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# NEWLY RENOVATED BMW OF SPRINGFIELD GRAND RE-OPENING



Chamber VP Elliot Merkin, Chamber Co-chair Mike Scalera, Dealership owner Tom Maoli and Mayor Alexander Keiser were on hand to see the newly renovated BMW dealership for it's grand reopening located at 391-399 Route 22 in Springfield.

# COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR 2022

(story on page 4 - photos on page 10)



#### **TOWNSHIP RECEIVES GRANT**



On Tuesday, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski (pictured above) with Township Clerk Linda Donnelly and Mayor Alexander Keiser) stopped by Town Hall to present the Township of Springfield with the an award of \$49,000 in grant money. One check (\$45,000) was from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund and an additional \$4,000 from the Greening Union County grant.

"This money will go towards improving our recreation facilities – helps us accomplish improving our parks."



# THANK YOU SPRINGFIELD!

The Springfield Environmental Commission, Green Team, Junior Green Team and DPW are very thankful for the help of more than 60 volunteers on Sunday, November 6, who helped clean four parks - Laurel, Patriot, Meisel and Smithfield. (story on page 14)

TIME AND ALLY FINANCIAL HONOR SPRINGFIELD DEALER

MARK MONTENERO
WINS NATIONAL
RECOGNITION FOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AND INDUSTRY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



MARK MONTENERO
President and Dealer
Principal at Autoland Toyota
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# SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL

Although Mayor's Day was rained out on September 6th, their rain date of Monday November 7th turned out to be a beautiful sunny day for golf with temperatures nearing 80 degrees! As you can see the golfers enjoyed the day.



#### **Tournament Winners**

(l to r) Mayor's Day Committee Chair, Scott Seidel, Committee members Joel Millman, Michael Quick and Dr. Gary Hecht, Upper Course Low Gross winner Michael Bull and Lower Course Low gross winner Michael Deo



(l to r) Christian Lott, Riley Miskewitz, Alex Keiser, Tom Miskewitz on the Course

(story on page 4, additional photos on page 6)

2022 Tree Lighting & Concert Wednesday November 30 (See Page 12)



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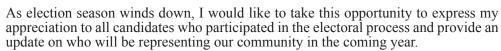
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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,



On the federal level, this election resulted in change. In the race for New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, former State Senator Tom Kean defeated Congressman Tom Malinowski

In his two terms in office, Congressman Malinowski was a tireless advocate for human rights and national defense issues as well as improving our state's transportation system and local flood mitigation projects. He helped Springfield greatly and his leadership will certainly be missed. I congratulate Congressmanelect Kean on his victory and will work with him on these issues that matter so much to our residents. On the county level, County Commissioner Christopher Hudak was elected County Surrogate to replace the late James La Corte and County Commissioners Bette Jane Kowalski, Sergio Granados, and Rebecca Williams were re-elected to the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

On the local level, Committee-members Richard Huber and Erica DuBois were reelected to the Springfield Township Committee. This will be Rich's fourth and Erica's third term on the Committee. They bring years of valuable experience to the Township Committee and I look forward to continuing our work together to keep moving Springfield forward.

Lastly, Meredith Murphy and Hilary Turnbull were reelected, and Jerry Fernandez was elected to fill the three open seats on the Springfield Board of Education. I hope to continue to have a productive relationship with all the Board-members.

I want to end by congratulating all the winners but more importantly thank all those who voted and participated in our cherished electoral process.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at alexander. keiser@springfield-nj.us. I also encourage you to follow my Mayor Alex Keiser Facebook page @ Keiser4Springfield for updates.

#### **UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS\***

\*some handwritten ballots may yet to be counted

#### **Springfield Township Committee**

Erica DuBois 2169 Projected winner Rich Huber 2159 Projected winner Joan Karpf 1791

#### **Board Of Education**

Marc R. Hinkes

Jerome Jerry Fernandez 1720 Projected winner Meredith E. Murphy 1567 Projected winner Hilary Turnbull 1433 Projected winner Adriana C. Silva 1429 Karen Pachkes 1240 Omar Shanawani 1015



With the holidays nearing, readers of the Springfield Patriot Times, both residents and business owners alike, are preparing for the season. Most of you will probably be doing some type of shopping for gifts in preparation for the holidays. Unfortunately, thieves will also be out "shopping" during the months of November and December by looking to see what they can steal from you.

Many people still prefer to use cash when paying for their holiday gifts. Shoppers should be careful when they are receiving money from banks or ATM machines. Cash withdrawals should immediately be put out of sight before exiting the bank branch

or ATM machine location. While paying, avoid displaying large amounts of cash, and put your wallet away quickly.

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

If you decide to pay with a credit or debit card, always retrieve the card back from the cashier after making a purchase. During the rush of holiday shopping it may be inadvertently left behind at the register or deliberately retained by a dishonest employee, especially when businesses hire many temporary holiday workers. If you later discover that your credit or debit card was not returned, do not waste time attempting to contact the store to see if your card was located. Instead, immediately contact the issuing bank for your card and report it lost to prevent any unauthorized use

Anyone carrying handbags or purses should hold onto them while in stores, such as supermarkets, and not leave them unattended in shopping carts. Coupons should be kept in separate envelopes or billfolds which can be left accessible in the upper part of a cart, while wallets containing currency, credit cards or checks should be safely kept on your person. Thieves will look out for unattended carts with handbags or wallets and will quickly snatch them when shoppers are busy looking at or removing items from a shelf.

Handbags should NEVER be worn with the strap across the chest. Some thieves will drive up to a person who is walking in a parking lot and pretend to ask for directions. This draws the person closer, allowing the thief to grab onto the handbag strap and then rapidly speed away. If the person's bag is worn with the strap across the chest, he or she will most likely be dragged by the speeding car before the handbag strap eventually gives way and breaks. By holding a purse with your hands, or by strapping it straight over one shoulder, the purse may be gone but you are less likely to be hurt.

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#### **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesdays, November 22, December 13 and 27 **PLANNING BOARD** 

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

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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

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#### **SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY GOLF OUTING**

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The 63rd annual Springfield Mayor's Day golf outing at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield hosted about 175 gofers. The tournament, started in 1960, raises scholarship money exclusively for Jonathan Dayton High School Seniors. Scott Seidel, Tournament Chairman, commented, "We were concerned we would lose some golfers with the rain date as many people travel some distance to play, but while we did lose a few, we picked up a few to balance it out. While we were not at full capacity, we were close and hosted the most golfers we have had in a few years."

"To be able to play on this newly renovated world famous golf course is a rare privilege indeed and a thrill for our players. Everyone enjoyed the day" commented long time golfer in the tournament and committee member Joel Millman. Committee member Michael Quick said "We were at about 90% of our maximum capacity but we still hope to be able to make a nice donation to the Scholarship Fund in June of 2023. This past June we gave out twenty-five \$1,000 Scholarships."

Dr. Gary Hecht, the Fourth Committee member, said, "Even though it's been six years since the 2016 PGA Championship was held at Baltusrol and the fact that the LPGA will be here in June of 2023 and the PGA will return in 2029 keeps our event very popular." Jennifer Sherman greeted all the players as they arrived and checked them in. Gennifer Abraham, office manager for Seidel, provided logistical support in keeping track of all the golfers and their registrations. A cocktail hour was held from 515 pm to 615 pm and then dinner and awards followed at 615 pm. Seidel further commented to the Patriot Times, "Without the generous support of Baltusrol, its Board of Directors, General Manager Kevin Vitale, Head Pro Ryan Fountaine, and all their staff, this event would simply not be possible. I would also like to thank our major sponsors: Our "Hole in One" sponsors, Autoland of Springfield and Nissan City of Springfield who each placed TWO cars on the course and Fullerton CJDR of Sommerville which had a car on the lower course, all of whom unfortunately were able to take their cars back after the Tournament! NJ Wine Sellers in Greenbrook provided four wine baskets as prizes

BMW of Springfield provided the grand raffle prize, a BMW bicycle. Please check our website later in the year for information on the 2023 Golf Outing.

Long Time Mayor's Day Supporter Barry Sherman won the Grand Raffle prize, the BMW Bicycle. (photos on page 6)

#### **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

The Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween Spooktacular was held outside — under blue skies and unseasonably warm temperatures — at Chisholm Park on Sunday, October 30, 2022. Hundreds of community members of all ages gathered to show off their scariest and most original costumes at the annual costume contest. Participants were judged by Mayor Alex Keiser and Joani Lico, Recreation Program Coordinator. After opening remarks by Mayor Keiser and Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, contest winners in five age categories were revealed by Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation. Winners received gift cards to Barnes & Noble and TD Pizza (see winners' names below), sponsored by Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance; Scott Seidel of Cardinal Land Properties; Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty; and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the event, DJ Drew from Summit Soundz entertained the crowd; a photo ring photographed families and texted a free photo gallery to their cell phones; and a roaming magician performed tricks. Give-aways were distributed by Giovanni 'John" Apicella, Realtor-Sales Associate, of Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty. Children also received Red Ribbon Week cups, pencils, stickers, and sports balls; played Halloween lawn games in the park; and took pictures behind spooky cut-outs. The first 200 guests who pre-registered for the event enjoyed a basket of warm donuts from the Glazed & Confused food truck. The Springfield Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), First Aid Squad, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) assisted with event logistics, as did Springfield Recreation Department staff and local volunteers. Prior to the event, Springfield Department of Public Works prepared the park and delivered the hay bales. Local officials in attendance included Township Committeeman Richard Huber; Maryellen Brennan, Assistant Township Administrator; Apu Mullick, Springfield First Aid Squad Chief and ÔEM Deputy Coordinator; and Frank Applegate, OEM Deputy Coordinator. Follow the Springfield Recreation Department on Facebook @springfieldnjrec for more event photos!



# DO NATURE A FAVOR LEAVE THE LEAVES!



Fire Chief's Column
Chief Carlo Palumbo

Leaves falling from trees shouldn't be seen as trash to be collected and hauled away. Decomposing leaves are nature's fertilizer, full of organic nutrients that strengthen soil, grass, and gardens. Fallen leaves absorb rainwater and release moisture back into soil and plants as they decompose, helping to control stormwater runoff.

Leaf litter also provides valuable winter habitat and forage sources for birds, insects (including bees), amphibians and other small wildlife.

Homeowners spend huge amounts of time and money raking, blowing and vacuuming leaves off their lawns. Gasoline-powered equipment creates noise and air pollution, and contributes to climate change.

For those concerned that their grass won't survive being covered with a thick layer of leaves, mow your lawn as usual without a collection bag. The mower will chop fallen leaves into small pieces, and your lawn will still look tidy as the leaves work their magic. If you have a mulching mower, great; if not, just make sure the chopped leaves don't clump.

The leaves will contribute to healthy soil, which is composed of minerals, organic matter and organisms that break down organic matter.

"A lawn is a living system capable of recycling nutrients in leaves," points out Dr. Emile DeVito, New Jersey Conservation Foundation's staff biologist. "If you're carting away all the leaves, you're increasing fossil fuel use and missing the opportunity to use their nutrients to keep your yard healthy. Think of your lawn as a miniature forest where everything is recycled, creating a diverse biological community that does not need inputs of fertilizer."

#### **The Dangers of Turkey Fryers**

Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.

A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns. In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.

Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.

Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns. The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

**SAFETY** NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.



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#### **MARK MONTENERO**

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Mark Montenero, president and dealer principal at Autoland Toyota Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in Springfield, New Jersey, was nominated for the 2023 TIME Dealer of the Year award was announced today by TIME.

Montenero is one of a select group of 48 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 106th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in Dallas, Texas, on January 27, 2023.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. The award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service. Montenero was chosen to represent the New Jersey Coalition of Automotive Retailers in the national competition – one of only 48 auto dealers nominated for the 54th annual award from more than 16,000 nationwide.

"I believe that leaders create more leaders, and I care for my associates as if they are family, helping them in any way possible to achieve their own level of success," nominee Montenero said.

A 1980 graduate of Jackson Memorial High School in Jackson, New Jersey, Montenero launched his career in the car business at a Ford dealership in Freehold, New Jersey, in 1981.

"I've always enjoyed building relationships and realized that I had a natural talent for sales," he said. Montenero was soon named sales manager and then finance manager at the dealership before moving to a different Ford store in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, where he rose to the position of general manager.

"After much hard work and determination, I was granted the opportunity to purchase a Toyota dealership in Washington, North Carolina, in 1990," he said. "At the age of 27, I was proud to be the youngest Toyota dealer in the country."

After 10 years running the North Carolina store, Montenero moved back to New Jersey and became director of operations for World Auto Group in Springfield. "The group consisted of 12 dealerships and I proudly served 1,500 employees from 2000 to 2007," he said.

Today, he is president and dealer principal at Autoland Toyota Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in Springfield, where he has spent the last 15 years carefully molding an environment that fosters long-term relationships between associates, customers and the community.

"Our team is dedicated to ensuring Autoland's staff reflects the diverse communities we serve. With more than 15 languages spoken throughout our facilities, we are proud of the culture of inclusiveness reflected in the organization," Montenero said.

Montenero works extensively Toyota as Chairman of the New York Region Toyota Dealer Council Vice Chairman and has recieved t he coveted Toyota President's Award multiple times. This honor is givin to dealerships that go above and beyond at each customer touchpoit and represent the best of the best.

In the area of community service, Montenero also dedicates his time and talent to various organizations. He is on the board of the Springfield Business Improvement District and on the board of trustees for RWJBarnabas Health Community Medical Center and the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation.

Montenero is grateful that donations made in honor of his father, Sylvestro Montenero, helped build a state-of-the-art Autoland Therapy Gym for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Union, New Jersey.

"My father always encouraged our family to give back, especially to organizations serving children," he said. "If we can lift the spirits of patients who need physical therapy by providing a cheerful space, it is a wonderful tribute to my father."

Another Autoland Therapy Gym is under construction in Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River, New Jersey, to honor Montenero's best friend, Richard (Ricky) J. Nauyoks Jr., who was wheelchair bound following a freak pool accident in 1980 and who passed away in 2021.

Montenero also co-chairs the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's Transforming Lives2.0 Capital Campaign where 100 percent of every dollar received goes directly to the hospital to update and improve facilities and expand the hospital's reach, as well as support crucial research. "We're raising \$45 million to make sure that miracles happen for these beautifully diverse children and there's nothing more rewarding than that," he said. "This is an ongoing process. We just passed the \$38 million mark and we're excited to meet or exceed our goal in the coming year as we continue

to build and break ground on new facilities as we go."

Dealers are nominated by the executives of state and metro dealer associations around the country. A panel of faculty members from the Tauber Institute for Global Operations at the University of Michigan will select one finalist from each of the four NADA regions and one national Dealer of the Year. Three finalists will receive \$5,000 for their favorite charities and the winner will receive \$10,000 to give to charity, donated by Ally. The TIME Dealer of the Year program celebrates dealers who are the role models of the retail auto industry for their continuous efforts to lift up and support their employees, customers and communities."

Montenero was nominated for the TIME Dealer of the Year award by Jim Appleton, president of the New Jersey Coalition of Automotive Retailers. He and his wife, Arlene, have three children.

#### ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES

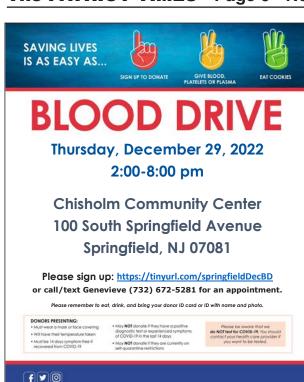


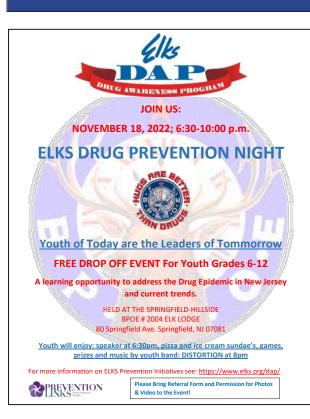
The Abundant Life Church announced its Vision" for 2022 noting they were blessed & their hearts are filled with joy as they officially announced Pastor Joseph Cancelliere's transition from Senior Pastor of Abundant Life Church to Founder of Abundant Life Church & Pastor Robert Stoppiello's transition from Associate Pastor of Abundant Life Church!

After much prayer & confirmation Pastors JoJo & Pam felt led to release the church to their Spiritual son & daughter in the Lord. They are excited for the privilege to be present to witness their anointing & legacy continue on through Pastors Rob & Gina!

Pastor Rob & Gina were officially Installed by the ALMI (Abundant Life Ministries International) board at the annual Homecoming service last night!

△ New Jersey Blood Services









#### Toys for Springfield Kids Gift Card Drive

This year, in place of a toy drive for Springfield families in need, Springfield HOPE will be running a gift card drive. We will be collecting gift cards in \$10 increments. (Target, Walmart or Amazon)







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November 1st- December 9th

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 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Distribution to registered Springfield Residents will happen} \\ \mbox{the week of Dec. 12th.}$ 

If you know of a family in need, please have them contact Amy at 973.564.5885 to request assistance.

Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

#### **HALLOWEEN ON TOOKER AVE!**

#### Photos by Frank Applegate

It was a wild night for several hours on Tooker Avenue in Springfield on Halloween. Police closed the road until about 8 pm to ensure the safety of the Trick or Treaters!







#### **MAYOR'S DAY**



(1 to r) Brendan Gattone, Adam Seidel, Hans Case and Mark Mathews pose with the iconic Clubhouse in the background.



(l to r) Zach Miller, Russel Burns, Joel Millman, Mayor's Day Trustee and Kory Rosenberg

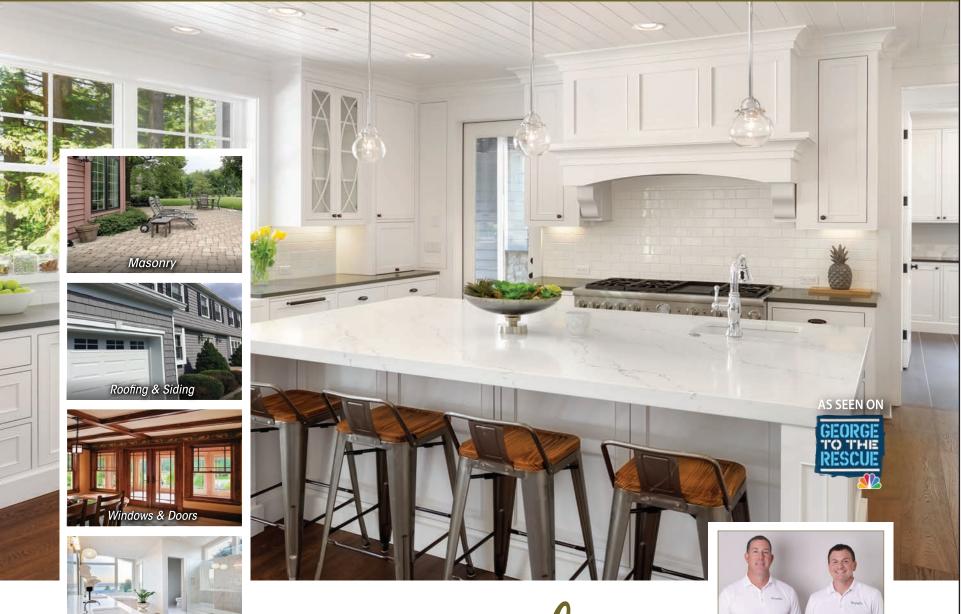


The Committee presented the Mayor with a framed print of the Clubhouse. (I to r) Committee member Joel Millman, Chairman Scott Seidel, Committee member Michael Quick, Mayor Alexander Keiser and Committee member Dr. Gary Hecht.



Barry Sherman (3rd from right) won the BMW Bicycle donated by BMW of Springfield. Service Director Tino Pereira (2nd from left).

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#### **CAR SHOW AND FESTIVAL**

Street Fair Committee Members (l to r) Scott Seidel, Mike Scalera, Jennie Udell, Jennifer Sherman, Festival Chair person, Monte Erenkrantz and Jennifer Law (center front)



Mayor's Choice was a 1969 Chevy Nova owned by Greg Tomasula (center) (1 to r) Chamber co-chairman Mike Scalera, Tomasula, Mayor Alex Keiser and Chamber co-chairman Scott Seidel



Model "T" owned by Steve Davidson who stated "I don't own a trailer, I drive this care everywhere!" (I to r) Chamber co-chairman Mike Scalera, Mayor Alex Keiser, Steve Davidson and Chamber

co-chairman Scott Seidel



Chamber co-chairman Mike Scalera (r), and Chamber Secretary Tracy Geyer from Autoland (l) present a trophy for Best in Show. Autoland was the sponsor for the car show.

#### **CONTEST WINNERS**



Infant - Pre-K: Zachary M., Goldie K., Alonso A.



K - 1st: Jacob B., Victoria L., Helena P.



2nd - 3rd: Gregory W., Camila S., Josephine M.





6th - 8th: Diya P., Sophia P., Ethan P.





Steve Davdison in front of his Model T



















#### **POLICE CHIEF'S HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS**

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As handbag thefts, purse snatches, and pickpockets increase during the holiday shopping time, you should not carry with you anything that cannot be replaced. Identification cards and other documents such as checks or credit cards can be replaced, but other documents such as your Social Security card should be left at home since thieves who obtain this can easily use your identity information to commit various types of identity theft related frauds.

Readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times should remember that smartphone thefts remain prevalent throughout the country and many thieves will merely walk up and grab a phone from someone who is texting, streaming or surfing the web. Using a smartphone tends to make some people unaware of their surroundings, which could make them a more attractive target for phone thieves. Be careful when using your phone while walking through malls, parking lots and other busy public places, and if possible, wait until entering your vehicle to make a call or text.

Shoppers should park their cars in main well-lit sections of a parking lot and should make sure to close all windows and lock all car doors when exiting. Any shopping bags should be placed in the trunk or in the rear of an SUV or van where they are not readily visible. Thieves will walk through parking lots looking for vehicles with visible shopping bags to break into and steal. Also, do not leave gifts inside of your car overnight, even in your driveway. Instead, bring them inside your home to store. Always remember to remove your keys and keyfobs from your vehicles, and lock your vehicles while they are parked at your homes overnight. Businesses should increase the amount of times cash is removed from register drawers and make additional bank drops if necessary, to prevent large amounts of money from being left in register drawers during business hours or overnight. Bank drops should be done by multiple employees going together and the times/days should be staggered to prevent thieves from learning business

Some of you will likely order gifts online in the months leading up to the holidays. Thieves will drive around residential areas looking for unattended packages left by the front doors of homes. You should check the tracking and delivery information for your orders, and request a delivery date/time when you will be home, if possible. If no one will be home for the delivery, you should ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve and secure your packages until you return home, or request the carrier to leave any parcels at either a side or rear door of your home. Be alert for slow moving vehicles driving through your neighborhood, and immediately call the police if you observe the vehicle occupants remove packages from a home.

Those who have travel plans for the holidays should remember to cancel your mail delivery and any newspaper delivery and should do everything possible to make your homes look occupied. Interior lights on timers and external lights that are motion activated can greatly reduce the appearance that no one is home. In addition, you can ask a neighbor or family member to park a car in your driveway and keep an eye on your home while you are away.

Scammers know that everyone wishes they had more disposable income to use during the holiday shopping season. Con artists will increase their letters, e-mails, text messages, and telephone calls that fraudulently claim some type of lottery or monetary prize was won or is owed to you. You can easily recognize one of these scams, and know it is a fraud, if you are directed to pay some kind of a "fee" in order to collect the money.

During the holiday season the Springfield Police will have officers in marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling both residential areas and shopping areas in town, doing their best to deter thieves and their holiday schemes. I urge all of our residents, business owners, and visitors to immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department, and keep all of these safety tips in mind.

I hope all of you and your families have a happy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season.

# SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MONDAYS 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM TUESDAYS 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM WEDNESDAYS 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM THURSDAYS 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM FRIDAYS 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM SATURDAYS 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM SUNDAY HOURS OF 1:00-4:00 PM

# LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES RETURN

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library - Union County, NJ we are delighted to announce the return of the library's museum pass program for the following museums:

- The Intrepid, Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex
- The Morris Museum
- Storm King Arts Center-New!
- The Newark Museum of Art-coming soon!

One-week loan period per pass. Check our library webpage for rules and policies pertaining to the museum pass program: https://www.sfplnj.org/ or see here https://tinyurl.com/museumpasses2022

\*Please note Grounds for Sculpture no longer supports a library museum pass program.

# REALLY GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION: THE LORDS OF EASY MONEY

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 7:00 pm

Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, December 8th at 7 p.m. to discuss Christopher Leonard's bestseller The Lords of Easy Money: How the Federal Reserve Broke the American Economy.

Leonard explains quantitative easing, which quadrupled the money supply while encouraging banks to extend risky debt. Fed leaders saw QE as experimental: yet they failed to withdraw it quickly, spurring income inequality and inflation.

December's discussion will take place in the library meeting room. New members are welcome! To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email to questions@sfplnj.org.

# LUNCHTIME FILM: "IN THE HEIGHTS," NOVEMBER 15

The Springfield Library's lunchtime film series continues with a screening of "In the Heights" at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 15. This movie is based on the Broadway show of the same name, with music by Lin-Manual Miranda.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Attendees are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch or a light refreshment to enjoy during the screening.

#### BACK AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND, CLASSIC ROCK BAND "REWIND" TO PERFORM AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 2:00 PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

We are pleased to announce the return of the classic rock band "Rewind" to the Springfield Free Public Library's Palmer Museum at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 20.

Jersey through and through, the band's members are John Delgiodice from Hasbrouck Heights on guitar and vocals, Ken Cohen from Kenilworth on drums and vocals, and Rich Loughlin from Little Silver on bass and vocals. Performing music of the 50s, 60s and 70s, the members of Rewind reunited after a long hiatus and are once again performing at venues throughout the state.Performance videos and more information can be found at www.facebook.com/rewindni.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. The doors to the Palmer Museum will open at 1:45 PM.

# PHOTOGRAPHY OF BARBARA WIRKUS ON EXHIBIT IN THE DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM

"Seasons," a photography exhibit by Kenilworth resident Barbara Wirkus, will be on display in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library during the months of November and December.

#### ARTIST STATEMENT

Selecting a theme for a photography exhibit of my work as I coast toward the finish line of life is challenging. I needed something straightforward due to aging issues. I wanted something peaceful, soul settling, without angst or stress.

"Seasons" is perfect! Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring! The background to events in my life, both big and small. With my Nikon DS3500 and Tamron Zoom lens, I set out on a year long odyssey to capture the best of each period.

Many of the images were easily available close to home. A snowy Wilhelm, the tree ent, on my back yard tree. A blooming Forsythia bush, also in my yard. A brief trip to the shore yielded my grandsons, joyously jumping in surging surf. Fall photos were taken from the back of a friend's motorcycle. I rested the camera on his shoulder as we cruised slowly through local parks and countryside.

The images are meant to elicit nostalgia about events in the viewer's personal life, as well as providing a relaxing photographic experience. Hopefully, they have succeeded

- barbara Wirkus

# THE SPRINGFIELD FREE RABIES CLINIC SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022

This is a yearly event, the next free clinic won't be until Dec. 2023. The clinic will run from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. No appointment is needed. All paperwork and rabies vaccination certificates will be provided by the Bloomfield Health Department.

It is free of charge and will be held at the Chisholm Center (100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ).

Any other questions regarding pet vaccinations, contact the Health Department or your local veterinarian.

Springfield residents will also have the opportunity to obtain a 2023 pet license. Please bring exact change or a check payable to the Township of Springfield.

## **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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7 WEEK **SESSION SATURDAYS** Registration Fee

January 7 to February 18 (7 weeks).

Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 • 9 am - 9:50 am Parent & Me Squirts: Ages • 2-3 10:00 am - 10:50 am Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages • 5-6 11:00 am - 11:50 am All programs will follow NJ DOH, CDC and local Covid guidelines.

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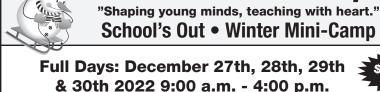
All Abilities: 2 to 6 years olds

REGISTRATION

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



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- ~ MUSIC
- ~ OUTSIDE PLAY

#### **Chisholm Community Center**

100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 For registration please visit: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com



#### **RECREATION BASKETBALL WINTER 2023**

Leagues and Clinics for Pre K - Grade 8 Registration now on Community Pass https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

# 2022 Tree Lighting & Concert WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

(RAIN/SNOW DATE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1) **OUTSIDE TOWN HALL** QUESTIONS? (973) 912-2227



Nov-Dec 2022 Six Tuesdays @ 5:00-6:00 pm

#### **Session II:**

Jan-Feb 2023 Six Mondays @ 5:00-6:00 pm

**Chisholm Community Center** Grades 3-9

\$115 per session

HTTPS://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/SPRINGFIELD

#### FLAG CHEERLEADING CELEBRATES END OF SEASON



On Thursday night, November 3, 2022, the Springfield Recreation Department's flag cheerleading program ended its fall season with commemorative medals and dessert from the Ice Cream Creations truck outside the Chisholm Community Center. The program was coached by Kristen Gersh, Wendy Garrod, and Cat

## **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPART**



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### **SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022** CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, November 14 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am Tuesday, November 15 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am,

Diabetes presentation @ 12:00 pm (RSVP), Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm Wednesday, November 16 - Pickleball Lesson @ 10:00 am

Thursday, November 17 - Club meeting and luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP and \$7 due 11/10)

Friday, November 18 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,

Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm

Monday, November 21 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am Tuesdav. November 22 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm

Wednesday, November 23 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Monday, November 28 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am Tuesday, November 29 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm Wednesday, November 30 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am

Thursday, December 1 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am

Friday, December 2 - Bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse @ 10:00 am (sold out), Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm

Monday, December 5 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am Tuesday, December 6 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm Wednesday, December 7 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 11:45 am Thursday, December 8 - Movie and snacks @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

Friday, December 9 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm, Deadline for Club holiday party on 12/15 (RSVP and pay \$10)



#### FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 at least one day prior to your transportation request. This service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain senior citizen bus trips.

Bus runs Monday - Friday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.

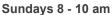
# KIDS HELPING KIDS

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

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#### **RICK LOCKE RECEIVES** "GOOD SCOUT" AWARD



On Tuesday, November 1, resident Rick Locke received the Boys Scouts of America, Patriots Path Council, "Good Scout Award" during a ceremony and dinner held at Galloping Hills Caterers in Union. Locke is the Assistant Scoutmaster for Springfield Troop #73 and serves as the Battalion Chief of the Summit Fire Department. Locke was one of five recipients recognized as outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within their community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century-old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. All proceeds from the event benefited scouting programs and scholarships.



### **KENILWORTH WRESTING CLUB** K-8TH GRADE REGISTRATION

#### INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL?

If you are a resident of Kenilworth, Springfield, Winfield Park or a student at David Brearley MS and are interested in becoming a part of the Kenilworth Wresting Club, please follow the registration instructions below.

Once the QR-code below is scanned, it will bring you to an online registration form. Please fill out and submit the registration form.

**REGISTRATION & UNIFORM FEE \$175** All wrestlers will receive a hoodie, shorts, t-shirt and a singlet\* to keep as part of their uniform.

ALL SINGLETS MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END OF THE YEAR\*

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please make all checks payable to: KENILWORTH WRESTLING CLUB
Or make payment via the VENMO app to @Kenilworthwrestling

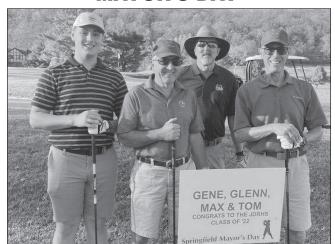


# FOR MORE INFO & TO SIGN UP

www.kenilworthwrestle.com/signup

If you have any questions or run into any problems with the form, please email kenilworthwrestling@gmail.com

#### **MAYOR'S DAY**



Dr. Tom Shaffrey (second from right) Jonathan Dayton Class of 1972, on the course at the Mayor's Day Tournament.

#### **BUS TRIPS BRING SENIOR CITIZENS NEAR AND FAR**



Springfield's senior citizens traveled to a variety of locations in October and November, including Gian Marco in Millburn and **Delicious Orchards in Colts** Neck. For information on future bus trips, which are chaperoned by Springfield Recreation Department bus drivers and staff, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ilene. wilkenfeld@springfield-nj. us or (973) 912-2227.



#### THANK YOU

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Many, many bags of garbage and debris were pulled from woods, fields and streams. This semi-annual community event had such excellent participation at some of the planned locations that several families struck out on their own and headed to Irwin and Sandmeier Parks where they picked up even more garbage!

Alyson Weber Miller, chair of the Springfield Environmental Commission, said, "We had a lot of teens who were awarded community service hours and did an excellent job of cleaning our chosen locations. A win-win for everyone! We'll announce another Clean Community Day in early spring 2023 - can't wait to see another great turn out from our Springfield volunteers!



Springfield Environmental Commission works with the Township of Springfield and its to educate and advocate for positive changes to our environment and plays a significant role in municipal master planning, land use ordinance development and site plan reviews. Commission sponsors several annual events including the Houdaille Quarry Walk, Clean Community Day and an Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. For more information, visit the Springfield Environmental Commission's Facebook page or the Town of Springfield website, www.springfield-nj-us

#### SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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**December** 27 - 29 9 AM - 12 PM

**REGISTRATION FEE \$120** 

**MULTI SPORTS CAMP - 3 DAY PROGRAM** 

Participants will enjoy 8 different sports throughout the program learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. NJ Department of Health, CDC & local covid guidelines will be followed. For more information on how the program will operate please visit USsportsInstitute.com

#### **CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

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# INDOOR FLOOR HOCKEY **WINTER 2023**

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#### **CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER**

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#### THEME

## "What is your American Dream?"

#### RULES:

- At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
- 2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- 3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

#### AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN, July 2-5, 2023.

#### ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2022. The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

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Phone No	
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Send your essay to Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge 80 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

#### **JAMES CALDWELL PTA'S GARDENING PARTY**



James Caldwell PTA's Gardening Party took place on Thursday, October 20th. Caldwell students and Principal David Rennie, along with members of the PTA, gardened and landscaped the grounds of the school. This effort was greatly supported by Springfield Department of Public Works, coordinated through Robert Boettcher. James Caldwell PTA's Gardening Party took place on Thursday, October 20th.





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