsored by *Autoland* and run by G-Wiz productions which drew in nearly 100 classic cars. Awards were given out for Chambers Choice, Mayor's Choice and many more categories."

Chamber Co-Chairman Scott Seidel noted that even Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno stopped by to check out the Festival and address the crowd, along with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, and all of Springfield's Township Committee, many of whom helped out on the 5K run earlier that day. Township Clerk Linda Donnelly and Springfield resident and Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen both also ran in the 5K and took trophies for their categories.

Before the Festival even started, while the vendors were setting up, the County of Union and Veterans Association conducted a 5K run through the Festival and over to Meisel Ave and back over to Mountain Ave. Over 300 runners took to the street. There was also a "Fun Run" as well as the 5K. After the 5K, trophies were awarded by race organizers Steve Marcus and Mike Boll. At the conclusion of the race awards, beautiful commemorative display boxes acknowledging one veteran from each town in the county were given to veterans who were in attendance.

Abraham stated in conclusion: "This was our largest Festival undertaking to date, putting a 5K run, Veteran Awards, Car show, craft and commercial vendors, food and rides and games for kids, model railroad exhibit and much more in one package on the same day! This would not have been possible without the help and cooperation of the Township of Springfield, Township Committee, Springfield Emergency Management, Springfield Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Fire Department and First Aid squad, Springfield Department of Public Works, The County of Union and Union County Freeholders, Sergeant Mike Boll of the Union Police Department and Union County Police & Union County Sheriff, Hillside and Union Auxiliary Police Officers, *Wolf Premier Properties and Lucas Wolf, Autoland, Regal Bank* Best Buy and of course the organization that coordinates the whole thing, The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. Gennifer and I are truly grateful to everyone in Town who helped make "Festival Day" a huge success." They noted that next year, "Festival Day" will be September 30, 2018 with a rain date of October 14.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

2017-2018

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents. Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from October 3, 2017 to August 28, 2018 from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 (COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED)

Register in person or by mail to:

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100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Questions? Email recreation@springfield-nj.us



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer indoor youth tennis and golf clinics this fall (ages 5-11). More information and online registration are available at: <http://play.tga.com/unioncounty>

MONDAYS
11am-6pm

July 3
to
Oct. 31

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

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CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - Cards @ 11:30 am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 - Bus trip to Sands Casino (RSVP)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 - Zoom-BA @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Flu vaccine clinic @ 12:30-2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - Shape Up @ 11:30 am, Bus trip to Coppola's Ristorante and Central Farmer's Market @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 - Club Birthday Bash Luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 - Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am, CARDS @ 1:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Flu Vaccine Clinic @ 6:00-7:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - Club Monthly Meeting @ 11:00 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Shape Up @ 11:00 am, CARDS @ 1:00 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Bus trip to Whole Foods @ 1:15 pm (RSVP)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Blood Pressure Readings @ 11:00 am, Club Birthday Bash Luncheon @ 12:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Cards @ 1:00 pm



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

As this month includes Halloween, motorists on this day should be wary of children in residential areas trick or treating as those not escorted by a parent may sometimes run back and forth across streets while going house to house. Children have the potential of crossing streets in mid-block and in doing so may dart out from between parked cars. It is imperative that adults accompanying children have them adhere to the safe and proper way to cross streets. Motorists in the residential areas should drive at an extremely slow and cautious manner in order to look out for unescorted children who may opt to run into and carelessly cross a roadway.

Street safety is of utmost importance, not only during Halloween trick or treating, but all year long. Parents should remember, and they should make their children fully aware that the roadways are for use by vehicles and not areas to play upon. In many residential areas parents allow portable basketball hoops to be placed in the street in front of their homes. This requires children to be in the street to use them. In other residential areas parents believe that by sitting in lawn chairs in the street or by the placement of signs or pylon cones in the street by their homes that this will somehow make it safe for children to be playing in the street. These measures do not ensure the safety of children while appearing to condone this dangerous activity. The roadways are for vehicles and are not play areas for children. Sometimes these supposed safety obstructions may actually confuse a driver or divert a driver's attention while driving through a residential area. Just as drivers must be cautious in residential areas, children must learn and practice street safety on Halloween and all year long.

Parents should make sure that Halloween costumes, especially ones with any type of mask or facial covering, do not limit a child's ability to be able to walk properly or have a total unobstructed ability for a child to see ahead and around them. The costumes should either contain a reflective type of material or should have some type of reflective clothing attachment. Children should carry a flashlight and or a glow-stick after dusk for added illumination.

Some Halloween costumes may contain materials that can easily catch on fire or, if

exposed to heat or an open flame, can actually melt. Residents who expect children coming to their door should refrain from having any type of external decorations that are illuminated by the use of a lit candle, especially any decorations at your front door or along the path to your front door that children walk on. Glow sticks should replace lit candles in a carved pumpkin as this is much safer and still lights up the pumpkin.

Household pets may become unnerved by the added tumult caused by children coming to your door and door bells ringing. Care should be used by homeowners to make sure that animals are kept in a secure area so they cannot bolt out the front door when it is opened. Also remember to secure the candy treats in your home so your pets cannot get them as many types of Halloween treats can be poisonous if eaten by cats and dogs.

Many residents opt to leave bowls of assorted candies by their front door instead of answering the doorbell for every trick or treater. They rely on the honesty of all children to just take one or two items. Some juveniles, usually unaccompanied by a parent or other adult, will take all the candy and may even take or damage the bowl the candy was in. This obviously deters the resident from wanting to take part in giving out candy the following year. Accordingly, parents are asked to remind their children to be thoughtful of others when taking candy left at a front door, and to not deliberately damage or take any items such as decorations from homes along their trick or treating route. Young children should be accompanied by responsible adults when going door to door. Older children who go out with no adults should only go out in groups and never go alone. Under no circumstances should any child ever enter into the house of a stranger.

Please instruct your children to eat nothing that they receive during their door to door trick or treating until it has been brought home and you have thoroughly inspected all treats. Any suspected signs of possible tampering should be reported to the police department immediately. On any treats where the packaging is ripped, punctured or in an unsealed condition you should use the old adage of.....when in doubt, throw it out.

For added safety, there will be increased police patrols in the residential areas on both the night of Halloween and the night before with the latter intended to deter those persons who go out to create mischief or commit acts of vandalism. Police officers will be out in both marked police vehicles as well as unmarked cars. For safety reasons all of the officers in the unmarked police vehicles will also be in police uniform.

By simply knowing and following these suggested safety tips you can help in Halloween being both a fun and safe holiday experience for our children.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield
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Check Library website for
MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday Oct 15 @ 2pm Hobnobbin Goblins by Robert Rogers' Marionettes. A fun but not scary Halloween show. Come dressed in your costume!

Sunday Oct 22 @ 2pm The Give & Take Jugglers are rescheduled! Our family friendly, interactive, traditional jugglers are back by popular demand with The Little Circus.

Save the date! Sunday Nov 5 @ 2:00pm Penguin Pointers. We'll have a black & white waddling visitor from Jenkinson's Aquarium! Two shows, 2:00pm or 2:45. Get you tickets now at the Youth Services desk.

Mommy & Me: Friday Oct 13, Thursday Oct 19, and Wed Oct 25 @ 10:30 Craft time for our youngest patrons (ages 2-4) with their caregiver. Please register!

Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! LITTLE LEGOS are out all day! Bring your friends and impress us with a magnificent creation-we'll put it on display!

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! Tues 10/17, Fri 10/20, Sat 10/21, Tues 10/24, Thurs 10/26.

Little Monster Halloween Bop Tues Oct 31 @ 10:30 am. It's Mother Goose Group dressed up for Halloween! Wear your costume!

Crafty Mondays and Fridays @ 4:00pm. Ages 4 to 8. Must register. No crafters under age 4.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursdays Gather around our cozy campfire fire for great stories. Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy. All ages.

Origami Club Wednesdays @ 4:00. All ages, Drop-in. Paper folding fun!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Children from birth through Pre-K may be registered at the Youth Services desk. Reading logs have room to record 100 books (or you may use the APP). When 100 books are read, present your child's record to receive a small prize, and a new log! 1000 books and you graduate!

TEENS:

Thursday Oct 19 @ 3:45: Paint and decorate a mason jar in the theme of Halloween! Open to Grades 6-12. Supplies are limited. Those who register by October 13 will be given priority. You can sign up in person or call (973) 376-4930 ext. 233.

Monday Oct 23 @ 6pm Teen Advisory Group: Grades 6-12 are invited to plan, assist, and lead young adult programs. Enjoy some snacks, socialize, and be part of the library. See the Young Adult Librarian about joining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 14 thru November 17
Art Exhibit – Paintings by Heda Matiejunas.

Fridays, October 13 & 20, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

Sunday, October 26, 1:30 pm - Hudson Shakespeare Company presents "Macbeth".

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, October 21 & November 6
Memoir Writing Group 10:00 am

Thursday, October 19, 10:00 am
Great Books: "Holy Week" by Deborah Eisenberg.

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "Ties That Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom"

FILMS

Monday, October 23 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Sully" (2016). Starring Tom Hanks.

Monday, November 6 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Blue Jasmine" (2013). Starring Kate Blanchett.

Thursday, November 9, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
International Film: "Maudie" (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 Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Afternoon Mahjong Club.

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

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

INSTRUCTION

Every 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 Monday in October, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Canasta class.

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IMAGINE OFFERS SUPPORT GROUPS FOR CAREGIVERS

Imagine is offering support groups for adult care-givers under 60 who are living with a family member's chronic or terminal illness. The groups are safe spaces in which people can express their feelings, and gain support from fellow caregivers. The criteria for participation includes: caring for any person with a diagnosis of physical illness, injury or disease that significantly changes one's day to day life. Caregivers must be 60 years old or younger. The groups will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at Imagine's location at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside.

If you or someone you know could benefit from joining Imagine's Coping With Illness program, please contact Mandi Zucker, MSW, CT at 908-264-3100 or email mandi@imajinenj.org.

Imagine provides free year-round peer grief support for more than 250 children and adults from 48 NJ towns every two weeks and every year provides training, education, and on-site support to over 2500 teachers, parents, students, employees, social workers, counselors and members of community organizations. For more information contact us at info@imajinenj.org or visit Imagine's website at www.imajinenj.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS TIES THAT BIND: THE STORY OF AN AFRO- CHEROKEE FAMILY IN SLAVERY AND FREEDOM BY TIYA MILES

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, November 2 at 7 pm to discuss Ties That Bind by Tiya Miles. Meticulously crafted from historical and literary sources, Ties That Bind tells the story of Shoe Boots, a famed Cherokee warrior and successful farmer, and Doll, an African slave he acquired in the late 1790s. Over the next thirty years, Shoe Boots and Doll lived together as master and slave and also as lifelong partners who, with their children and grandchildren, experienced key events in American history—including slavery, the Creek War, the founding of the Cherokee Nation and subsequent removal of Native Americans along the Trail of Tears, and the Civil War.

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@sfpnlj.org.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ~ OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

Here's this year's key campaign message

- Create a home escape plan with all members of your household today!
- Would you and your family members know what to do in a real fire situation? Develop a home escape plan together and practice it.
- A home escape plan includes two exits from each room in your home (typically a door and a window). Make sure your exits are clear of clutter and that windows can open easily.
- It's 2:00 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you awaken to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. If you're not sure what you'd do next, it's time to learn!
- In a fire, working smoke alarms alert you in time to escape safely. Make sure you know how to use those minutes wisely. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it twice a year with all members of your household!
- Use this home escape planning grid to map out a floor plan of your home. Make sure it includes the location of all smoke alarms in your home; two exits from every room; a path from each exit to the outside; and an outdoor meeting place where everyone will meet upon exiting.
- A home escape plan includes an outside meeting place where everyone will meet upon exiting the home. Pick a stationary location in front of your home, like a tree, mailbox, or light post.
- In a fire situation, once you get outside, stay outside! Call 911 or the local emergency number immediately from your cell phone or a neighbor's phone.
- Firefighters are equipped to go inside a burning building – you're not. Never go back inside a burning building!
- Create different fire scenarios for practicing your home fire escape plan like blocking some exits and conducting a fire drill in the dark. Develop a plan for each situation.
- If there are members of your household who need assistance escaping a fire situation, make sure your home escape plans account for their needs.

FALL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

The Fall International Film Festival continues at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, November 9. The library will screen *Maudie* (2016) at 1:00 and 6:45 pm. *Maudie* is a film about Nova Scotia painter Maud Lewis (1903-1970.) It was written by Canadian writer-producer Sherry White, and directed by Irish director Aisling Walsh, and filmed entirely in Newfoundland. The film takes place in 1930s rural Nova Scotia. Maud, disabled by rheumatoid arthritis, yearns to be independent. She becomes a housekeeper for Everett Lewis. They have an antagonistic relationship but eventually marry. Maud enjoys painting and covers her home with folk art. Through newspaper and magazine articles, as well as television documentaries, Maud becomes well known and her reputation has continued to grow to this day. Starring Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke and Kari Matchett. 116 minutes. Rated PG-13.

The fall international film festival will conclude on Thursday, December 7 with 1:00 and 7:00 pm screenings of *Mia Madre* (2015, rated R, in Italian with English subtitles, 106 minutes.) Funding for the film program has been made possible in part by the NJ 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 and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.



Township Clerk Linda Donnelly poses with her Trophy from the 5K run along with Township Committeeman Rich Huber, Mayor Diane Stampoulos, her daughter Olivia and Township Committeewoman Erica Dubois



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INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS

Seasonal influenza immunizations will be available to Springfield residents in the coming weeks. On Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm and on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Vaccine will be administered at the Chisholm Community Center located at 100 South Springfield Avenue. Adults and children over the age of three years are invited to receive their annual flu vaccine at this public health event. No appointments are necessary. Seniors with a Medicare Part B card are asked to bring it to the clinic. There will be a \$10.00 fee for residents without Medicare. All are reminded to wear short sleeves if possible when they come for their flu shot. Please note: the vaccine to be distributed is the regular dose covering four influenza types. It is not high dose.

Seasonal flu vaccine is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyone over the age of 6 months. The CDC states: "Vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than 6 months." Everyone should get the annual, seasonal influenza vaccine. Additionally, all pregnant women, women who are planning to become pregnant, women postpartum and women who are breast-feeding during the influenza season should be vaccinated.

Most people are ill with flu for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized especially the very young, the elderly and those with coexisting conditions that may result in complications if influenza illness develops.

The 2017-2018 flu vaccine offers protection against four virus strains most likely to cause illness this coming season: A/California (H1N1), A/Hong Kong, B/Phuket and B/Brisbane. It takes up to two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop and protection may last for up to one year.

While flu spreads every year, the timing, severity, and length of the season varies from one year to another. Seasonal flu activity may begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May. Getting vaccine during the fall months should provide protection for the whole season, although vaccinations may be given any time during the flu season. Protect yourself, your family and those in your community by getting your flu vaccine at this year's clinic. Any questions may be directed to the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079 ext.9.

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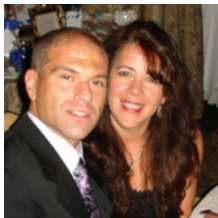


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