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TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR HELP DURING SUPERSTORM "SANDY"



Springfield Auxiliary Police Receive Their Awards (l-r) Captain Angelo Palumbo, Officer Bill Epstein, Officer Gladys Salas, Officer Antonio Nacci, Officer Gina Corcione, Officer Sara Abraham, Chief Nick D'Achille, Officer Avi Nisani, Lt. Howard Apsan, Coordinator Scott Seidel, Lt Jeff Katz, Sgt Robert Abraham, Corporal Ron Mitnitsky, Officer Jeff Lewis



Battle for Springfield Award 2012 Recipients... (l to r) OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Mayor Shehady, Auxiliary Officer Gina Corcione, OEM Chief of Staff Robert Abraham, Cert Members Karen & Jim Bonacorda and OEM Coordinator Seidel.



CERT Team Members (l to r) Jim Sedlak, Jim & Karen Bonacorda, Stephanie Weiss, Scott Seidel & Mayor Shehady



Springfield First Aid Squad Members Receive Their Awards (l to r) Second Lt. Tracy Voorhees, Richard Raymond, Captain Apu Robert Endress, Shira Raymond, Matthew Raymond, Jeremy Salow, Shane Ronan and Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

At the December 4 Township Committee meeting the Township handed out certificates to volunteers and township employees who went above and beyond to help the town before, during and after the storm. Many others received "honorable mention". Everyone from Township Administrator Anthony Cancro on down who worked during the storm received recognition. Acknowledged residents helped at the shelters and EOC, cooked food, took people into their own homes and provided all kinds of assistance to those in need.

The list went on and on. The Mayor and Committee praised everyone for their extraordinary assistance and devotion to duty. While many received a "Certificate of Appreciation", certain individuals received a special engraved Mayors "coin" that bore the inscription "Service*Duty*Community"

with the Township Seal on the reverse side.

Employees also were praised and recognized for their efforts during "Sandy". DPW Department Head Ken Homlish and his assistants Joe Sarno and Rob Boettecher received a round of applause for their Department's job clearing the streets. Police, Fire and the First Aid Squad received high praise from the Mayor as well. Members of Springfield Emergency Management received Certificates of Commendation as well as a Commendation bar bearing the name "SANDY 2012", for their uniforms. Volunteers who could not attend may contact Linda Donnelly at the Town clerk's office to get their Certificates.

Additionally, certain individuals received plaques denoting their special contributions. Karen and Jim Bonacorda, residents who were victims of Tropical Storm Irene in

2011, received special recognition for running the Township's shelter and warming center for almost two weeks. OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel and OEM Deputy Wally Schultz presented four special "Battle for Springfield 2012" awards that evening. Seidel commented "I wanted to come up with something appropriate, and being familiar with the Battle of Springfield and its historical significance to the Township, this idea seemed very appropriate as each of the five individuals who received the award "fought" for the residents and the Township during and after the Storm". Recipients of the four "Battle for Springfield" Awards were Karen & Jim Bonacorda for their work at the Shelter, Robert Abraham for his work as

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Message from the Mayor

December is here already and as we conclude 2012, I offer my final "Message from the Mayor". As you may know, Springfield voters go to the polls every year to elect members to the Township Committee. The Township Committee selects a Mayor for a one year term. Every year, the governing body "re-organizes" and a new Mayor & Township Committee goes to work. It was an honor and privilege to serve you as Mayor and I thank the residents for that opportunity. I also want to thank two members of the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Jerry Fernandez and Committeeman Marc Krauss, who finish

their three-year terms at the end of the year. These remarkable gentlemen have shown exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment to Springfield. They have worked with fervor and passion for every resident and business and advocated for the best interest of Springfield helping to move our community forward. We wish them well and thank their families for allowing them to give so much of their time to Springfield. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered on the numerous Township committees/boards and in an appointed capacity. Finally, I want to thank all the Department heads and employees for their positive attitude, hard work and devotion to the team spirit.

I'd like to recognize two individuals who always work behind the scenes but played a very critical role recently during the state of emergency brought on by "Sandy" - Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel & Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz. Their leadership and handling of the disaster was nothing short of extraordinary and their service is greatly appreciated.

For much of this year, we have tried to address the neglected property at 646 South Springfield Avenue that was destroyed in a fire last year. Many attempts to collaboratively remedy the property were fruitless but we have finally obtained a court order to order demolition of the property - a necessary approval to minimize this blemish on a major thoroughfare in Springfield.

I am pleased to announce that we applied for and received a Disaster National Emergency Grant award in the amount of \$140,319 to hire nine temporary workers to assist with necessary clean-up resulting from "Sandy".

In November, voters went to the polls and had an opportunity to consider a question on the formation of a Charter Study Commission. The question passed and the all-volunteer group consists of James Bonacorda, Geri Ann Bujnowski, Mark Cunningham, Denise Devone and Hugh Keffer. This Commission will begin meeting, holding hearings, soliciting public input and report its findings within 9 months. The Commission is the mechanism for ensuring the future of Springfield is successful through the recommendation of the best form of government. The Commission does not take up the issue of salaries or full-time vs. part-time positions but rather, considers what change is necessary, if any, to our form of government to allow for partisan or non-partisan elections, at-large or ward elections, and a directly-elected or appointed Mayor. I urge residents to follow the activities of the Commission in 2013 and to participate and offer input so that the report of the Commission accurately reflects the sentiment of the community.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year!

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

Water Everywhere, now known as WE Springfield, meets on a bi-weekly basis at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Meeting dates for the month of December and January are as follows:

Thursday, December 13, 2012 and Thursdays, January 3 and 17, 2013

For More Info Contact Barbara Hickey at bah0214@yahoo.com

----- All are welcome to attend. -----

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (time to be determined)
Please check Township website for more details.
Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers
2nd Floor, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. - Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. - Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

THANK YOU...

The Township wishes to recognize the dozens of citizens and volunteers who pitched in and helped out their neighbors and fellow residents during "Sandy". If we missed your name, please let us know, there were certainly times when it was a little chaotic and we may have missed thanking someone. You should all be proud of your community and your efforts, without them, the situation would have been much worse.

Gennifer Abraham	Steve Hockstein	Victoria Salvaggio
Robert Abraham	Eli Hockstein	Fran Sandler
Sara Abraham	Vince Holland	Zach Sandman
Bonnie Adams	Ken Homlish	James Sanford
Andrew Agranovich	Wendi Horowitz	Renald Sanraelus
Deb Amlen	Brendan Illis	James Santiago
Frank Applegate	Pat Imbriale	Joe Sarno
Howard Apsan	Jed Jorda	Alfredo Saurini
Marylou Armond	Jeff Katz	Michele Saverino
Mario Arroyo	Samantha Knee	Kelly Saverino
Laura Atcachunas	Steve Kolton	Kelly Saverino
Bakula Ayres	Brandon Kolton	Sheila Sayah
Amanda Balboni	Daniel Kolton	Gayle Schaefer-Gelo
Mary Jo Banchansky	Elaine Kuczynski	Wally Schultz
Margaret Bandrowski	Jill Kurzner	Scott Schumacher
Cheryl Becker	Robert Labaczewski	Inga Schwartz
George Bell	Margit Landa	Jim Sedlak
Madeline Beveridge	Jennifer Law	Scott Seidel
Tracy Biebelberg	Amy Lebovitz	Adam Seidel
Betzabe Blondet	Marc Lepore	Alexis Seidel
James Blondet	Jeffrey Lewis	Lorraine Seidel
Karen Bocian	Sam Lipkin	Carina Servello
Rob Boettcher	Giabriella Lipkin	Lianna Servello
Fernando Bomfim	Linda Maas	Andrew Shanes
Jim Bonacorda	Don Mackinson	Jeff Shanes
Karen Bonacorda	Sam Mardini	Ilene Shewitz
Carol Bonosky	Maria Martino	Peter Shewitz
Jeanine Boyll	Stu Maslow	Stacey Shewitz
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Geri Bujnowski	Sarah McTernan	Tracy Smith
Mark Bujnowski	Elizabeth Miller	Barbara Soto
Daniel Burke	Catherine Miller	Wil Spady
Clara Burke	Nicole Mitchelle	Drew Stern
Dineen Burke	Ron Mitnitsky	Colleen Strobel
Gary Butler	Albert Moriello	Karen Stockl
John Butler	Apu Mullick	Gina Stopiolo
Joelle Cancellieri	Antoni Nacci	Rob Stopiolo
Anthony Cancro	Max Nagger	Chris Sturm
Teresa Casal	Rosa Nedel-kora	Joy Sudler-Stein
Cocoa Catallo	Debbie Neher	Pat Sullivan
Joe Cieri	Connor Nguyen	Joe Teixeira
Tyler Citrin	Orlanda Nisana	Tarean Thorne
Richard Citrin	Avi Nisani	Nancy Treiber
Mary Cokeing	David Nunes	Patrice Visco
John Cook	Tara Ortiz	Joe Voorhees
Gina Corcione	Rick Pagnillo	Tracy Voorhees
John Cottage, Jr.	Karen Pagnillo	Pamela Webb
Nick D'Achille	Carlo Palumbo	Matt Weber
Kevin Dailey	Angelo Palumbo	Jill Weber
Catherine DeCiantis	Grace Pereira	Barbara Weber
Melissa Del Mauro	Lilly Pereira	Allison Weber
Aggie Delmauro	Carlos Perez	Stephanie Weiss
Linda Donnelly	Diana Perez	Chris White
Scott Eadie	Nicholas Perez	Seneta Whiting
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Jessica Hecking	Rebecca Royce	Seabra's
Lenny Herman	Gary Russikoff	Infusion
Tamar Herman	Kathy Ryan	Yo! Addiction
Monalisa Hershey	Ken Rygiel	First Presbyterian Church
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The BID at Work [Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey](https://www.facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey) www.springfieldbid.com

The Members of the Springfield Business Improvement District wishes all of our friends and neighbors a very happy holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

Tell us what you want Survey

The JGSC Group in charge of doing a Market/Retail Analysis for us will be presenting their final report at a public meeting being held on Monday, January 14, 7:00pm at the Firehouse on 200 Mountain Ave., Joseph Pepe III Training Room. We hope you will attend to hear the results of this analysis and ask questions to understand the information being presented. The goal of the BID is to use the information to develop a plan for moving forward on improving the economic development of our business districts. Mark your calendar; we are looking forward to seeing you.

Holiday Savings from the BID!!

See the insert in the November and December Springfield Patriot for over 20 coupons!

The BID is providing great deals from Springfield businesses to help you with your holiday shopping list. Support your local businesses!!



Township Committee poses with Coordinator Seidel and Deputy Coridnator Schultz



Representative from Girl Scouts with the Mayor



Mayor Sheady Received The "Switch" To Turn The Power On It Town



Volunteers Receive Their Awards With The Mayor

TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES CONT. FROM FRONT PAGE

OEM Chief of Staff, OEM Auxiliary Police Officer Gina Corcione for her work managing the phones and logistics at the Emergency Operating Center, and Terry Bucksar of T&C Shell for supplying the Township with fuel supplies. "These individuals, working right alongside Township employees, gave their all and stayed "on the job" for hours, sometimes working well into the night and early hours of the morning" added Schultz. Schultz went on to say that "All our OEM people, CERT, Auxiliary Police and Communications Staff were just incredible in what they did for the Town--they are the best!"

Seidel & Schultz also received a plaque from the Township for their work during the storm and they in turn presented the Mayor with a special plaque with a large switch mounted on it bearing the JCP&L logo. Seidel commented "A few days into the event, people would call the EOC, frustrated by the lack of

electricity and JCP&L's response, asking the Mayor to get the power turned on--the Mayor said "if he could find the switch he would gladly turn it on!". We thought it only appropriate to present him with the "switch" bearing the Township & OEM Logos and JCP&L's name to commemorate his outstanding service to the community during and after the Storm--and of course turning the switch on turned on the lights on the plaque!" Seidel further commented that in almost 40 years working in Emergency Management, "Sandy" was the only storm he could recall that impacted 100% of the town for such a prolonged period of time and he was pleased and proud to have had Mayor Shehady at his side during this emergency". Seidel closed with the comment "It is an honor to be able to work with all the men and women in Emergency Management and I'm proud to be in an organization with the -- and all those we worked with were tremendous!"

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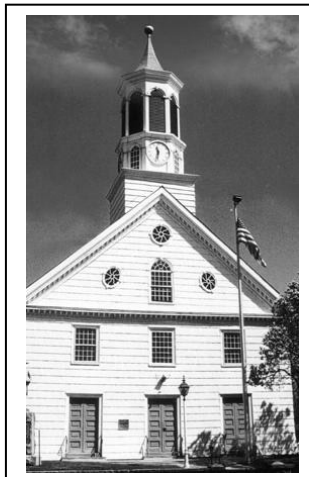
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Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service

- 4:00pm Family Service with Children's Pageant
- 11:00pm Candlelight Service with Special Music

Dec. 25th - 10:15am Service of Lessons and Carols

NEW PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDER FOR SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS

Starting this month all Springfield public health services will be provided by the staff of the Madison Health Department, announced Marc Krauss, Chairman of the Springfield Board of Health. The Board is pleased to begin this new shared service with Madison Borough and look forward to the various new programs the Department and its staff bring to the Township.

Lisa Gulla is the Madison Health Officer who will also cover Springfield under the shared services agreement between the two municipalities. Gulla has been in public health in New Jersey for over 20 years. Formerly a health officer in her native Edison, she also served as the township's assistant health officer and alliance coordinator for 18 years. Ms. Gulla is enthusiastic about the new partnership with Springfield and looks forward to working closely with community leaders, residents and employees. One program she and her staff are very excited about is an Employee Wellness Program that will kick-off in early 2013.

Tamica Trotman and Ben Samara are Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) whose role is to inspect local food establishments, pools, public health nuisances and follow up on animal bite investigations. Ms. Trotman will be Springfield's primary REHS and Mr. Samara will be available as needed. First up for the REHS staff will be to offer a food safety course in January for all food handlers. Local food establishments will be receiving information and invitations to the training soon.

The Department's Nursing Director is Dr. Flo Rice, and Marlene Dolan is the public health nurse. Flo and Marlene will be auditing immunization records for children of all ages, following up on communicable disease reports and providing immunization opportunities for infants and pre-school children. The nurses also offer immunizations and cardiac and cancer screening opportunities for adults. Rice and Dolan look forward to meeting the local nursery school personnel early in the year.

Health Educator Christine Shesler will be reaching out to local leaders and residents who have a passion for healthy living to work with her to provide some new fitness and education programs in the community including "Project Healthy Bones", "Matter of Balance" and "Take Control". Each of these New Jersey Department of Health sponsored programs helps people with chronic diseases learn more about their condition, master techniques to control symptoms and complications and feel better in their day to day activities. All are based on the "lay-leader" program model where community volunteers are trained to lead the classes in their community.

Ms. Shesler and the nursing staff are also available to speak to groups on various health topics including nutrition, falls prevention, heart health, osteoporosis, keeping the mind sharp, fitness and using medications wisely.

Residents can also expect additional articles published in The Springfield Patriot on current public health issues. The Health Department staff is looking forward to learning more about Springfield, meeting with local groups and serving the community with a comprehensive approach to public health.



Following Super Storm Sandy, The Soccer Club of Springfield, organized a community-wide donation at the club's last official weekend of games (Nov 23-24). Players from both Springfield and opposing teams were asked to bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products to donate to Northern Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce. Soccer Club Board Members Kevin Petraglia and Joe Forys (pictured) rented a truck and delivered dozens of boxes of goods which were very needed and very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone in the community who donated.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays nearing many residents and business owners alike are preparing for them and tending to their holiday shopping. Unfortunately thieves are also busily shopping during the month of December and looking to see what they can steal from you.

As many persons will favor paying for Christmas or Hanukah gifts by using cash instead of credit or debit cards, shoppers should be careful when receiving money from banks or via accessing an ATM machine. Money received should be immediately put out of sight before exiting the bank branch or ATM machine location.

Women should hold onto a pocketbook when in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave the handbag unattended in a cart while walking up and down an aisle. If at all possible store coupons should be kept in a separate billfold type wallet and this can be left open in the upper part of a cart while a wallet containing currency, credit cards or checks can be safely kept on your person and not in the cart. Thieves will look for an unattended cart with a handbag or wallet in same and will watch the intended victim and snatch the wallet when the person is busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should never be worn with a strap across the chest as some thieves will drive up to a victim walking in a parking lot where the driver will feign asking for directions and this is done to draw the victim closer so the thief can grab onto the handbag strap and rapidly speed away. If this is done while holding onto a handbag, the bag is gone but if the bag is worn with the strap across your chest, the victim will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks.

As handbag thefts or purse snatches increase during the holiday shopping time, your bag should not contain anything that cannot be replaced. Forms of identification such as a driver license or other documents such as checks or credit cards can be replaced but other forms of identification such as your Social Security card should be left at home since thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity information to commit various types of Identity Theft related frauds.

Shoppers should park their cars in the main well lit sections of a parking lot and should make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors. Any shopping bags from other stores should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where it is not readily visible to thieves who will walk amongst cars in the lot looking for packages in order to break into the vehicle to steal the visible packages. Do not leave packages inside of your car overnight in your driveway but instead bring them into your home to store.

Remember to always retrieve your credit or debit card from the cashier after making any purchase as 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 employees. 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 or can be tracked down and instead immediately contact the issuing bank for your credit or debit card to report it as lost so any unauthorized use can be quickly prevented.

Businesses should increase the amount of times that monies are removed from a cash register drawer and make additional bank drops if necessary so no large amounts of money are left in the business overnight or in the cash register drawers. The bank drop should be done by multiple employees together and the times should be staggered on a daily basis so as to prevent thieves from watching a business to set up a theft.

Residents who go away for the holidays should remember to cancel their mail delivery and any newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make their house look as if it is occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, a neighbor or family member can be asked to park a car in your driveway if your driveway is empty.

During the holiday season your police department will have officers in both marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling residential areas and the shopping areas in town in order to make the holidays safe for residents, merchants and shoppers alike and these stepped up patrols will hopefully deter thieves and their holiday shopping schemes. On behalf of Chief John Cook and the men and women of the Springfield Police Department we wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.



SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIVE HOLIDAY CHEER

Members of the Springfield Rotary along with the Chamber of Commerce collectively delivered twenty food baskets to families in town. This has been a tradition for the past several years during the holiday season. This is a feel good project and both groups are committed to continuing the food basket project until it is no longer needed by Springfield residents. Families that need assistance with food can contact Dr. Gary Hecth at Springfield Hope.

Present was president of Rotary Mel Kevoe, Co-chairman of the Chamber Scott Seidel in addition to many Rotarians and Chamber members. We wish the families of Springfield a Happy and Health New Year.

REMINDER TO ALL SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WITH BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS:

It's that time of year again! Annual registration of all burglar alarm systems are due no later than January 15, 2013. The annual registration fee is \$15.00. In our continuing effort to go "paperless", The Springfield Police Department will be sending a renewal notice and registration form to previous registrants via email. Registrants who have not provided us with an email address will receive a registration form via regular mail. Residents who were previously unregistered may obtain a registration form on our website, www.springfield-nj.us, and going to Departments > Public Safety > Police Department > Forms > Alarm Registration.



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SECOND ANNUAL SPRINT FOR SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS 5K RACE/WALK A SUCCESS



Runners get ready for the Second Annual Sprint for Springfield School 5K Race/Walk held Sept. 30.

The Second Annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Race/Walk was held on Sunday, September 30th and surpassed all expectations. With over 400 registrants for both the 5K Race and the Kids Fun Run, the event raised over \$13,000 for the Springfield Schools which will be used for teacher grants and student scholarships. The Second Annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Race/Walk was made possible by the support of the entire town including Mayor Shehady and the Township Committee, the Board of Education, police, auxiliary police, fire, first aid squad and of course the numerous area businesses who sponsored the event including Mike Dzikowski & UBS, ATA Martial Arts, No Body Denied (NBD), Morgan Stanley, Champion Container Company and Sports Authority. Many of the runners remarked about the loud support on the streets that kept them going in the homestretch. Plans are already underway for the Third Annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Race/Walk in September 2013.

SPRINGFIELD LUMINARY FUND LOOKING TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION

After only three short years, with the help of local businesses and residents, the Springfield Luminary Fund (SLF) will once again hold it's annual event that takes place on New Years Eve, luminaries are purchased and then lit on New Years Eve throughout the Township of Springfield. The success of the project is attributed to the support of the community which has proven to truly care and share with those in need. This years' recipients will be the Springfield Community Senior Citizens at Sarah Bailey, and the Jonathan Dayton High School Marching Band. The Luminary project was started by four local residents who organized this 501(c)(3) nearly four years ago. SLF's hope is that it can help create a stronger sense of community, not with just the raising of funds, but by also seeing the Springfield residents placing luminaries all at once along their sidewalks and driveways. Although, the founders of the fund feel there is much more to do, their goal is to create a scene with thousands of luminaries lined up all over Springfield creating a breathtaking sight that will hopefully get bigger and become an eagerly awaited tradition.



Pictured are Dr. Sidney Glasofer and Dr. Michael Weinrauch representing Associates in Cardiovascular Disease of Springfield, NJ presenting a \$600 check to Dr. Gary Hecht, one of the trustees of Springfield HOPE to be used for local SANDY relief efforts. Springfield HOPE is a local charity that focuses all it's efforts on the residents of Springfield. To learn more about the charity, please visit their website, Springfieldhope.com or their facebook page. You can always get updates in the Springfield Patriot newspaper.



(L-R) Rabbi Ari Rosenberg and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg

RABBI ARI ROSENBERG OFFICIALLY INSTALLED

On Friday, November 30, Rabbi Ari Rosenberg was officially installed as the leader of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield. Rabbi Rosenberg's installation honors were presented by his father, Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg of Temple Emanu-El in Waterford, CT. In addition, Rabbi Rosenberg received blessings from two of the synagogue's past rabbis--the recently retired Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Rabbi Israel "Sy" Dresner.

FREE CONCERT AND DINNER AT PRESBYTERIAN PARISH HOUSE

Come and enjoy a celebration of Christmas with a concert and a delicious hot meal on Sunday, December 16th at 3pm in the Parish House (37 Church Mall)

The Outreach Committee of the Springfield Presbyterian Church is pleased to present The Singing Boys of Pennsylvania with The Keystone Girls Choir. There will be selections from The Sound of Music; A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28, 1942; A Medley of Shaker Hymns and Spirituals; and Carols of Many Lands, and more!

This free event is open to the public. Reservations are a must, for proper meal planning. Please call 973-379-4320 for information and registration by Dec. 12th.



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Our programs are free and open to the public, no matter what town or county you live in!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday December 16 @ 2:00 pm Owls of New Jersey A family event for ages 5 and up. A naturalist from the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary will present this educational and entertaining program showcasing owls in our own backyard!

Math Homework Help for Grades 1 and up Mondays @ 4pm with Jeff. Bring your textbook and your homework and go to the head of the class!

Let's Play Chess for ages 5 to 12 with Ethan and Evan New Day **Mondays @ 7 to 8pm** All levels, beginner to experienced—meet new friends over this challenging and fun game.

Wii games for ages 6 to 11 **Wednesdays @ 4pm** We play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

New! BookWorms for Grades 1, 2, and 3. **Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:45** Let's talk books and enjoy some snacks!

Ariel's Storycraft (most) Fridays @ 4pm a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Storytime Yoga with Miss Pam **December 7 and 14 @ 10:30am** ages 2 to 5

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Sat Dec 8 @ 10:30, Tuesday Dec 11 @ 10:30, Monday evening Dec 17 @ 6:30 pm, Wed Dec 19 @ 10:30, Friday Jan 4 @ 10:30, Thurs Jan 10 @ 10:30.**

YOUNG ADULT

Teen Lit Review Wed Dec 12 @ 5 to 6 pm
Grades 6 to 12 Join Librarian Mrs. Mankiewicz for previews and selection of new YA books; earn community service hours and enjoy refreshments!

ADULT PROGRAMS

LECTURES

Monday, December 20th, 7:00 pm
"December 21, 2012: Mayan Day of Reckoning or Hollywood Hype" presented by Dr. Frank Argote-Freyre, Latin American historian.

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

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, December 27th & January 10
10:15 am - Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman

Thursday, December 20th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group: Mary Postgate by Kipling and **Hairball** by Atwood.

Thursday, January 3rd, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 7, 7:00 pm
Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell

Thursday, January 17th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group

FILMS

Monday, December 17th, 1:00 pm - Lunchtime Film Series - The final film of the JAMES DEAN TRILOGY See the late, great actor in his brilliant starring role, along with Raymond Massey and Julie Harris, in director Elia Kazan's 1955 retelling of the biblical Cain and Abel story. 115 minutes.

Monday, January 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm -Lunchtime Video Series - RECENT HITS Series. Gary Oldman gives an unforgettable performance as master spy George Smiley in this smash hit adaptation of a John Le Carre thriller. 128 minutes, rated R.

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday & Thursday, One-to-One Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm
Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Thursday, December 20th, 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, December 24th & January 14th
Knits Wits Knitting Group
10:00 am

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm
Chess Club

Wednesday, December 26th, 7:00 pm
Special Scrabble make-up session

LIBRARY DATABASES FOR KIDS

Are you ready? We now have 62 Interactive books for kids! Zowiee! Go to www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com and logon as sfpl p/w library

Selections range from early readers (Big Boats, Big Rollercoasters, Big Dinosaurs) to Graphic Novels (Jack and the Beanstalk, Hercules, Thumbelina) to Folktales and Fables for that First Grade reading requirement. A First Grader last year brought his tablet to school with his eBook, instead of checking out a regular book from the library! Words are highlighted as the stories are read, enabling students to get the right pronunciation for the words. That is a big help when reading Jason and the Golden Fleece!

On the library website www.sfplnj.org look for the blue World Book Web link...on the homepage or the Kids page. Use your library card to login. The link leads to 2 wonderful databases:

1.) Early World of Learning for preschoolers to Grade 3. This includes Trek's Travels with stories, puzzles and sorting games (we also have Trek books in the library!), Welcome to Reading (read, play or watch on multiple levels) and Know It: Learn Fun Facts.

2.) Craft Corner for kids and adults! Get instructions and images for building complete crafts by inputting the age range of the crafters, materials on hand, specific holiday, costs as well as time involved. Ingenious!



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Township Recreation Department hosted the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at the Town Hall on Sunday December 2. Hundreds attend the largest event to date. There was a horse and buggy ride, food, hot chocolate, a visit from Santa and more. Michael Tennaro, Recreation Director, in charge of the event, commented this was "One of the best attended and well received events sponsored by the township recreation department. The recreation department would like to thank all township departments, civic organizations and businesses that helped create this experience for Springfield. We had many entities volunteering; provide and bring refreshments; and others providing monetary donations to help add to this special event. A special thank you to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club for their generous donations.

Please have your submissions and news articles in by the end of the 3rd week of the month the following month's Patriot!!! Please send them to info@springfieldpatriot.com

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SPRINGFIELD, NJ November 19, 2012 – Springfield Public Schools has been selected as one of 20 Project RED Signature Districts in the nation that will collaborate on education technology implementation, focusing specifically on one-to-one computing deployments. Project RED, a research organization committed to transforming education through successful technology integration, is bringing its research to action through its Signature District program. For a period of three years, the 20 Signature Districts will publish their findings to the Signature District community and serve as best-practice models for other districts interested in successful technology planning.

Springfield Public Schools joins the following districts as a Project RED Signature District:

- Charleston County Schools, S.C.
- Clark County School District, Nev.
- East Noble School Corporation, Ind.
- Ferndale School District, Wash.
- Huntsville City Schools, Ala.
- Joplin Schools, Mo.
- Kent School District, Wash.
- Kuna School District, Idaho
- Natick Public Schools, Mass.
- Owensboro Public Schools, Ky.
- Owensboro Public Schools, Ky.
- Poway Unified School District, Calif.
- Quakertown Community School District, Pa.
- Reeds Springs School District, Mo.
- Richland School District Two, S.C.
- Salisbury Township Schools, Pa.
- Sioux City Community Schools, Iowa
- Southern Lehigh School District, Pa.
- Sunnyside School District, Ariz.
- Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Mich.

“The 20 Signature Districts have made a definitive commitment to improving student learning and providing personalized instruction through the meaningful integration of technology, ongoing professional development and administrator support,” said Leslie Wilson, Project RED team member.

About Project RED

In 2010, Project RED conducted a survey of technology programs in 1,000 U.S. schools, which is the first and only national research focusing on academic results and the financial implication of education technology. The research shows that, if effectively implemented, technology programs can lead to improved student achievement and significant return on investment. Based on those findings, Project RED created a replicable design for school districts to make the best possible use of technology in a learning environment.

Project RED offers a variety of ways districts can benefit from its research, including in-person institutes November 15-16, 2012 in Auburn, Ala. and December 3-4, 2012 in River Edge, N.J., a series of 10 implementation webinars, online tools and resources, and Project RED’s Signature District program.

Learn more at www.ProjectRED.org

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GIANT NETWORKING EVENT

Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce hosts giant networking event at the newly opened JMK FIAT location at 345 Route 22 East. Present for the ribbon cutting were, (l to r) Chamber Secretary Elliot Merkin, Chamber Co-chair Scott Seidel, Mayor Ziad Shehady, JMK owners Robert Schoenemann and Cathi Maier, Chamber Co-chair Pat Paoletta and Networking Chairman Mike Scalera.

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For information, please e-mail
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at toys@springfieldhope.com



On Sunday, December 2nd, 2012, Yolokiss Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt Lounge celebrated its official grand opening with a ribbon cutting event. Attendees include Chen You, Paola Conte, Zhen Li, Mr. Wang, Scott Seidel, Deputy Mayor Jerry, Amy Li, David Li, Jimmy Li, Springfield residents, family, friends, and new guests. The store carries over 50 different rotating flavors of premium frozen yogurt and a wide selection of fresh fruits, hearty nuts, and mini-treats to top it off. Every creation is unique, healthy, and enjoyable in every way. YOLOKISS was created with one mission in mind: To create a fun, exciting lounge that incorporates freedom, health, and happiness.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. People may die in traffic accidents on icy roads or of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

Make sure you have the following:

- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways and sand to improve traction.
- Sufficient heating fuel to last until trucks can make deliveries. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove in case the furnace doesn't work.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Non-perishable food, flashlights and batteries.

During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- When shoveling snow, avoid overexertion, which can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch your muscles before going outside.
- Keep dry. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. Get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help immediately.
- If you absolutely must drive after the storm: travel during the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule and route; and stay on main roads.
- Conserve fuel if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- In New Jersey, kerosene heaters are only permitted for use in 1 and 2 family residences. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Maintain a working carbon monoxide detector and maintain ventilation to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside. Keep heaters at least three feet from flammable objects.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

After Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 07081).



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