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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Wed., Nov. 23
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Emergency

Management Office
Top Floor of the Fire House
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SHEHADY WINS BY 59 VOTES, RECEIVING A TOTAL OF 1483 VOTES WITH INCUMBENT MAYOR KEFFER RECEIVING 1424 VOTES



Photo By Rich Citrin

(l to r) Committeemen Marc Krauss, Ziad Shehady and Committeemen Jerry Fernandez

Springfield, thank you! I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for giving me the opportunity to return to the Township Committee and serve for the benefit of our community. I am grateful for the support of the voters who have entrusted me the welfare and future of Springfield. It is a privilege and an honor that I take very seriously and I vow to work tirelessly for you.

I met many wonderful residents in the past few years and the experience is very humbling. I care a great deal about Springfield and the residents who make our town such a terrific place to live! Immediately after the election in November, I began diligently preparing myself so that I can roll up my sleeves and get to work right away after I take the Oath of

Office in January. I am committed to creating positive change in Springfield. I want to hear from you. I am interested in your issues both large and small, because these issues affect the quality of your life in our community. Please feel free to contact me by sending an e-mail to ziad@shehady.us or calling me at 973-797-9423. This will be helpful in planning for 2012 and setting short-term and long-term goals for the Township. I am also making myself available if you would like to host coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) or listen to any of your concerns.

Your community needs you! There are several boards and committees that impact quality of life on a regular basis. These government bodies have multiple positions but the vacancies are staggered so only a few positions are available every year. Nevertheless, the Township Committee will consider residents for appointments as volunteers with a focus on moving Springfield forward for the betterment of our community. I would like to be able to nominate qualified and motivated residents to serve for any vacancies that may be available. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the following:

Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Development Review Committee, Rent Leveling Board, Environmental Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Board of Health, Recreation Committee, Municipal Alliance, County Committee on Revenue Sharing, County Transportation Advisory Board and Solid Waste Advisory Board.

Finally, I want to thank Mayor Hugh Keffer for his service to Springfield and for assisting with the transition process. I am happy to have met him and served with him on the Township Committee for two years. I wish him the best of luck and success.

SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED IN TRENTON FOR THEIR SERVICES DURING TROPICAL STORM IRENE

Four Springfield volunteers accompanied by the Springfield Emergency Management Coordinator attended a ceremony in Trenton on October 26, 2011 recognizing the four volunteers for their community service during Tropical Storm Irene.

Each town in the state was requested to nominate volunteers who stepped up to assist their fellow residents. The Governor personally thanked each of the four volunteers for their service to their community.



Far Left, Auxiliary Police Sergeant Bobby Abraham, (to the Right of Governor Christie) Marion Ave. residents Frank Applegate and Marilyn Garlen, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage and Emergency Management Chief of Staff Wally Schultz



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Message from the Mayor

The voters of Springfield have voted and given their decision on the Township Committee for the coming year. I'd like to thank all of those people who have participated in the election process and brought us to this point. I'd like to thank Mr. Shehady for running a good campaign and keeping the debate focused on the issues that most affect Springfield.

This coming year will be a challenge that requires the time and talent of many. I ask all people involved in government and all residents to support the election result and continue to build a better Springfield.

Mayor Hugh Keffer

51ST ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Arthur Kravetz won the trophy for "Low Gross" at the 51st Annual Springfield Mayor's Day Golf outing held at Baltusrol Golf Club on Monday, November 7, 2011. The annual event was originally scheduled for August 25 of this year but was cancelled due to heavy rain. "The re-scheduled event went off without a hitch and with perfect weather" quoted Don Lusardi, the "MC" for the evening's award dinner and member of the event committee. The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donated \$22,000 in scholarships to Jonathan Dayton High School Students this past June according to Committee member Rich Colandrea.



(l to r) Mayor's Day Committee members Scott Seidel, Rich Colandrea, Don Lusardi and holding the Trophy, Arthur Kravetz. (Not shown in photo is Committee Chairman William Koonz)

• *Springfield H.O.P.E.* •

• *Springfield Fire department* •

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

Now through Dec, 21, 2011

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces 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 at 201 Mountain Avenue, Cappli e Mani at 224 Mountain Avenue, The Springfield Fire Department, 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 should be dropped off or mailed 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 November 1 through December 21, 2011.

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

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

first four Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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. – Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 8 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

FIRST ANNUAL SPRINT FOR SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS 5K RACE/WALK



Over 350 Springfield Education Foundation supporters and fitness enthusiasts, with the help of the Dayton Cheerleaders, participated in the first annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Race/Walk.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Dec 6 & 13: Advent Bible Study
Parish House, 10:30 AM

Dec. 11: Luncheon & Concert
in the Parish House;
Somerset Brass Quintet 11:30 AM

Dec. 14: Lunch and a Movie:
Parish House, 12:00 noon.

Dec. 16: Parent's Night Out & Santa's Workshop
Drop the kids off while you go out; Parish House,
6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

*For additional information, call the Church office at 973.379.4320
or Web: Springfieldpresbyterian.org.*

THE START OF OUR 3RD ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD LUMINARY FUNDRAISER

*Let's Continue the Tradition,
Let's Light Up Springfield this New Years Eve!
A Community Project Assisting the Springfield Community!*

2011 RECIPIENTS

- Springfield Residents affected by Hurricane Irene (to be distributed through the HOPE Foundation)
- Springfield Free Public Library
- Jonathan Dayton High School Basketball Programs

Last year, with the help of businesses and several Springfield residents, nearly 4,000 luminaries lined the streets of Springfield, a breathtaking sight that will hopefully get bigger and become an eagerly awaited tradition. If you are a local business owner and would like to donate to help with this great cause, please contact Dana Gatto at 908-500-7085 or send an email to the address below.

Order forms will be distributed in the month of November VIA USPS MAIL, or you can visit www.springfieldluminaryfund.com to download an order form or email: springfieldluminaryfund@yahoo.com to request a form. All orders are due by Wednesday, December 14th (or earlier). On the night of December 31st, Springfield residents will place their luminaries along sidewalks, driveways, or walkways, and light them at nightfall.

*A special thank you to 7 Eleven and Welsh Farms
for their generous donations!*

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Springfield Hadassah is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 1:00 PM at the Springfield Public Library.

Naomi Yablonsky will present a review of Erik Larson's book, *In the Garden of Beasts*.

Although the author has written many exciting non-fiction works, he considers this book his most enthralling work of novelistic history.

In the Garden of Beasts has the clarity of purpose that permits us to see the Germany of 1933 through the eyes of a uniquely well-positioned American family. The book's main characters are U.S. Ambassador to Germany William E. Dodd and his family. Through their eyes, we view the developing menace--Nazi Germany. On May 18, 2011, Janet Maslin wrote in the *New York Times*, "The Dodd family is perched in Berlin with Hitler rising."

The book reviewer, Naomi Yablonsky, is a retired teacher and has done book reviews for Hadassah and Jewish Women International. She is also active in Community Theater, where she has acted in and directed numerous plays. Her interests include travel, theater, concerts, and volunteering as an E.S.L. tutor. She is married to Jerry Yablonsky and has two married children with children.

Coffee, tea, and desert will be served. The program will include a brief Hadassah business meeting.

Attendance is free of charge and the public is invited.

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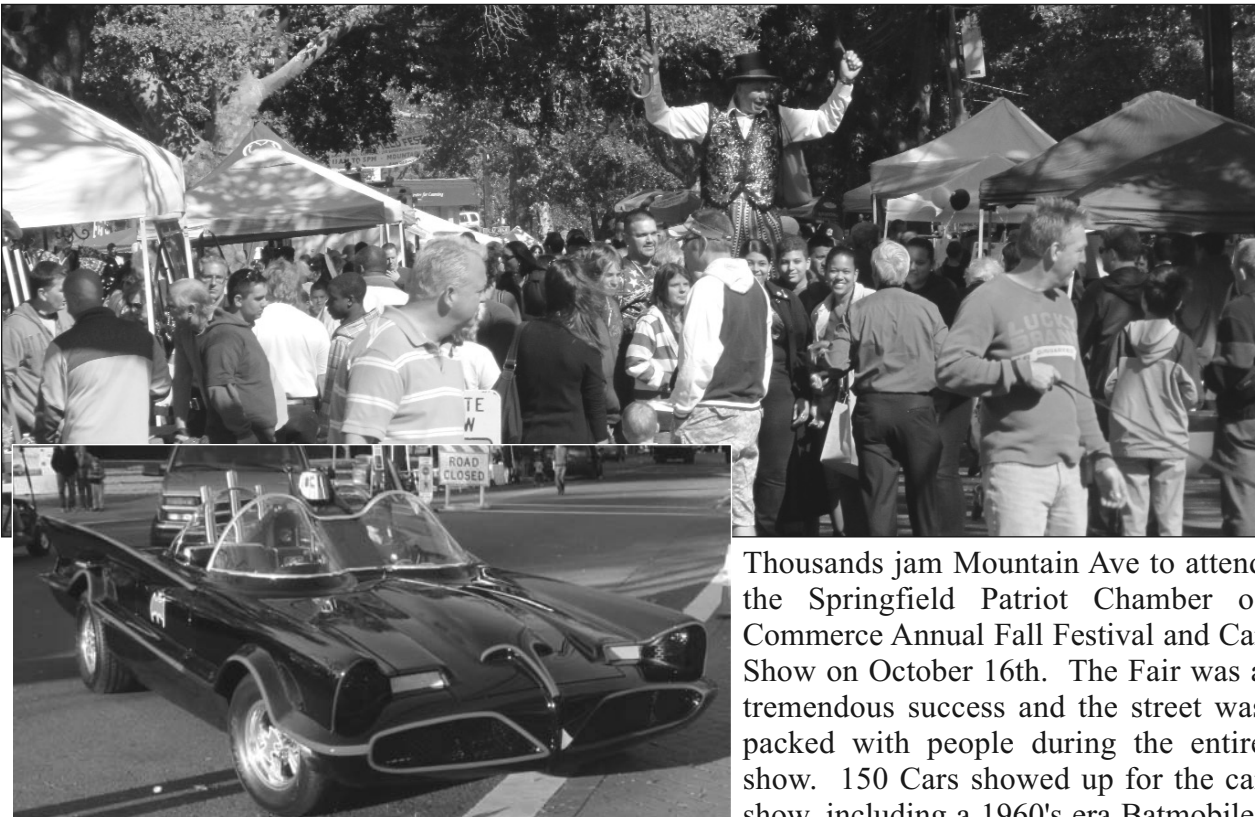
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SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW A BIG SUCCESS



Thousands jam Mountain Ave to attend the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Annual Fall Festival and Car Show on October 16th. The Fair was a tremendous success and the street was packed with people during the entire show. 150 Cars showed up for the car show, including a 1960's era Batmobile!

The Chamber's Festival Charmian, Robert Abraham, stated that this year was bigger than last year and he is already planning on ways to expand the show for 2012. The date for 2012 is October 14.

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONGRATULATES CAR SHOW WINNERS



Best in Show - - - Paul Batsarika for his 1956 T-Bird

(l to r) Mayor Hugh Keffer,
Paul Batsarika,
Chamber Co-chairs Scott Seidel
& Pat Paoella,
G-Wiz Productions Car Show
Organizer George Withers

**THIS YEAR
THERE WERE
150 CARS AT
THE SHOW**



Chamber's Choice - - - Frank Novak for his 1960 Jaguar XJ 150

(l to r) Chamber Co-chair Pat Paoella, Frank Novak, Chamber Co-chair Scott Seidel & Mayor Hugh Keffer



MAYOR KEFFER WITH FREEHOLDER DAN SULLIVAN RECEIVING \$75,000 KIDS RECREATION TRUST GRANT

The funds will be used for a new playground and skate park at the community pool and to defray the costs of engineering study for a turf field.



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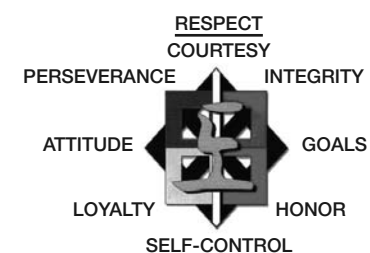
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LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Library will close at 5:00 pm on
Wednesday, November 23rd and will be
CLOSED on Thursday, November 24th
in observance of Thanksgiving.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You and Your Toddler: Let's talk about the challenges and the triumphs Presented by Nancy Kislin LCSW
Monday Nov 14 @ 7pm

Friday, November 18th, 3:30 pm
 Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library
 Semi-Annual Meeting – ALL WELCOME

Guitar Bob
Friday Nov 25 @ 10:30
 Back by popular demand for an after-Thanksgiving intergenerational family special of fun songs and dancing.

Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 pm
 Second Annual Photography Contest
 Awards Ceremony & Reception

NEW PROGRAMS

Karate Kickers! Ages 4+ Presented by USA
Karate Friday Nov 4, Dec. 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 @
 3:30-4 Please sign up for this program

Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays @ 3:30
Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17

The Reading Circle for Beginning Readers
Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

Special evening MGG!
Monday Nov 28 @ 6:30pm

Your favorite programs are back!

Lets' Play Chess!
Thursday evenings 7 to 8pm for ages 5-12.

Math Homework Help Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:15
 a drop in service for quick questions, all grades, must bring your textbook

Storycraft with Ariel Fridays @ 4pm
 ages 3 to 7

Wii Games with Matthew
Thursdays 4 to 5 pm ages 6 to 11

Take a look! Mommy & Me Karate for parent and toddler Monday Nov. 21 @ 11:15 am
 Mommies participate with child ages 2-3

Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays @ 3:30
Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17

The Reading Stars for Grades 1, 2, 3
Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

Storytime Yoga is back! Special evening class Wed Nov 9 @ 7pm Tuesday Nov 15 @ 10:30 Ages 2 to 7

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

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

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am
 (ages baby through pre-school):
Fri Nov 4 Tues Nov 8 Wed Nov 16
Sat Nov 19 Wed Nov 23 Thur Dec 1
Fri Dec 9

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

Essay Competition for all grades.
 Write an essay on an assigned topic and you could be the winner of an ice cream prize! Call or visit the Youth Services dept. or check us out online! www.sfplnj.org

Learn to Draw with Asiale.
Mondays @ 2pm Ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 pm
The Final Invasion: The Battle of Springfield presented by Mark Hurwitz. Sponsored by the Brooklyn College Alumni Association of Northern NJ

Thursday, November 17th, 7:00 pm
Business Plans for New & Exciting Businesses presented by SCORE

Monday, November 21st, 12:00 pm
Protecting Your Loved Ones' Inheritance from Creditors, Predators, In-laws and Out-laws presented by attorney Stacy Pilato

Monday, November 21st, 7:00 pm Mars
Science Laboratory Mission by Paul Cirillo

Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 pm
Invisible Ink: Spycraft of the American Revolution presented by author John A. Nagy

Tuesday, December 6th, 12:00 pm
Getting to the Heart of the Matter by Dr. David Powell, Associates in Cardiac Disease & Overlook Medical Center

BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Monday evenings at 7pm
Moonlight Storytime, all ages

Tuesdays @ 11 am
Storycraft with Nicole, ages 3 to 7

Thursday, November 17th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group – What is War? By von Clausewitz

Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 pm
 Really Good Book Discussion Group –
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Monday, December 5th, 7:00 pm
Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

Thursday, December 8th, 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman

MUSIC & THEATER

Sunday, November 20th, 2:00 pm
World War II in Words and Music performed by the Traveling Literary Theater

FILMS

Monday, November 14th, 12 pm
Lunchtime Film Series presents its series entitled "TALES OF DYSTOPIAN SOCIETY: A SELECTION OF SCI-FI CLASSICS." Ray Bradbury's futuristic tale.

Monday, November 28th, 12:00 pm
Lunchtime Film—Stanley Kubrick classic vision of the future

Thursday, December 8th, 12:00 & 6:45 pm
International Film – Bride Flight (Dutch)

INSTRUCTION

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

Every Tuesday & Friday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Free GED Test Prep Classes offered by Literacy Volunteers of Union County.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.
SCRABBLE - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Molly Picon, Star of the Yiddish Theatre:

A Musical Salute by Diane Cypkin

On Sunday, December 11th, at 2:00 P.M., the Springfield Free Public Library will host Dr. Diane Cypkin as she tells the life story of the exciting first lady of the Yiddish stage. Picon comes alive through the countless songs she sang, and often wrote, during her many years as an entertainer. Indeed, the concert is a cornucopia and a beautiful bouquet of tangos, waltzes and fox-trots that will have you humming for days. A tribute to a legend.

Multi-faceted, Dr. Cypkin is a Professor of Media and Communication Arts at Pace University in New York, an accomplished entertainer as well as a curator responsible for highly successful exhibits on Molly Picon at Lincoln Center and the Yiddish Theatre at the Museum of the City of New York. She will be accompanied by Lena Panfilova, a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory, who has performed as a collaborative pianist with many musicians and has given many solo and chamber concerts in Russia, across Europe, and in the US

This program is free to the public. Funding for this program has been provided by the David Hendlin Memorial Fund. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For additional information call 973-376-4930.

VISIT THE TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM PRE-SCHOOL!

~ Are you a parent in need of a few hours to yourself?

~ Are you looking for a creative and safe environment for your pre-schooler?

**The Temple Sha'arey Shalom Pre-School is the place for you!
Come check us out!**

The Temple Sha'arey Shalom Pre-School is proud to be a nurturing "home" to the young children of our community. It offers programs that create an atmosphere where socialization skills are encouraged and where pre-schoolers are able to discover their world in a safe, secure and playful environment. Interested parents are invited to come for a session and see for yourself! Just call the temple office at (973) 379-5387 and set up an appointment.

The Pre-School curriculum follows the guidelines of the Union for Reform Judaism, which offers units of study which stress an early approach to the teaching of Judaism. It also allows children to actively and creatively experience life through non-secular activities as well. All teachers attend workshops throughout the year enabling them to offer a state of the art curriculum.

The Temple Pre-School is made up of classes for two, three and four-year-old children. The two-year-old student to teacher ratio is 4 to 1, and the three-year-old and Pre-K ratio is 5 to 1. This gives the students the individual attention they all deserve. Each classroom is led by certified, qualified and caring teachers. The programs include Early Care, a Giant Steps Enrichment Program, which extends a child's school day, After-care, Parenting Workshops and a Summer Camp.

The Temple Sha'arey Shalom Pre-School continues its open-door policy for Springfield residents in need of wraparound care for pre-schoolers attending the Walton School's Pre-K program. There is a morning Pre-K Program and an afternoon Enrichment Program--extending a child's school day--that complement Walton's Pre-K Program. Both programs include lunchtime. The A.M. Session runs from 9:00 am -12:20 pm and the P.M. Session is from 11:30 am -2:30 pm. Early Care and After Care programs are available. Bussing between the Temple and Walton School is provided for a fee.

For more information, contact our Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director, at (973)379-5387 or at office@shaarey.org.

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SENIORS WANT TO STAY IN PLACE

Most seniors who live at home want to remain at home. Most seniors who live in Assisted Living facilities want to remain in place rather than go to a nursing home. This is the premise that has

fueled the success of Seniors In Place over the past 10 years, located in The White Stone Building, 155 Morris Ave in Springfield, a health services firm regulated by the State of New Jersey Board of Nursing. over the last ten years. "We have assisted thousands of people over the last decade, both in their homes and in assisted living communities," says Richard Blecker, founder and president of Seniors In Place. Seniors In Place assists with incidental transportation, cooking, bathing, medication reminders, laundry and linens, mobility assistance, and help after a hospital stay. For seniors who require more hands-on care they provide free Registered Nurse Supervision, State Certified Home Health Aides, Dementia and Alzheimer's Care, Bathing, Incontinence Care and Transferring. After ten years, they have the finest, most caring caregivers and notebooks filled with testimonials. They are truly experts at what they do. Their mission statement: "We provide our aging population with the very best companion and personal care at the very best value; provide employment opportunities for people who genuinely care about the well-being of others; and, in the truest sense of the term are 'A Family Company That Cares for You.'"

Today, Seniors In Place is truly a family



business. "What sets us apart," says Richard Blecker "is the professionalism, caring, and family participation of our organization." All three of Richard Blecker's children are involved in their wonderful organiza-

tion. Adam Blecker, with fifteen years of experience, is in charge of all development and operations. Chad Blecker and Mia Kebea are Senior Case Managers who oversee all aspects of care and are available to their clients and families twenty four hours a day. To round out their family business Niki is the hiring manager. With her doctorates degree and 40 years of experience in human resources and education she assures that only the finest caregivers represent Seniors In Place. Dina, is the staffing coordinator and makes sure all caregivers are where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there. Their registered nurses, Maria and Janet provide the professional oversight and training that is so important to the success of the organization. Tabatha and Gena are multi-tasking office administrators that run a professional office seamlessly.

With the aging senior population, today's baby boomers have been caught in the middle of caring for Mom and Dad and also caring for their own families. The added value of having Seniors In Place greatly reduces the stress and concern of assuring that Mom and Dad are safe and cared for. "Let's keep seniors in place with Seniors In Place," says Richard Blecker.

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 2011

Holy Cross Church located on Mountain Avenue in Springfield is hosting a unique Family Advent Program where your children and you are the stars. This fun production features attendees as members of the cast and crew of an Advent themed skit.

You will have the opportunity to bring an unwrapped gift marked with the gender and age that the gift will be best suited. These gifts will be distributed to children in Springfield by a local group "Toys for Springfield Kids" that has done this community service for several years.

Join us for a bagel brunch filled with Christmas joy and music on Sunday, December 4th immediately following worship at 11:30 AM. Each family will receive a Child's Hand Advent Wreath completed with expressions of kindness and love specific to each family through-out

Advent.

You are asked to register at the Holy Cross Church Office, 2nd floor, located on 639 Mountain Avenue in Springfield during the hours of 9AM to 1PM before November 27. You may also visit our website to print out a registration form and bring it or send it to Holy Cross Church, www.holycrossnj.org.

You are also invited to our Creatures at the crèche that features a camel, sheep, donkey and more to be held on December 24th at 3PM. This setting makes an opportunity for you to bring your camera to take unique Christmas photos with your family. Immediately following you are invited to attend our Family Christmas Eve Service at 4PM to welcome Baby Jesus. The office number is 973-379-4525 for more information.

~~~~ **Westfield Community Players Will Hold Auditions For "The Glass Menagerie"** ~~~~

7:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 27 and Tues., Nov. 29, 2011 with callbacks on Dec. 4. Auditions will be held at the theater located at 1000 North Ave. W, Westfield, NJ. The show runs March 3-24, 2012. For more information, check [www.westfieldcommunityplayers.org](http://www.westfieldcommunityplayers.org)  
Character breakdown as follows: Amanda Wingfield (Female – age late 40s to 60) • Laura Wingfield (Female – Mid 20s to early 30s)  
Tom Wingfield (Male – Mid to late 20s) • Jim O'Connor (Male – Mid 20s to early 30s)



## Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays nearing residents and business owners are preparing for the holidays 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 their holiday gifts by using cash instead of credit or debit cards, shoppers should be careful when receiving money from the bank or via accessing an ATM machine.

Woman 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 you.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest as some thieves will drive up to a victim walk-

ing in a parking lot where driver will feign asking for directions, to draw the victim closer so the thief can grab onto the handbag strap and rapidly speed away.

As handbag thefts or purse snatches increases during the holiday shopping time, your bag should not contain anything that cannot be replaced. Identification and other documents can be replaced such as checks or credit cards but forms of identification such as your Social Security card should be left at home since thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity.

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 doors. 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 them.

Remember to always retrieve your credit card from the cashier, 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, 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, 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 home look as it is occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. Park a car in your driveway if your driveway is empty.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in 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 while also deterring thieves and their holiday shopping schemes.

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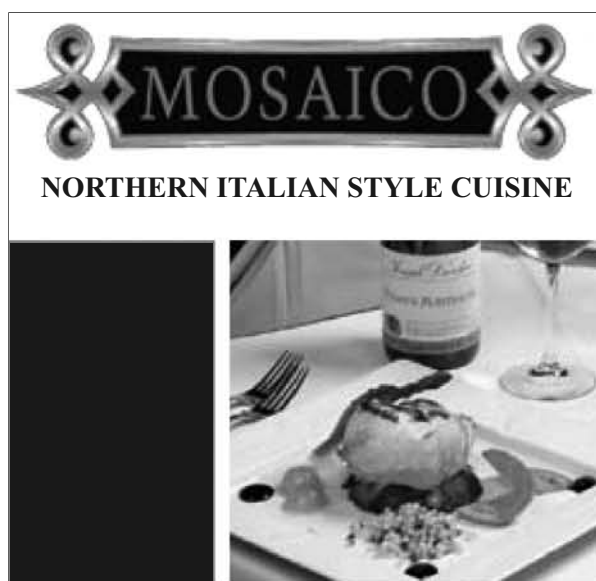
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## **TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM HOSTS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**\*\*MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**7:30PM\*\***

Springfield, N.J. (November 4, 2011) Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield is proud to host this year's Springfield Community Thanksgiving service on Monday evening, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. The Temple is located at 78 South Springfield Avenue.

The service will be led by clergy from various congregations in Springfield. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, completing his 30th and final year as Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Rabbi, will offer the sermon. In addition, Springfield's Mayor will deliver the Presidential Proclamation, members of Springfield's First Aid Squad will be honored with a special blessing and the Springfield Community Children's Choir will sing a musical selection, complementing choirs from various local congregations.

This special interfaith service is open to the community and all are welcome! For more information, call the temple office at (973)379-5387 or visit [www.shaarey.org](http://www.shaarey.org).



Fire Chief's Column  
*Chief James Sanford*

## **Don't Let Your Thanksgiving Go Up in Flames**

As we approach Thanksgiving, I would urge residents not to use turkey fryers because of the dangers associated with them. Tests have shown that the fryers have a high risk of tipping over, overheating, or spilling hot oil, leading to fires, burns, or other injuries.

### **A Message from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants for the preparation of the dish, or consider a new type of "oil less" turkey fryer."

NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even a well informed and careful consumer.

Some of the concerns about turkey fryers:

- When the turkey is placed in the hot oil, oil may spill onto the burner, creating a fire.
- Fryers can easily tip over, spilling scalding oil onto anyone or anything nearby.
- Most units do not have automatic thermostat controls, so oil may heat until its vapors catch fire.
- Large quantities of hot oil cause sudden and severe fires and injuries.
- The fryer's sides, lids, and handles get extremely hot and may cause burns.
- Structure fires have occurred when fryers are placed under overhangs or in garages.
- Water from rain, snow or partially frozen turkeys will cause the hot oil to splatter.

Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the primary cause of these fires, so please remember to turn off your stove top and oven when leaving the house. Another tip for oven safety is to make sure the oven is empty before turning on the "self-cleaning" feature.



## SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS TO SPRINGFIELD HOPE TO AID RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY TROPICAL STORM IRENE

A Springfield Business and a local house of worship step up to help Flood Victims. The Springfield Rotary and the Springfield Presbyterian Church made significant donations to Springfield HOPE to aid residents impacted by Tropical Storm Irene. At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting both organizations were formally recognized for their actions.



(l to r) Springfield HOPE Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht & John Cottage, Rotary President Mel Kevoe, Minister Vicky Ney from the Presbyterian Church and HOPE Trustee Scott Seidel (Pat Paoella, HOPE Trustee, not shown)

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## NETWORKING AT SOPHIA'S

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## SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Chief James Sanford (far left) presents a Group Effort Non-Fire Award for 89 watercraft rescues performed during the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Standing left to right: Captain Carlo Palumbo, Firefighter Patrick Federico, Firefighter Jason Ropelski, Firefighter Altay Vigilante, Firefighter Thomas Balke, and Captain Frank Fiorelli. Not present were Firefighter Walter Heckel and Firefighter Brian Schmitt.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pepe, Jr. hold the proclamation presented to them while standing under the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room Sign.



Captain Carlo Palumbo and Fire Chief James Sanford present the memorial sign after Mayor Hugh Keffer proclaimed the Fire Department Training Room as the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room.



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