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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Residents! I want to start by wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

It is hard to believe that I am writing my final Mayor's message. It is like I blinked and it is already December. This has been an eventful year here in Springfield. The year started off with Mother Nature giving us her best shot. The unpredictable winter weather was very challenging for residents and employees of the town. We then moved into our spring season where we saw the grand opening of our new and improved pool building. The annual Memorial Day Parade was another wonderful event lead by our tireless volunteers here in Springfield. As we moved into the summer The 4th of July celebration was another fantastic event. September 30th saw us hold our Salute to Veterans 5K race and Fall Festival and Car Show. Each and every year these events continue to grow. Finally, our town Holiday Celebration wrapped up another great year. I wanted to highlight these

events because these events are organized and run by the countless volunteers we have here in Springfield. To anyone who has volunteered during any event in Springfield, I thank you for your efforts.

The final event of the year will be held on December 13 from 6 pm until 9 pm at the Chisholm Community Center. This event organized by the Rotary Club is Rise Against Hunger. During this time, residents will volunteer to pack food for those in need. I had the opportunity to participate in this event with my entire family and it truly was an unbelievable event. Finally, I would like to take the time to recognize our Hometown Hero's Organization. Thank you for taking the time to honor and recognize the township residents who have served and protected our country.

As I conclude my final message, I want to thank the members of the community for putting their trust and faith in me to lead this wonderful town. It has been an honor and privilege leading this town in 2018. Once again if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mayor@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2018

NEW WEBSITE

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

The Township of Springfield is pleased to announce the launch of a new website for the Municipality.

"The Township of Springfield is committed to continually improve the communication between the Municipality and our residents and the launch of the new, much improved website is thrilling as it represents another step in that direction," noted Committeeman Chris Capodice.

The new website, which retains the address of www.springfield-nj.us, was designed with some goals in mind including a clean and simple appearance, ease of navigation and content and functionality that was driven by the many suggestions received from Township Committee members, Township employees and Township residents.

"Website technology and how people use websites has changed significantly since our website was first launched in 2009," noted Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering. "The new website will provide information in a more user-friendly and accessible manner

through the use of many of these new technological developments."

The new website has a number of new features such as:

- Knowledgebase with FAQ, department specific questions and easily accessible forms, applications and downloads

- Meetings, Agenda and Minutes search Center

- How do I quick search area

"We encourage everyone to visit the new site often to stay up-to-date with what is happening in the Township and we welcome feedback from users on what they like about the new site and what improvements could still be made," advised Mr. Mardini

The development of a new website was approved in the 2018 budget as part of the Township commitment to improve communication, openness and transparency. The contract to develop the new website was awarded to the firm "My Virtual Solution LLC" from Princeton NJ.

For more information or to provide feedback, please reach us ONLY through the feedback form on the website. No responses to feedback published on any other social media sites will be made.

Town Adopts Tax Exemption For Redevelopment Project

Matt Jessup, redevelopment attorney addressed the committee and explained the tax exemption that is being granted under Ordinance 2018-19. Jessup explained that this is for the 24 unit residential and retail project to be built at Morris Ave and Church Mall. Without the tax exemption the project would be financially unacceptable and would not be built. The exemption program, known as a "Pilot" Program allows for a minimum tax of 10% of annual gross revenue to be paid in lieu of a conventional real estate tax assessment. The calculation came out to 9.57%, which was lower than the State mandated minimum so the developer agrees to pay the 10% minimum. Right now the property pays about \$3700 per year in taxes to the town. Under the exemption program, the projected tax on only the improvements is estimated to be \$49,059 per year. The land is still taxed in the conventional manner.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - Reorganizational Meeting at Noon

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 - Workshop Meeting 7:00 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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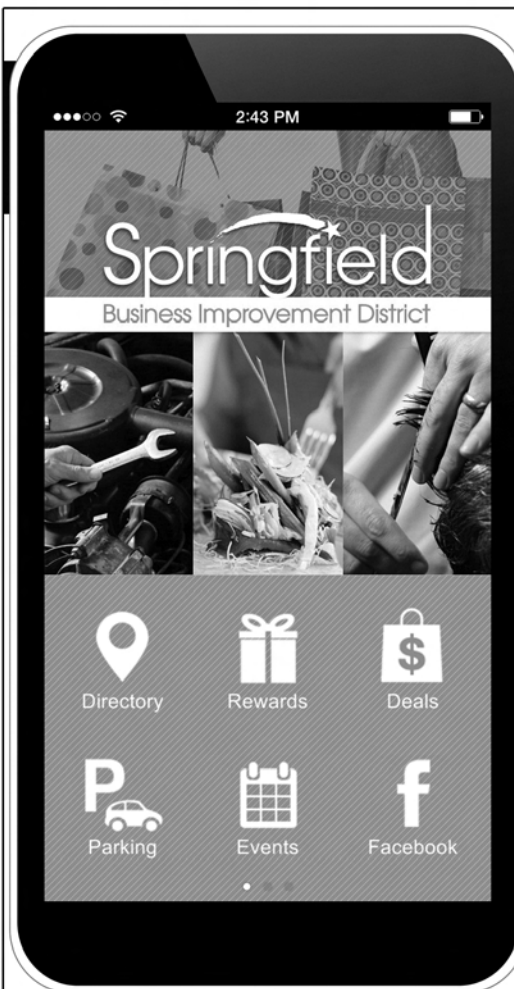
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SPRINGFIELD HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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Springfield gathered on Wednesday, December 5 for its annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting, attracting hundreds of guests from the community to the Springfield Municipal Building. The event took place from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and featured remarks by Springfield Recreation Director Adam Lieb and Mayor Richard Huber as well as live music from The Winter Wonderland Band, a petting zoo, an ice carving demonstration, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

At approximately 7:00 pm, the crowd gathered for the highlight of the evening; the Christmas tree lighting. Director of Recreation Adam Lieb led his remarks with a moment of silence to remember the life and legacy of former President George H.W. Bush, who passed away at the age of 94 on Friday, December 2. Following the opening remarks, Lieb noted how well attended the event was this year and thanked all who came out on a particularly chilly night. Mayor Huber followed with gratitude to all those who made the event possible.

Then, with treats and hot drinks provided by the Springfield Fire Department and F.M.B.A Local #57 and free glow sticks courtesy of Springfield NJ BID, guests stood amazed at the spectacular decorations lit up against the night sky. The charity of the community was also on display with the successful collection of toys and gift cards by Springfield H.O.P.E and coat and food drive by Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Springfield.

As the tree was shone bright, children were asked to look toward the Municipal Building for a surprise. Atop the roof was Santa Claus, who climbed down the Springfield Fire Department's ladder truck to greet visitors and sit for photos with families and friends.

Community partners for the event included: Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Springfield H.O.P.E., Business Improvement District, Township Committee, Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management & their CERT Team, F.M.B.A. Local #57, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, First Aid Squad, Administrator, and Township Clerk.

ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING

BY JESSE BROOME

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Despite the misty rain, Springfield's annual Public Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony was well-attended by several hundred members of the community.

Held at Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road, the Chanukah festivities on the evening of Sunday, December 2 were organized by the Chabad Jewish Learning Center (JLC). Rabbi Mendy Blesofsky of the JLC opened the sixth annual event by welcoming families, friends, sponsors, and local officials from the Township Committee, Police and Fire Departments, and First Aid Squad. After speaking to the crowd about the story of Chanukah and the customs of the holiday, Rabbi Blesofsky introduced Mayor Richard Huber, who extended his holiday wishes to the guests.

The highlight of the evening was the lighting, which featured traditional Chanukah songs recited by students of the JLC in addition to children from the audience. The Rabbi was then lifted in the air by the town's bucket truck to light the 18-foot menorah. After the menorah was lit, Chanukah gelt was tossed down to the onlookers. Additionally, guests were treated to latkes (potato pancakes), sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), coffee, and water.

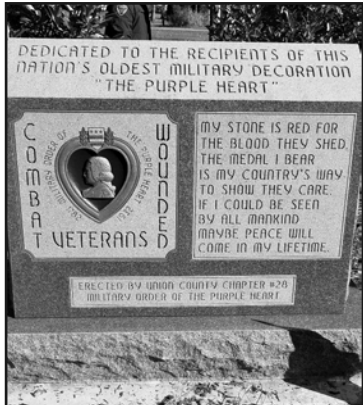
Speaking with Rabbi Blesofsky the following day, he expressed his thoughts on the holiday. "The Jewish response to darkness and negativity is exemplified in the lighting of the menorah. Increasing light through Torah study and adding mitzvot (good deeds), allows us to celebrate with joy and gladness of heart."

The evening concluded with a performance by Artemis Fox of Fire Magick, featuring fire eating, dancing, juggling, and baton twirling. A special thanks to Monte Ehrenkranz of Regal Bank in Springfield, who sponsored the event.

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100th Anniversary Of The End Of World War I

Photos By Craig Abrams



Veterans Day, 2018, marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Over 70 veteran's residents, Township employees and emergency service personnel gathered at Veterans Park to mark this solemn occasion. Speeches were given by township veterans, the Mayor and organizers and a wreath was placed in the park. The Springfield Auxiliary Police Honor Guard fired a rifle salute.

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At the bottom of the Building page is a tab "Permit Closure Verification Form" click on the tab to open.

Complete required information, certify and submit.

The Permit Closure Verification request will be sent automatically to the Building Department staff, they will research the property and send you via email, the permit status of the property; a copy will be sent to the Fire Department and the Smoke Certification Scheduling Clerk.

Should you need specific information regarding outstanding permits or inspections, please submit an OPRA (Open Public Record Act) request to the Township Clerk.

Call (973) 912-2220 or email building@springfield-nj.us should you have any questions.

After confirmation that all permits on the property have been closed out, please complete "Application for Certification of Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide Alarm & Portable Fire Extinguisher Form" which is attached below. If you cannot access the form, you may pick one up at the Fire House. Please either mail or drop off the completed Application together with a check or money order payable to "Township of Springfield" in the locked mailbox at:

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Ten-year sealed battery-powered single station smoke alarms shall be installed and shall be listed in accordance with ANSI/UL 217, incorporated herein by reference. However, A/C-powered single or multiple-station smoke alarms installed as part of the original construction or rehabilitation project shall not be replaced with battery-powered smoke alarms. The effective date of this subsection shall be January 1, 2019. THEREFORE ALL NON-SEALED BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTORS MUST BE REPLACED

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COMEDY ICON GILBERT GOTTFRIED RETURNS TO SCOTTY'S COMEDY COVE

by Jesse Broome

For almost four decades, Gilbert Gottfried has entertained audiences with his iconic voice and crude humor. On Saturday November 10, he brought his act to Scotty's Pub and Comedy Club.

Speaking with Gottfried via telephone, we discussed his return to Scotty's, his current projects, and his unparalleled brand. Today, aside from his podcast, which we'll talk about shortly, Gottfried travels extensively from city-to-city to perform his standup act. "There are entire states that I swear I've never been to," he said; however, he appreciated the return visit to Scotty's because "they must have thought I did a good job." The 63-year-old comedian still has a lust for the stage and a desire for an approving audience.

Aside from his standup act, Gottfried has a deep appreciation for the history of television and film. That enthusiasm has translated to Gilbert Gottfried's Amazing Colossal Podcast, which features show business legends and icons. As a teenager, Gottfried loved watching TV and movies and adored the Marx Brothers, The Three Stooges, and Laurel and Hardy. When asked whether there was an actor or comedian that influenced him, he hesitated and said that "some lines come to me and then I'll recall that an actor or comedian said something similar." Ultimately, he has been thrilled to interview the likes of Dick Van Dyke, Norman Lear, and Peter Fonda while reminiscing about the entertainment of his youth with co-host, Frank Santopadre, a comedy writer who currently works on ABC's The View.

When asked about how he developed that shrill, unmistakable voice, Gottfried replied, "It [the voice] developed over time; it was not conscious. Do you know why you walk a certain way?" I also asked about his life growing up in Brooklyn, NY and the reason why many great actors and comedians seem to have roots in the New York City borough. He didn't have an answer, but we both agreed that it must be something in the water.

Gottfried also appreciates the many fans of all ages who convey their love for specific projects, whether it be his brief stint on Saturday Night Live, his memorable roles in Beverly Hills Cop 2 or Problem Child, or his voiceover work as Iago in Aladdin. Asked whether there were any current comedians he admired, he thoughtfully replied, "Watching a comedian is like going to work on your day off."

CORRECTION On Page 2 of the November Issue of the Patriot Times, I mistakenly referred to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael as Temple Beth Ahm. I apologize for any confusion. Scott Seidel, Editor

11-YEAR OLD GIRL WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES HONORED BY NEW JERSEY DEVILS



Photo Credit: RWJBarnabas Health

After the Devil's win, Isabella had the opportunity to meet her favorite player Travis Zajac, who visited with her and her family, posed for photos and signed a hockey puck.

The New Jersey Devils recently honored 11-year old Isabella Terranova (Springfield, NJ) who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at just 21 months old. An avid Devils fan, Isabella enjoyed an incredible evening at the Prudential Center, as the Devils beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2. Her special experience included a Zamboni ride; a visit to the pre-game high-five tunnel; time with the popular team mascot NJ Devil; and the highlight of the evening was opportunity to visit the team after the game to meet her favorite player, center Travis Zajac.

Living with Type 1 diabetes requires Isabella to check her blood sugar with a finger prick multiple times each day, and she needs to keep track of everything she eats in order to take the right amount of insulin. Isabella has never let her diabetes get in the way of her love for sports and physical activity, as she has played multiple youth sports and is a big Devils fan.

Isabella, who attended the game with her parents, grandfather and best friend, was also joined by her doctor, Dennis J. Brenner, MD, a pediatric endocrinologist and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at RWJBarnabas Health's Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

RWJBarnabas Health is the Official Healthcare provider for the New Jersey Devils, and this "special experience" is designed to recognize and celebrate patients and their families.

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

Contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.



Peter Barnett, a member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, reads to the children as part of his dedication of the temple's Pre-School Library to the memory of his wife, Sandra Barnett. In addition to donating several hundred books to the library, Peter dedicated a Simcha Leaf on the temple's Tree of Life in his wife's memory. Sandra had been a teacher and a social worker. She had been responsible for the Family Day Care and Preventive Services Agency at Brookwood Child Care in Brooklyn, NY.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL PARADE FOR HUNGER SUCCESS



(l to r) Dr. Gary Hecht, Raina Mendoza, Albert Flowers, Jack Chacon, Sierra Latonnell, Andrea Falar, Emer Vesey, Angelina Robledo, Mrs. Barbara Noonan.

Last month, Saint James the Apostle School Student Council organized the school's annual Parade for Hunger food drive. Food donations were collected beginning on Halloween up until the week before Thanksgiving. Each class was assigned a specific food item to bring to class, such as peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, canned yams, stuffing, mashed potatoes and turkey gravy. In addition to the assigned food item, students were asked to bring in a \$2 donation to be put toward the purchase of gift cards.

The food donations from Saint James students and their families helped make twelve large Thanksgiving baskets. Saint James the Apostle School's Parade for Hunger yielded over \$250 which the Student Council used to purchase ShopRite gift cards. Each basket contained a gift card that could be used to purchase a turkey to make Thanksgiving complete. Dr. Gary Hecht came to the school just before the Thanksgiving holiday to pick up the baskets for Springfield H.O.P.E. and deliver them to area families who are in need.

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Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service
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11:00pm Candlelight Communion Service

Dec. 30th - 10:15 am Service of Lessons and Carols



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

HOLIDAY SAFETY

The winter holiday season is traditionally a festive and eventful time of year. Celebrations, family gatherings and visits from house guests traditionally increase in number during the season.

Unfortunately, statistics show that incidents of home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 30 percent of home fire and 38 percent of home fire deaths occur during the months of December, January, and February.

There are steps that can be taken to reduce the risks of death and injury from a home fire this holiday season. It is critical that families keep fire safety in mind while enjoying this festive, exciting and extremely busy time of year.

Take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- Seasonal Fire Safety - There's no place like home for the holidays and no better place to implement good fire safety practices.
- Smoke Alarm Safety Tips - Smoke alarms save lives. Follow this simple guidance to ensure that your home is adequately protected by working, properly installed smoke alarms.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS HOLY CROSS



The Springfield Fire Department came to Holy Cross Nursery School to talk about fire safety during Fire Prevention week. The students at Holy Cross also presented the department with Firefighter Survival Kits that they put together to thank them for keeping Springfield safe.

• Space Heater Safety - As the temperature drops during the winter holiday season, many families turn to space heater to help warm their homes. Many are unaware, however, that the risk of fire from space heaters is much greater than from central heating equipment.

• Holiday Cooking Safety - The kitchen is the heart of the home. It's where families gather to cook favorite recipes, share warm meals, and reconnect with each other, especially during the holidays. Unfortunately, it's also where two of every five reported home fires start.

• Holiday Decorating Safety - While decorative lights and other electrical decorations add to the splendor of the season, they can increase the risks of fire and electrical injuries if not used safely.

• Extension Cord Safety - While extension cords are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it for your holiday decorations, they can also create hazards if not used safely.

• Counterfeit Electrical Products - Unlike fake handbags, watches, or designer apparel, counterfeit electrical products pose significant safety hazards.

Be proactive and take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- Make you check list and check it twice
- Stockings hung at least three feet from heat sources
- Purchase holiday lights that bear the of a nationally recognized testing laboratory
- Keep your tree Hydrated
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Do not string more than three strands of incandescent lights
- Always turn off decorations before leaving your home



Springfield is having a Birthday!!!

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The Township will celebrate its 225th anniversary in 2019. A giant two-day celebration is planned for June 22 & 23 to coincide with the Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield and take advantage of better weather (we hope) than in mid-April. A committee has been formed but they need volunteers to make this event a reality. A Battle Re-enactment by the Brigade of the American Revolution and Encampment is planned, a Festival, Fireworks and a Parade. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact volunteer@225thspringfieldanniversary.com with your information. Help is needed in planning the Parade, Festival and Merchandising.

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Ken Gruskin AIA and Joel Shulman AIA of Gruskin Group (Springfield, NJ) at the grand opening of the new FAO Schwarz store at Rockefeller Center. Gruskin Group was the Architect for this project.



NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER



Springfield PBA Local #76 would like to thank everyone that supported them and helped them raise money toward “No-shave November.” The members of PBA Local #76 put down their razors for the month of November, in attempt to promote cancer awareness and raise funds to support cancer prevention and research. Springfield PBA #76 raised \$2,345.00 toward “No-shave November.” All funds raised were donated toward the following organizations: Prevent Cancer Foundation, Fight Colorectal Cancer and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. During this years event, “No-shave November” has raised more then 1.4 million dollars for these organizations.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY AND SPRINGFIELD
HOPE DELIVER TWENTY THANKSGIVING
DINNERS TO THOSE IN NEED IN TOWN

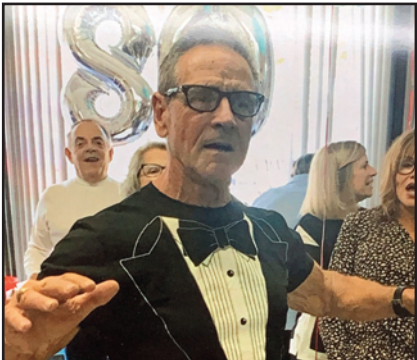


Stew Leonard's donated 20 of their world famous turkeys for the volunteer efforts this year. On Tuesday afternoon, November 20, members of Springfield HOPE and the Springfield Rotary joined forces to assemble and deliver a complete Thanksgiving day meal to twenty needy families in Springfield. Stew Leonard’s donated 20 turkeys, which they have done each year for the past several years. After assembling each box, which included a turkey, roasting pan, pasta, gravy, potatoes, eggs, apples, juice, milk, bread butter, flower, vegetables, sugar and much more, a gift basket was added, which was donated by St. James Church Students.

"We find people reading the Patriot Times in the strangest places! We appreciate the bombardier in this B-17 taking a break in-flight to grab this photo for us--but he probably should have covered up the top secret Norden bombsight! Advertise in the Patriot Times, your ad will be noticed on land, sea and in the air!"



Happy Birthday
Ron



Ron Grosso Celebrated his 80th birthday at his Barber Shop, Tri-City Circle Barber Shop on Saturday, November 11 with 60 of his friends and customers. Ron has been in his Springfield location for 28 years and has been cutting hair for 63 years!

SEE HIS BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON PAGE 3

Look for this in-store

Stew Leonard's WINE & SPIRITS

OF PARAMUS
OF CLIFTON
OF SPRINGFIELD

**BUY any 6
SAVE 20%**

Great Gifts Under \$20

Mix & Match on wines with prices ending in "7"

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| Rocklin Ranch Cabernet \$15.97 \$12.78 when you BUY 6 | Stone Bay Sauvignon Blanc \$10.97 \$8.78 when you BUY 6 | Pound Cake Chardonnay \$13.97 \$11.18 when you BUY 6 | Nic Rager Pinot Noir \$11.97 \$9.58 when you BUY 6 | Prince Estivac Brut \$16.97 \$13.58 when you BUY 6 | Santa Giada Pinot Grigio \$12.97 \$10.38 when you BUY 6 |

Get In The Spirit

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| Svedka Vodka All Types 1.75L | \$19.29 |
| Grey Goose Vodka 1.75L | \$49.09 |
| Bacardi Light Rum 1.75L | \$19.19 |
| Tito's Vodka 1.75L | \$29.09 |
| Dewar's Scotch 1.75L | \$32.09 |
| Jack Daniels Whiskey 1.75L | \$45.09 |
| Macallan 12 Yr Double Cask | \$52.09 |
| Maker's Mark Bourbon | \$26.09 |
| Grand Marnier | \$29.09 |
| Jameson Irish Whiskey | \$29.09 |
| Johnnie Walker Black 1.75L | \$59.09 |
| Bailey's Irish Cream | \$21.09 |



Best Selling Beers

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Corona 24pk btls | \$28.09 |
| Modelo Especial/Negra 24pk btls | \$28.99 |
| Stella Artois 12pk btls | \$14.99 |
| Blue Moon 12pk btls | \$15.25 |
| Sam Adams Lager 12pk btls | \$15.25 |
| Coors Light 30pk cans | \$22.09 |
| Bud Light 30pk cans | \$22.09 |
| Founders All Day IPA 15pk cans | \$15.99 |
| Guinness Draught 24pk btls | \$6.99 |
| Yuengling Lager 24pk btls | \$19.00 |



Free Gift-Wrapping on all purchases

Hurry in - Final 3 weeks! SAVE 20% ON WINE

When you buy 6 or more bottles of Hidden Gem wines

Applies to wines with prices ending in "7" Promo ends 12/31/18

Holiday Specials

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Woodbridge 1.5L | \$11.18 |
| Robert Mondavi Private Selection | \$8.18 |
| Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc | \$13.38 |
| Kim Crawford Rosé | \$12.18 |
| Ruffino Prosecco | \$12.18 |
| Meiomi Pinot Noir | \$19.18 |
| Meiomi Chardonnay | \$13.98 |
| Dreaming Tree Crush Red | \$12.18 |
| Ruffino Sparkling Rosé | \$12.18 |
| Franciscan Cabernet Sauvignon | \$19.18 |
| Black Box 3L | \$19.98 |



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We're open: Monday - Saturday 9am - 9pm
Sunday 12pm - 6pm • #201-649-0882

CLIFTON, NJ • 345 ALLWOOD ROAD
We're open: Monday - Saturday 9am - 9pm
Sunday 11am - 6pm • #973-859-7700

SPRINGFIELD, NJ • 901 MOUNTAIN AVE
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Sunday 12pm - 6pm • #908-379-2930



CHRISTMAS HOURS Dec. 21 & 22 til 10pm • Dec. 23 til 7pm • Dec.24 til 6pm • **CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**

Prices Effective through December 31, 2018

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Stew Leonard's Mark is a registered trademark or service mark of Stew Leonard's, a Connecticut partnership and is registered in the United States. This store is independently owned and operated. It is not a part of any chain or cooperative buying group. Prices and availability of advertised items may vary.

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Springfield Recreation Department

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In partnership with the

US SPORTS institute

Winter Sports Programs

Springfield Recreation Dept

All programs take place at Chisholm Community Center

SCHOOLS OUT CAMPS

| Class Name | Day | Date | Time | Age | Price |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| Soccer Camp | Wed-Fri | 12/26/2018 to 12/28/2018 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM | 5 - 11 | \$115 |
| Soccer Camp | Thurs-Fri | 12/27/2018 to 12/28/2018 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM | 5 - 11 | \$100 |

WEEKLY SQUIRTS CLASSES

| Class Name | Day | Date | Time | Age | Price |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Senior Soccer Squirts | Sat | 1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019 | 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM | 5 - 6 | \$154 |
| Soccer Squirts | Sat | 1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019 | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | 3 - 5 | \$154 |
| Parent & Me Soccer Squirts | Sat | 1/12/2019 to 3/2/2019 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | 2 - 3 | \$154 |

MULTI SPORTS CAMP: Try a variety of sports at USSI's flagship Multi Sports Camp. Learn to play sports like soccer, hockey, disc golf, handball & more!

Community Parent & Group Discount Program

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Try a new sport in each session of the program including lacrosse, soccer, basketball, t-ball, track & field, hockey, and flag football!

Want to go to class for free? Well this is the way! Visit our website for full details.

PARENT & ME MULTI SPORTS: Try out a variety of sports with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! Sports covered include soccer, lacrosse, t-ball, & more.

USsportsInstitute.com (866) 345-BALL

SENIOR CITIZENS TRAVEL ON FALL BUS TRIPS

Springfield senior citizens had a busy month of November traveling on several bus trips sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. Trips included holiday shopping at Livingston Mall, apple picking and dessert sampling at Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck, gambling and outlet shopping at Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, and brunch at Turning Point in Westfield. The trips were chaperoned by Amefika Gray, recreation program coordinator, and Donald Wilkenfeld and Tony Losito, recreation bus drivers.

Celebrating 30 Years

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The Power of Drawing

Drawing Classes for kids

Young Rembrandts

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Springfield Recreation Department

Ages 3 - 5 • Preschool Drawing

Artists will begin the season with a lesson that teaches our students about simple figure drawing as they create a snowman using basic geometric shapes. Winter-themed lessons like our mittens and penguin drawings will excite your child's imagination. All this and more await your budding artist. Enroll your child today!

Classes: Wednesday, 3:00 - 3:45 pm • 1/2/19 - 2/6/19

Tuition: \$82 (6 Week Session)

Ages 6 - 12 • Elementary Drawing

Make this a memorable winter by signing up your elementary child in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your child will learn about basic design and composition as they draw the Fish Below Ice and Great Wall of China. Besides strengthening your child's drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history and much more. Enroll your child today!

Classes: Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm • 1/2/19 - 2/6/19

Tuition: \$89 (6 Week Session)

Ages 6 - 12 • Cartooning

Our cartoon drawing lessons will stoke your child's artistic fire. Your child will learn about exaggeration and drawing facial expressions in our lessons entitled "Cold Faces" and "Dad Expressions." Imagine what your dog does home alone, giving him human-like qualities with our "Dog Alone" cartoon. All this and more. Enroll today!

Classes: Wednesday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm • 1/2/19 - 2/6/19

Tuition: \$89 (6 Week Session)

All Classes at Chisholm Community Center

Enroll Online at: www.youngrembrandts.com/middlesex-union before December 31, 2018

Joe Fischer's Secrets Of Magic

Learn How To Become A Magician

WHEN: Thursday's 1/10-1/31

Time: 5pm-6pm

WHERE: 100 South Springfield Avenue (Chisholm Community Center)

FEE: \$80 PER CHILD

AGES: (5-10)

Please make check out to Joseph Fischer and mail payment to:

12 Garden Place, Nutley, NJ 07110

For any questions contact fischerjmr@aol.com or call 973-661-9368

(ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED)

ANNUAL QUARRY WALK

Photo by Jose Camacho

On Sunday November 18, a cloudy cool day, a large crowd of over 70 people gathered to take the Quarry Walk. Guided by Township Resident Howard Apsan, also a Lieutenant in the Auxiliary Police, people learned about the Quarry. Members of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management CERT Team and Auxiliary Police were there to help out.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Wednesday, December 26 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Friday, December 28 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 2 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Friday, January 4 - Shape UP @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, January 7 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 8 - Board games @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Thursday, January 10 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am
Friday, January 11 - Forever Fit @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, January 14 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 15 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, January 16 - Bus trip to Koki Buffet @ 11:30 am (RSVP)
Friday, January 18 - Stretch & Meditation @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

SWEET SAMANTHA 6 WEEKS BAKING AND DECORATING CLASS

AGES 8-16 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 Session - Tuesday OR Thursday options available for sign up - Class will run 6-7:30pm. All Classes will begin the week of Jan 29th and will run consecutive 6 weeks. Contact Samantha to register samilyn9@aol.com

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

WEEK 1: Star Wars Cupcakes! - May the force be with you! Step by step we will be making a set of 4 amazing movie themed cupcakes!

WEEK 2: Chocolate YUM! - Baking Chocolate Fudge pie, chocolate meringue cookies, Chocolate cupcakes dipped in ganache and chocolate truffles!

WEEK 3: Dogie Cake! Working with Fondant, each student will decorate this adorable puppy!

WEEK 4: Chocolate Chip: Chocolate chip themed cookies, fudge, cupcake frosting and even chocolate chip cake!!

WEEK 5: M&M Cookies! Make a red, green, orange, yellow and blue of these adorable characters!

WEEK 6: DONUTS! We will be making quick donuts including glazed, cinnamon and sugar mini bites, baked chocolate holes and powdered sugar!

Tuesday Classes : 1/29, 2/5,
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5
Thursday Classes 1/31, 2/7,
2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7

* In the event of snow/ice
class will be canceled and
rescheduled.

SPRINGFIELD PARK AND RIDE JITNEY CONTINUES TO SHUTTLE RESIDENTS



Springfield's Park & Ride Jitney Service transports riders from the Springfield Municipal Pool located at 44 Morrison Road to the Short Hills Train Station. Parking is free with Jitney usage. Morning Runs begin at 5:35 a.m. and continue until 8:35 a.m. In the evenings, the 18 passenger bus can be seen waiting at the Short Hills Train Station from 4:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to return riders to the pool parking area. The cost is \$3.00 per trip or riders can take advantage of a reduced monthly fee of \$50.00. Additional information can be found at www.springfield-nj.us or contact Jitney Coordinator, Maryellen Brennan, maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us or call 973-912-2202.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

WINTER CONDITIONING

Winter 2018-2019 • Grades 2-8

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

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

Location:
Chisholm Community Center,
2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Day: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2:
January 25th-March 8th
(no class on February 15th)

Cost: \$70 per session
(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
apparel item

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

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

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

2018 - 2019

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 2018 - AUGUST 2019

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 2018 to August 2019
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 • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us



ANYONE SEEKING HELP
OR ASSISTANCE MAY
CALL 973-467-3388



Temple Sha'arey Shalom,
Springfield, Pre-School
celebrated our annual pre-
Thanksgiving feast on
Wednesday, November 21.
Nicky Gamarekian, Lauren Kaine,
Aavni Kombanalputhenpurayil,
and Jagger Perira are the temple
Pre-School Thanksgiving chefs
who helped whip up a great meal!



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Since winter is almost upon us, I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind residents and business owners of some of the township ordinances and state laws our police officers enforce relating to winter weather.

- Parking on the street and in municipal lots is prohibited when the roadways and lots are snow-covered. Parked vehicles make it difficult for our plow crews to clear snow from the roads. If snow is forecast, please make arrangements to park your vehicles elsewhere.

- Snow must be cleared from fire lanes within 12 hours of daylight after the snow has fallen. Every second counts when we respond to emergency calls, and if the passage of emergency vehicles is obstructed by snow, someone's life could potentially be put at risk. Fire hydrants must also be kept clear from piled snow.

- Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has fallen. Shoveled paths must be at least 24 inches wide, and icy sidewalks must be treated with sand or salt. Traveling in winter weather is more dangerous for everyone, particularly pedestrians. If sidewalks are impassable, pedestrians often resort to walking on plowed roads which puts them at risk for vehicles sliding into them. Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared properly.

- Once plowing of our roads has begun, it is prohibited for anyone to shovel, blow, or plow snow back onto a public street from private property. It is also prohibited for private plows to plow snow from a driveway across the width of the street to be piled along the opposite curb. Snow that remains as a result of this often turns into hazardous solid ice and is more difficult to be treated.

- All snow and ice must be removed from your vehicle before driving. This applies to ALL vehicles, no matter how small or large. Clearing a small portion of your windshield is not sufficient to safely operate a vehicle. The penalties are even steeper if snow or ice flies off of your vehicle and causes damage to other vehicles, or even worse, if someone is injured.

- "Warming up" and idling your vehicle for more than 3 minutes is against state law in NJ. While there are some exceptions, this applies to most passenger vehicles. In addition, township ordinance prohibits vehicles from idling more than 2 minutes on all municipal and school properties. Keep in mind that unattended running vehicles are easy targets for thieves, and it only takes seconds for someone to drive away with your car.

Also, please remember that driving in winter weather requires more concentration, and less speed. Motorists should travel much slower and be much more cautious than during normal driving conditions. Following distances should be increased, and distractions should be avoided.

On behalf of the entire Springfield Police Department, I wish everyone in our community a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

PRIMO-HOAGIES

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

On Wednesday, November 28, 2018 Springfield celebrated the grand re-opening of the PrimoHoagies store located at 200 US-22, Springfield Township, NJ and offer a free PrimoHoagie to the first 100 customers.

This store marks the first of four PrimoHoagies stores Amico will be opening in New Jersey within the next two years and will set the tone for what is to come. The newly renovated 2000 sf Springfield store will be the first to serve the newest additions to the PrimoHoagies' menu which will feature their new Philly Style Cheesesteaks and Chicken Cheesesteaks. Amico states, "As an Italian-American, I believe food brings people together, whether at work or at the kitchen table. I wanted to invest in a business that combines my passion for food and building a family atmosphere which is why I chose PrimoHoagies. Their model is built on the highest quality products and customer service values." According to PrimoHoagies President and CEO, Rocco Fiorentino, "Our newest Franchisee, Christopher Amico will be developing the New Jersey market and further extend our brand and provide our quality freshly sliced specialty sandwiches on our famous fresh baked Italian bread in new markets." According to Amico, "Exceeding customer expectations through operational excellence is the goal within my organization, and along with superior quality, it will be my recipe for success within the PrimoHoagies system. I am confident this will allow PrimoHoagies to be the sandwich of choice in all of the communities we serve in North Jersey." The newly renovated Springfield Twp. PrimoHoagies will be open seven days a week. They also offer take-out orders and free delivery. For more information, call the store directly at (973) 467-1001. PrimoHoagies is headquartered in Westville, NJ with retail facilities located throughout the East Coast from PA to FL. They also have a non-profit foundation called PrimoCares.

The foundation provides help to children within the communities where PrimoHoagies stores are located. For more information about PrimoHoagies visit: <https://www.primohoagies.com>.

SAINT JAMES TO HOLD LESSONS AND CAROLS & THREE SPECIAL MASSES

All are invited to the Saint James Second Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3 pm at Saint James Church. Hear the wondrous Christmas story as woven through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful Christmas carols sung by Saint James parish choirs.

In addition, three special masses will be celebrated at Saint James the Apostle Church in December, ahead of the Christmas (December 25) and Solemnity of Mary (January 1) holy days.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Saturday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated on Friday evening, December, 7 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Wednesday, December 12 7:00 pm (Mass in Spanish) Mass for the Feast of Saint Lucy ~ Thursday, December 13 7:00 pm (Mass in Italian)

These events are free and all are welcome. Enjoy spirit-filled hour of scripture and song or a special Mass at Saint James the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield. For more information, contact the parish at (973) 376-3044.

PBA DONATES TOYS TO SPRINGFIELD HOPE

BY JESSE BROOME



Springfield Police Officers (l to r top row) Detective Joseph Leniart, Officer Jose Agrelo, Officer Emmett Badai PBA President Officer Melissa Esteves and Police Chief John Cook (center row) Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo and Dr. Gary Hecht (Bottom row)

The holiday spirit of the Springfield PBA was on display with toy donations to Springfield H.O.P.E. PBA President, Melissa Esteves, unloaded a packed vehicle of assorted new and unused toys and presented them to Springfield H.O.P.E. Trustee, Dr. Gary Hecht. Esteves and Hecht were joined by Police Chief John Cook, Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, also Trustees for Springfield HOPE. Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – is a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation created to enable residents, businesses and visitors in town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just get by throughout the year, not only during the holiday season. When reached for comment, Scott Seidel, also a Trustee for HOPE, noted "Almost 100% of every dollar donated goes towards helping people, everyone volunteers their time and we have almost no overhead costs. Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law and may be mailed to Springfield HOPE, c/o Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081. Seidel further noted "HOPE is not funded other than through the generous donations of residents and businesses. If you are looking for some year end charities to donate to, please consider HOPE and donate locally!"

LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS SERVICE DOGS



The Lions at the their November 14th meeting welcomed Robert Lax of Eyes of Hope, which helps raise service dogs for the Seeing Eye in Morristown. Eyes of Hope is a volunteer club and charity which raises the dogs from 7 weeks until the dog is ready for the intensity of service dog training. The main goal during the time with Eyes of Hope is to prepare the dogs to be comfortable in the varied types of settings a blind person may encounter. The Seeing Eye provides dogs for any blind person who qualifies. The dog and training are only \$150 and for US veterans the cost is only \$1. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause you may send a check to Eyes of Hope C/O Robert Lax 38 Claremont Dr. Maplewood NJ 07040. Lions Club International has been supporting aid to the blind since the 1920's.



973-467-3388

Holiday Networking Event

Monday, December 17th • 6 pm to 8 pm At Sofia's Restaurant

(272 Morris Ave., Springfield) Food, Wine, Beer & Plenty of Networking!

\$20 pp (nonmembers) / \$15 pp (chamber members)

Sponsored by Springfield Patriot Chamber and Springfield Business Improvement District

Please RSVP as space is limited. Call 973-564-7717 or email to mike@mikescalera.com

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield
973-376-4930

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

----- REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS -----

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

The Library will close at 2:00 pm on Monday,
December 24th, Christmas Eve and will be closed
on Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day.

The Library will close at 2:00 pm on Monday,
December 31st, New Year's Eve and will be closed
on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, New Year's Day.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Day!: Saturdays in December. Drop in.

Mother Goose Group at 10:30 Selected Days:
Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Caregiver.
Wednesday December 12, Friday December 14,
Saturday December 15, Tuesday December 18,
Thursday December 20, Wednesday December 26,
Friday December 28.

Preschool Power!: Pre-school storytime for children
ages 3-5. Monday December 17.

Bedtime Story: Come enjoy a story in your pjs on
Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm! Drop in.

Family Craft: Wednesday, December 19.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Winter Wonderland Craft: Come make a clay
snowman on Friday, December 21! REGISTRA-
TION REQUIRED, max of 15 participants.

*Please be advised that priority in registration and the
holds list for programs will be given to children and
grandchildren of Springfield residents.*

Teens:

3D Pens: Thursday, December 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm
3D Pen Art open to tweens and teens, Grades 5+. Reg-
istration not required, but room is limited. First come,
first serve.

Creative Writing Club: Monday December 3rd,
Monday December 17th at 3 PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 11 – December 27
Art Show: Maria Burns - mixed media.

Sunday, December 16, 2:00pm
Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald performed by Perley
Rousseau and Sonny Daye.

January 7 – February 8
Art Show: Photography by Larry Kerner.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, December 13 & January 10
Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, December 20, 10:00 am
Great Books: "Walden" (Chapter 1) by Henry
David Thoreau

Thursday, January 3, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: "The War that Saved

My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with
developmental disabilities.

FILMS

Monday, December 17, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "Kedi" (2016).

Monday, January 2, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "Won't You be My Neighbor"
(2018). A look at the life and work of Fred Rogers,
the star of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood".

Monday, January 14, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "Coco" (2017).

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 Afternoon **Mahjong Club.**
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm **Bridge**
Club.
Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm **Evening**
Mahjong Club.
Every Thursday at 7:00 pm **Chess Club.**
Every first Saturday of the month, 11:30 am
Needle Crafts and Fiber Arts.

INSTRUCTION

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids,
iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

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

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE BY KIMBERLY BRUBAKER BRADLEY

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!)
Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, January
3rd at 7 p.m. to discuss *The War that Saved My Life* by
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. A nine-year-old disabled
girl and her younger brother are evacuated from London
to the English countryside during World War II. Away
from their abusive mother, the quality of their lives dras-
tically improves. This work may be classified as a book
for young readers, but the author has combined diversity,
realism and exceptional characterization to create a com-
ing of age novel that is appropriate for readers young
and old.

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

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT ELLA FITZGERALD TRIBUTE ON DECEMBER 16

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer a concert
tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, to be performed by the duo of
Sonny and Perley, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 16,
in the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum. Ella Fitzger-
ald was an American jazz singer who was especially
well known for her interpretation of songs from the so
called Great American Song Book, a phrase often used
to describe the most important American popular songs
and jazz standards from the early 20th century, including
the work of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving
Berlin, Jerome Kern and others.

Vocalist Perley Rousseau has been singing, studying
and teaching jazz since the age of 22 when, on a dare,
she entered – and won – a talent contest. Pianist Sonny
Daye has been immersed in jazz since childhood, start-
ing out on the drums and switching to keyboard while
in college. The duo has performed throughout the east-
ern United States as well as in Europe and have released
four CDs. More information about Sonny and Perley
can be found at www.sonnyandperley.com.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S PALMER MUSEUM OFFERS EXHIBIT, "OVER THERE AND OVER HERE: SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY AND THE WORLD DURING THE GREAT WAR"

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free
Public Library will present the exhibit, "Over There and
Over Here: Springfield, New Jersey and the World
during the Great War," now through the end of April,
2019. Items on display include many belonging to long-
time Springfield resident Donald B. Palmer, the
benefactor of the museum and himself a mechanic and
member of Company C of the 311th infantry during the
Great War. In addition to photographs of platoons 1, 2
& 3 of the 311th infantry, visitors to the exhibit can see
the Battle of Verdun Award that was issued to Donald
Palmer after the war by the City of Verdun. Also on dis-
play is Mr. Palmer's NJ Victory Medal. Additional items
in the exhibit include military accessories such as the
American Doughboy helmet and the instantly recogniz-
able German Pickelhaube helmet with its distinctive
spike. A sampling of guns and bayonets of the type that
would have been used during the war are also on display
as are various implements vital to the war effort that
were used on the home front. This exhibit was curated
by museum professionals Jesse Gordon and Aleksandra
Simakowicz Gizzi.

This exhibit is made possible in part by a 2018
HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands)
Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Free-
holders. Admission to this exhibit is free and open to all
members of the general public between 10:00 AM and
one half hour before library closing, Monday through
Saturday, and between 1:00 and 3:30 PM on Sundays.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH AREA HOSPITALS TO IMPROVE HEALTH LITERACY

The Springfield Free Public Library, as part of the Li-
braries of Union County Consortium (LUCC), has part-
nered with the Overlook Medical Center and the
Morristown Medical Center libraries in a pilot program
to provide resources to help improve health and health
literacy in the community. Library card holders are now
able to check out Health Literacy Tote Bags packed with
information on specific health topics. Tote bags avail-
able at the Springfield Free Public Library include in-
formation on Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Fall Injury
& Prevention, Heart Health, Parkinson's Disease, and
Stroke. Additional topics available at other participat-
ing libraries include Arthritis, Bereavement/Grief, Hos-
pice/Palliative Care, Mental Health, and Opioid &
Substance Abuse. Tote bags include books, CDs, DVDs,
and links to online resources. There are also compli-
mentary handouts on each topic that patrons may keep.
Other participants in this initiative include the Clark,
Cranford, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Plainfield,
Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Summit, Union
and Westfield public libraries as well as the health sci-
ences libraries at Overlook and Morristown Medical
Centers. This program is generously supported in part
with funding from the Chubb Foundation and Novartis.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTED BY SWEARING IN OF NEW PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER, MICHAEL MONTERO

By Jesse Broome

In the first regular Township Committee Meeting following Election Day, Mayor Richard Huber kicked off the gathering with the swearing in of Springfield's newest firefighter, Michael Montero. Montero is a graduate of Summit High School and has been active with the Summit Fire Department and EMS. A large crowd of 40+ people attended to support Montero, who is taking on his new role due to a recent retirement in the department.

Prior to the ceremony, Mayor Huber announced three community events, which all residents should consider attending:

Community Public Menorah Lighting – At 5:00 pm on December 2, 2018, the community is invited to watch the lighting of an 18-foot menorah at Veterans Memorial Park (on the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue. Hosted by the Chabad Jewish Center of Springfield NJ, the event includes free latkes and donuts.

Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting – The Springfield Recreation Department will be hosting its annual holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 5, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. In addition to the tree lighting, there will be activities such as a petting zoo, carriage rides, and bounce house. And, there may even be a visit from Santa Claus!

“Rise Against Hunger” Meal Packaging Event – Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Springfield, members of the community are asked to volunteer in order to help package meals for “Rise Against Hunger.” The event will take place on Thursday, December 13 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center. Last year, volunteers packed 30,000 meals and this year's goal is to reach 50,000.

In other news, the public listened to a presentation by Sam Mardini and Michael Butrico, who introduced the finalization of a Community Development Block Grant that the Springfield community will receive in support of its seniors. The funds will be allocated for two part-time bus drivers, who work weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to transport seniors to local stores as well as planned excursions.

On the agenda for new business, the Committee heard the Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-19, approving an application for a long-term tax exemption for a 24-unit mixed use development to be built at Morris Avenue and Church Mall. The program, known as a “Pilot Program,” allows for a minimum 10% tax on annual gross revenue to be paid in lieu of a conventional real estate tax assessment. Matt Jessup, the attorney representing SPDSAIL Urban Renewal LLC, explained that the current tax revenue generated from the property is \$3,700; however, the improvements would help generate a new annual tax revenue of \$49,000.

The next Springfield Township Workshop Meeting will be on Monday, December 17 with the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 18. Both meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTICIPATES IN HOMELESS SABBATH WEEKEND

The holiday season provides us the opportunity to pause and be thankful for our families, homes and other blessings. But what about our neighbors who are homeless and may not have much to be thankful for this holiday season?

The homeless crisis in Union County is a humanitarian issue that we cannot ignore. Those of us providing homeless shelter and services witness the onslaught of desperation in the numbers of those experiencing homelessness that rise on a daily basis. A leading cause of the homeless crisis is the extreme shortage of affordable housing. Many people experiencing homelessness are working but do not make enough money to afford rent in Union County.

Once a year, in Union County and across New Jersey, we count everyone experiencing homelessness. NJCounts 2018, the statewide point in time count of the homeless found that on the night of January 23, 2018, 459 people, including 41 people without shelter, experienced homelessness in Union County.

Over the weekend of December 14-16, 2018, interfaith congregations in Union County, including the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield, will gather to worship as part of the Homeless Sabbath Weekend.

Information about the Homeless Sabbath Weekend at Holy Cross can be found at: <http://holycrossnj.com/>

2 PRIVATE PARTY ROOMS AVAILABLE

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

Party Room and Kitchen available at the Chisholm Community Center for your next event. Fee is \$200 for Springfield residents only.

Call Recreation Department (973) 912-2227

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| DATE | LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH | TIMES |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 15, 2019 Tuesday | A-G | 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM |
| January 16, 2019 Wednesday | H-O | 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM |
| January 17, 2019 Thursday | P-Z | 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM |

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents will need to call the school at 973-376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session. To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before October 1, 2019. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before October 1, 2019. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- **Child's Proof of Age (ex: original Birth Certificate or Passport)**
- **Current Immunization Records**
- **4 Proofs of Residency (originals and a set of copies)**
Tax Bill or Lease
Current Utility bills, bank statement, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at <http://www.sprngfieldschools.com/evw>. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH HONORS AREA VETERANS



Photo credit: John McDavitt

Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, pastor of Saint James the Apostle Church, blesses area veterans at a special patriotic mass on November 4, 2018.

Saint James the Apostle Church honored area veterans and their families with a patriotic mass followed by a catered luncheon in the school gym on Sunday, November 4, 2018. At the mass, a special blessing was given to the veterans by Saint James pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Barbone. Township Committeewoman Maria Vassallo read a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day at the luncheon.

“We are so grateful for the veterans’ presence at Mass and the luncheon, but especially for their presence in our parish and town. It was such a wonderful event for all, and we plan to do this every year,” said Rev. Barbone.

Saint James the Apostle Church is located at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ. For more information about the parish, please call 973-376-3044.

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Koinu, the Seeing Eye puppy and his trainer, Miss Judy, visit the Preschool at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield every week. Koinu's work is so important! The kids love him.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

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: 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

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SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT TAKES THIRD PLACE AT THE FORD MOBILITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE



(l to r) Colin Hudson of Hackettstown, Daniella Peter Paul-Loor of Springfield, Eddie Medina of Newton, Mariah Russo of Westfield, Brittany Bradley of Randolph, and Jessica Toribio of Phillipsburg.

The Centenary University Enactus team—which included Springfield resident Daniella Peter Paul-Loor—took third place and won a \$5,000 grant at the Ford Mobility Innovation Challenge in Palo Alto, Calif. They presented their concept for an original product, Shieldz Wearable Technologies, a wristband that warns drivers of fatigue through sound and vibration.

Competing against teams from the United States, Brazil, Morocco, and Ghana, the Cyclones took home a \$5,000 grant from Ford Motor Company's philanthropic arm, Ford Fund, in the contest.

An international organization, Enactus encourages entrepreneurial, student-led projects that empower people and communities. The Cyclone team was one of six finalists invited to travel to Ford's Greenfield Labs to compete for the prizes.

**DOG & CAT REGISTRATION/RENEWALS ARE
DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2019**

**YOU MAY STOP IN AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, OR BY MAIL, ADDRESSED TO:
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100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081**

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\$1.00 – late fee per month or portion thereof

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PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.



THE CANNON BALL HOUSE - A SPRINGFIELD TREASURE -

If you have never been to the Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave, you are missing a real Springfield treasure. Built around 1760, it is one of only four structures in the township that survived the British burning of the township during the Revolutionary War. Struck by a cannon ball during the war, it is aptly named.

The British soldiers were trying to reach Morristown. The Battle of Springfield, fought on June 23, 1780, which has been chronicled in Thomas Fleming's book "The Forgotten Victory" is considered, by many, the turning point of the Revolutionary War. During the battle, 6000 British troops tried to advance west on what is now Morris Ave. The British pushed slowly to what today is Van Winkle's creek just west of the present day Mountain Ave. As the battle ensued, the Reverend James Caldwell passed out Watts Hymnals from the Presbyterian Church to Colonel Elias Dayton's Regiment of 1500 for use as wadding in their rifles. Reverend Caldwell's cry "Give Them Watts, Boys" has lived on to become the motto of the conflict. Since the British were thwarted, they resorted to burning and looting the township.

The Cannon Ball House passed from owner to owner over the years until 1955 when it became the property of the Springfield Historical Society. It is listed on both the State and National Register of Historical Places. Designated a Four Centuries site, it is open for tours several times each year. Those dates usually include the Sunday of President's Day weekend, the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the battle (June 23rd), Four Centuries weekend in October and the first Sunday in December.

Among the items put on display when the Cannon Ball House is open for tours is a letter signed by George Washington whose headquarters was in Springfield from June 7 to June 22, 1780. Also artifacts relating to daily life from the 18th to 20th centuries, a room devoted to Springfield's military history including artifacts from the Revolutionary War (the cannon ball which was lodged in the wall of the house is there) and more.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Margaret Bandrowski, President of the Springfield Historical Society said "The Springfield Historical Society is proud of the history of Springfield and its important role as the site of a turning point in the Revolutionary War. The Cannon Ball House played a crucial role in that battle and it is our honor to continue to maintain the house and to share the history with the public".

Anyone wishing more information may call 973-912-4464 or visit www.springfieldhistoricalsociety.webs.com

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