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## OFFICER FOSTER ZIEGLER PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE

By Jennifer Sherman



*Mayor Christopher Capodice administers the Oath of Office*

At the February 11th meeting of the Township Committee, Springfield Police Officer Foster Ziegler was promoted to the rank of Detective. Springfield Police Chief John Cook commented: "Foster started with the Springfield Police Department in 2007 and was in the Patrol Division through 2014. During this timeframe he became a Bicycle Officer from 2011-2013. In 2015 he was assigned as an Investigator in the Detective Bureau handling general investigations and then taking on Juvenile Special Victim cases in 2016.

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Photos by Detective John Patrick & Jennifer Sherman

## SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE HOLD AWARDS DINNER

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(l to r) Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Applegate, Mayor Christopher Capodice, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Officer Antonio Nacci, Police Chief John Cook and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Apu Mullick

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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*Mayor Capodice reads proclamation.*

## OFFICER MATHEW L. SAFIR SWORN IN AS SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER



(l to r) Officer Safir's sister Ashley, his girlfriend Nicole Marczewski, his father Leonard and mother Cheryl, Mayor Capodice and Officer Safir

At the January 28th meeting of the Township Committee, Officer Mathew L. Safir takes the Oath of Office from Mayor Christopher Capodice while his family holds the bible. Police Chief John Cook presented the badge to his family to pin on his uniform. Chief Cook commented "Officer Safir grew up in Fairfield and pursued his college degree at Montclair State University. In 2018 Matt attended Essex County College Police Academy and graduated in December of 2018. Matt has also been involved in volunteer work in his hometown which is a trait we like to see in our officers. He has Law Enforcement ties in his family with a cousin serving with the Passaic County Sheriff's Office."

## ANNUAL PINK ZONE BASKETBALL CLINIC

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*Participants and leaders gather before the clinic.*

## ANNUAL PINewood DERBY

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Winners for the  
2020 Pinewood  
Derby were:

- 1st Place  
Gabriel De Orbeta  
(Wolf Scout)
- 2nd Place  
Daniel Meade  
(Bear Scout)
- 3rd Place  
Hunter Kiss  
(Tiger Scout)







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## Message from the Mayor

Greetings!

I hope your 2019 is off to a great start! I was able to stop by each of our township board and committee meetings to offer my support for the new year. I was also honored to swear in long-time Springfield resident and Fireman, Salvatore Cocuzza, to the rank of Captain, new police officer Matthew L. Safir, and helped present Antonio Nacci with Springfield Auxiliary Officer of the Year honor. We also installed a solar-powered pedestrian sign at Jonathan Dayton High School, installed new equipment at Denham and Cohn Park playgrounds, held an information session regarding the replacement of the Morris Avenue bridge, and I did my bi-annual ride along with the Springfield First Aid Squad.

February brings with us several township programs recognizing Black History month that I encourage you to take part in, if you have not done so already. This month I will be heading to Washington D.C. to meet with our representatives to discuss matters which are affecting our township. Our next workshop meeting topic will be Redevelopment on Monday, February 24th at 7:00 PM in Town Hall. We invite all residents and business owners to attend.

Lastly, I am proud to announce, that in addition to Youtube, all Township Committee meetings can now be seen live on our Township's Facebook page, on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

As always, I believe that good leadership starts with good listening. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please email me at [chris.capodice@springfield-nj.us](mailto:chris.capodice@springfield-nj.us). Your voice matters, and I want to hear from you!

Stay safe!

*Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.*

### I would like to provide you the very latest updates on projects we've been working on.

#### Evergreen Avenue Paving

The County of Union provided a 2019 Infrastructure Grant for Paving Improvements to Evergreen Avenue. Project work was completed by December 2019. Reimbursement of the project grant of \$57,500 has been requested.

#### Country Club Lane and Nelson Place

The Township of Springfield was notified of a grant opportunity for Union County Community Development Block Grant funding. An application was submitted for paving improvements on Country Club lane and Nelson Place. A grant of \$150,000 was requested for the project. Program awards are announced around June 2020.

#### Main Street Bridge over Route 78

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is planning on replacing the concrete bridge deck and deficient superstructure on the Main Street Bridge over Route 78. Sign panels will also be replaced. The project is funded with Federal dollars. Construction is expected to commence in Spring 2020 with a Fall 2022 completion. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be maintained during construction.

#### Morris Avenue Bridge over Rahway River

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is planning on replacing the Route 82 Bridge, which is in poor condition, over the Rahway River. During times of flooding, the existing arch openings of the bridge restrict the river's flow, causing flooding to adjacent upstream properties. Construction is anticipated to commence in Winter 2022 with completion in Fall 2023. The roadway will be closed to all traffic for approximately eight (8) weeks during the bridge replacement. Traffic detours will be established. NJDOT met with municipal staff in October and held a public information meeting on January 14, 2020.

#### Tesla Charging Stations @ Wawa

The Planning Board met on January 2, 2020 and approved installation of eight Tesla electric vehicle charging stations at the Wawa site located at the corner of Morris Turnpike, Cleveland Place and Morris Avenue.

As always, I believe that good leadership starts with good listening. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please reply to this email. Feel free to call me anytime at (908) 868-7045. Your voice matters, and I want to hear from you!

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### TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

February 24 - Workshop at 7 pm

(There will be a presentation at 7 pm on Redevelopment)

February 25 - Regular Meeting at 7 pm

March 10 - Regular Meeting at 7 pm

#### 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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## What's Happening

## Business Spotlights

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**"KEEPING IT SHARP: DISCUSSION & MORE FOR OLDER FOLKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM"**

The Springfield Free Public Library and the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter are pleased to partner in presenting a new monthly program, "Keeping it Sharp: Discussion & More for Older Folks and the People Who Love Them," to take place from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning on March 11. The sessions will be led by a trained facilitator from the Alzheimer's Association, with activities that will vary from month to month. In addition to sharing information about the challenges of dealing with memory loss that is associated with Alzheimer's disease, activities will include viewing short films, listening to music, games and discussion. These sessions are intended for people with Alzheimer's who must also be accompanied by a family member, friend, or other caregiver.

At the initial session on March 11, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the types of activities that they would like to see offered at future meetings. A brief animated film that simply explains what Alzheimer's Disease is will also be included.

Registration is not required to attend this event. For more information, please call Dale Spindel, Library Director, at 973 376-4930, ext. 227 or contact her by email at [dspindel@sfplnj.org](mailto:dspindel@sfplnj.org).



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**ANNUAL PINK ZONE BASKETBALL CLINIC**



(l-r): David Rennie, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Jonathan Dayton High School; Robert Martin, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Jonathan Dayton High School; Sara Steinman, Director of Wellness, Athletics, and Recreation, Delaware County Community College; Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, Township of Springfield; Mary Beth Spirk, Director of Athletics & Recreation/Head Women's Basketball Coach, Moravian College; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, Township of Springfield.

On Sunday, February 2, the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association co-sponsored the Pink Zone fundraiser at Jonathan Dayton High School. The annual youth basketball clinic was led by coaches and players from Moravian College and Jonathan Dayton High School. The event raised thousands of dollars to support breast cancer research and awareness for the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund. Children participated in dribbling and shooting drills, and learned competitive game skills. The event received support from 2019-2020 season sponsors: Capital Motor Cars, Glendale Pizzeria and Ristorante, Andrew H. Graulich, Attorney At Law, McNany Charitable Foundation, Prime Time Mortgage Corp., ShopRite of Springfield, Smilow Family Dentistry, Spirit Eatery & Social Drinks, Springfield F.M.B.A. Local #57, Springfield Orthodontics, Springfield P.B.A. Local #76, Wood Stack Pizza Kitchen, and Wolf Premier Properties.



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## Police Chief's Column

- Chief John P. Cook

The Police Department continues to receive reports of scams and other crimes involving fraudulent activity on an almost daily basis. While these schemes may unfold in different ways, the end result is always the same – the perpetrators defraud the victims of their money. Many of the suspects involved in these scams operate from foreign countries, and prosecution is all but impossible. Luckily, many financial institutions will rectify fraudulent transactions, but full resolution of these situations can turn in to major hassles for victims. Thieves may attempt to use their victim's breached personal information to open unauthorized accounts or make fraudulent purchases for a long time after the initial fraud is detected. So, the best way to deal with these types of frauds is to be able to recognize and identify the scam before you become a victim. Here are some warning flags to look out for:

- If you receive an email or phone call indicating you won a prize, but must pay some type of "fee" before you can collect a prize, it is a scam. If you did not personally enter a sweepstakes or lottery, hang up the phone immediately or delete the email. Do not reply, and do not provide any personal information. Any legitimate prize will not require a pre-payment of any sort.
- If you are selling an item or offering a service online, and someone wants to give you a check made out for more than you are asking, it is a scam. These perpetrators will ask you to wire or transfer the difference from your bank account before the check is discovered to be counterfeit.
- If you receive an email from a bank or credit card company requesting you to click on an included link to access your account, it is probably a scam. If the link directs you to enter personal information in addition to your account information, it is definitely a scam. Some of these emails look very convincing, and can fool almost anyone. If you are not sure, but want to check your account anyway, don't click the included link, but rather manually type the bank's web address or call the phone number listed on your card or statement.
- If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of your bank or credit card company, and they ask for your personal information to "verify" your identity, it is a scam. These perpetrators will try to get you to divulge your confidential information, such as your social security number, to commit frauds against you. Any legitimate caller will already know who you are and will not ask you to provide confidential information to prove your identity.
- If you receive a call or email from someone claiming to be a foreign law enforcement official, who asks you to pay bail for one of your relatives who was jailed abroad, it is a scam. Fraudsters will browse Facebook accounts looking for people who are posting photos while on vacation in foreign countries, and track down their relatives who they will try to scam.

- If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a police officer or federal agent and tells you there is a warrant for your arrest that you can pay over the phone, it is a scam. If there really is a warrant issued for your arrest, police will come to your home or business to arrest you, but will never call ahead and agree to accept bail payment over the phone in lieu of arrest.
  - If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of a utility company, and threatens to disconnect a utility unless you make a payment over the phone, it is a scam. Sometimes these callers will request payment to be made with a pre-paid debit card or bank transfer. If in doubt, always contact your utility directly to verify your account status.
  - If you receive a call from someone claiming your social security number has been compromised, suspended because of suspicious activity, or it's been used in a crime, and you must make some kind of a large payment to rectify the problem, it is a scam. The social security agency will never call and threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. If in doubt, hang up and contact the SSA directly at 1-800-772-1213.
  - Phony IRS scams also increase during this time of year. You may receive phone calls or emails that appear to be authentic indicating you owe taxes or have other problems with the IRS. Do not click on any links in these emails, and do not provide the callers with any information. Remember, the IRS will not contact you by telephone or email to request personal or financial information, or threaten arrest if immediate payment is not made. Any official correspondence will be made via the US Postal Service.
- Very few instances exist in which you may have to provide confidential personal information over the phone, text message, or email. You should take every precaution to safeguard your social security number, bank account numbers, credit/debit card numbers, and other personal identifying information. If you feel you may have fallen victim to one of these scams, contact the Police Department for assistance and for more information.

### Springfield Honors Martin Luther King, Jr. Day With Insightful Conversation And Unity

By Jesse Broome CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

On Monday, January 20, 2020, community leaders, politicians, clergy, and residents joined together at Springfield Township Municipal Hall to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. The event, sponsored by the Springfield Interfaith Clergy Council, with participation from the Township Committee, was well-attended and brought about an insightful and emotional response from participants.

Sitting in a circle, attendees spoke about racism, diversity, and personal reflections. Rabbi Mark Mallach, Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, moderated the event, and thanked Mayor Christopher Capodice for his support. The mayor, in turn, announced a proclamation for the "Vigil of Peace," and the event ended with a joining of hands and singing of "We Shall Overcome."





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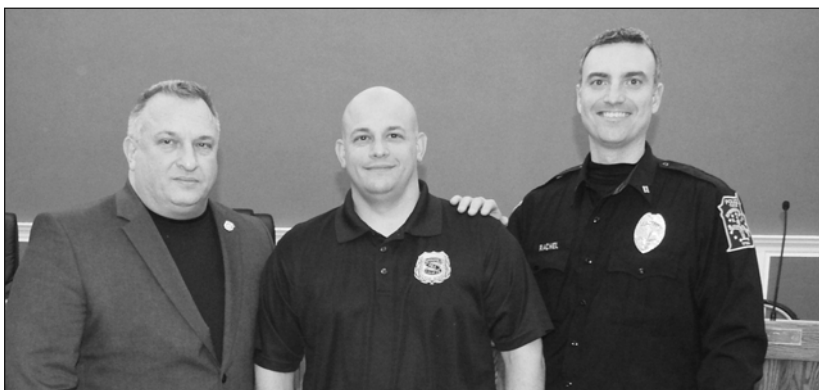
Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By Scott Seidel



Springfield Police Officer John Laurencelle was in Afghanistan for 10 months with C co 1-171 AVN BN of the New Jersey Army National Guard. He was with a MEDEVAC unit based out of Lakehurst, NJ. They flew UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and are tasked with the immediate evacuation of American and coalition forces from the battlefield to higher levels of medical care. John is a Flight Paramedic. So when American forces are engaged with the enemy and sustain casualties; it is their responsibility to launch, land in the combat zone, extract and treat the wounded, and get them to a surgeon within an hour of the request for medical evacuation. Additionally, they transport those same casualties after their surgery at a forward hospital to the larger hospital located in Kandahar. John spent most of his time in Kandahar province and the surrounding provinces in western Afghanistan.

He was awarded an Air Medal with the "C" device for combat, and the Combat Medical Badge.



Police Chief John Cook, Officer John Laurencelle and Captain Jon Rachel

John wishes to extend thanks to his friends, family, and coworkers from Springfield. "Many people reached out to me while I was there. The Police Department and Fire Department both sent me care packages. I am very excited to be home, go back to work, and see all of my Springfield family again. Thanks again,

John's father was a member of Springfield Civil Defense, now Emergency Management so he comes from a family dedicated to helping his community.

SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTO ON PAGE 8

## AMEFIKA GRAY MOVES ON



After five years of service to the Springfield Recreation Department, Amefika Gray has moved to a new professional opportunity. He spent several years as a Recreation Assistant in the after school youth wing before being appointed Recreation Program Coordinator. In that role, Gray planned programs, trips, educational sessions, and social activities for Springfield's senior citizens. He was well known for chaperoning bus trips throughout New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; playing pickleball and board games with senior citizens; creating monthly slide shows and trivia contests; organizing memorable Black History Month luncheons; and providing courteous customer service to residents of all ages who passed through the Chisholm Community Center. The Township of Springfield and the Springfield Recreation Department wish Amefika Gray well in his future endeavors and thank him for all of his work.

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On January 11, the 2020 officers of the Springfield First Aid Squad were sworn into office. Besides the swearing in, the Daniel D. Kalem award for overall dedication to the organization was presented to Martin Gornstein, the Ilya Fasman award for answering calls while off-duty was presented to Apu Mullick and length of service awards were presented as follows: 5 years: Nick Anagnos, Zach Manevich, Marla Napurano, Priteshi Patel & Amanda Reedy and 10 years: Brett Biebelberg. Last year, the Squad cared for nearly 1900 patients, with 100 volunteers & per-diem EMTs, primarily in Springfield but also 14 other towns. Volunteer opportunities are available for those 16 years of age or older; no experience is required as the Squad provides training. Per-diem EMTs are also needed to help ensure 24x7 coverage. For more information, visit [www.SpringfieldFAS.org](http://www.SpringfieldFAS.org) or call 973-908-8EMS.

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OFFICER FOSTER ZIEGLER

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In 2017 he was assigned to Homeland Security where he worked on local, state and federal investigations. He was with Homeland Security until two weeks ago and is now back to working in our Detective Bureau for which he is being promoted to the rank of Detective. Just a few of the major cases in which Detective Ziegler was involved are:

- Serial house burglaries in 2016
- Double Homicide in 2016
- Serial attacks and robberies on escorts in 2016
- Serial retail thefts from convenience stores in three counties in 2015
- Domestic Violence/Barricaded suspect in 2014



Detective Ziegler, his children and Police Chief John Cook

SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD AWARDS DINNER



Jeff Shanes (right) presents Martin Gornstein with the Daniel D. Kalem Award.

CUB SCOUT PACK 73 SHOWS SPEED AND CREATIVITY AT ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT

BY JESSE BROOME



The Chisholm Community Center gym was full of chants and cheers on Sunday, January 26, as Cub Scout Pack 73 hosted their annual Pinewood Derby event. For those unfamiliar with the Pinewood Derby, Scouts are tasked with building their cars from kits that include pine wood, plastic wheels, and axles. The result is one of the most-spirited gatherings of the year. Not only did the Scouts have the opportunity to race their 5-ounce cars head-to-head against their peers, but they also had the chance to vote for the “Most Futuristic,” “Best Craftmanship,” “Fastest Looking,” and “Most Colorful” cars.

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Photos by Jesse Broome

Welcome Back  
John Laurencelle!  
Thank You For  
Your Service  
To Our Country  
And Our  
Community.



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator  
oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us



Join the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council. This program brings teens together from across the country that are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their involvement in extracurricular activities, their leadership experience and any experience related to preparedness and emergency management. During their two-year term, the youth leaders will complete a local and national-level project and share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations. Applicants must submit a complete application form, provide two letters of recommendation and academic records. Students in grades 8 -11 are eligible to apply. New council members will be announced in May. Apply by March 8, 2020, 11:59 pm PST. <https://www.ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council>. If you sign up let us know by emailing Springfield Emergency Management at oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us.

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## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

**Spring 2020 • Grades 3-9**



Coach Mike Czech is back this Spring! New and returning team members are encouraged to join for professional training, endurance running, and 5K competitions!

The Cross Country Co-ed Team is open to Springfield and Mountainside residents and children in schools in those municipalities. The team practices on WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm at Meisel Avenue Park.

**PRE SEASON:** Monday, March 2nd-Tuesday March 31st Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

**RACE SEASON:** Wednesdays and Fridays, April 1st-Sunday, May 24th 4:30-5:30 pm (End date may be extended once all races are finalized.) 5K races will be scheduled on weekends.

**TWO FEES:** \$85 (Payable to Township of Springfield. See below for payment options.) \$225 (Payable to Coach Mike Czech)

**INCLUDES:** Uniform to keep, pre-season training program, professional coaching instruction, 5K race entry fees, and end-of-season party. No refunds after Monday, March 2nd. Refunds are subject to \$15 fee, per ordinance.

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

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

Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us](mailto:daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us).

## TRYCAN KIDS HELPING KIDS

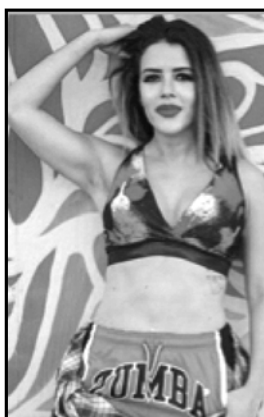
The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

## ZUMBA WITH AMY LAUREN! DITCH YOUR WORKOUT AND JOIN THE PARTY! SPRING INTO YOUR SUMMER BODY!

CO-HOSTED BY:

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
100 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE., SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

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### SPRING 2020

BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 - 8:00 PM • 8 WEEK SESSION \$80

TO REGISTER, VENMO: @AMY-LAUREN20

QUESTIONS: SLAYINWITHAMY@GMAIL.COM

2/4: OPENING SESSION!

2/11: VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY: WEAR PINK/RED

2/18: BLACK AND WHITE THEMED

2/25: MARDI GRAS PARTY: PURPLE, GREEN AND GOLD

3/3: NEON PARTY

3/10: SALSA & SANGRIA NIGHT: SPONSORED BY STEVE'S & ED'S

3/17: ST.PATTY'S PARTY - WEAR GREEN

3/24: CLOSING NIGHT, LUAU THEME PARTY!



**BRING YOUR ENERGY!**

## KITE FESTIVAL 2020



**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, April 4, 2020 12-3:00 pm

Chisholm Park

100 South Springfield Avenue



Food Trucks, Kite Parade, Music, Bounce House,  
Face Painting, Sand Art!

FREE

973-912-2227 [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

PRIZES

## SUMMER 2020 INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

### Positions Available:

- ◆ Pool Lifeguard ◆ Pool Maintenance ◆ Pool Front Desk
- ◆ Pool Camp Group Leader ◆ Pool Camp Counselor
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Group Leader
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Counselor ◆ Substitute Counselor



- All new staff members must be at least 15 years old by Saturday, May 16th.
- Rising 9th-10th graders who are under 15 years old may apply for our new Leader-in-Training (L.I.T.) program. See separate flyer for details.
- Lifeguards must have a current lifeguard certification by the start of the pool season.
- Pool season is Saturday, May 23rd, to Monday, September 7th.
- Summer pool hours are weekdays 12:00-8:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Hours vary for pre-summer weekends, holidays, special events, swim lessons, and Swim Team.
- Pool Camp is weekdays 8:30 am-4:30 pm, from Wednesday, June 24th- Friday, August 14th. Three extended weeks are August 17th-September 4th. There is no camp on Friday, July 3rd.
- Chisholm Playground Camp is weekdays 8:30 am-12:30 pm, from Wednesday, June 24th- Friday, August 14th. There is no camp on Friday, July 3rd.
- Staff is paid hourly only for the hours they work, other than designated paid time off.
- Camp staff members (other than substitutes) must be available to work the entire initial 8 week session. Do not schedule vacations or other extended leaves during camp.
- Attendance at pre-summer staff orientation and position-specific training are mandatory.
- First Aid/CPR/AED training may be required of certain staff members.
- Working papers are required for all staff members under 18 years old.
- Criminal background checks are required for staff members 18 years old or older.

APPLY ONLINE AT:

<http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment>

You may be contacted for an in-person interview in the spring.

The online application deadline is Friday, February 28, 2020

## Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip



WIND CREEK  
BETHLEHEM

**Casino, Dining, and  
Outlet Shopping**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am

Bus will depart the Wind Creek at approximately 4:30 pm

\$35 – Springfield residents and Senior Citizens Club members

Payment due by Monday, March 2, 2020

Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue  
Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack,  
\$25 free slot play (photo ID required). Questions: (973) 912-2227



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## Winter / Spring Sports Programs

**US SPORTS**  
*institute*

In association with the  
Springfield Recreation Department

### SCHOOL'S OUT MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	2/17/2020	2/17/2020	\$65
5 to 11	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	4/6/2020	4/10/2020	\$65

### WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

Sport	Age	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Senior Squirts Soccer	5 to 6	Sat	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	3/7/2020	3/28/2020	\$134
Squirts Soccer	3 to 5	Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	3/7/2020	3/28/2020	\$134
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts	2 to 3	Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	3/7/2020	3/28/2020	\$134

All classes take place at Chisholm Community Center

#### LIMITED SPACE

Registration: Online or by phone.  
Register soon as these classes  
typically sell out!

**Ages 2-11**  
**All Abilities**  
**Boys & Girls**

#### CONTACT USSI

Online: USSportsInstitute.com  
Phone: (800) 345-BALL  
Email: Info@USSportsInstitute.com

## FREE UNION FLAG RUGBY CLINIC

For Springfield Residents

Saturday April 11, 2020 10-11:30 am  
Co-Ed, Non-Contact, Youth Flag Rugby

@ The Chisholm Community Center, 100 S Springfield Ave  
Springfield Township, NJ 07081



**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
**Bring:** Sneakers and Water Bottle  
**Learn:** Basics of Flag Rugby Teamwork,  
Ball Skills, Basic Rules  
**Have:** A Ton of Fun!!

In Association With:  
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Rugby Football Club  
Mudturtles

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Department

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Find us: www.MudturtleRFC.com

## GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2020

Grades K-9 Open to Springfield Residents and Students Attending a School in Springfield

T-Ball Grade K Instructional League Grades 1-2\*

Lower League Grades 3-5\* Upper League Grades 6-9\*\*

\*Joint League with Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, and New Providence

\*\*9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball



#### Two Fees

\$65 (^Grades 1-9) — Payable to Springfield Girls Softball, Inc. (check, cash, money order, credit card)  
Pay online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee) at  
https://www.springfieldgirlssoftball.com  
Or, return payment to Springfield Girls Softball, Inc.,  
c/o Chisholm Community Center, 100 South  
Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081  
\$80 — Payable to Township of Springfield  
(check, cash, money order, credit card)  
Register online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover  
(\$0 processing fee) at  
https://register.communitypass.net/springfield  
Or, complete the form below and return it with both  
payments to: Springfield Recreation Department,  
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South  
Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

#### Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2020 — After, registrations will  
only be accepted if space is available on a team

#### What's Included

Uniform to keep (shirt, pants); Medals for K-2nd  
graders; Loaned equipment (helmet, catcher's gear,  
bats, balls); League fees

#### What's Not Included

Cleats; End-of-season picnic at pool  
(separate registration required); Summer and Fall  
travel team registration fees; Winter workout fees  
**Summer and Fall Travel Teams (Springfield Storm)**  
Registration in Spring softball league and minimum  
attendance required for tryouts

#### Questions?

Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator,  
at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

## SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 18 - Bus trip to Rustic Mill Diner @ 10:30 am (RSVP),  
Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 19 - Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Thursday, February 20 - Black History Month Luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, February 21 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, February 24 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, February 25 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Cards @ 11:30 am,  
Wednesday, February 26 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Thursday, February 27 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Monday, March 2 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 3 - Exercise class @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am  
Wednesday, March 4 - Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino @ 10:00 am (RSVP),  
Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Thursday, March 5 - Township property tax reevaluation Q&A @ 11:00 am  
Friday, March 6 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, March 9 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 10 - Cards @ 11:30 am  
Wednesday, March 11 - Bus trip Rt. 10 Farmers Market and Irving's Deli @  
10:30 am (RSVP), Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Thursday, March 12 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)  
Friday, March 13 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

#### WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
Billiards @ 8:00 am-2:30 pm

## TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Who:** Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades  
**What:** Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study  
supervised by Recreation Dept. staff  
**Where:** Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave  
**When:** School Year: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm  
**How:** Handbook, registration form, photo ID  
**Contact:** (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us  
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec  
**Cost:** FREE

## SWEET SAMANTHA 6 WEEKS BAKING AND DECORATING CLASS

AGES 7-16 Join Samantha for 6 weeks of Baking and  
Decorating Fun! All supplies included. Class will take  
place at the Springfield Chisholm Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

\$195 Per 6 Week Session – Tues, or Thurs. options available for sign up - Class will run  
6-7:30pm. All Classes will begin the week of March 10th Contact Samantha to register  
samlynn9@aol.com Venmo Tuition to @Sweet-Samantha

**WEEK 1:** Leopard Cake! Paint and create a 5" cake and  
learn a loopy style bow in modeling chocolate!

**WEEK 2:** Baking with Citrus! – Pineapple upside down  
cake, orange juice cake & lemon Cookies

**WEEK 3:** Taco Cake! Make Fondant from Scratch, step  
by step make a faux taco & side of faux mini nachos!

**WEEK 4:** Southern Baking – Corn Bread, Peaches and  
cream short cakes, and custard pie!

**WEEK 5:** Mini Emoji Cookies! Using pre made cookies  
we will make cookie glaze & deco a family of fun emojis!

**WEEK 6:** Sams Favorite Cookies – Chocolate Chip,  
Giant Monster Everything and Snickerdoodle biscotti!

**Tuesday Classes:**  
March 10, 17, 24,  
( 2 week break )  
April 14, 21, 28

**Thursday Classes:**  
March 12, 19, 26,  
( 2 week break )  
April 16, 23, 30

www.sweet-samantha.com

SAMANTHA IS A 2 X FOOD NETWORK COMPETITOR ON "CAKE WARS" &  
"SWEET GENIUS!" HER CAKES HAVE BEEN IN MANY MAGAZINES, ARTICLES AND PRINT!  
SHE LOVES TO SHARE HER TALENTS OF BAKING AND DECORATING BY TEACHING CLASSES,  
SPECIAL EVENTS, PARTIES AND PRIVATE LESSONS!



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**2019 - 2020**

## 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.

**PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020**  
*Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.*

## WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

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 September 2019 to August 2020 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 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS**

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](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) • Email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

## CO-ED LACROSSE CLINICS

Spring 2020 • Pre-K, K, & 1<sup>st</sup>

Interested in trying a new sport? Join  
Springfield Lacrosse Club's Spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield students in Pre-K through 1st grades. No equipment required. Six Sunday sessions from April 5th to May 17th (No session on May 10th) @ 10:30-11:30 am, at Chisholm Park. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds are provided after April 3th.

**Fee: \$75** Payable to Township of Springfield. Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. (\$0 processing fee)

Payments must be made prior to the first clinic.  
**Includes:** coaching, loaned stick (if needed), balls, shirt

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
(973) 912-2227 • [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)  
Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us](mailto:daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us)



Join us for some fun Nerf games!  
Children from age's 8-12 play games like Capture the Flag, Freeze Tag and Survivor. We provide Nerf blasters, foam darts and safety goggles. Play time is 1 hour for 6 weeks on Mondays for only \$125 at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

### SPRING 2020

**Session 1 - Mondays, March 2nd-April 13th (no class April 6th) 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Session 2 - Mondays, April 20th-June 1st (no class May 25th) 6:00-7:00 pm**

To register please complete, sign and return waiver form and pay via Venmo @ Vanggie Weber

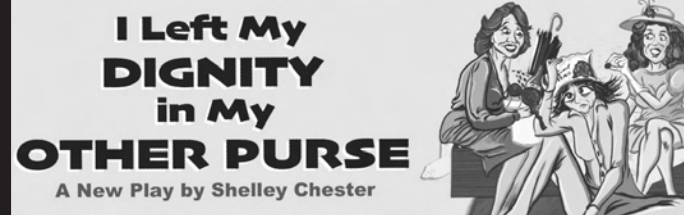
Any questions please call Vanggie Weber 973-494-4082 or

Email: [combatkidsfunparties@gmail.com](mailto:combatkidsfunparties@gmail.com)

#### RULES

- Eye wear must be worn at all times. Do not remove eye wear until the game has concluded and participant has exited the gym.
- Players must not push or prevent another player from advancing on the gym floor.
- Any person under the age of 18 must have parental consent to play.
- Absolutely no modifications to Nerf blasters.
- Players must only use the foam darts provided by the staff.
- During the game everyone must follow instructions and all safety rules.
- Failure to comply will result in termination from the game(s).°

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RECREATION  
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BUS TRIP



## Hunterdon Hills Playhouse • Friday, May 29, 2020

Bus will leave the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am

Bus will return following the conclusion of the 11:30 am show and lunch

**\$65 - Senior Citizen Club members and Springfield residents**

**\$75 - non-residents and non-Senior Citizen Club members**

*(registration for non-residents begins on Friday, March 20, 2020)*

Payment due by Friday, April 17, 2020

Seats are first-come, first-serve.

No refund unless seat is resold. \$15 refund fee, per Township ordinance.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

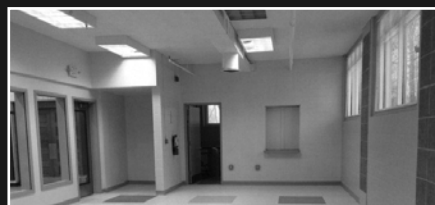
Includes: Round-trip jitney bus transportation, chaperone, lunch, and show

Entree choices: Yankee Pot Roast, Fried Jumbo Shrimp Platter, Lemon Pepper Cod, Chicken Parmigiana, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Lasagna Roulette, Roasted Vegetable Kabob (Gluten Free)

Questions: Springfield Recreation Department (973) 912-2227

*Pool Party Room Rental Available  
for Springfield and out-of-town  
residents and businesses.  
Fees vary from \$200-\$500.*

Call to learn about serving beer and wine!



*Party room and kitchen available  
at the Chisholm Community  
Center for your next event.  
Cost to Springfield residents is  
only \$225 for up to four hours.*

**CALL RECREATION DEPARTMENT (973) 912-2227**

## RUNNING CLUB SPRING 2020 • Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Running Club, children learn to run faster over short distances. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered, as well as an introduction to endurance running. The Running Club is open to Springfield residents and children in a school in Springfield. A minimum of six children is required. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to reschedule outdoor classes.



**Our co-ed Running Club with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!**

### Session 1

**Mondays from March 30th-May 4th, at Chisholm Community Center**

**Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm**

### Session 2

**Mondays from May 11th-June 22nd, at Meisel Avenue Park**

**(no class on Monday, May 25th)**

**Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm**

Cost: \$80 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)

**Includes: Professional coaching instruction, apparel item Refunds: Not provided within two weeks of session start date. Refunds are subject to \$15 admin. fee, per ordinance.**

**Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • (973) 912-2227**

**Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm [daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us](mailto:daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us)**

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## SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE

P.O. BOX 444, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

SPRING 2020 REGISTRATION\*

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at [springfieldnjbaseballleague.com](http://springfieldnjbaseballleague.com)

We have a new Website for Registration and all communications

SPRINGFIELD BASEBALL will continue to play with neighboring towns at the Minor and Major League levels. Minor and Major games typically take place during the week, allowing for Spring Travel to be played on the weekend.

MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

DIVISIONS:	GRADES:
A & AA LEAGUES (Clinics)	Pre-K (age 4 as of 5/1/2020) & Kindergarten
AAA LEAGUE	1st & 2nd Grade
MINOR LEAGUE	3rd & 4th Grade
MAJOR LEAGUE	5th & 6th Grade
PONY LEAGUE	7th & 8th Grade

### PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:

- Pre-Season Clinics will be held for all players, 3rd grade and older (dates TBD). To ensure competitive and balanced teams are created, all players must attend at least one of these free training sessions for skill assessment. Check our website regularly for updates.
- The SNJBL Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players to appropriate divisions to address player welfare and competitive balance.

### REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION COMPLETED AND PAYMENT RECEIVED BY:	ALL LEAGUES
JANUARY 31, 2020	\$125 (EARLY BIRD FEE!)
FEBRUARY 28, 2020	\$150
AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2020	\$175 (Requires board approval and subject to available roster positions)

## SPRINGFIELD POOL CAMP LOOKING FOR FUTURE LEADERS!

### LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

THE L.I.T. PROGRAM GIVES TEENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM COUNSELORS TO HELP CAMPERS.

- EXPERIENCE SWIM, SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, TRIPS, & MORE!
- INCOMING 9TH & 10TH GRADERS UNDER 15 YEARS OLD
- WEEKS RUN FROM WED., JUNE 24-FRI., SEPT. 4
- \$75 PER WEEK
- SPOTS ARE LIMITED. APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW ARE REQUIRED

Applicants should contact Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us](mailto:brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us) for more Info

## Kiddies Kaleidoscope

Quality Enrichment Classes  
ALL NEW! 2020 WINTER SESSION



Space is limited  
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## DENHAM AND COHN PLAYGROUNDS RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT



Just in time for an early Spring, the Springfield Recreation Department installed new playground equipment at Denham Park and Cohn Park. Upgrades were co-financed by the County of Union's Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant and the Township of Springfield. The modern, interactive, and sensory-friendly equipment includes a toddler swing set, Verve climber, Apex arch climber, Athletic arch, Trigon arch climber, and a 3-panel musical unit.

## AUXILIARY POLICE HOLD AWARDS DINNER

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On January 30, the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel welcomed the members of the Auxiliary Police and the CERT Team, their guests and township officials who were in attendance. Mayor Christopher Capodice addressed the gathering and thanked the volunteers for their efforts. Springfield Police Chief John Cook commented on the unit's work and thanked the members for their dedication. After dinner, Seidel started the awards program by commenting that in 2019, the Auxiliary Police performed 2,281 hours of service, which probably represents over \$100,000 in volunteer service to the township. The Auxiliary Police duty hours consist of routine training patrols, court duty, special events, emergencies and of course the two "flagship" events, the Fourth of July celebration and the Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show.

A substantial amount of hours was performed on the Fourth of July. On the Fourth, everyone would like to be with their families, but for the Auxiliary Police as well as the many other Emergency Management and CERT Volunteers, it means spending time away from their families to make sure the Township runs a safe and secure event. In 2019 the Unit worked 1165 hours at special events and special details, 140 hours at emergencies and 506 hours of patrol. The annual requirement is 96 hours per year and most members surpassed that bench mark in 2019, according to OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel. Scott Seidel then presented The Chief Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary Officer of the Year award to Officer Antonio Nacci. Deputy Coordinator Apu Mullick commented to the Patriot Times "This award is presented to an officer who stands out among his peers in his performance and is not necessarily given for the officer with the most amount of hours worked. This year's recipient for 2019 is Officer Antonio Nacci. He performed 135 hours of duty hours in 2019." Upon receiving the award, Nacci commented. "I truly enjoy being a part of this organization and being able to serve my community".



**In Recognition of Black History Month, Join Us For a Screening of  
“ More Than A Month”**

**By African-American Filmmaker, Shukree Hassan Tilghman  
Discussion Moderated By**

**Sherri Franklin & Committeewoman Erica DuBois**

**Wednesday, February 19 • 7-9 PM**

**Chisholm Community Center • Springfield, NJ**

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**More info: Committeewoman DuBois (erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us)**



**Fire Chief's Column**

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

**GIVE YOUR HEATER SOME SPACE**

Space heaters are a great way to warm up a cold room or provide supplemental heat to your home. But while convenient, they are also a leading cause of home fires during the winter months. If you're going to use a space heater, here are a few tips to make sure you stay extra warm – and safe. \*

**Do's**

- Use only equipment that is made for home heating. Use all types of heaters carefully and follow all directions for safe use.
- Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized laboratory. These heaters have the most up-to-date safety features. Older space heaters may not meet newer safety standards.
- Place the heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor.
- Make sure space heaters are at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture and other flammable materials.
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- Utilize a carbon monoxide detector.

**Don'ts**

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep.
- Don't place a space heater close to any sleeping person, bedding, furniture, drapes or other flammable materials.
- Never use gasoline in a kerosene space heater, as even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.
- Never use your oven, grill or clothes dryer to heat your home. This could cause a fire or dangerous carbon monoxide gas, which produces deadly, odorless, colorless fumes.

**CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT BOOK,  
JEWELRY AND WATCH SALE  
MARCH 26 - 29, 2020**

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their Children's and Young Adult Book Sale Thursday - Sunday, March 26 – 29, 2020. Sale hours for Thursday - Saturday will be 10 am-4 pm and 1-3:30pm on Sunday. The sale will be in the Lobby Meeting Room at the Springfield Free Public Library.

In addition to Children's and Young Adult Books, the sale will include educational toys, adult soft cover and coffee table books, DVDs, and a small collection of costume jewelry and watches. Donations of these items are needed and always welcome yearlong during business hours at the Library's Circulation Desk. Before donating any items, please ask yourself: Are the items soiled? Are they damaged? Have the items been stored in a damp area? Are the books out of date? If the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, please DO NOT DONATE THEM. They are not saleable. All donations should be clean and in good condition. No Hardcover Adult books, text books, or encyclopedias please. The Friends also accept donations of recent (last 3 months) popular magazines.

During March, a special display of jewelry will be featured for sale in the display cases in the circulation area of the library. Patrons may purchase these items prior to our sale by arranging a meeting with a Friends member only. Simply leave your name & phone number with a staff member at the circulation desk or email your information and request to Friendssfpl66mt@aol.com.

The Friends are a 501c3 non profit organization. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Free Public Library. In 2020, the Friends plan to provide almost \$20,000 to our library for programs and materials. These funds are raised through membership dues, sales, and contributions. All donations are tax deductible. If you would like to become a member of the Friends, membership forms are available at the library and can also be printed off from the library's web site: springfieldpubliclibrary.com. Completed forms and dues are accepted at the Circulation Desk or they may be mailed to the Friends at the Springfield Free Public Library.

**SUMMER 2020**



**Pool Opens Memorial Day Weekend! May 23, 24 & 25**

**POOL AND  
CAMP  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN**

The Springfield Community Pool opens in three months. Convenient 24/7 online registration is open at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> for pool membership, pool camp, pool camp trips,

Swim Team, swim lessons, and Chisholm Playground Camp! There is \$0 fee for credit card transactions. Save time, pay online! You may also register in-person in the Springfield Recreation Department at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Avenue) on weekdays from 8:00 am-6:00 pm, or by mail. Visit the Springfield Recreation Department website at <http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation> to download summer program information. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).

New for 2020 \$0 processing fee for credit card transactions! Save time, pay online! Early Entry pool membership! We are offering a new add-on membership category for full memberships only (not weekend/holiday memberships) that will provide 9:00 am-12:00 pm access on Wednesdays to members who bring children under age 4. The baby pool and playground will be available. No guest passes will be sold for Wednesday morning early entry. Choose your own 2-week pool camps! 2-week sessions of pool camp (D, E, F), Before Care, and After Care are now choose your own 2-weeks, rather than consecutive 2-week sessions of the past. These sessions are still sold in packages of 2-weeks. You may purchase more than one package of 2-weeks. Extra week of summer! Due to the summer calendar, school closing/opening dates, and late Labor Day, there is an extra week of summer at the pool! As a result, we are offering a third extended week of pool camp, Camp L.

Leader In Training (L.I.T.)! We are offering a new pre-counselor program for children under age 15 who will be entering 9th-10th grades. There is a \$75 weekly fee for L.I.T.s who are accepted into the program. For L.I.T. information or an application, contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at [brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us](mailto:brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us).

**ANNUAL PINWOOD DERBY EVENT**

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Carl Casertano, Scout Leader for Pack 73, was excited by the success of the event, which featured 49 wooden creations this year (or 15 more than in 2019). Of Pack 73, Casertano said, "We have great leaders, moms, and dads, who volunteer their time to the pack, namely Bill Morley, Marc Weissberg, Ron LaBau, Matt Hohmann, Mike Ostrom, Pat Hart, Rich Raymond, and Lisa Capodice. Without these volunteers, the Pinewood Derby or other events wouldn't be successful. We are also thankful to all the scouts and parents that chose scouting. Scouting is fun with a purpose! And, we have lots of fun!"

Casertano hopes that the pack will continue to drive members with more fun outings like the derby. "Pack 73 has been growing bigger each year, the word of scouting is spreading throughout town." If you are interested in learning more about Pack 73 in Springfield, reach out to [info@pack73nj.com](mailto:info@pack73nj.com).

**CAITLYN DEL DUCA AWARDED  
CHEERLEADING SCHOLARSHIP**



*(l to r) Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; Caitlyn Del Duca; David Wightman, NJSYFL Representative from Springfield; John Apicella, Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football President; Bill Quartier, Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Vice President; and Gerard Musico, Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Coach.*

Springfield 8th grade cheerleader Caitlyn Del Duca was awarded a scholarship from the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League (NJSYFL) at its annual dinner on Sunday, January 26, at the Galloping Hill Golf Club in Kenilworth. Del Duca was honored for her years of cheerleading participation and her submitted essay.



# Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield  
973-376-4930

Check Library website for  
MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://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

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

For Children's Programs, please call  
Brienne Mintz at 973-376-4930 ext. 232.

## YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

**Mother Goose Group at 10:30 Selected Days:**  
Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Caregiver.  
Wednesday February 19, Friday February 21,  
Tuesday February 25, Thursday February 27.

**Family Craft at 10:30 am on Selected Days:**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
Tuesday February 18, Wednesday February 26.

## TEENS

**Teen Video Game Club | Thursday, 27 at 4pm**  
Open to grades 9-12, no registration required. Come  
play on the library's Nintendo Switch!

**Paper Mosaic Art | Monday, March 9 at 3:30 pm**  
Open to grades 5-9. Use geometric paper cutouts to  
create your own wall art! Registration required  
with Teen Librarian Ms. Alice.

**Scavenger Hunt: Women's History Month | Every  
Monday in March at 3:00pm**

In celebration of Women's History Month, three  
historic/contemporary female figures will be  
hidden throughout the youth service's department  
every Monday of March during after school hours.  
Grades 6-12 are welcome to search, find, and learn about  
these influential women in exchange for a small prize.

## DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

**Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm** – The Really Good  
Book Discussion Group will discuss **A Gentleman In  
Moscow: A Novel by Amor Towles.**

**Tuesday, February 25th and March 10 at 1:00 pm** –  
**The Next Chapter Book Club will meet at Spring-  
field Free Public Library.** This is a book club for  
adults with developmental disabilities, led by Debra  
Gutman.

**Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 am** – The Great  
Books Discussion Group will discuss “Meno”,  
a Socratic dialogue by Plato.

## FILMS

**Monday, February 24 at 1:00 pm** – The Lunchtime  
Film Series presents **The Best of Enemies (2019)**,  
starring Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell.

**Monday, March 9 at 1:00 pm** – The Lunchtime  
Film Series presents **Chungking Express (1994)**.  
In Cantonese with English subtitles.

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

**Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm** Canasta Club.

**Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
Afternoon Mahjong Club.

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

**Every Thursday at 7:00 pm** Chess Club.

## DROP IN TECH HELP

Come in for free assistance with Nooks, Kindles,  
Androids, iPads, and iPhone. Learn how to borrow free  
eBooks, e-audiobooks, movies, music, and more with  
your Springfield card.

Sessions run from 7:00-8:30 pm each Monday –  
no appointment necessary.

**MEMOIR GROUP** The Memoir Group will meet on  
February 27 and March 12th at 10:00 am. Said group  
is facilitated by Zella R.P. Geltman.

**CHAIR YOGA** Tamara Tsoutsouris will lead two  
classes on February 28th and March 13 at 12:30 pm.  
Each session includes guided relaxation, breathwork, and  
seated stretching / poses.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm** – Springfield  
hosts “Keeping It Sharp”: a monthly program for  
people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

A trained facilitator from the NJ Chapter of the  
Alzheimer's Association will be on hand plus  
occasional speakers and other activities.

**Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 pm** – The Zydeco Revela-  
tors will perform live Cajun music in the Donald B.  
Palmer Museum.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW: A NOVEL BY AMOR TOWLES

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!)  
Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March  
5, at 7 p.m. to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel*  
by Amor Towles. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is  
deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribu-  
nal and sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across  
from the Kremlin. An indomitable man of erudition and  
wit, Rostov has never worked in his life, and must now  
live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous  
decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the  
hotel doors.

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

## GIRLS WHO CODE SPRING SESSION AT SFPL

The Springfield Free Public Library presents Girls Who  
Code!, a national non-profit organization working to  
close the gender gap in technology by equipping girls  
with the computing skills necessary to pursue 21st  
century career opportunities.

Founded in 2012 by Reshma Saujani, Girls Who Code  
now reaches more than 50,000 girls in computer science  
education programs, with over 1500 clubs across  
America. Girls who Code has also launched a 13 book  
series with Penguin Random House, including fiction and  
nonfiction.

The Springfield Free Public Library will host a weekly  
Girls Who Code Club in the Youth Services Department,  
to be facilitated by Children's Librarian Brienne Mintz.  
The club will teach participants how to code using  
Scratch, an online coding community, and the official  
Girls Who Code manual. Space is limited to twenty  
participants in grades 3-5; participants are required to  
commit to each weekly session. The club launches on  
Monday, March 2nd, 2020, at 7:00 PM. This session will  
last for ten weeks on the following dates: Monday  
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, 13th, 20th,  
27th, concluding on Monday, May 4th.

## AARP TAX VOLUNTEERS RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

The Springfield Free Public Library is now taking  
reservations for people wishing to make an appointment  
with an AARP income tax volunteer. Sessions will  
be held at the library from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on  
Wednesdays, February 12 through April 15. Appoint-

ments can be made in person at the circulation desk or  
by calling 973 376-4930 during regular library hours.  
Time slots fill up quickly and people interested in using  
this service are encouraged to make their appointments  
in a timely manner. The volunteers will not be able to  
accommodate people who come to the library without  
an appointment.

## THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SPRING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS ON MARCH 19, 2020

The Spring International Film Festival begins at the  
Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, March  
19th. The library will screen *All is True* (2018) at 1:00  
and 7:00 p.m. The year is 1613, and Shakespeare is ac-  
knowledgeed as the greatest writer of the age. Disaster  
strikes when his renowned Globe Theatre burns to the  
ground. Devastated, Shakespeare returns to Stratford,  
where he must face a troubled past and a neglected fam-  
ily. Directed by Kenneth Branagh. Starring Kenneth  
Branagh, Ian McKellen and Judi Dench. 101 minutes.  
Rated PG-13. Funding for the film program has been  
made possible by the NJ State Council on the Arts, De-  
partment of State, a partner agency of the National En-  
dowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by  
the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Af-  
fairs. Additional funding is also provided by the Friends  
of the Springfield Free Public Library.

## STIGMA FREE SPRINGFIELD EVENT FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6 PM AT CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

We will be talking about our plans for Stigma Free  
Springfield during 2020. The focus of our first meeting of  
the year will be to plan this year's youth mental health  
awareness month art competition. We are looking for 5 to  
8 volunteers that are willing to help us with the event. We  
have a framework in place from the previous two years that  
we can easily transition into this year's event.

We would also like to talk about filing the paperwork to  
make stigma free Springfield a 501(c)(3) so that we can  
work on accepting donations and possibly grants in the  
very near future. If you have experience with this and  
would like to help us we would greatly appreciate your  
assistance.

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