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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Thurs. October 27
8:30 am - 9:30 am
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SMS), pages, smartphone/PDA (BlackBerry, Treo & and other handhelds).

When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will instantly notify you. The First Alert Network is a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, or what not to do, who to contact and other important information. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for the system by going to www.ucfirstalert.org. It's free and may provide timely information to you in an Emergency. Sign up today and be "in the know!!".

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS TO TOWN, HOBBIES & AIRSOFT, REMOTE CONTROL SUPERSTORE OF SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Township of Springfield Administrator Anthony Cancro, Chamber co- chair Scott Seidel, Store Owner Anthony DelMauro and Chamber co- chair Pat Paoella

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ANNUAL HADASSAH AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CANDIDATES FORUM

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Candidates Morning Forum is scheduled for October 27, 2011, at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave, 11:00 AM. Since a mini lunch will be served, non-Hadassah members, who plan to attend, are urged to contact Lorraine Seidel at 973.376.5067 or lrrse@aol.com.

This year, two candidates are competing for the one Township Committee seat. The candidates are: Democrat: Mayor Hugh Keffer and Republican: Ziad Shehady.

A non partisan moderator will chair the meeting. Vocal questions will not be permitted. Pens and paper will be available for written questions, which must pertain to local (Springfield) matters and addressed to a specific candidate. Questions will be collected by volunteers from the Hadassah American Affairs Committee. Questions of a personal nature will not be permitted. At the beginning of the program, each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce himself and share limited biographic information that could impact upon his performance as a member of the Springfield Township Committee. In addition, candidates will also have an opportunity to present closing statements. Dialogue will be strictly timed. The meeting is not a debate but rather a forum. The candidates will not directly respond to each other's statements and rebuttals.

★ ★ ★ Election Day is November 8, 2011 ★ ★ ★



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Message from the Mayor

The Township Committee received a compliment in the September 29, 2011 issue of The Local Source Newspaper. (The following has been reprinted with permission from the September 29, 2011 issue of Union County Local Source.) "The Springfield Township Committee gets an "A" for conducting business in a quiet, dignified manner since January. What a change over last year. Just a year ago, this community saw its police department assumed by the prosecutor's office because its foundation had eroded to the point where there was no chain of command. Clearheaded, mature thinking and decision making have built a solid foundation in the police and fire departments.

I applaud that effort and hope this strong, forward direction continues, because the community can only benefit when their leaders have its best interests at heart. That takes a mature, sensible governing body that works together without drama to make these kind of strides and I urge residents to remember this when they head to the polls this fall"

Every member of the committee has worked hard this year for the benefit of the community. Congratulations to all.

In the past nine months, the Township Committee has worked closely with the Springfield Board of Education to develop better playing fields for the children of Springfield. Many thanks go to Board of Education members who have put in long hours dealing with complex engineering, environmental and financial issues that have challenged us along the way. In September, the Township Committee awarded an important contract and will apply for a grant to cover the cost of the contract so that our budget will not be affected.

October 16 is the date for the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. The event has attracted a growing crowd and become a focus of activity for the Fall season in town. I encourage all residents to come out and enjoy what is building up to be an exciting event.

Last, but not least, October 30 is the date for the Springfield Schools 5K walk/run. Check the Township's web page for an application form. This is the first run in recent memory and should be an annual event to raise funds for the schools. Even if you cannot run, you can walk. This is an opportunity for the entire family.

Mayor Hugh Keffer

• Springfield H.O.P.E. •

• Springfield Fire department •

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

Nov. 1 through Dec, 21, 2011

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces this year for a successful Toys for Springfield Kids campaign.

Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations will be listed

on our website, www.springfieldhope.com.

Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and 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

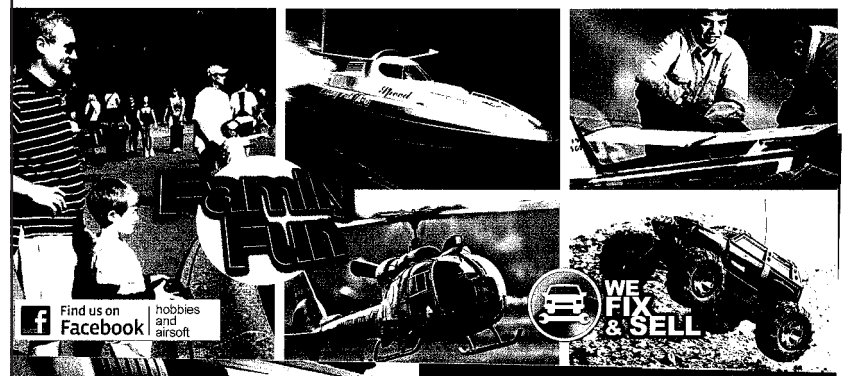
SPRINGFIELD HOPE HELPS THOSE IN NEED

Springfield HOPE has received over \$1200 in donations from township residents and businesses to help those who suffered losses during Tropical Storm Irene. Using that money, plus other donations already on hand, HOPE has purchased \$6500 in gift cards from Kohls and Village Supermarkets (Shop Rite) to help those severely impacted by the storm, stated HOPE Trustee, Scott Seidel. Shop Rite's parent company, Village Supermarkets, was especially helpful in making the bulk purchase a simple matter, commented HOPE Trustee John Cottage. Residents impacted by Irene are urged to email or call Springfield HOPE to obtain these gift cards. All requests and calls are kept confidential. Dr. Gary Hecht, whose office is "HOPE" Headquarters, explained while \$6500 sounds like a lot of money, when divided between all the families impacted by the storm, it translates only to a small gift per family. Gary said "We really wish we could fix everyone's problems, but are happy to be able to do what we

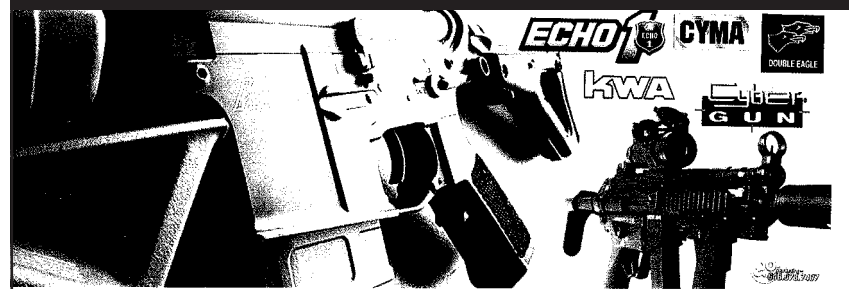
can". We plan on making sure every family which was severely impacted by the storm receives some help from HOPE. We are getting into the holiday season as well and kicking off our Toys for Springfield Kids drive on November 1. HOPE's fourth trustee, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce co-chairman Patrick Paoella, said that we even have a small supply of toys on hand for children under ten years old should families need some toys to replace those lost in the flood. Seidel further stated, "This will be our largest campaign to disburse funds to those in need and everyone who can is urged to donate to Springfield HOPE to help keep us going. Unlike many charities, HOPE can boast that nearly 100% of every dollar donated goes to those in need--no one takes a dime from HOPE to administer the program and only accounting and filing fees are paid by HOPE." HOPE can be reached by calling 973-564-5885, 973-467-3388 or at info@springfield-hope.com

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Some of the students at St. James the Apostle School, Springfield, have been posing in front of the school sign each year since Pre-K. The school sign seems to become smaller as the students grow taller. We realize that is not possible but we have proof that their education reaches new heights with each passing year at St. James the Apostle School!

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SPRINGFIELD VETERANS ALLIANCE SEEKS LOCAL VETS

Are you a military veteran who has served on active duty in support of any of the declared wars? Do you know a veteran? Veterans Day is just around the corner and the Springfield Veterans Alliance would like to honor all those who served. Please e-mail Ziad Andrew Shehady to zas@zashehady.com

COME CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM *SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS OPEN TO ALL*

Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm

Flags, parades, dancing with the Torahs to a live band...and candy apples for everyone!

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please consider spending your holiday at our home and make new and lasting spiritual and social connections.

If you are interested in tickets for our Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur congregational services, please contact the temple office at (973)379-5387 or email office@shaarey.org.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES WAIVED

Building Permit Fees Waived for Residential Properties requiring Hurricane Re-Building. In an effort to help residents with the expense of the re-construction of their homes and properties, the Township has waived all building permit fees necessary to re-build residential properties as a direct result of Hurricane Irene. For more information, please contact the Building Department at 973-912 -2220.

FOUR CENTURIES AT THE HISTORIC CANNONBALL HOUSE

Springfield's Historic Cannonball House, (CBH) located at 126 Morris Ave., will again be part of Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend on October 15th and 16th.

Springfield's Fall Festival will also be held on Sunday, October 16th. Visitors will be able to combine a trip to the festival with a stroll by the town's Revolutionary era cemeteries, the 1765 First Presbyterian Church, and end with a visit to the House itself. The Festival may have horse-drawn carriage rides along Morris Ave for visitors to enjoy.

The Springfield Historical Society will feature an exhibit highlighting the 250th Anniversary of the Civil War. Captain Edward Wade, who died of wounds received at Antietam in September 1862, was a resident of Millburn, then a part of Springfield. A number of items belonging to him are on view at the Cannonball House. In addition, some of the many letters exchanged by Wellington Briant and his family, following his enlistment in October 1861, will also be on display. These letters contain fascinating details of military and civilian daily life.

Celebrating the Revolutionary War history of the township, members of the Brigade of the American Revolution will be present on Saturday, October 15th only. They will demonstrate 18th century weapons, military drills, and interact with visitors. Visit us and hear the story of the Battle of Springfield (June 23, 1780) and its significance in the nation's history – as well as how the Cannonball House got its name!

Hours: Saturday, October 15th from 10 to 5 and Sunday, October 16th from noon to 4. For more information call (973) 376 4784.

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SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD SEMI-ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad has kicked off its semi-annual fund drive with a letter to all residents of the town. Twice a year, members of the squad reach out to the community seeking donations, which are used to directly fund the all-volunteer emergency services and rescue organization.

At this time, all residents should have received an envelope containing a donation card. Please consider making a donation if you have not done so already.

"We understand that now more than ever we are reaching out and asking for money during difficult times for many," said Fred Ostry a member of the squad. "We depend on the generosity of our friends and neighbors to purchase supplies, maintain our ambulances, and to continue providing professional EMS services free of charge to the community."

The organization provides EMS and rescue services to the community on a 24-hour basis. Dedicated members volunteer their time for training and for responding to calls, which range from minor cuts to serious injuries. They do so, day or night, and often at the expense of time with their families.

Members responded to approximately 1,800 calls in 2010 and devoted more than 30,000 hours volunteering to answer calls and train to assure residents get the best possible care.

Residents can find information on donating to the organization or becoming a member at <http://springfieldfas.org/> or by calling the squad's non-emergency number, 973-908-8EMS.

"The cost of providing these services, like everything, continues to increase year-to-year, meaning we depend more on the community now than ever," said Squad president Barry Gallant "Every donation, no matter the size, helps."



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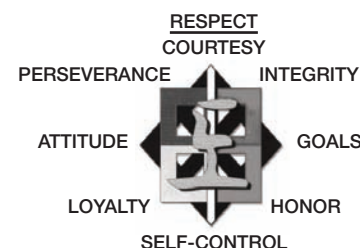
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FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

The James Caldwell School PTA, located at 36 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 15th from 11am to 4pm (rain or shine). This promises to be a fun filled day for everyone. For the kids we will have several rides including inflatable obstacle course, giant slide and dunk tank as well as many games. We will have food available all day - everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to delicious baked goods. For adults there will be a 50/50 raffle and a Tin Can Auction featuring terrific gift baskets and gift certificates. Please join us for a day of fun for the entire family. There is something for everyone!!



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Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just the holiday season. Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by calling 973-467-3388 or mailing a check to

Springfield H.O.P.E.

201 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081

Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E. may call 973-467-3388.

Trustees

Scott Seidel - John Cottage

Patrick Paoletta - Dr. Gary Hecht

You will be contacted promptly. All requests for donations and assistance will be kept strictly confidential.

LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
OPEN SUNDAYS STARTING OCT. 2
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday – Sunday, October 14 – 16th
Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale
 (Call for hours)

Mindful Parenting: learning how to be more confident in your parenting.
 Presented by Nancy Kislin LCSW
Monday October 17 @ 7pm
 Mindful Parenting helps your child increase self-esteem, build healthy interpersonal skill while developing a connection between self and the greater world.

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

Pajama Storytime presented by JDHS Key Club
Wed Oct. 26 @ 7pm ages 3 to 7
 Wear your PJs and bring your Teddy Bear.

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

Friday – Sunday, Oct. 14 – 16th
Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale
 (Call for hours)

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Artist's Reception – Unjung Lee

NEW PROGRAMS

Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays @ 3:30
Oct 29, 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.

Storytime Yoga is back!
Tuesday Oct 25, Tuesday Nov 15 @ 10:30
 Special evening class
Wed Nov 9 @ 7pm Ages 2 to 12

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am
 (ages baby through pre-school):
Tues Oct 11 • Tues Oct 18
Saturday Oct 22 • Fri Oct 28

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
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Storycraft with Ariel Fridays @ 4pm
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Wii Games with Matthew
Thursdays 4 to 5 pm ages 6 to 11

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

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

Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 7:00 pm - Lecture:
"Deserted Villages of NJ" by Phil Jaeger

Wednesday, October 19th, 6:30 pm
Job Seeker Workshop

Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 pm
Starting a Home Based Business presented by SCORE

Monday, October 24th, 12:00 pm
Navigating Medicare presented by Union County SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Monday evenings at 7pm
Moonlight Storytime, all ages

Tuesdays @ 11 am
Storycraft with Nicole, ages 3 to 7
Thursday, October 20th, 10:15 a.m.
Great Books Discussion Group – History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides

Thursday, October 27th & November 10th,
Memoir Writing Group led by Zella Geltman 10:15 am

Monday, November 7th, 7:00 pm - Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

Thursday, November 3rd, 7 pm
The (Really Good) Book Discussion Group will discuss NEMESIS by Philip Roth.

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

MUSIC & THEATER

Sunday, October 23rd, 2:00 pm
The Italian Songbook presented by John Hammel of the Traveling Stage Theater

Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 p.m.
Metro Rhythm Chorus: Sweet Adelines group performing holiday songs, show tunes & more

Monday, November 7th, 12:00 pm
Hollywood Musicals in lecture & song presented by Skip Ungar

FILMS

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 12 & 7 pm
International Film Festival presents POTICHE (France, 2010).

Monday, Oct. 17th, 12 pm- Lunchtime Film Series presents its series entitled "GLIMPSES OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN FILM: 1975-2001

Monday, October 31st, 12 pm
Lunchtime Film Series presents its series entitled "TALES OF DYSTOPIAN SOCIETY: A SELECTION OF SCI-FI CLASSICS." 1960 version of the H.G. Wells classic.

Thursday, November 10th, t 12 & 7 pm
International Film Festival presents THE SWIMSUIT ISSUE (Sweden, 2008).

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.

INSTRUCTION

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

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HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Monday, Oct. 17th, 24th & Nov. 14th 10:00 am - **Knit Wits Knitting Group**

Thursday, October 20th, 7:30 pm - **Board of Trustees meeting – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Tuesday, October 25th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Individual Medicare Counseling BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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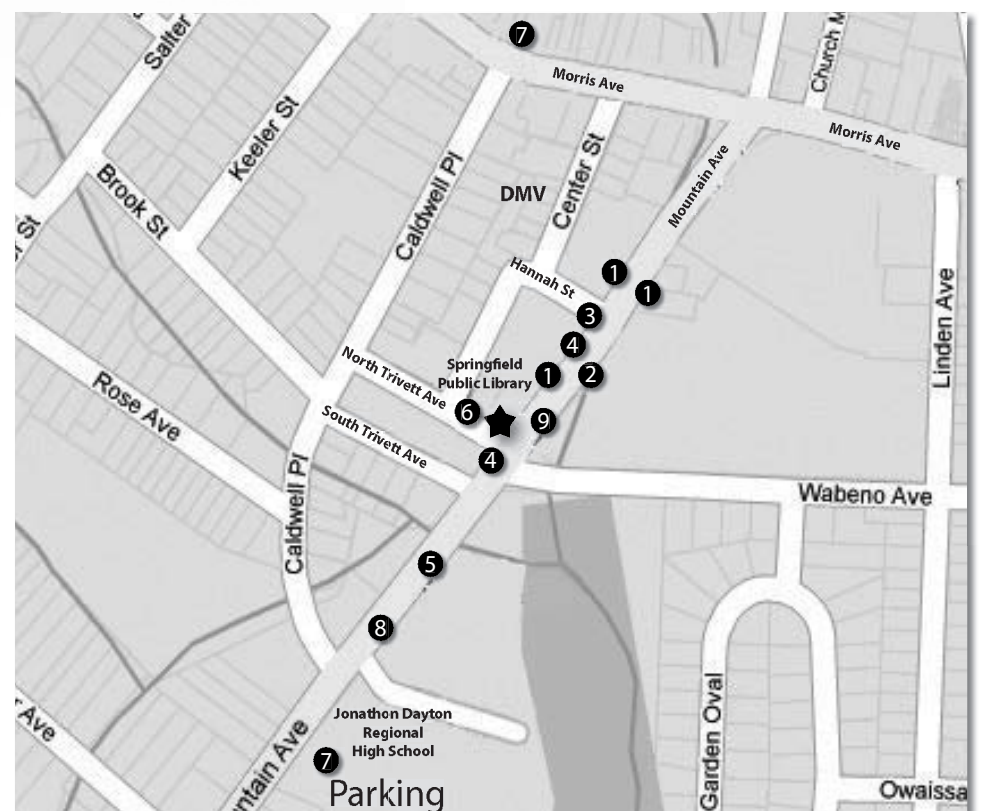
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| ② Food Vendors | ⑦ Parking |
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Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

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Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2011

"It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year, our campaign is all about keeping you, your family, and our community safer from fire.

On Sunday, October 16th, the Springfield Fire Department will be hosting its 4th annual open house at Fire Headquarters from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a tour of the fire house, refreshments and a visit from Sparky. Activities for the children include the chance to "Stop, Drop & Roll" and to squirt a real fire hose to knock down wooden "flames". A roof ventilation demonstration will be held at 1:30pm and a vehicle extrication demonstration will be held at 3pm. Children of all ages enjoy climbing into our fire engines.

Earlier in the day, the Springfield Fire Department will also have a table at the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show in front of Town Hall starting at 11am. You'll find educational materials and tip sheets on the leading causes of home fires, information about protecting your home and family with life-saving technologies, and the importance of home escape planning. We hope to see many of the township residents at this event.

In addition, we will be kicking off our fall membership drive. Anyone wishing to become a volunteer firefighter should stop by to meet some of our members, pick up an application, and learn about compensation for our volunteers. Firefighter 1 classes begin in late January, so don't delay.



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JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED DR. PAUL WICHANSKY

On Tuesday October 5, Jonathan Dayton High School hosted Dr. Paul Wichansky, a nationally known speaker on perseverance and success in the face of adversity. Dr. Paul, as he is known, spoke to the student body in two assemblies. An engaging speaker, he told his story of the struggles he endured as he gained each victory over his cerebral palsy, including learning to walk at age seven. Dr. Paul told his story with humor and grace, and was openly received by students, staff and teachers alike.

The program was part of Jonathan Dayton High School's acknowledgement of the "Week of Respect", which is part of the state's new Anti-Bullying law. Organized by the student assistance counselor and high school Anti-bullying specialist, Maria Sista, the program was intended to provide the students with insight into the experiences of a person whose positive attitude has helped him to overcome personal difficulties and limitations. In each hour-long talk, Dr. Paul shared his story through discussion, video and a question and answer period. After each talk, many students took time to speak with Dr. Paul and thank him for poignant portrayal of life with challenges. After each talk, students returned to their classes and had the opportunity to discuss their reactions with their teachers. Many teachers commented that Dr. Paul was an excellent choice for a celebration of the "Week of Respect" while one guidance counselor stating that Dr. Paul was one of the best speakers he has ever heard.

Jonathan Dayton High School has many clubs that promote tolerance and diversity, and has had several school-wide activities in the past several years to celebrate those who persevere to overcome their personal challenges and limitations.

FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC

Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17 - 4-6pm at the Chisholm Community Center. For grades 5-8, boys and girls. Cost is \$50. Register at Springfield Recreation, 30 Church Mall. For info call 973.912.2226.

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**Race To Be Held October 30th
from Dayton High School**

SPRINGFIELD, NJ (September 12, 2011) – The Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) announced today the first annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk to be held on October 30th. Sprint for Springfield Schools, a USA Track & Field Grand Prix event, will commence at 9:00 AM from the front parking lot of Jonathan Dayton High School. Jonathan Dayton High School is located at 139 Mountain Avenue in Springfield. There will also be a Fun Run for children under the age of nine which begins at 10:00 AM at Dayton.

“The goal of the Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk is to not only add much needed funds to our schools but also provide a great community-wide event for the town of Springfield,” said Laura Delia, SEF Event Coordinator. “In addition to attracting the novice athlete who is participating to support the Springfield schools, the USATF certification will attract serious runners who travel the state to compete in races. We welcome runners of all skills to participate in what we hope to become an annual event.”

Pre-race entry fee is \$20 (\$18 for USATF members). Runners can register day of race for \$25 (\$23 for USATF members). Cost for Fun Run is \$10 per child. All proceeds from the race benefit the Springfield Education Foundation which strives to keep our children and teachers on the leading edge of learning. SEF was created in

response to the increasing needs of the schools and the decreased funding by local, state and national governments. The mission of the SEF is to provide a centralized source of funds and resources to assist the Springfield Public School District to enhance and maintain the overall quality of educations. The funds raised from this event will help support teacher grants and annual leadership scholarships. Prizes will be awarded to 8 age groups.

“While we try to provide all that we can for the students of the Springfield schools, budgetary restraints by the state and the national government sometimes limits our ability and therefore hard choices are made on what items can be included in any given year,” added Michael Davino, Superintendent of Springfield Schools. “Community organizations like the PTAs and the Springfield Education Foundation help augment our budgets by purchasing items that help students in the classroom as well as providing scholarships that allow our children to reach their full potential. We thank the Springfield Education Foundation for organizing the Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk and for their support of our children.”

Online registration and additional information on the Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk are available at www.springfielddeducationfoundation.com and www.bestrace.com. There is a \$2.95 processing fee to register on-line. Checks should be made payable to SEF and can be mailed to SEF/5K Sprint for Springfield, 765 Mountain Avenue, Suite 262, Springfield, NJ 07081. Additional information about Sprint for Springfield Schools can also be found their Facebook Page.

The first annual Sprint for Springfield Schools 5K Run/Walk is being supported through the generosity of both national corporations and com-

munity businesses so that most of the proceeds can go directly to help the students of the Springfield school system. As of September 12, 2011, Gold Sponsors include 7-11, Autoland, Champion Container, Investor Savings, Muscle Maker Grill, NBD Fitness, New Balance, Rider Insurance, Spanish Pavillion, Springfield Education Association, Wells Fargo, Welsh Farms and William Rich Jewelers. Silver Sponsors include JMK Auto and Planet Honda. The Fun Run is being underwritten by Garden State Orthodontics.



**THE SECOND ANNUAL
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The Springfield Free Public Library is offering an opportunity for amateur photographers of all ages to win prizes, exhibit their work, and become a part of Springfield’s history. The theme of the contest is “Springfield: Where We Live”. Entries must be appropriate to the theme in order to be considered for a prize. Photographers will have the chance to contribute to the building of Springfield’s visual archives for future historians, and the photographs may be available on the Springfield Free Public Library web site and the New Jersey Digital Highway (njdigitalhighway.org) site for future generations.

Each contestant may enter up to two 8x10 or 11x14 framed photographs. Frames should be basic black and the entries may be dropped off at the library in person or by mail. Photographs must also be submitted on a CD as a jpg file. Contestants may obtain one free print from Mack Camera for each entry using a coupon available at the library, where the entry form is also available. All entries must be received by October 28th.

Entries will be judged by a panel and winners will be selected in several categories. All framed entries will be hung in the Donald B. Palmer Museum from November 15th through December 28th. They will also be shown on the library website. Winners will be announced at a reception to be held on Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 PM.

SEASONAL FLU INOCULATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

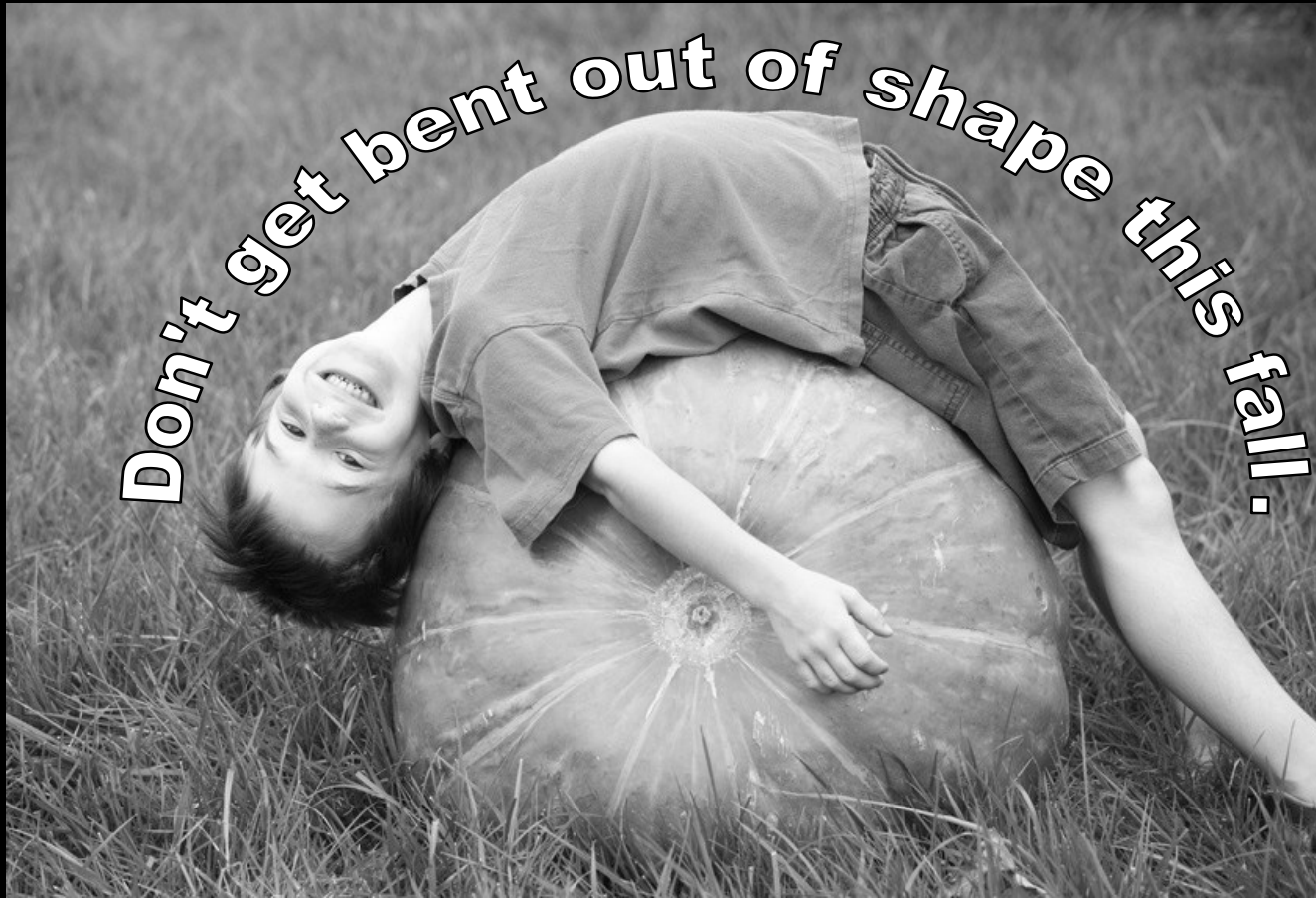
Please be advised that the Westfield Regional Health Department has scheduled the following dates for seasonal Flu Inoculation Programs. These programs are open only to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit and Westfield. Proof of residency may be required. **Please be advised that there is a \$10, cash only, fee for every participant that does not have Medicare.** Participants will be taken on a first come/first serve basis.

Friday, October 14, 2011 (10:00AM – 11:30AM)	Summit – Senior Housing Center 12 Chestnut Avenue, Summit, NJ
Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)	Garwood Fire House 415 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ
Saturday, November 19, 2011 (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)	Roselle Park High School 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, NJ (Cafeteria)

Anyone that is Medicare Part B eligible must please bring their card to the program. CDC now recommends all individuals 6 months and older receive seasonal influenza vaccine (i.e., the flu shot) especially: persons aged 65 years and older, with and without chronic health conditions, residents of long-term care facilities, persons aged 2–64 years with chronic health conditions, children aged 6 months or older, who attend any licensed child care center or pre-school activity, pregnant women health-care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged <6 months.

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houses or businesses. The following information is for residents and businesses alike on some ways to prevent being the victim of a burglary or theft.

Home owners must remember that a closed window is not a locked window as burglars will initially walk around a house to see if a door has been inadvertently left unlocked or if window as closed but not locked by the homeowner. Whether you leave your house for the entire day or just an hour ... always lock all doors and windows. Homeowners do not usually lock second story windows believing they are not accessible to a thief but in some cases a burglar will use lawn furniture or storage bins in the rear yard to be able to reach a higher window or a lower roof in order to open an unlocked upper floor window.

While the best deterrent to either commercial or

residential burglaries is an alarm system there are other things that can be done to prevent a burglary. Houses with dogs as pets are least favored by most thieves who do not want to encounter a potentially unfriendly dog within the house and to this point, homeowners with or without a dog will buy and post a "beware of dog" sign on their property as added deterrent. At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime as lights at houses gives an appearance that the house is occupied and lighting at businesses limits the availability for burglars to work on prying a window or door.

Homeowners on vacation should make sure to stop mail or newspaper deliveries and not have empty garbage or recycling cans left out in front of the house as these are signs the residents are away. Motion sensor lights or lights on timers will give the appearance that you and are family are home at night. If possible, see if a neighbor or relative or friend can park one of their vehicles in your driveway so your house looks occupied.

Businesses with cash registers should have the register drawer left in the open position when the business is closed as the main focus of any retail burglary is to take the money in the register draw.

An open drawer, whether empty or containing a small amount of money, will save a business and added expense of having to replace an entire cash register.

As the price of gold and silver have been so high this has resulted in house burglars going directly to master bedrooms to seek out and steal gold and silver jewelry and this is usually found both in jewelry boxes atop the dressers or stored inside of dresser drawers. Jewelry, especially items not worn on a regular basis, should be kept in a secure location that is not located within the master bedroom as burglars are prone to only spend minutes inside of a house and usually only search the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry.

Motor vehicles when parked should have the doors locked and windows fully closed and no visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units on dash board or pocketbook or computer case on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in or they will merely go car to car seeing if doors are unlocked.

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