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CHRISTOPHER CAPODICE WINS LOCAL ELECTION

Christopher Capodice won the election for a seat on the Springfield Township Committee. The unofficial vote count is: Republican Candidate Geri Ann Bujnowski 1769, Independent Candidate Jeff Rosenberg 450, and Democratic Candidate Christopher Capodice 2034. Christopher Capodice will be sworn in at the Township's re-organizational meeting in January 2018 for a Three Year term.

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SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES COUNTY GRANTS OF \$30,000 FOR CHISHOLM PARK DUGOUTS AND \$6,000 FOR TREES



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(l to r) Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Committeewoman Geri Bujnowski, Public Advisory Committee Member Michael Yesenko, Committeeman Richard Huber, Committeewoman Erica DuBois, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, and Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergan

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MORE THAN \$67,000 WORTH OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO FOUR NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS



(l to r)
Captain Mike Mastroeni,
Mayor Diane Stampoulos
and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo
with the check
from the
Firehouse Subs
Public Safety
Foundation.

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LONGTIME SPRINGFIELD PASTOR REMEMBERED



Reverend Clarence Alston

On October 8, 2017, the Township of Springfield lost a most honorable and respected member of our community, the Reverend Clarence Alston, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Reverend Alston was born on June 21, 1933 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He lived most of his life in Vauxhall, New Jersey. He was educated in the Union public school system where he graduated from Union High School in June of 1951. From 1961 to 1964 Reverend Alston attended Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, New Jersey. He earned his degree in Biblical Studies and continued his education with courses from Trinity Bible College in Indiana through home study. Reverend Alston was employed with Alfred and Williams Springs for Machinery. He was a machinist and retired after more than thirty-five years."

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SERVE SPRINGFIELD AND LEARN LIFESAVING SKILLS



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TOWNSHIP ELIMINATING "CodeRED" SYSTEM AND EXCLUSIVELY UTILIZING UC FIRST ALERT

STAY INFORMED!

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

It's amazing how fast this year has gone. As we approach November and all the leaves are falling, the DPW has started the leaf collection. Please visit the Township website for an updated schedule, which will be published weekly with advance notice of what areas the DPW will canvas.

I had the honor of hosting The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control meeting. The US Army Corps of Engineers discussed the Rahway River Flood mitigation plan to getting it into construction in 2018 and urged residents to contact Federal and State officials to get this project done sooner. A special thank you to all that attended. (see article on page 12)

The next Township Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm.

The Recreation Department will be hosting their annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00-8:00 pm. (A rain/snow date with be on Thursday, December 7). The event will include: tree lighting, photos with Santa, petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage ride, bounce house, live band and much more!

On behalf of the Springfield Township Committee, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

REVEREND ALSTON

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Reverend Alston was quiet in character. He loved his family, enjoyed sports, enjoyed gardening and could give you a lesson on planting flowers and shrubs. He also loved the music of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Reverend Alston was united in marriage to the late Oneida George Alston for forty years. From this union they were blessed with three children, Clarence Jr, David and Donna. Oneida affectionately called "Neet" had passed on in March of 1995. In August of 1997 Reverend Alston was united in marriage to Patricia Cody and they made their home in Maplewood, New Jersey. He accepted his "calling" in April of 1957. He believed that His Lord had a purpose and a plan for his life. He accepted the call to ministry in 1960 and preached his first sermon September 19, 1960. He was licensed to preach by his home church, The First Baptist Church of Vauxhall, New Jersey under the leadership of the late Elmer L. Williams. He was ordained on November 4, 1964 having been duly recommended for ordination by a Council of Baptist Churches of the Middlesex Central Baptist Association. This Council convened at the call of the First Baptist Church of Vauxhall.

Reverend Clarence Alston was called to pastor the Antioch Baptist Church in October of 1964. He loved the ministry and the people of Antioch. For more than 50 years this anointed man of God lead his congregation in Springfield. Reverend Alston a man of wisdom, strength, and courage understood the art of perseverance and he knew how to be patient. He loved the Word of God. He was an excellent teacher and preacher loving to interpret the Word of God. He was a Visionary. He believed based on the Word of God, without vision, people perish. As he stated, "Heavenly visions are needed in order to do the will of God. Earthly knowledge is not enough. The pastor cannot discover heavenly truth, it must be revealed." He believed vision would be needed in his concern for the spiritual lives of the people, the growth of the church and the maintenance of the physical building. Pastor Alston lead Antioch in the building of this edifice, expansion projects and the acquiring of the houses and land for parking lot and so much more.

Pastor Alston once stated "I realize that if the Lord had not been with us, there wouldn't be anything to celebrate. All the glory and praise I give to Him. God has been good to me and Antioch, even through the most painful times. We can be confident that His accomplishment in and through us will be great and eternal. I thank God for everyday it has been my privilege to be your Pastor."

UTILIZING UC FIRST ALERT

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Since December 2016, the Township of Springfield and County of Union have been working cooperatively to offer an improved service to the public that will enhance safety and communication at a lower cost. The Township of Springfield has been transitioning over to "Union County First Alert" to replace "CodeRED" as the townwide notification system for public safety, emergency, and community alerts. Since 2012, CodeRED, previously known as Global Connect, has been utilized by the Township. The legacy system has received minimal upgrades/ enhancements and the latest proposal is expected to cost approximately \$9,200 per year. UCFirstAlert has been upgraded to utilize Everbridge, an advanced mass notification system, and with the new shared service partnership, the Township of Springfield can utilize the service at no additional cost thereby saving thousands of dollars per year. Additionally, members of the public will now only need to maintain one account with UCFirstAlert, thereby streamlining communications and minimizing the confusion of receiving alerts from two different systems.

The County has assisted the Township in migrating over 7,000 records from the former system. However, members of the public (residents, businesses, commercial property owners, and employees) are still encouraged to sign up for the UCFirstAlert system to manage their accounts which will allow them to update their home address, telephone number, e-mail address, and preferred alert types. Since calls can be targeted for localized messaging, signing up will ensure the most relevant notifications are sent based on location and incident. Springfield residents and the business community are welcome and encouraged to enter their contact information for home, business, and mobile phones so they may be contacted by the system. It is important for residents and businesses customers to register, especially if they use unlisted numbers, cell phones, or VOIP. Those who do not register their address and phone number may not be notified with important or emergency information. **The UCFirstAlert system will be used exclusively by the Township of Springfield beginning January 1, 2018. Use of the CodeRED system will be discontinued. For more information and to register/manage your account, visit www.springfield-nj.us/alerts.**

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Township Committee meetings at 7:00 pm in Town Hall
Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Tuesday, Dec. 19

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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TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E. SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces again this year for another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools, and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run from Monday, November 6 through Friday, December 15, 2017.

**For information, please e-mail
Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield Hope
at toys@springfieldhope.com.**

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ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH LAUNCHES A GIANT BALLOON ROSARY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Friday, October 13 was the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mothers 6th visit to the children of Fatima. On this day in 1917, the miracle, of the sun occurred. To commemorate that miracle, St. James the Apostle Church launched a giant balloon rosary into the sky. Immediately after, over 150 people went inside the church and prayed the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It was a beautiful event. Ann Marie Gesualdo, the new youth group leader, was on hand with about 10 high school children to inflate, tie the balloons and form the rosary before the release. The balloons were all biodegradable.

SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2017 HOUDAILLE QUARRY WALK

The Springfield Environmental Commission has announced that the 2017 Houdaille Quarry Walk will take place from 1-3 pm on Sunday, November 19. Alyson Miller, Chair, reminded potential participants that "The Quarry Walk is a once a year event. There is no other access to this pristine natural area. This is an opportunity to see the tracks from and sometimes even the animals that inhabit the area including turkeys, raccoons, deer, coyotes, foxes and many kinds of birds. One of the highlights comes at the bottom of the Quarry, where there is a pond and a tunnel under I-78."

The Houdaille Quarry has been through many incarnations, beginning as part of a vast lava flow from an ancient volcano and continuing to its more modern use as a site for mining rock and gravel used for road building. Part of the site is now used as the Union County leaf composting facility. Another section is used by the Union County Model Airplane Club for constructing and flying model airplanes.

The annual Quarry Hike offers a guided 90-minute tour of the area. Appropriate clothing including long pants, long-sleeved shirts and jackets as well as sturdy walking shoes is suggested. This vigorous walk is not for young children (under age 7) or anyone who is physically comprised. No children's strollers are permitted.

The entrance to the Quarry is located on Mountview Road (off Shunpike Road) in Springfield, NJ. Parking is on Mountview Road with some availability inside the gates.

For more information, please contact Mary Feldman, Springfield Environmental Commission at 908.239.2358 or maryfeldman@icloud.com.

HOLY CROSS CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE



During the month of October, the children at Holy Cross Nursery School supported the Food Ministry program run by the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. This program provides food to families in Springfield who are in need. Food donations are accepted all year and can be dropped off at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 639 Mountain Avenue.

NURSING AWARD PRESENTED TO SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT

Atlantic Health System presented its annual neuroscience nursing award to Randi Cataquet, of Springfield. According to her colleagues, Registered Nurse Randi Cataquet is not just a nurse. She's also a motivator.



Cataquet, who was recently chosen as an Atlantic Health System Neuroscience Nurse of the Year, puts a lot of love and energy into her work as an emergency room nurse at Overlook Medical Center, said Alyssa Ericksen, RN, who presented Cataquet with the award.

"Randi has a creative flair and she has a gift for making learning memorable and fun," said Ericksen at the awards event, part of the 18th Annual Atlantic Neuroscience Institute Nursing Symposium on Sept. 27.

Cataquet's off-duty endeavors helped her achieve the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award. According to Ericksen, Cataquet volunteers at the Emergency Medical Service's annual dinners, the annual registered nurse block party and completes swallow screen audits.

Additionally, Cataquet – a certified emergency nurse and an active member of Atlantic Health's Performance Improvement Team – helps boost staff morale by helping organize volunteer benefit events, including Color War games and the MuckFest MS, said Ericksen.

She said Cataquet played an instrumental role in teaching nurses the Code Grey process related to the emergency department's response to stroke assessment and treatment. Part of that education involves teaching the proper mixing and administration of alteplase to stroke victims.

The Excellence in Clinical Practice Award recognizes bedside RNs with at least four years of bedside neuroscience experience who are working at one of Atlantic Health System's neuroscience focus areas. Cataquet, in winning the award, was deemed to have been a "champion neuroscience nurse who consistently shows exemplary qualities" in her clinical practice.

"These nurses are the frontline staff giving exceptional care to our neuroscience patients as well as acting as mentors to staff and continuing to grow professionally within the neuroscience specialty," noted Eriksen.

The award is sponsored by Atlantic Neurosurgical Specialists.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

WHEN TO CALL 911

In an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately from any wired or wireless phone.

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if in progress
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, experiencing an allergic reaction, having chest pain, having uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention

Important: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the call-taker determine whether you need emergency help.

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly.

Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. Many 911 centers can tell you exactly what to do to help in an emergency until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR.

Finally, do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to.

If you dial 911 by mistake, or if a child in your home dials 911 when no emergency exists, do not hang up—that could make 911 officials think that an emergency exists, and possibly send responders to your location. Instead, simply explain to the call-taker what happened.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL WINS 46TH ANNUAL ROSELLE CATHOLIC SCHOLASTIC OLYMPICS



Congratulations to the 8th graders at Saint James the Apostle School for winning first place overall at Roselle Catholic High School's 46th Annual Scholastic Olympics! The competition drew thirteen Catholic elementary schools from Union and Essex Counties. Six students placed in the top three of several subjects. Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner received a \$1,500 scholarship for their freshman year, if they decide to attend Roselle Catholic High School, for a school total of \$9,000 in scholarships. Saint James will also have its name added to the engraved winner's trophy and be able to display the trophy at school until next year. The school is so proud of their accomplishment, especially the way the class supported each other leading up to and throughout the competition. This is the second time in three years Saint James the Apostle School has won this competition. Individual winners were the following:

Goda Pocius - 1st Place - Current Events (girls)
Grace Roethlin - 1st Place - History (girls)
Steven Rotolo - 1st Place - History (boys)
Sophia Ilagan - 1st Place - Science (girls)
Yvonne Agyapong - 2nd Place - Mathematics (girls)
Christopher Lopez - 3rd Place - Science (boys)



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By John Cottage Sr.

DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT JUDD LEVENSON TO RETIRE

It will be the end of an era later this month when Detective Lieutenant Judd Levenson retires after over 38 years as a member of the Springfield Police Department. The Springfield resident has had a long and distinguished career with the Department. Joining in 1979, Judd spent the first seven years in the patrol division. Then, in 1986, he was assigned as a plain clothes officer in the Detective Bureau and was promoted to Detective in 1990. In 2010, Judd was promoted to Detective Sergeant and was the supervisor of both the Detective Bureau and the Juvenile unit. Finally, in 2012, he became Detective Lieutenant and was the commanding officer of both the Investigations and Administrative divisions of the Department.

During his tenure, Detective Lieutenant Levenson assisted in the investigation of over 14,000 crimes – over 6300 being fraud or financial crime investigations. Over his long career he attended over 130 courses given by County, State and Federal Law enforcement agencies as well as the Israeli National Police.

In 1993, the State of New Jersey first passed legislation for the reporting on and prosecution of Bias Crimes. Judd became the department's first Bias Crimes Investigator and held that position for 24 years.

In 1995, NJ passed laws that are commonly referred to as "Megan's Law." Again Judd was responsible for overseeing that for the Department for the last 22 years.

In addition, Judd has served as the Department's Public Information Officer, firearms instructor, and liaison to State agencies for organized crime investigations and homicides.

Detective Lieutenant Levenson has been the recipient of in excess of 80 awards and commendations from civic, fraternal, and professional associations along with the Springfield PD and other police agencies at the state and federal level. In 2004, he received the "Investigator of the Year" award from the Union County Prosecutors Office.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Judd commented, "Springfield is a great town to reside in and the police department along with the auxiliary police, firefighters, and EMS, constantly prove they can meet and overcome any problem or emergency that may occur. I was glad to have played a part in enabling the police department to protect and serve the community. As for my future plans.....we'll see." We at the Patriot Times join Judd's many friends in thanking him for his exemplary service to Springfield and wish him well. He is truly someone who made a difference!

LOCAL ELECTION

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Christopher Capodice commented: "I am extremely honored and humbled by the support of the residence of Springfield in their vote of CONFIDENCE by electing me to this position. I heard you loud and clear. Now its time to hit the ground running, working together for a greater Springfield!". Geri Ann Bujnowski, commented to the Patriot Times: "I am humbled by the support and well wishes I received across party lines. With each election, we realize the power of our vote. I wish Chris luck in his new role, I'm sure he will step up to the challenge". Jeff Rosenberg said: "Congratulations to Chris Capodice on his win. Chris is genuinely a good guy with all the best intentions and I'm positive he will do a fantastic job for Springfield. Also, a shout out to Geri Ann Bujnowski, who has always been a generous volunteer in this town and I am confident she will continue to be a great asset to the community. As an Independent candidate, I knew it was an uphill battle from the start. I tried a grass roots campaign, starting with almost no name recognition, but people tend to gravitate to political parties. If nothing else, I hope I've gotten people thinking, so they will question, debate and fight for change; beyond "the way it's always been done". And, I hope my campaign has given others the courage to put their names on the ballots in future elections - as Independents, so voters have options outside the standard bearer 2-party system. Thanks again to everyone who supported me." See you around town, at Township meetings and on Facebook.

The results of the Board of Education were: Marc L. Miller -- 1,548
Kristy Rubin -- 1,588 and Laura Gamarekian, a write in candidate with 335 votes.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY PROVIDES PIZZA LUNCH TO SENIORS



Members of the Rotary Club of Springfield met with members of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club at its monthly birthday bash luncheon on Thursday, October 26, at the Chisholm Community Center, and provided them with a lunch of pizza, salad, cake, and drinks. Rotarians mingled with the crowd, served lunch, and discussed their town-wide programs and services. Pictured (left-right): Mel Kevoe, Rotary Club President; Tony Losito, Recreation Bus Driver; Hope Rosenberg; Margaret Bandrowski, Senior Citizens Club President; Tim Penna; Anna Pedreiras; Dr. Gary Hecht; Michael Hausman; Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; Toni Serido, Recreation Assistant; and Dr. Seth Hammer.

90-YEAR-OLD SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT ROCKS WITH MUSICIAN STEVEN VAN ZANDT



Bea Slater, a Springfield resident for over 65 years, may have grown up listening to Frank Sinatra, but she fell in love with Rock 'n' Roll. So, how does a 90-year-old end up on stage to introduce Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul?

Bea's relationship with Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band and Steven Van Zandt began with her son, Mitch Slater of Westfield, NJ. He has been a fan of "The Boss" since his first album, Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J., and introduced his mother to his music. From then, both shared their love for the New Jersey rockstar, and attended Bruce's concert for Bea's 85th birthday.

For Bea's 90th birthday, Mitch had another surprise for his mother. He collected birthday wishes from friendships he had made with celebrities such as The E Street Band's Steven Van Zandt, Rachel Ray, and Larry King as part of a video montage. Then, he encouraged his mother to tape a video for Steven Van Zandt. So, Bea put on her Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul t-shirt and said some kind words for Steven and his band. After watching the video, Steven Van Zandt asked Mitch if she would be willing to introduce him and his band at an upcoming show. Bea's answer? "I'll do it."

Bea was provided with a script and, with her son Mitch by her side, made her way to the concert venue on Staten Island early to rehearse with Steven Van Zandt himself. Bea recalled the day's events with a bit of trepidation, but lots of enthusiasm.

"It was a real excitement for me. It was a gorgeous and big theater. Steven was great; he kept telling me, 'Don't be nervous' in rehearsal. He is one of the nicest people and it was a terrific crowd. I didn't want to disappoint him. It was a good feeling."

Bea struck a chord with the crowd because they cheered as she introduced herself and the band. They also waited for her after the show to show their appreciation and take selfies with Springfield's star.

If you didn't get to see Bea at the Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul concert, don't worry! Bea was recently filmed with her granddaughter, Fannie Slater, doing a cooking segment on the Food Network. Fannie Slater was the 2014 winner of Rachel Ray's Great American Cookbook Competition, which she entered after receiving the information from her grandmother.

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WINNERS OF THE HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

The contest was sponsored by the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Cardinal Land Properties Inc. at the Halloween Spooktacular on Sunday, October 29, at the Chisholm Community Center. Winners are photographed with Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, and Michael Butrico, Assistant Director of Recreation.



Costume contest judges (l-r): Recreation Assistants Erin McNany and Amy McNany, Mayor Diane Stampoulos, and Recreation Assistant Daniel Wilkenfeld.



6th-8th: Alfred Duallo, Juan Diego Cisneros, and Eric Sayah



4th-5th: Geneva Ellis, Binal Parikh, Lauren O'Brien



2nd-3rd: Aaron Friedman, Caitlyn Sayah, Lucas Ellis



K-1st: Luca Sarracino, Rebecca Carvajal, Lawrence Worth



Infant-Pre K: Nico Sarracino, Giovanni Cocuzza (not pictured), Adriana Emam (not pictured)

SERVE SPRINGFIELD AND LEARN LIFESAVING SKILLS

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Are you an adult in town looking to learn life-saving skills and put them to use? New to Springfield and looking to get involved and meet others? A high school student interested in pursuing an exciting community service opportunity?

The Springfield First Aid Squad provides emergency medical services to our town 24/7/365. When you call 9-1-1 and need an ambulance, our EMTs respond. We've been neighbors helping neighbors since 1949 and are looking for dedicated Springfield residents to join our volunteer ranks! Most of our volunteers have

RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL



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

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL EACH TIME SLOT IS FILLED.

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.

- 1) Online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee): <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.

WINTER CONDITIONING

Winter 2017-2018 • Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for children and athletes. Winter Conditioning – coached by Mike Czech – demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to children in a Springfield school in grades 2-8. A minimum of eight children are required. No refunds are provided after the program begins.

Location:
Chisholm Community Center,
2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Day: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 1: November 17th-January 12th (no class on November 24th; December 22nd, 29th)

Session 2:
January 19th-March 2nd (no class on February 16th)

Cost: \$65 per session
(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
training apparel item

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 processing fee when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227
Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

families and/or full time jobs. None of us had tons of spare time. But all of us wanted to explore an exciting chance to learn life-saving skills, become part of an exciting group of people, and give back to our town. It is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Individuals aged 16 and older who are in good physical health are needed. We provide all training and uniforms. For more information, visit springfieldfas.org.

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U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE WINTER SEASON 2017 / 2018

Season starts from Nov 16 & Jan 6 • School Vacation Camps Available

Registration Opens October (Exact Date TBC)

Saturdays 11/18/2017 - 12/16/2017

Parent & Me Soccer Squirts 9 am - 10 am

Squirts Multi Sports 10 am - 11 am • Senior Multi Sports Squirts 11 am - 12 pm

For more info, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 866 345-2255

CHEERLEADING CLINICS

Winter 2018 • Grades K-2nd

Winter Cheerleading Clinics are open to children in Springfield schools in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Volunteers will teach the children cheers and routines to keep them energized!

Clinics are held on Thursdays from January 11th-February 15th
@ 4:45-5:30 pm at the Chisholm Community Center
(2nd floor fitness studio).

Fee: \$65 payable to Township of Springfield
(Includes: water bottle, sweatpants, end-of-season party)

Register by mail or in person at the
Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard,
or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
(\$0 processing fee when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

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CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Cards @ 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - Zoom-Ba
@ 11:00 am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Cards @ 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Forever Fit
@ 11:00 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - Bus Trip to Menlo
Park Mall @ 10:30 am (RSVP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Shape Up @ 11:00 am,
Cards @ 1:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - Cards @ 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Define & Sculpt
@ 11:00 am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Club Birthday Bash
Luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Stretch & Meditation
@ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Bus trip to
Livingston Mall @ 10:30 am (RSVP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Club Holiday Party
@ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Adult CoEd Social Sports

NEW LEAGUE!
DODGEBALL
WINTER 18

Registration Now Open!



Games played at Raymond Chisholm Community Center!
To Register & Learn More, visit www.ZogSportsNJ.com
Please email Joe@ZogSportsNJ.com for more details & to register!

Township of Springfield

Recreation Department

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

Free Festivities Include:

Tree Lighting, Pictures with Santa Claus

Winter Wonderland Band, Petting Zoo

Strolling Olaf

Stilt Walking Toy Soldier

Jungle World Inflatable

Carriage Rides, Treats and Hot Drinks

The Recreation Department would like to thank the following for their participation:

Township Committee, Administrator, Clerk, Public Works Dept., Police Dept., Fire Dept.,

First Aid Squad, Business Improvement District, FMBA Local #57, Municipal Alliance,

Office of Emergency Management, Auxiliary Police, Rotary Club.

Springfield H.O.P.E. will be collecting new unwrapped toys and Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be collecting non-perishable food and gently used coats.

Questions? (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us

Visit us on the web at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Inclement weather? Please call after noon on Wednesday, December 6th.

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

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Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation celebrated a donation of \$67,301 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to four local fire departments during a press event at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Plaza at Columbia Turnpike Firehouse Subs restaurant located at 176 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, N.J. 07932.

The event featured live demonstrations from benefitting departments, explaining the importance of the equipment and how it will be used to save lives. Florham Park residents and Firehouse Subs guests were invited to join the celebration and see firsthand how their generous contributions have come full circle to provide much needed equipment in their community.

"Our Foundation is dedicated to giving back to our first responders," said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters. "We're in a very fortunate position that allows us to work together with Firehouse Subs restaurants to raise funds that help provide life-saving equipment locally and throughout the country. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we're able to make a difference."

The Springfield Fire Department received a grant from Fire House Subs in the amount of \$11,007.50 for the purchase of a Hurst Edraulic SC 358E2 Combi Tool. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo commented, "The Hurst Edraulic SC 358E2 Combi Tool will have a positive impact on our operations. One of the primary impacts is the limited manpower that will be needed to operate same. Our existing extrication tool is powered by a generator connected to our rescue apparatus. When our apparatus arrives on a scene and our existing combination tool needs to be put into service, one firefighter must attend to the generator and start/motor it while the tool is in use. In addition, another firefighter needs to work on stretching out 100-foot hydraulic line to make sure it does not get stuck, tangled or snagged while an additional firefighter must carry the tool to the point of extrication. This means that not only is there an increased set up time to get the tool into service but we also have to assign additional firefighters to look after the generator/hydraulic line leaving only one firefighter to conduct rescue and/or extrication operations. The Hurst Edraulic SC 358E2 Combi Tool will seek to eliminate both of these challenges.

As previously noted, the extrication tool we acquired is battery operated. This means that as soon as our Rescue Engine arrives on a scene, one firefighter can grab this tool and immediately head to the scene to commence extrication operations. This will reduce equipment setup time and allow us to more efficiently begin extrication operations.

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ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

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.

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.

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:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY FALL BUS TRIPS



Springfield senior citizens have had a busy season on several bus trips sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. Trips included: Point Pleasant beach and boardwalk (pictured), Springfield history tour, Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck, Edison Labs in West Orange, Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (pictured), and Coppola's Ristorante and Central Farmer's Market in New Providence. The two pictured trips were chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, senior citizen bus driver.

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

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In addition, since the tool is battery powered, we do not need to rely on stationing firefighters to monitor the generator/hydraulic lines. These means that instead of having to focus additional firefighters' attention on the equipment, they will now be able to focus their attention on supporting the firefighter rescue operations."

Event attendees include local firefighters, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Ever Santana and Firehouse Subs Franchisees James Fabris and Ashesh Patel. The other Fire Departments receiving equipment that day were, the Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department who received three portable radios valued at \$22,280, the Belleville Fire Department who received two thermal imaging cameras valued at \$18,384 and the Ridgefield Volunteer Fire Department received six sets of lightweight turnout gear valued at \$15,629.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when Firehouse Subs co-founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, traveled to Mississippi where they provided food to first responders and survivors. As they traveled back to Florida, they knew they could do more and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was born with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Since its inception, the non-profit organization has granted more than \$29.5 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$340,000 in New Jersey.

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to round up their bill to the nearest dollar. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.

SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES COUNTY GRANTS

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On Thursday, October 26, Committeeman Richard Huber, Committeewoman Erica DuBois, Committeewoman Geri Bujnowski, and Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, were presented with a \$30,000 grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a \$6,000 grant from Greening Union County. Springfield's ceremonial checks were awarded at the meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders by Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergan, Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, and Public Advisory Committee member Michael Yesenko. The Township is matching the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant to finance new dugout shade structures and fencing improvements on the upper softball field at Chisholm Park. The project, to be installed in spring 2018, completes upgrades to both softball field dugouts that began in 2015. Matching grants from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund are distributed to municipalities across Union County that are looking to upgrade or build recreational facilities for children and families. The Greening Union County program helps local governments offset the cost of planting trees through matching grants.

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL STEPS UP FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY TO MOVE RAHWAY RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN TO CONSTRUCTION

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control has begun to step up its advocacy to get federal and state support to get the Rahway River flood mitigation plan into construction in 2018. The Mayors Council met on October 18 at the Springfield Township Firehouse at 7PM to get updates from the State DEP and Winning Strategies on the status of the project technical review and funding.

Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen wrote: "On behalf of Union County I have been a strong supporter of moving this important flood control effort forward and urge the project get to construction in 2018." The project is now before the US Army Corps of Engineers Chief Engineer for final approval. Already the US Congress, led by the efforts of Congressman Leonard Lance, Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Donald Payne, included the Rahway River flood mitigation project in the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 that requires funding for engineering and pre-construction once the Chief of Engineers approves the project. The multi-stage approval process has gone through every step with approvals including both economic and environmental, overseen by the US Army Corps of Engineers and has been endorsed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The project would be 65% funded by the federal government; 25% by the state and the remaining by county or local governments.

In October the US Army Corps of Engineers has on its schedule a visit to the Orange Reservoir Dam and Rahway River to review key technical aspects of the plan.

Alternative 4a was selected as having the strongest cost-benefit ratio and includes modification to the Orange Reservoir, adding two 36 inch outfall pipes permitting the reservoir to be drained two days before a major storm to reduce significantly the water elevation downstream during the major storm event providing river with more flow capacity. There will be downstream channel improvements through Cranford with one and one-half mile of channel deepening with most of the channel work done in the river not on land. Also there is expected to be lifting or acquisition of numerous properties in the City of Rahway. The plan had the strongest benefit cost ratio as part of the federal process meaning the project benefits (less flood damages) exceeded project costs.

The Mayors Council includes 2017 Mayors of the affected communities: Maplewood-Mayor Victor DeLuca; Cranford Mayor Thomas Hannen; Union Mayor Suzette Cavadas; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca; Springfield Mayor Diane Stampoulos; Millburn Mayor Cheryl Burstein. The next agenda meeting is scheduled for October 18 at the Springfield Firehouse at 7 pm.

Springfield Free Public Library

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973-376-4930

Check Library website for
MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

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

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23
in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Library will be closing at 5:00 pm on
Wednesday, November 22.

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Touch the Music presents Music of The Nutcracker
3:30 pm Friday Nov 24 Learn about the instruments
and play them! Family program, all ages, drop in.

**New! Storytime Yoga 11am Friday Nov 17. Ages 3 &
up. Space is limited—Register early.**

**Mommy & Me. Crafts for our youngest patrons (ages
2-4) 10:30 am Thurs Nov 2, Tues Nov 21, & Wed Nov
29. Space is limited—Register early.**

**Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! LITTLE LEGOS are
out all day! Drop by, ask your friends and impress us
with a magnificent creation—we'll put it on display!**
Crafty Mondays & Fridays @ 4:00pm. Ages 4 to 8.
Must register. No crafters under age 4.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursdays Stop by and gather
around our cozy campfire for great stories and a sweet
treat. Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy.
All ages.

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

**Wii Games Wednesdays @ 4:00. Ages 6 to 11. We play
Super Smash Bros. Drop in.**

**Math Help Wednesdays @ 4:00. Certified teacher for
grades 1 to 8. Drop in & bring your homework!**

**New! Page Flippers 4pm Thurs Nov 16. Grades 3, 4
& 5. Meets 1x/month to talk about our fave books!**

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies,
toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay
for a while! Wed 11/22, Fri 11/24, Sat 11/26, Tu 11/28,
Th 11/30.**

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Children from
birth through Pre-K may be registered at the Youth
Services desk. Reading logs 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:

Pop Tart Pillows. 3pm Monday Nov 20 Grades 6+.
Sign up in person or call (973) 376-4930 ext. 233.

Monday Nov 27 @ 6pm Teen Advisory Group:
**Grades 6-12 are invited to plan, assist, and lead young
adult programs. Enjoy snacks, socialize, and be part of
the library. See the Young Adult Librarian about joining.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 26 – December 29
Art Exhibit – Pastels by Bonnie Wilkenfeld.

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 pm
Rewind Oldies Band concert.

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 pm
Silk City Band with Mary Olive Smith concert.

Wednesday, November 15, 3:00 pm
“Simplifying and Securing Digital Passwords”
workshop.

Monday, December 4, 7:00 pm

LECTURES

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm
“Organizing Your Financial Life” presentation.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, November 16, 10:00 am
**Great Books: “Confessions of a Fallen Standard
Bearer” by Andrea Makine.**

Thursday, December 6, 10:00 am
Memoir Writing Group.

Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm
**Really Good Book discussion: “When Breath
Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi.**

FILMS

Monday, November 20 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: “Café Society” (2016).
Starring Jesse Eisenberg.

Monday, December 4 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: “20 Feet from Stardom” (2013),
Oscar winner for best documentary.

Thursday, December 7, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
International Film: “Mia Madre” (2015), in Italian,
English and French with English subtitles.

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,
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OLDIES BAND, “REWIND” TO BRING MUSIC OF THE 50S, 60S, AND 70S TO THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY ON NOVEMBER 19

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to
present a performance of the oldies band, “Rewind”
at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 19, in the library’s
Palmer Museum. Jersey through and through, the
band’s members are John Delgiodice from Hasbrouck
Heights on guitar and vocals, Ken Cohen from
Kenilworth on drums and vocals, and Rich Loughlin
from Little Silver on bass and vocals. Performing
music of the 50s, 60s and 70s, the members of Rewind
reunited after a long hiatus and are once again
performing at venues throughout the state. Perform-
ance videos and more information about the band can
be found at www.facebook.com/rewindnj.

This program is free and open to all members of the
general public.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR BY PAUL KALANITHI

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!)
Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday,

December 7 at 7 pm to discuss Pulitzer Prize finalist
and #1 New York Times bestseller *When Breath
Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Paul Kalanithi’s
posthumous memoir was written as he faced a
terminal stage IV lung cancer diagnosis. In the face
of insurmountable odds, the young neurosurgeon still
finds hope and beauty, and attempts to answer the
question, “What makes a life worth living?”

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

FALL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONCLUDES AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Fall International Film Festival concludes at
the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday,
December 7. The library will screen *Mia Madre*
(2015) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Acclaimed Italian auteur
Nanni Moretti finds comedy and pathos in the story
of Margherita, a harried film director (Margherita
Buy) trying to juggle the demands of her latest movie
and a personal life in crisis. *Mia Madre* premiered
at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival and won the
Ecumenical Jury prize. Directed, co-written and
co-produced by Nanni Moretti (who plays one of
the major roles). Also starring John Turturro. In
Italian, English and French with English subtitles. 106
minutes. Rated R.

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. Admission is free.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER WORKSHOPS ON SIMPLIFYING AND SECURING DIGITAL PASSWORDS

Tara Grey, NJ’s Original Computer Tutor, will offer
two free workshops at the Springfield Public
Library that will help participants create a system for
securing, creating, and storing computer passwords.
Grey, a Springfield resident, will offer the workshops
on Wednesday, November 15 at 3:00 pm, and Mon-
day, December 4 at 7:00 pm.

“I have heard so much frustration from my clients
about the difficulty in keeping track of various
passwords and questions about their security,” Grey
said. “This workshop is for anyone who wants to
ensure that they are doing it correctly.”

Grey’s computer consulting company, CompuTara
LLC, offers basic computer training and private tutor-
ing to anyone who has experienced frustration with a
computer, smartphone, or tablet, or simply wants to
learn more about their device.

This program is free and open to all members of
the public. Preregistration is not required.



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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays nearing, readers of the Springfield Patriot Times, both residents and business owners alike, are preparing for the season. For most, this includes some type of holiday shopping. Unfortunately, thieves will also be out "shopping" during the months of November and December by looking to see what they can steal from you.

Many people still prefer to use cash when paying for their holiday gifts. Shoppers should be careful when they are receiving money from banks or ATM machines. Cash withdrawals should immediately be put out of sight before exiting the bank branch or ATM machine location. While paying, avoid displaying large amounts of cash, and put your wallet away quickly.

If you decide to pay with a credit or debit card, always retrieve the card back from the cashier after making a purchase. During the rush of holiday shopping it may be inadvertently left behind at the register or deliberately retained by a dishonest employee, especially when businesses hire many temporary holiday workers. If you later discover that your credit or debit card was not returned, do not waste time attempting to contact the store to see if your card was located. Instead, immediately contact the issuing bank for your card and report it lost to prevent any unauthorized use.

Anyone carrying handbags or purses should hold onto them while in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave them unattended in shopping carts. Coupons should be kept in separate envelopes or billfolds which can be left accessible in the upper part of a cart, while wallets containing currency, credit cards or checks should be safely kept on your person. Thieves will look out for unattended carts with handbags or wallets and will quickly snatch them when shoppers are busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest. Some thieves will drive up to a person who is walking in a parking lot and pretend to ask for directions. This draws the person closer, allowing the thief to grab onto the handbag strap and then rapidly speed away. If the person's bag is worn with the strap across the chest, he or she will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks. By holding a purse with your hands, or by strapping it straight over one shoulder, the purse may be gone but you are less likely to be hurt.

As handbag thefts, purse snatches, and pickpockets increase during the holiday shopping time, you should not carry with you anything that cannot be replaced. Identification cards and other documents such as checks or credit cards can be replaced. Other documents such as your Social Security card should be left at home as thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity information to commit various types of identity theft related frauds.

Readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times should remember that smartphone thefts remain on the rise throughout the country. Many thieves will merely walk up and grab a phone from someone who is texting, streaming or surfing the web. Using a smartphone tends to make some people unaware of their surroundings, which could make them a more attractive target for phone thieves. Be careful when using your phone while walking through malls, parking lots and other busy public places. If possible, wait until entering your vehicle to make a call or text.

Shoppers should park their cars in main well lit sections of a parking lot. Make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors when exiting. Any shopping bags should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where they are not readily visible. Thieves will walk through parking lots looking for vehicles with visible shopping bags to break into and steal. Also, do not leave gifts inside of your car overnight, even in your driveway. Instead, bring them inside your home to store.

Businesses should increase the amount of times cash is removed from register drawers and make additional bank drops if necessary, to prevent large amounts of money from being left in register drawers during business hours or overnight. Bank drops should be done by multiple employees going together and the times/days should be staggered to prevent thieves from learning business routines.

Many residents will likely order some gifts online in the months leading up to the holidays. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for unattended packages left by the front doors of homes. Residents should check the tracking and delivery information for their orders, and request a delivery date/time when they will home, if possible. If no one will be home for the delivery, they should ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve and secure their packages until they return, or request the carrier leave any parcels at either a side or rear door of their home. Residents should be alert for slow moving vehicles driving through their neighborhood, and immediately call the police if they observe the vehicle occupants remove packages from a home.

Residents who go away for the holidays should remember to cancel their mail and newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make their house look occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, residents can ask a neighbor or family member to park a car in their driveway and keep an eye on their home while away.

Scammers know that everyone wishes they had more disposable income to use during the holiday shopping season. Con artists will increase their letters, e-mails or telephone calls that fraudulently claim some type of lottery or monetary prize was won or is owed to you. You can easily recognize one of these scams, and know it is a fraud, if you are directed to pay some kind of a "fee" in order to collect the money.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling both residential and shopping areas in town, doing their best to deter thieves and their holiday schemes. I urge residents to immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department. Please keep all of these safety tips in mind. Together, we can keep Springfield safe for the holidays.

I hope all of you and your families have a happy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season.

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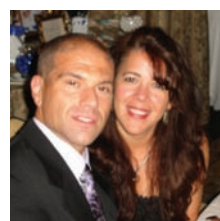


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- Richie, Springfield NJ



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