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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY**  
MAY 28, 2015

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

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## OFFICER KEITH CHRISTOPHER PROMOTED TO SERGEANT



(l to r) Police Chief John Cook, Sergeant Christopher's wife, Elisabeth, Sergeant Christopher, daughter Madison and Mayor David Barnett

At the April 28th Township Committee meeting Springfield Police Officer Keith Christopher was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Christopher has been with the department since December 2005. He has been one of the Department's Field Training Officers, responsible for the training of new officers, and is the Alcotest and Narcan coordinator for the Department. Sergeant Christopher has also been recognized during his career by MADD for his efforts in enforcing driving under the influence laws.

## TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS APRIL 23, 2015, AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST



On April 23, 2015 at the Hadassah Meeting at the Library, Mayor David Barnett presents Miriam Gershwin, a Holocaust survivor, a copy of the resolution passed by the Township proclaiming April 23, 2015 as a Day of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators. It further proclaims that we, as citizens of the Township of Springfield, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

## LINDA DONNELLY RECOGNIZED FOR HER WORK FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK



The Township proclaimed May 3-9, 2015 as Municipal Clerks Week and issued a Proclamation honoring our Municipal Clerk Linda Donnelly for her dedicated service to the Township and its residents.

## Township of Springfield Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 25, 2015

Ceremony 10am Sharp @ Veterans Memorial Park  
Marching down Mountain Ave. to the Jonathon Dayton High School  
Where the Springfield-Hillside Elks will Host a Picnic for All Attendees  
Come down and get a free hot dog & drink  
Stay & Watch a Springfield Jr. Baseball Game on the New Turf Field

### Special Guest Speaker

**Come & Show Your Support for All Veterans by Attending:**  
A Token of Appreciation will be given to All Veterans at the End of Ceremony

- |                                  |                                   |                              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • American Legion Veterans       | • Springfield CERT Team           | • Springfield Lacrosse       |
| • Jewish War Veterans            | • Springfield Hillside Elks #2004 | • Springfield Softball       |
| • Springfield Police Dept        | • Boy Scouts Troop 73             | • Springfield Baseball       |
| • Springfield Fire Dept          | • Cub Scouts Troop 73             | • Soccer Club of Springfield |
| • Springfield Auxiliary Police   | • Springfield Girl Scouts         | • Antique Cars               |
| • Office of Emergency Mgmt       | • Jonathan Dayton High School     | • Decorated Bicycles         |
| • Springfield Historical Society | • Marching Band                   | • Senior Citizens Bus        |
| • Catie Hodic-National Anthem    | • St James the Apostle School     | • Kean University Trolley    |
| • Springfield Township Committee | • Church & Cannon DAR             | • Many other groups &        |
| • Springfield First Aid Squad    | • Springfield Garden Club         | • some surprises             |

### Decorate Your Bicycle with a Patriotic Theme & Ride it in the Parade

(make sure to wear your helmet)

Would your organization like to march? It's not too late! For more info, to volunteer or if you have questions, please email Geri Bujnowski at [memorialday@springfieldnj.us](mailto:memorialday@springfieldnj.us). Veterans please call 973-912-2201 to let us know you are attending

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## *Message from the Mayor*

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

In my past Mayor's messages, I've shared with you the exciting progress we are making on downtown redevelopment and I'm happy to report these projects are continuing to gain momentum. The Springfield BID and I hosted a Town Hall meeting last month where we discussed all these projects and presented artists' renditions of each. The meeting was very well attended by interested residents. The Township Committee, in April, granted final approval for the new development along Morris Avenue between Center and Caldwell Streets. Additionally, the Township Committee started the approval process for another redevelopment project along Church Mall. The Morris Avenue road and sidewalk improvements that I've discussed in the past are also moving

ahead, as are plans to improve the sidewalks along Mountain Avenue.

But these are not the only things happening in Springfield. Now that we are well into Spring, our Recreation Department and Department of Public Works have been hard at work getting our fields and parks ready for resident use. Over the last two summers, we've been able to implement significant improvements at the Community Pool, and this year we are continuing to make that facility better and better. Free Wi-Fi will now be available, one handball court has been demolished making way for more lawn area and two additional shade structures are being installed. Additionally, we've purchased 35 new lounge chairs, concession and baby pool umbrellas, locker room benches, picnic tables and more. All these improvements have been paid for by revenue from the pool, not taxpayer money. The pool officially opens on Memorial Day weekend.

Continuing to look forward, the budget subcommittee is hard at work finalizing this year's municipal budget. Several important dates are coming up when residents can learn about this important topic. The sub-committee will be holding two Town Hall meetings to present the budget, the first on May 19 at 11:00 am and then another on May 26 at 6:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend. Additionally, there will be a final hearing and adoption of the Capital Improvement Budget on May 12th during the regular 7:30 Township Committee meeting.

A few other items to note are that the Springfield Annual Community Town-wide Garage Sale is being held on June 20 & 21. Fees for this event are waived and registration can be done by emailing communitygaragesale@Springfield-nj.us. Finally, I'm happy to announce that we have a new Senior Citizen Bus on order. This was made possible in part by a very generous grant from Investors Bank. My sincere thanks goes out to the bank and the Investors Foundation for their generosity and continued support of our community.

On behalf of the Springfield Township Committee, I urge you to attend town hall meetings and bring your input to help us make the best decisions for our community. The Township Committee meets in regular session at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the Municipal Building. The Committee's regular Tuesday meetings are televised (you can find the link at the municipal website <http://springfield-nj.us/>).

Have ideas? I'm always interested in hearing from you. Email me at david.barnett@springfield-nj.us so I can share your ideas with the Township Committee.

Your Mayor

*David Barnett*

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Workshop Meeting Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm Fire Dept.

Regular Meetings, Tuesdays, May 12 and 26, 7:30 pm, Municipal Building

### **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 COMMITTEE**

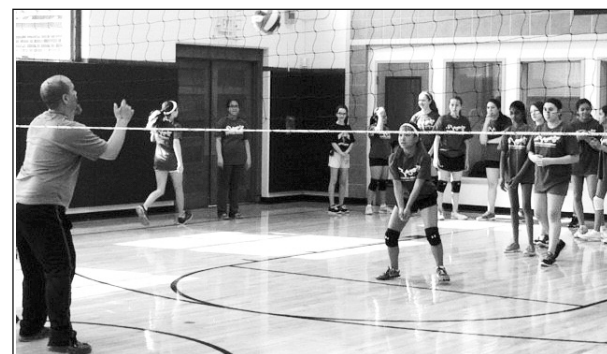
Contact the Recreation Department for future meeting schedule.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

### **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library



## **ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT... A NEW YOUTH VOLLEYBALL PARTNERSHIP**

The Springfield Recreation Department is partnering with VB Rags Volleyball Academy to bring youth volleyball clinics to the Chisholm Community Center this spring. VB Rags will be teaching children in kindergarten through 8th grade the fundamentals of volleyball in a fun and supportive environment focusing on skill development, drills, and game situations. The series of six one-hour clinics cost \$55 per child payable directly to VB Rags, and includes a VB Rags t-shirt. A portion of the registration fee is returned to the Recreation Department to be invested in youth programs. Over thirty children are registered.



# Springfield

Business Improvement District

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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### Mountain Avenue Streetscape

We are moving along with the plan. We will be meeting with property owners to get their input. We have met with the Township Committee and the Planning Board. The goal is to begin on the project in early fall.

### Town Hall Meeting on Downtown Redevelopment

Mayor David Barnett and the Springfield Business Improvement District held a public Town Hall meeting on April 14th at 6PM. The meeting took place at the Township Municipal Building. At this meeting, artists' renditions of several major projects was presented. The public had the opportunity to speak with and ask questions of the Mayor, representatives of the BID, property owners and township employees.

At this meeting, the Mayor also presented concepts for a new building on Morris Avenue between Caldwell and Center Streets, streetscape projects along all of Morris Avenue, streetscape projects along Mountain Avenue and a new project on Church Mall.

### Download NOW!!!

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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### SUDZ DUDZ LAUNDROMAT

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### TURNING POINTE DANCE CENTER

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For more than 20 years, Turning Pointe has been a leader in dance education, inspiring young people to be the best dancers they can be. The faculty at TPDC is committed to motivate and challenge every student, whether at the recreational or intensive level. Their teaching philosophy is based on instilling passion for dance while nurturing creativity and they truly believe that an education in dance benefits the body, mind and soul. In addition, they strive to develop confidence, self-esteem & self-discipline... encouraging teamwork and teaching life skills that will help them succeed in other aspects of their lives.



### MACK RETAIL (CAMERA & VIDEO SERVICE)

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# Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES! JUNE 20-21 & SEPTEMBER 12-13

Back by popular demand, we have scheduled not one but two town-wide Community Garage Sale weekends:

Saturday, June 20 - Sunday, June 21 and Saturday, September 12 - Sunday, September 13. Sale hours will be 9 am to 6 pm, except on September 13 when it will end at 3 pm. The garage sale dates are prior to bulk garbage pickups on June 24 and 25 and September 16 and 17 (depending on where you live), so what you don't sell, you can discard if you wish.

There is no registration or permit fee but we would like to post garage sale locations on the Township website ([www.springfield-nj.us](http://www.springfield-nj.us)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/springfieldtownshipnj](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldtownshipnj)). Please email your address to [communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us](mailto:communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us) or call Town Hall at 973-912-2285 so that we can post it.

This is a great opportunity to not only clean out your unwanted or unused items, but also to have a coordinated community event that welcomes people to explore our town and appreciate the Pride of Springfield!

If you have any questions about this event, please call us at 973-912-2285.

## BEAR SAFETY TIPS

### TIPS ON REDUCING CONFLICTS AND ENCOUNTERS WITH BLACK BEARS

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips:

- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it.
- Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an air horn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close

together with your arms raised above your head.

- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.

- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.

- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.

- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
- Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).

- Families who live in areas frequented by black bears should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with an escape route and planned use of whistles and air horns.

- Black bear attacks are extremely rare. If a black bear does attack, fight back!

## WHAT IS "CUT IT & LEAVE IT" GRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM?

Grass clippings are a major part of the Township of Springfield municipal solid waste stream. Nearly a third of all summer waste generated by homeowners consists of grass clippings. As a Springfield resident, you probably already recycle paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and more. However, many people may not realize that another material that is easily recyclable is right under their feet: grass. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection estimates that as much as a ton of clippings is generated for every acre of turf grass each year. A lawn that is 5,000 square feet generates 75 pounds of grass clippings per mowing. By just cutting it and leaving it, think of the amount of waste that will be diverted from the solid waste stream.

Grass clippings can be added to the list of common home wastes that can be recycled. Simply leave your clippings on the lawn when you mow, and let nature do the recycling for you. Grass clippings will provide a natural fertilizer for a growing lawn which also helps retain moisture for your lawn, while reducing weed growth and soil erosion.

When "Cut it & Leave it" is properly done, clippings settle quickly between the growing blades of grass where they shelter the roots from the sun, and conserve moisture. As they break down, they release more moisture as well as nutrients into the soil. This means that grass needs to be watered less frequently. Clippings left on the lawn supply one-third or more of the nitrogen needed to keep your grass green and healthy.

### How to Cut and Leave it....

Why spend time and energy buying bags and throwing the grass clippings into them and then bringing them to the DPW garage? There is a better way.

Here is how - cut grass when dry and keep mower blades sharp. Follow the "1/3 Rule": mow your lawn

often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut in any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn every 7 days when the lawn is growing fast but only every 7 to 14 days when the lawn is growing slowly.

The mower collection bag should be removed to allow clippings to drop on the lawn. However, if your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, it is important that you purchase a retrofit kit from your local retailer.

Most lawnmower manufacturers have developed "mulching" mowers which cut grass blades into small pieces and force them into the soil. These types of mowers are effective in grass recycling and have become very popular. Make your next mower a mulching one.

Cut it and leave it is the natural way you can have a green, healthy lawn while spending less time and money and think of the amount of waste that will be diverted from the solid waste stream!

### FAQ on Grass Recycling - Do grass clippings cause thatch and lawn disease?

No. Research has shown that grass roots are the primary cause of thatch, not grass clippings. Thatch is composed primarily of roots, stems, rhizomes, and other plant materials. These plant materials contain large amounts of lignin (fibrous material) and decompose slowly. Grass clippings are approximately 80-85 percent water with only small amounts of lignin, and decompose rapidly.

### Will grass clippings make your lawn look bad?

If a lawn is properly mowed, watered, and fertilized, grass clippings can actually produce a healthier looking lawn. It is important to cut the lawn frequently to produce small clippings that will decompose quickly. If a lawn is not cut frequently and clippings are left on the lawn, it will produce a "hay-like" look which can be unsightly.

## 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET MEETINGS

There will be two Town Hall meetings on the 2015 Municipal Budget, May 26 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm and May 19 from 11:00 AM – 12:00.

In addition, there will be a public hearing on the budget on May 26 at 7:30 pm. All meetings are located at 100 Mountain Ave, Town Hall, second floor. The public is encouraged to attend.



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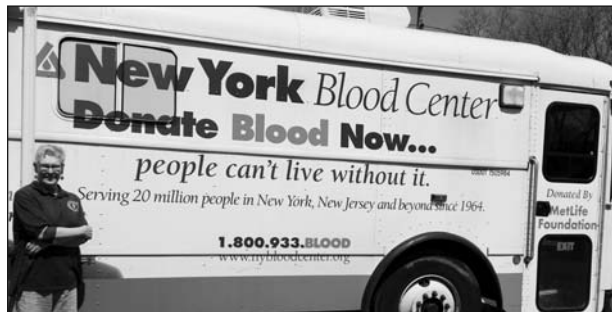


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## TOWNSHIP HOLDS SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE



Thanks to the New Jersey Blood Services almost 30 pints of needed blood was collected. Each pint saves up to three lives. Pictured here is Deputy Mayor Bandrowski who was first in-line to donate blood.

## FLO OKIN CANCER RELIEF FUND CELEBRATES 82nd YEAR

Springfield residents Marilyn Pine and Barbara Reddington, the Treasurer for the Flo Okin Cancer Relief fund, reported the Fund is celebrating 82 years of service to the Essex and Union county communities with a donation to renovate the waiting area of the Radiation Oncology Department at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ.

In continuation of their commitment to aid the cancer patient, Flo Okin Cancer Relief was the catalyst and the lead funder for the renovation of the Radiation Oncology waiting area at St. Barnabas Medical Center. Their purpose was to enhance patient privacy and to create a more comfortable and calming environment for the patients and their families.

Flo Okin Cancer Relief is proud to have had the opportunity to play a major role in the creation of this peaceful healing environment and to continue to honor their commitment to aid the cancer patients and their families.



## LIVING BIOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT RESULTS IN REAL LIFE CORRESPONDENCE

As part of a Living Biography Reading class assignment, Saint James the Apostle School 7th grader Rianna Cordeiro, pictured in a judge's robe holding a gavel, portrayed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sonia Sotomayor, and presented her life story to classmates and school visitors. Rianna was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from Justice Sotomayor, after Sotomayor received a link to Rianna's video presentation. Justice Sotomayor wrote to thank Rianna for choosing to read her memoir as a model for Rianna's presentation. In addition to Sotomayor, Saint James The Apostle School was visited by some other notable people in history, including Benjamin Franklin, General George Patton, authors C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, Margaret Mitchell,

Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie, and Mary Queen of Scots, to name a few, as the seventh graders brought these historical figures to life through their Living Biography presentations. Rianna, however, enjoyed the additional honor of receiving a letter of thanks and acknowledgement from the Associate Justice.



## SENIORS GATHER FOR MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

On Tuesday, May 5, close to 40 senior citizens gathered at the Chisholm Community Center for a Mother's Day brunch sponsored by the Recreation Department. The free program was hosted by Adam Lieb, recreation director, Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, and James Blondet, senior citizen bus driver. Guests were treated to a meal of quiche, blintzes, tuna fish, egg salad, bagels, croissants, muffins, danishes, cookies, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. With background music setting the festive mood, guests were able to meet new friends and talk about their families.



Mayor David Barnett poses with Denise Devone and two of the first prize winners, Walton School first grader Kevin Menezes and Sandmeier School fourth grader Megan Zuzarth.

## 2015 CLEAN COMMUNITIES' DAY REUSABLE BAG CONTEST WINNERS

### 1st PLACE DESIGNS

#### 6th - 8th Grades

Lily Eckhardt (G)  
Hannah Makasare (SG)  
Katie Zarember (G)

#### 3rd - 5th Grades

Megan Zuzarth (S)  
Andrea Falar (SJ)  
Angelina Robledo (SHJ)

#### Kindergarten - 2nd Grades

Kevin Menezes (W)  
Jayson Gbologa (SJ)  
Noa Zylbershlag (W)

#### Special Mention

Elizabeth Miller (S)  
- Green Team's Website

Julia Carroll (S)

- Clean Com Poster  
Caitlyn Del Duca (C)  
Catherine Deciantis (C)  
- Environmental Website

#### Awards of Excellence

Kevin Duffy (SJ)  
Thomas Burgess (SJ)  
Ashley Mestanza (G)  
Lauren Reiher (G)  
John Chacon (SJ)  
Natalie Dash (S)  
Ryan Iglesias (C)  
Myla Lavoura (S)  
Katie Pascuite (SJ)  
Maren Roy (SJ)  
Caroline Scicchitano (C)  
Dahlia Brown (SJ)  
Julia Landicho (SJ)

### Honorable Mention 6th - 8th Grades

Robert Dubon (SJ)  
Cassandra Garcia (SJ)  
Tyler Kwinta (SJ)  
James McElroy (SJ)  
Kyle Roethlin (SJ)  
Rose Coleman (G)  
Nicholas Musico (SJ)  
Lily Pereira (G)

#### 5th Grade

Levent Darkarat (S)  
Christina M. Khan (C)  
Christopher Lopez (SJ)  
Nona Lyakhovsky (S)  
Braeh Simon (SJ)  
Daveigh Wolf (SJ)  
Leah Sklar (S)  
Chris Tiu (S)

Adriana Yuelling (S)

#### 4th Grade

Avery Eynon (S)  
Albert Flowers (SJ)  
Aspyn T. Lee (S)  
Raphael Matta (C)  
Emily Myers (C)  
Adriana Rivera (C)  
David Rocha (S)  
Ethan Steinberg (S)  
Sasha Sokolevsky (C)  
3rd Grade  
Noel Torres (S)  
Emily Dash (S)  
Eila Francis (C)  
Celine Gerenshteyn (C)  
Jamie Jules (SJ)  
Hiba Mirza (S)  
Grace Pereira (C)

Miriam Pereira (C)

Ethan Pinho (SJ)  
Chandler Mury Riley (C)  
Kyle Rosenstock (S)  
Olivia Stampoulos (C)

#### 2nd Grade

Aiden Ricketts (SJ)  
Maybeline Whelan (W)

#### 1st Grade

Isabellla Martins (SJ)  
Isabella Laura (SJ)  
Sarai Pinion (SJ)  
Talulah Whelan (W)

#### Kindergarten

Ava Weckstein (W)

SCHOOLS:  
(C) Caldwell  
(G) Gaudineer

(S) Sandmeier  
(SJ) Saint James  
(W) Walton



## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

The April 28 Township Committee meeting included several causes for celebration. Award certificates were presented to the winners of the contest held in the schools for posters for Clean Communities Day. The announcements were made by Denise DeVone, Environmental Commission Co-chair and the presentations were made by Mayor David Barnett. Smiles and much applause all the way around. The mayor proclaimed May 3-9 Municipal Clerks Week which gave us all a chance to honor our Township Clerk Linda Donnelly for the mountain of work she does efficiently and cheerfully for all of us in Springfield, and also to acknowledge our Deputy Clerk, Maryellen Brennan. Our world would not turn without them. Police Officer Keith Christopher was sworn in as Sergeant. The seasonal staff for the pool and the summer camps was approved, so spring is truly here and summer is rapidly approaching. The final reason for special celebration is the approval of funding which includes the purchase of a sorely need new fire engine and also a much needed new bus for the Seniors (funded in part by a generous grant from Investors Savings). Funding for the annual Fireworks display was passed as was one for the Farmers' market. Summer is truly on its way. The annual Budget was introduced and will be presented to the public at two meetings to be held in May.

Topics to be discussed at the May Workshop meeting on Monday, May 11 will include a proposed resolution in support of the State's tightening up of the regulations concerning parents' ability to opt out of the vaccination requirements for religious reasons and also the possibility of televising Planning and Zoning Board and Workop meetings. Please plan to join the discussion at the Firehouse at 6:30 on Monday, May 11.

Both the Workshop meeting of April 13 and the Regular meeting of April 14 included extensive discussion of the proposed final reading of the Ordinance which would give final approval to the Township's plan for the redevelopment of the property on Morris Avenue between Caldwell Place and Center Street and to the proposed plan for the property on Church Mall which was to be referred to the Planning Board for comment. At the Workshop meeting there were two issues discussed which were not part of the Regular meeting: the performance of Giordano Companies recycling and an update on the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority.

Tiffany Nisio of Giordano acknowledged the issues of missed pick-ups in Springfield, citing the competing demands on the company for certain dates, offering to change the pick up date to allow the company more flexibility but also citing Giordano's pledge to do whatever would be necessary to service Springfield. The decision was made to keep the recycling dates as they currently are (separate from garbage pick ups) to which Ms. Nisio agreed.

Michael Furci, the Township's representative on the RVSA, reported on several matters and a discussion followed which included information that our allowed flow rates are sufficient for both current usage and future growth, and the indications so far from our ongoing assessments of excessive flow rates over the past year coincide with rain events and may be due to the need for repairs to the system. The investigation should be concluded shortly and decisions will be made about what actions may be required. The TC went into closed session to discuss the pending appointment of the Pool manager for the current year.

The Regular session of April 14 was preceded by a public presentation of the two plans for downtown Redevelopment and a plan for new Streetscaping for the two commercial areas along Mountain Ave. sponsored by the Business Improvement District. Mayor Barnett was joined in these by Michael Scalera and Beth Lippman of the BID as well as Matt Jessup, our Redevelopment attorney. The two Redevelopment plans were also discussed as part of the Regular meeting prior to the voting. The two major concerns expressed were parking and the possibility of overloading the schools unless rentals were to be controlled. The ordinance confirming the adoption of the TC plan for the property on Morris Avenue between Caldwell and Center was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote (abstentions); this allows negotiations to legally begin with the developer including discussion of the issues publicly expressed. The resolution sending the Church Mall proposal to the Planning Board for discussion also passed with 3 votes in favor, one No and one abstention. There was also public discussion prior to the appointment of the Pool manager for the coming season. Both Chief John Cook and Captain Pat McLaughlin were given well-deserved raises.

## STYROFOAM PACKING CAN BE RECYCLED

What do you do with all that styrofoam packing material that seems to come with everything you buy these days? Throw it out, pay to put it in your dumpsters or the Township's garbage pick up? Why not get rid of it for free! Foam Pack Industries at 72 Fadem Road in Springfield will take any and all your styrofoam packing material for free. Just bring it to them anytime and place it in their drop off box located at the end of our driveway (businesses must call ahead). Help the town and yourself save money and be environmentally friendly while you are at it!

**GUIDELINES:** Identify the foam by the recycle symbol #6. Remove any foreign matter such as tape, stickers, labels and cardboard. All block form EPS is acceptable. General rule of thumb: Usually furniture, appliances and electrical fixtures are packed in EPS.

We do accept food service products such as cups, meat trays and food shipping coolers. All foam that has come in direct contact with food and/or drink must be washed thoroughly before it is received at our facility. All foam can be dropped off at our location (72 Fadem Road, Springfield, NJ 07081).

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## Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this years' tournament to be held on **Monday, August 24, 2015** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. This year we are offering play on both upper and lower courses, please check our website for detailed information on the outing at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

**Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.**  
PO Box 242, Springfield, New Jersey 07081





## Fire Chief's Column

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

## What To Do If Your Car Catches Fire.

When driving, you should never smell smoke and/or the acrid smell of burning wires. Smoke does not necessarily mean that the car is on fire, but it should always be treated seriously. Drive directly to the shoulder of the road and turn off the ignition.

According to the American Automobile Association and the National Fire Protection Association, there are nearly 300,000 car fires annually in the United States, resulting in more than 500 deaths. The leading cause of these fires was poor vehicle maintenance.

Here is some advice to prevent a fire and avoid problems with your car. Include a check of the fuel system during your regular maintenance. Electrical and fuel system problems are the primary causes of car fires. An early indication of a problem is an electrical fuse that blows more than once. The source of the tripped fuse could be either a faulty component or a wiring problem. Next, check for oil leaks and always use a funnel when adding oil. Oil spilled on a hot exhaust manifold can cause a fire.

Another source of fires is the catalytic converter. This is the cylindrical unit located in the exhaust system found before the muffler. Catalytic converters can become so hot they can ignite dried grass or leaves directly under the parked vehicle. Never park on dried grass or leaves.

Your first action, if you suspect that your car is on fire, should be to pull over immediately and turn off the engine. As you drive, the forward motion of the vehicle will force air into the engine compartment which feeds oxygen to the fire. It is best to stop in an area away from buildings and people, if you have that option. Burning plastics and other materials can produce toxic gases; therefore it is best not to expose yourself or bystanders.

Modern cars usually have an electric fuel pump; and by turning off the ignition, you will have stopped the flow of fuel to the fire. Next, get yourself and passengers out of the car and close the doors behind you. Closed doors and windows may limit the spread of fire by reducing the amount of oxygen available.

While explosions from car fires are rare (the most common is the bursting of a burning tire), you should stand clear of the area – especially avoiding the front and rear of the vehicle. Vehicles with slow impact bumpers are equipped with gas shock absorbers that, under intense heat, can explode and turn into lethal projectiles.

That's a lot to remember, so in summary, if smoke is billowing out of your car, pull over, turn off the ignition, get everyone out of the vehicle, and call for help.



*Committeemen Ziad Andrew Shehady and Jerry Fernandez hosted Congressman Leonard Lance as a special guest speaker at their monthly "Town Hall Forum" on March 19. Some of the many topics he addressed included domestic and foreign issues, his support for our flood mitigation efforts, his most recent trip to Selma, Alabama on the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," ISIS, net neutrality, and more! This informal meeting at Town Hall is held monthly to talk about any issues, concerns or questions that are important to residents. To RSVP or for more information, email [ziad@shehady.us](mailto:ziad@shehady.us) or call 973-797-9423.*

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## Springfield Green Team Community Challenge Month "May"



To protect our environment and become a sustainable community we are implementing many practices in our town. We ask our township residents to be part of these efforts by taking our challenge.

<http://tinyurl.com/greenteamchallenge2015>



### Turn Lights Off & Unplug Electronics

Nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions in the US are generated from the energy we use to power our homes; most of the energy sources we depend on, like coal and natural gas, can't be replaced. Once we use them up, they're gone forever. Another problem is that most forms of energy can cause pollution. You will be helping to save our planet by turning off the lights you don't need and save money at the same time.



### Be a Recycling Machine

Recycling converts used or wasted products into new materials extending the life and usefulness of something that has already served its initial purpose. Recycling benefits humans but especially our planet.



### Use Reusable Shopping Bags

**Plastic bags** tend to "fly away" out of cars, trashcans, and landfills, littering our roadways, land and sea. They are the fifth most collected item during coastal clean-ups. Most plastic bags are made from polyethylene, which is made from crude oil and natural gases (nonrenewable resources).

**Paper bags** weigh a lot more than plastic bags, requiring a lot more fossil fuel to transport them. In addition the US cuts down 14 million trees each year to satisfy demand for paper grocery bags.



### Grass: Cut it & leave it

Grass clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal water stream. Reduce waste at its source by embracing grasscycling - leave your clippings on your lawn. Helps you and helps the environment.



### Support Anti-idling

Honor the Idle Free Zones in town and support the "No Idling Resolution" by turning the engine off after 3 minutes. This will help to save money since idling for only 10 seconds uses more gas than it takes to restart the car. It will minimize environmental damage and health damage.





## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

### SPRING IS FINALLY HERE SO REMEMBER TO USE THE ROADWAYS SAFELY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Now that the spring weather has returned everyone is returning to the outdoors for both recreational purposes or to start those spring cleaning projects about your home. With this nicer weather now upon us, township residents may begin noticing an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers with this being done to coincide with the nicer weather. This enforcement is not merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the warmer months as there are many more people outdoors, especially children playing in residential areas or walking or riding bicycles along township streets.

Residents are reminded that a motorist must come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Many of the intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and that are located on more heavily trafficked roadways have the noticeable yellow warning sign in the middle of the crosswalk to remind motorists to stop for crossing pedestrians.

Beginning in the month of May plainclothes police officers may pose as pedestrians who will be crossing at various intersections throughout the township and motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrian" will be stopped by uniformed officers and issued a ticket. Police officers will be operating at various intersections throughout the township, especially those where there have been incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by autos and been seriously injured or killed in the past. As you may not know whether a person legally using a crosswalk is an officer or not just remember to always stop for a crossing pedestrian in a crosswalk.

This stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk law not only stipulates a motorist is expected to stop for a pedestrian using a crosswalk but the pedestrian is expected to only legally cross a roadway at an intersection with a traffic signal, a crosswalk, or at street corners where a crosswalk would be located. Aside from intersections the other two other areas where a pedestrian runs a greater risk of being struck by a car are when crossing in the middle of a block or trying to cross a divided

highway. Any pedestrians crossing a roadway illegally can also be subject to being stopped and ticketed by police officers as well.

Other police operations for driver safety that will be conducted will target some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that frequently contribute to a higher number of accidents that are to be addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections, driver inattention and aggressive driving.

The daily rush hour traffic congestion combined with more and more motorists seeming to be rushing to get to their destinations and the warmer weather leading to more children being out and about makes it vital that motorists use common sense and caution when driving. In residential areas drivers need to be mindful of persons walking dogs, jogging or out for an early evening stroll as well as children running about their neighborhood or riding their bicycles. Likewise, children should be instructed to not play or run blindly out into the street and dog walkers must have their pets securely held by a leash.

Remember that ALL persons under the age of seventeen (17) who either operate or ride upon a bicycle as a passenger MUST wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet and this applies especially to toddlers carried in a restraining seat attached to a parents' bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle. Although optional for adults, a bicycle helmet should be worn by everyone when riding a bicycle, especially on public roadways where encounters with motor vehicles are an ever present hazard.

My officers and I know better than most people about the tragic consequences that can result from usually preventable accidents that are frequently caused by inattentive or careless drivers. Hopefully by heeding these warnings along with the increased and visible traffic enforcement by officers, motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented. So get out and enjoy the nice weather but please remember to use the roadways safely.

### BALTUSROL CADDIE IS THIRD NJSGA-EVANS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Tyler Citrin of Springfield, N.J., a freshman at the University of Indiana and a caddie at Baltusrol Golf Club, has been named the third NJSGA joint recipient of a full-tuition scholarship from The Evans Scholarship Foundation of the Western Golf Association.

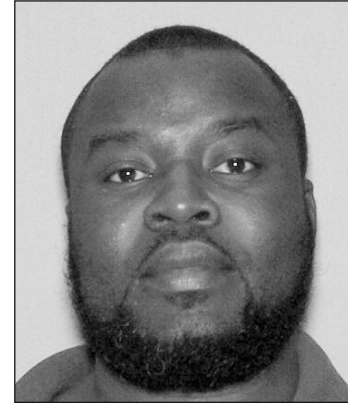
The prestigious Evans Scholarship is awarded to caddies who are chosen based on demonstrating a strong caddie record, excellent academics, financial need and outstanding character and leadership. Citrin is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School where he served as student body president and was team captain of the varsity soccer team. Citrin was selected from more than 750 applicants this year by the Western Golf Association. "I asked my mother to open the envelope at home. We were video-chatting on Facetime and my mother, father and sister gathered round to open the letter from the WGA. When my mother read aloud that I was accepted, I was without words," Citrin said. "It is definitely a remarkable experience I'll remember the rest of my life. I am spreading the word about the Evans Scholarship and

the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship. My overall message is that if there is one thing in life you are passionate about, put 100 percent effort into pursuing it, and you can use it to shape your future."

### RECYCLING WORKS LIKE MAGIC!



(l to r) Isabella Valente, Sarah Janvier, Tom Yurasits, and Christopher Geitne



## CAUGHT!

### TD BANK ROBBERY IN SPRINGFIELD

On April 21, 2015 at approximately 4:36 pm, an individual committed a robbery at the TD Bank at 166 Morris Avenue. The male suspect handed a note to the teller that demanded money and contained threats to harm the teller if the money was not handed over and this was done while the suspect kept his right hand in his pants pocket as if he was holding onto a weapon. The suspect fled the bank running along Springfield Avenue before crossing the street to the parking lot of 150 Morris Ave.

According to Chief John Cook, an investigation by Detective Lieutenant Judd Levenson found that the same suspect had robbed a bank in South Plainfield hours earlier and had subsequently fled from police on foot into Plainfield. While police were searching for this suspect he broke into a home in Plainfield where he held the residents hostage until he took clothing to change into before driving off in the car belonging to the victims in Plainfield. The suspect apparently drove from Plainfield to Springfield robbing his second bank in the same day.

Springfield PD detectives working with detectives from both the South Plainfield and the Plainfield police departments were able to identify the suspect as Marlon Peek, age 39 of Plainfield. Peek was identified in committing 2 bank robberies in South Plainfield as well as the home invasion in Plainfield and the bank robbery in Springfield and is suspected of having committed additional bank robberies in Middlesex County since March of 2015.

On April 24, 2015 an arrest warrant was issued by the Springfield Police Department charging Peek with 1st degree robbery and he is also wanted by other police departments for robbery as well.

Marlon Peek was apprehended by police on Wednesday 05/06/2015 after attempting to commit a bank robbery in Linden NJ. He also attempted to commit a carjacking to flee from the police but was taken into custody. He was formally arrested and charged by Springfield PD detectives on 05/07/2015 on one count of robbery in the 1st degree and his bail from \$200,000.00 with an initial court appearance in the Union County Superior Court set for 05/15/2015.

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than with a magic show centered around recycling! Thanks to the Home & School Association of Saint James the Apostle School, students in all grades were entertained and astounded by the "Recycling Works Like Magic!" show, produced and performed by Tom Yurasits. Tom delighted the students with magic tricks and illusions that demonstrated the reasons we recycle and the good it can do for our community and our world. He provided visual examples through the use of magic on how and what we can do to help the recycling process. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and audience participation by students in all grades. Younger students were surprised to see ordinary ping pong balls change color right in front of their eyes. Eighth grader Carl Sanciango did his best to follow the magician's lead in performing magic but was not able to pull off the tricks with the same flair and finesse.

# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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*The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCan, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://cityofsummit.org/trycan>.*

**TEEN NIGHTS RETURN TO CHISHOLM IN MAY** After a break for construction at the Chisholm Community Center, Teen Nights are now open to Springfield 6th-12th graders on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Over the summer, Teen Nights are held on Monday and Thursday nights. Teens are welcome to drop-in for basketball, volleyball, lounge games (pool, air hockey, and foosball), TV, and studying. The program is free and is supervised by Springfield Recreation Department staff members. Teens must sign-in at the lobby reception desk and leave emergency contact information. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 for more information.



## Foodie Kids

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### COOKING & NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR SPRINGFIELD K-2 GRADERS

*6 week sessions May 9th ending June 13th  
SATURDAYS 9am – 10:15am (Cost \$159)*

To reserve a spot for your child please go to [www.foodiekids.guru](http://www.foodiekids.guru) Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find Springfield K-2 Program and register. Class will close at 10 students. Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ [foodiekidsguru@gmail.com](mailto:foodiekidsguru@gmail.com) or 908-499-0270 or contact Danielle McLeer @ 973-912-2227 or [danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us)

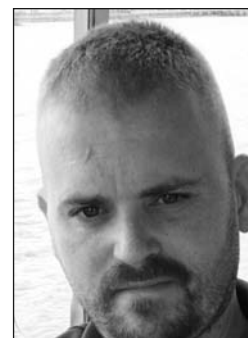
### COOKING & NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR SPRINGFIELD 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS

*8 HOUR Core Cooking Program.  
4 Week Session - 2 Hour Classes  
May 9th ending May 30th  
SATURDAYS: 10:30am-12:30pm (Cost \$169)*

To reserve a spot for your child please go to [www.foodiekids.guru](http://www.foodiekids.guru) Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find Springfield 3rd-5th grade program and register. Class will close at 10 students. Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ [foodiekidsguru@gmail.com](mailto:foodiekidsguru@gmail.com) or 908-499-0270 or Danielle McLeer @ 973-912-2227 or [danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us)



**Brian Blondet**  
(pool manager)



**James Wasilewski**  
(co-owner, Let's Eat Concessions)



**Karen Bocian**  
(swim team head coach)



**Matthew Levine**  
(assistant pool manager)

## NEW AND RETURNING FACES, IMPROVEMENTS READY FOR SUMMER POOL SEASON

**SCHEDULED TO OPEN  
SATURDAY, MAY 23**

The Springfield Community Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 23rd, for Memorial Day Weekend! A new team will be on hand to welcome members and guests this summer. Brian Blondet - assistant pool manager for the past two summers - will serve as pool manager. He will be joined by new assistant pool manager Matthew Levine - a former pool manager in Mountainside, Morris Township, and Chatham. Both Brian and Matthew are Certified Pool Operators (CPO). Derek Keller -- a 3-Year Lifeguard -- has been hired as Junior Assistant Manager. The Springfield Swim Team will be led by head coach Karen Bocian, who is serving her 17th summer. New at the pool is The Snack Bar, owned by James and Sharon Wasilewski of Let's Eat Concessions - operators of neighboring pool concessions in Summit and Millburn. The Snack Bar will feature a full menu of salads, wraps, burgers, sandwiches, pizza, drinks, ice cream, specials, and more! The pool will see a number of improvement projects this summer including: hiring of an activities manager to plan and lead sports, crafts, and holiday events; free WiFi access for patrons; two new shade structures; 35 new lounge chairs; decorative fence replacement along the side of the pool complex; new umbrellas for the concession area and baby pool deck; new picnic tables; demolition of one racquetball court, refurbishment of bocce courts; and more! Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents. Guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Group and private swim lessons are available. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).

## Garden Tour

*A Day at Two Gardens is a  
45 minute guided walking  
tour at each garden with  
a boxed lunch in between.*

*The itinerary for the day and  
details are as follows:*

10:15 a.m.: Arrive at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, NJ  
10:30 a.m.: 45 minute guided walking tour at Reeves-Reed Arboretum  
11:30 a.m.: Depart Reeves-Reed for lunch at Greenwood Gardens, Short Hills, NJ  
12:00 p.m.: Arrive at Greenwood Gardens for lunch in outside seating area  
1:30 p.m.: 45 minute guided walking tour at Greenwood Gardens

The cost for this day is \$18 per person.

Payment due in advance and sign up is mandatory on the bulletin board at Chisholm Community Center. Contact Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at (973) 912-2227 with any questions.

The restored Main terrace of Greenwood Gardens is accessible to all visitors. The remainder of the historic, landscape at Greenwood Gardens is not wheelchair accessible and the uneven terrain is difficult to navigate.



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this spring and summer (ages 4-12). More information and online registration is available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.



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## CARDIO TENNIS:

Burn calories in a fun and social atmosphere.

Ages: Adult  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts  
Price: \$140

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## ADULT TENNIS:

Rallying, serving, volleying and match play.

Ages: Adult  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm  
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts  
Price: \$140

## SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS WEEKLY

### SUMMER CLASSES

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs  
Dates: June 22-August 3  
Day: Every Monday  
Time: 4pm - 5 pm / 5:15pm - 6:15 pm /  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Chisholm Park  
Price: from \$135

## WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

*(attend one class  
every week for  
up to 7 weeks)*

## SPORTS SQUIRTS TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

Ages: 3-5 yrs / 5-7 yrs / 8-11 yrs  
Week starting: 8/24, 8/31  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Time: 9 am - 4 pm / 9 am - 12:30 pm /  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm / 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Location: Chisholm Park  
Price: Ranging from \$60-\$209

## WEEKLY SUMMER CLASSES:

*(attend everyday  
for a full week)*

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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 7:30-11:00 am. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

**Register in person or by mail to:** Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center  
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## SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

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

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

Sign up for Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips on the bulletin board at the Chisholm Community Center. These trips are for members only. Join the club!

## Women's Summer Softball League 2015

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

FEES: \$300 per team (payable to Township of Springfield) No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE: Friday, May 22, 2015

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

TO BE PLACED ON A TEAM Contact Jen Cataldo, League Coordinator, at [jencataldo@verizon.net](mailto:jencataldo@verizon.net)

Contact Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227, or  
Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us)

## CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP – SUMMER 2015

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by a camp director and counselors (high school-age and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, theme days, Friday trips to the Springfield Community Pool, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

- Week #1: June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> (no camp July 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Week #2: July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Week #3: July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Week #4: July 20<sup>th</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Week #5: July 27<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Week #6: August 3<sup>rd</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Week #7: August 10<sup>th</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Week #8: August 17<sup>th</sup>-August 21<sup>st</sup>

TIMES: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

FEES: Resident first child: \$40 per week • Resident additional child: \$35 per week  
• Non-Resident child: \$50 per week

REGISTER: Online (credit card) at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>  
In person at Chisholm Community Center. Payable to Township of Springfield.  
Call (973) 912-2227, [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us), or [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

## Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2015 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2015.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

## FEES:

\$55.00 payable to Township of Springfield  
\$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading  
No refunds after program begins.

## DEADLINE:

Friday, May 22, 2015  
No registrations will be accepted after this date.  
No exceptions.

## REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

## REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

Chisholm Community Center,  
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

## QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227  
Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at [danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us)

## SWIM TEAM 2015 OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

Register by mail or in-person:  
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100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081  
(973) 912-2227 [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 20th @ 7:00 pm  
Chisholm Community Center

**Fees:**  
\$55 payable to:  
Township of Springfield  
\$20 payable to:  
Swim Team  
Parent Association  
Please make two  
[2] separate checks

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 9th, and in the mornings beginning Wednesday, June 24th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 29th, to Friday, July 31st. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

**REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
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 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
**SATURDAYS** 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**MOTHER GOOSE GROUP @ 10:30** Selected Days -  
 - Babies, Toddlers And Preschoolers W/ A Caregiver. Stop  
 By And Drop In! Fri 5/15, Tue 5/19, Wed 5/27, Fri 5/29

**WII GAMES** – Wednesdays May 13, 20, & 27 From  
 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. Ages 6 To 11. Drop In.

**P'JAMA STORYTIME** May Mondays 5/11, 5/18. New  
 Time! 6:30 pm --- Join The Children's Librarian As She  
 Reads From Her Favorite Books. Ideal For Ages 3 To 7.  
 Wear Your Jammies And Bring Your Snuggly Bear. Drop  
 In.

**LEGO CLUB** Meets Alternate Tuesdays Afterschool  
 Until 4:30 pm – May 12 & 26. Ages 6 And Up.

**ORIGAMI CLUB** Meets Alternate Tuesdays After-  
 school Until 4:30 pm (5/19).

**DROP IN MATH HELP** – May Wednesdays @ 4 pm.  
 Need Some Math Help? Bring Your Homework And  
 Mrs. Treglio, Certified Math Teacher Is Here To Help!

**NEW! STORYTIME YOGA!** –Slither Like A Snake  
 & Roar Like A Lion With Miss Carly, Certified Yoga  
 Instructor. Friday 5/22 @ 10:30 am. Ages 2 And Up  
 With Caregiver.

## TEENS:

**NEW! PAGE FLIPPERS – A BOOK CLUB FOR**  
**TWEENS AND TEENS** Led By Teens From Sspl's Teen  
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 Alice @ 4 pm Friday, May 8. Excited About A Book?  
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## PARENTS:

Wednesday May 13 @ 7:30 pm **UNFOLDING**  
**COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS** for Parents  
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 Presentation to establish the background of the What and  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays (Dates To Be Announced)

**CHAIR YOGA** With Pamela Nixon. 1:00 pm.

May 4th thru May 29th **TEEN ART EXHIBIT.**

June 8th Thru June 26th **ART EXHIBIT**

– Jean Steers.Folk Songs Concert By Adam Miller.

## LECTURES

Wednesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm **“THE 300 CLUB”**  
 – Lecture By The Baseball Expert Dan Schlossberg.

## DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, May 21st, 10:00 am **GREAT BOOKS**  
**DISCUSSION** - “Faust” By Johann Wolfgang Von  
 Goethe

Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 pm **REAL GOOD BOOK**  
**DISCUSSION** – “Five Days At Memorial: Life And  
 Death In Storm-Ravaged Hospital” By Sheri Fink.

Thursdays, May 28th & June 11th, 10:15 am  
**MEMOIR WRITING GROUP.**

## FILMS

Tuesday, May 26th, 1:00 pm **LUNCHTIME FILM** –  
 Barbara Stanwyck Classics:Romantic Comedy Co-Star-  
 ring Henry Fonda As A Wealthy Eligible Bachelor And  
 Ms. Stanwyck As One Of Many After Him On Board An  
 Ocean Liner. 1941.

Monday, June 8th, 1:00 pm **LUNCHTIME FILM** –  
 Barbara Stanwyck Classics: In Postwar Suburbia Sophis-  
 ticated Outsider Comes Back Briefly Into The Life Of Her  
 Old Flame Played By Fred Memurray. 1956

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am  
**KNITS WITS KNITTING GROUP**

Every Monday At 7:00 pm **SCRABBLE** - Bring A  
 Friend Or Meet New Opponents!

Every Thursday At 7:00 pm **CHESS CLUB**

## INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday, Wednesday And Thursday **ONE-TO-**  
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 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Every Monday From 7:00 pm To 8:30 pm  
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 Androids, I pads, I phones And More), No Appointment  
 Necessary.

## TOWNSHIP AND BID REVEAL PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Over 100 residents gathered at a 6 pm meeting on  
 April 14 to see various renditions and proposed planes  
 for the long awaited downtown redevelopment plan.  
 Mayor Barnett and Business Improvement Co-Chair  
 Mike Scalera addressed the audience and answered  
 questions regarding the proposed plans. "These plans  
 and drawings are only concepts," noted both the  
 Mayor & Scalera, "and are merely works in progress.  
 Its a first step."

## DINE @ WENDY'S ~ SUPPORT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Springfield Library Friends invites you to  
 Dine In or Take Out dinner at the Short Hills  
 Wendy's on Monday, May 18th, 5-8 pm to help  
 the Friends raise money for Library programs.  
 Wendy's will donate to the Friends 15% of each  
 of your sales that night if you show the cashier a  
 copy of this article or a copy of the special  
 Wendy's Fundraiser flyer (available at the  
 library). This newly renovated Wendy's is  
 located at 764 Morris Turnpike, across from the  
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 you in advance for participating in this fund  
 raising evening.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPONSORS YOUTH COOKING CLASSES



The Springfield Recreation Department is partnering  
 with Foodie Kids to offer afterschool and weekend  
 cooking classes for children at the Chisholm Commu-  
 nity Center. Taught by Liliana Bussin, the classes  
 feature cooking techniques, nutritional information,  
 meal preparation, and more! For more information,  
 email [foodiekidsguru@gmail.com](mailto:foodiekidsguru@gmail.com).

## SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT MICHAEL S. HORN NAMED A 2015 NEW JERSEY RISING STAR

Springfield Resident Michael S. Horn was named a  
 2015 New Jersey Rising Star, ranked in the Business  
 Litigation category by Super Lawyers magazine. The  
 Rising Stars selection process involves nomination  
 by colleagues, research by Super Lawyers staff, and  
 peer evaluation by top attorneys in each of more than  
 70 practice areas amongst lawyers who are either 40  
 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or  
 less. The final published list represents no more than  
 2 ½ percent of the lawyers in the state.





## COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,  
Emergency Management Coordinator

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If you are planning to use a sign to publicize any activity, please post it on a stake, not on a utility pole. Nails, staples or other fasteners used to attach signs to poles can be hazardous to our workers who must climb these poles to repair or maintain our equipment. In addition, state law prohibits the posting of signs or outdoor advertising on any utility poles. If you want to advertise your event, get permission from property owners to post your signs on stakes, and check with the Town Hall, 973-912-2200, on any regulations regarding posting signs.



### THELMA L. SANDMEIER SCHOOL'S FIRST SCIENCE FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The Thelma L. Sandmeier School had their first Science Fair on Friday, April 10, 2015. It was a huge success with over 40 projects presented by 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. All the participants demonstrated impressive experiments - we are so proud of their achievements. The Science Fair will certainly become an annual event at TLS and we hope for even more projects next year!

**GATES OPEN AT 5PM!**

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# JULY 4TH

## CELEBRATION

**JULY 4TH @ 5:00 PM**  
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### NEW SCOUT ROOM AT CHISHOLM

Girls Scouts from Troop 40157, a sixth grade cadettetroup, gathered for the first time in their new meeting room at the Chisholm Community Center. This group of girls has been together for 7 years, and in the last two years they have earned their Bronze Service Awards by working with the Township Committee and the Recreation Department to have a space for all scouts in Springfield. They have helped with the purchase of items such as a DVD player, television, area carpet and flags, as well as building a bookcase that will be used for storage and display in the room.



### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GUEST SPEAKER DISCUSSES ENERGY EFFICIENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES

Patrick Lynch, of Tri State Light & Energy, is the guest speaker at the April 23rd Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce meeting. He is discussing various opportunities to convert commercial buildings' lighting and HVAC to more energy efficient equipment at a fraction of the cost of equipment replacement. Further information on the program can be found at [njcleanenergy.com/di](http://njcleanenergy.com/di).

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- Understanding the complicated formula the colleges use to determine exactly what you should pay each year and planning ahead to reduce that amount.
- The 5 biggest myths that lead families to believe they won't qualify for financial aid.
- The *three* questions you must ask every school before you apply that no one else asks until it is too late.
- The shocking truth about 529 Plans and other college savings plans and how they actually can COST you ten times what they save you!

This fast-paced, informative workshop is strictly informational. Nothing is for sale so bring a pen and notepad only. Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Students are welcome as well.

Having this valuable information is like having a flashlight to explore a pitch black cave while every other parent stumbles through blindly.

**Note: The workshop is 100% free, but seating is limited, so reserve your seats now!**

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### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- Sat., June 6th at 10:30am—Roseland Free Public Library
- Wed., June 10th at 7:00pm—Maplewood Memorial Library
- Thurs., June 11th at 7:00pm—Springfield Free Public Library

**To register for this FREE seminar visit us at**  
**www.ducerusNJ.com or call (973) 218-6250**

## INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information, dates, and times.

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## CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD DINNER

Congregation Israel of Springfield held its 40th Annual Dinner at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ, the evening of April 28th. The event, attended by a record crowd of over 225 persons, provided an opportunity to honor a number of noteworthy shul members and community leaders and present a scholarship award to a graduating high school senior who excelled in her community service. The program was hosted by master of ceremonies Aron Srulowitz.



**PHOTO OF AWARDEES:**

*Back row L to R: Mel Ostrow, Ben Hoffer, Joseph J. Fleming, Bruce Francis, Rabbi Chaim Marcus, Howard Apsan, Adam Hanover*  
*Front row L to R: Daniella Hoffer, Rachel Kohn, Sara Youner, Jordana Hanover*

**A full list of all the award recipients and detailed information on this event is available at [www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com)**



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## 2015 KIDS FOR CURE AMBASSADOR

Thirteen-year-old Hanah Quinones of Springfield has been selected to be a 2015 Kids for the Cure Ambassador, representing Union County, at the Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure which was held on May 3. Last April, Komen North Jersey received a call from her mom, Ana Harper, who was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer in 2013 (at age 39),

while she was 6-½ months pregnant with her third child. Ana said she had a donation for Komen. Her 12-year-old daughter Hanah, a student at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield, had overheard her parents discussing the mounting medical bills for Ana's treatment. Without telling her mother, Hanah took action. She organized a one-month Ribbon Pledge Campaign at her school to raise money to

"help pay mom's medical bills." Right before Spring break, she gave her mother an envelope with her mother's name on it, which Ana assumed was a note from her daughter's school. Inside, was a check for \$600. Ana and her husband presented the check to Komen, to invest in research and the future of others. Like daughter... like mother...

## ----- HERE'S SPRING! -----



**PJ Martin**

Recreation Department workers prep the field at Chisholm for a softball game. The guys did this after moving 3500 lbs of material to prep the fields,



**Ronnie Tyburezy**

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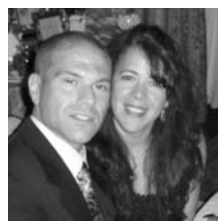
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