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FIRST AID SQUAD DEDICATES NEW VEHICLE

A ceremony was held on the opening of EMS Week 2010 to celebrate the Springfield First Aid Squad's new first responder/utility vehicle. Among those on hand was Isabell Adler, who donated approximately half of the cost, in memory of her son, Lee. Lee Adler was working at Cantor Fitzgerald on September 11, 2001 and died when the World Trade Center collapsed.

Also present were the family of past Squad member Ilya Fasman, including his wife Anna. Ilya was a very active member of the Squad until he developed cancer and passed away in 2009. His friends and family made contributions in his memory which also contributed to this vehicle going in service, as did a number of other residents and organizations in town.

While the Squad has replaced its two ambulances as they aged over the years, this is the first expansion of the Squad's fleet in over 55 years. Its purpose is to get a trained EMT to the patient's side ahead of an ambulance. One Squad member can assess the situation, decide what other resources are needed or cancel unnecessary responders, and start treating the patient. Other Squad members will bring the ambulance to continue care and, when required, transport the patient to the hospital.

The vehicle also allows the Squad to perform other functions - participate in the Union County OEM EMS Task Force, transport members to training sessions or retrieve

equipment left at hospitals when a patient is dropped off -- without taking an ambulance to do them. This leaves the ambulance available to transport patients.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad is celebrating its sixty-first year of being the town's Emergency Medical Services agency, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to join as a volunteer. No prior experience is required and all training and uniforms are provided free of charge. For more information, visit the Squad's website at www.SpringfieldFAS.org or call 973-376-2040.



(above, l-r) Jeremy Jorda, Training Officer; Anna Fasman, Dustin Blanchard, First Lt.; Elana Toboul, Apu, Cpt; Isabell Adler, Daniel Kalem; Shira Weinstein; Richard Raymon.

SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES A GRAND OL' 4TH OF JULY

Forth of July celebration included train, pony, and water rides, a petting zoo, food, music, fun and games, capped off by a spectacular fire works display. A record crowd of over 3500, a very successful evening despite the heat.



(above, r-l) A special appearance by Congressman Leonard Lance who presented a flag to Mayor Shehady flown over the Capital to the Township in recognition of the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.



(above) The 1910 Fruitgum Company
(below) The Toys featuring Barbara Harris



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Message from the Mayor



On behalf of the Township Committee, I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer! Congratulations to all recent elementary school, middle school, high school and college graduates. Springfield is very proud of your accomplishments and the success of our community depends on hardworking and dedicated individuals like you. There is no shortage of good news and significant items to mention. Thanks to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for the addition of a beautiful clock in our new pocket park, Patriot's Park. I also want to extend my appreciation to everyone who made the annual 4th of July Celebration a success. Everyone who attended enjoyed a spectacular fireworks show, outstanding musical entertainment, and delicious food. We were also joined by our very own Congressman Leonard Lance who has been a tremendous help to Springfield residents. This summer, stop by the improved and expanded Farmers Market to sample some of the great, new products available.

Taxpayers will have noticed they received an "estimated tax bill". Included with each bill is a brief explanation and the first in a series of property tax letters that I will send to increase transparency and clarify the budget process. Please remember, the "estimated tax bill" is not the amount to be used to accurately calculate your annual taxes. Contact the TaX Collector for assistance figuring out your annual bill. For the first time in many years, the Township Committee, led by the Finance sub-committee (Mr. Jerry Fernandez and Mr. Marc Krauss), has DECREASED the municipal budget without a reduction in municipal services allowing us to stabilize your property taxes. In addition to a reduction in spending, the budget decrease is also due to a reallocation of nearly \$2 million in expenses for property sewerage utility costs. This follows the trend of many communities around the state. Had this not been done, residents would have seen a 10% increase. Instead, the separate billing will more equitably distribute sewerage utility costs.

Our Police Division is finally on the right track after years of mismanagement. Residents know the abundance of problems we faced in the past and we can now rest assured that many improvements are to come. Openings in key senior leadership positions will allow us to appoint qualified, experienced and objective police officers who can help move the Division forward. Early in my term as Mayor, I focused on our Public Safety Department to include Fire and Police. I began speaking with the Union County Prosecutor's Office to discuss the problems, possible solutions and request a takeover. With the additional oversight and expertise from the Prosecutor's Office, we will select a Public Safety Director, fill essential vacancies and restructure the Police Division to provide for an effective management structure. More information will be provided as the situation develops, but rest assured that public safety is not at risk and the governing body and I are working diligently to make your town the best it can be.

Visit my website at www.zashehady.com and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at mayor@zashehady.com or call 973-912-2299.

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Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building. Executive Session begins at 6:30 followed by Regular Meeting 7:00
Regular meeting: July 13th & 27th

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,
Municipal Building

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Meetings: July 19th

CLOCK DEDICATION



(above) Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Officers Scott Seidel, Patrick Paolella, John Cottage and Elliot Merkin preside over the dedication of the new Township Clock at Patriot's Park on June 23rd - the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. The Chamber also dedicated the first 2 benches in the park in memory for former Mayor Ken Faigenbaum and former Township CFO Marie Sedlak.

INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK CUT RIBBON AT NEW MORRIS AVENUE LOCATION

On June 12 the community was invited to visit Investors Savings new location at 193 Morris Avenue in Springfield. Food, music, games, giveaways and great offers were enjoyed by hundreds of people who attended. continuing their role as a good corporate citizen by working with community groups and not-for-profits that serve many local people, the bank built awareness and raised funds for the Lupus Foundation of America New Jersey Chapter. Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body. Investors contributed \$25 to the Lupus Foundation each time a new account was opened during the Grand Re-opening.



(above) Lupus Foundation Board Member Salvatore Lataro, Chair Ranit C. Shriky, Investors’ Branch Manager Dan Murphy, Regional Manager MaryRose Genovese, COO Domenick Cama, Springfield Deputy Mayor Bart Fraenkel, Committeeman Jerry Fernandez, Committeeman Hugh Ketter, Committeeman Marc C. Krauss, and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Treasurer John Cottage.

PATRIOT FAME TRAVELS TO FLORIDA

Long-time Springfield resident Miriam Gershwin sent a copy of this paper to her cousin, Elliot Lichtenstein, in Florida. Mr. Lichtenstein relished reading about his former home—Springfield, NJ.

Elliot was born, raised and schooled in Springfield. He is the son of the late Sarah and Morris (doc) Lichtenstein. Doc opened the first drugstore in Springfield in the early 1900’s.

Elliot served in the U.S. army during WWII and also became a pharmacist and carried on the family business on Morris Ave. in Springfield.

The Lichtenstein family donated a clock in memory of Elliot’s mother, Sarah, who died in 1947. The clock was placed in the old Springfield Library, now Sarah Bailey. Thus far, the clock’s whereabouts is a mystery.

Mr. Lichtenstein now resides in Florida with his wife, Sibby. They have two sons and two grandchildren.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW CHILDREN’S MINISTER



(above) Gail Werner

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, at 639 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, welcomes Gail Werner to their staff and congregation. Her role will be to help Holy Cross minister to the children of the community from nursery through grade 6.

Gail will help coordinate the contemporary Sunday School program that runs concurrent with our worship service each Sunday at 10:00 am, and will oversee the exciting Vacation Bible Camp, “High Seas,” which will run August 2-6, 2010. She was formally installed as Children’s Minister at the June 13th Worship Service.

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(above) The 60th annual Merck State Science Day program was held on May 19, 2010. Jonathan Dayton junior Sean Berkowitz (shown here with chemistry teacher Mr. Barry Fugere) finished in first place among Union County high schools in the Chemistry competition.

LEGO MODEL OF JERUSALEM



(above) Members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, and the surrounding community gathered on Sunday, May 23, to build a 400-square foot model of Jerusalem made with 60,000 LEGO blocks. The event was hosted by bar mitzvah student Matt Kamis and raised money for the Asperger's Education Network (ASPEN). The Building Blocks Workshop was directed by architect Stephen W. Schwartz, AIA.

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NEWSWEEK RECOGNIZES DAYTON AS ONE OF MOST CHALLENGING HIGH SCHOOLS IN U.S.

Newsweek magazine recognized Jonathan Dayton High School as being one of the most challenging schools in America. This year's America's Best High Schools list, compiled by Newsweek, ranks the top 1,623 high schools in the country – representing the top 6% of high schools in the nation. In their study, Dayton placed 934th on that list nationwide, placing it 4th in Union County and 27th in the entire state of New Jersey out of the 63 New Jersey high schools that made the list.

"We are extremely proud that our effort to provide Springfield's students with college level courses has been nationally recognized," said Springfield Board of Education President Irwin Sablosky. "Particularly during this time when so much of the news about education has been limited to dollars and cents, it is refreshing to be able to take a step back and recognize the commitment of our students in taking these difficult courses and the dedication of our teachers in continuing to provide a challenging learning environment for our kids," Sablosky concluded.

"Recognition by Newsweek is an admirable distinction, and the teachers and students should

be extremely proud," said Springfield Superintendent of Schools, Michael A. Davino, "but ultimately what is most important to me is that our graduates recognize during their freshman year of college and beyond that their studies in Springfield have well prepared them for the demanding coursework and challenges that they encounter in the future. When former students return and tell me that they are succeeding in college because of the education they received here in Springfield, that is what its all about," added Davino.

The opening of the Dayton Collegiate Academy for the 2010-2011 school year, builds on the solid educational foundation that has been established here in Springfield. Encompassing the development of the intellectual, creative and socio-emotional growth potential of identified high school gifted students, further bolsters the administration's efforts to prepare students for the rigors of college from the very beginning of their high school experiences.

For more information about Jonathan Dayton High School and its academic offerings, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Cresci, Principal at (973) 376-1025 or ecresci@springfieldschools.com.

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SPRINGFIELD BOY SCOUT TROOP 73

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For more information about Troop 73, visit www.scoutlander.com, select the directory, and click our link under New Jersey troops.



(above, l-r) New Order of the Arrow members, who recently completed their Order at Winnebago Scout Reservation are Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) Bob Dobler, Robert Dobler, Justin Locke, Tyler Locke, Jeffrey Kukucka and ASM Rick Locke. Other Troop members of the Lodge not pictured include Brotherhood members Scoutmaster Jim Kukucka, ASM Pete Rossomando, ASM Joe Smela, ASM Bill Smela, Stephen Jurczak and Nick Rossomando. Also included in this group is Order member ASM Steve Jurczak and Vigil Honors members ASM Chris Sturm and Alex Sturm.

Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 tackled the rapids of the Delaware River in Narrowsburg, NY on a recent Troop outing.



(above, l-r) Ron Hoelzel of Springfield, Aaron Scheiner of Union and Scoutmaster Jim Kukucka of Green Brook.



(above, l-r) Springfield's Ryan Locke, Trevor Abood and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Locke, celebrate making it through the rapids without tipping. For more information about Troop 73, visit www.scoutlander.com, select the directory, and click our link under New Jersey troops.

LIGHTNING WIN U14 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FOR 2ND STRAIGHT SEASON



(above, l-r) The Springfield Lightning: Joe Nagy (Coach), Devin Damast (M), Russ Gomez (M), Zach Wolcott (M), Gabe Oguh (M), Eric Pereira (M), Sammy Mostafa (D), Andrew Shanes (GK), Vinnie Nagy (D), Nick Ulizio (F), Nick Pek (F), Andrew Delia (F), Jake Lowy (F), Andrew Moskwa (D), Jeremy Glennon (D), Alex Popescu (F), Jeff Shanes (Coach)

STAMPEDE RECORDS PERFECT 10-0 IN MCYSA U12 SOCCER SEASON

Springfield Stampede ended their spring soccer season with a perfect 10-0 in the MCYSA. In the fall, the Springfield Stampede team ended up in last place. Losing close games often by only one goal. In the spring, that all turned around. The Stampede defeated tough teams with close games throughout to reach the top including a 2-1 battle royal against the second place team the last game of the season.



(Above, names listed in alphabetic order) The Springfield Stampede Laurence Abanilla, Adelou Adesanya, Matthew Barraso, Josh Damast, Amr El- Daly, Jake Elgrably, Zach Freeman, Timmy Golden, Zach Gollin, Dylan Gomes, Chris Lahser-Versesi, Esteban Mena, James-Casey Musson, Lorenzo Nacci, Lee Roth, Adam Wohlgemuth Head Coach, Mike Golden; Assistant Coach, Gerry Gomes; Assistant Coach, Greg Roth; Assistant Coach/Manager, Cindy Elgrably.

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THE A B C'S OF BICYCLE SAFETY

With summer here, it's time to dust off the seat, put air in the tires, and oil the chain to get your bicycle back on the road. It's also time to think about what you can do to stay as safe as possible while bicycling, and what precautions you can take to prevent being injured. Parents should spend some time with their children and emphasize the importance of safe bicycle riding, before letting their children pedal away with their friends. Officer Jonathan Rachel of the Springfield Police Dept. Special Services Unit offers the following "ABC's of Bicycle Safety" as a reminder of some key bicycling issues:

Always wear a helmet. It is not only the most important safety issue regarding bicycle riding, it's also the law. New Jersey state law requires all bicycle riders 17 years old and younger to wear a properly fitting helmet. A child who violates this law is warned of the violation, and the child's parent or guardian is subject to a fine of \$25 to \$100. Each year, many bicyclists are killed or injured in New Jersey due to bicycle crashes. Bicycle crashes can happen anywhere, including parks, bike paths and driveways, and even the most minor incidents can result in serious injury. Wearing a properly fitting helmet significantly reduces the risk of head injury, which is the most common cause of death among bicyclists.

Bicycles are vehicles. In New Jersey, bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same laws as motorists. Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic signals. Bicyclists should never attempt stunts or tricks, ride with more people on the bike than for what

it was designed, "hitch" rides by holding onto moving vehicles, weave in and out of traffic or between cars, ride against the flow of traffic, or ride at night without lights. When crossing the street, bicyclists should cross at marked crosswalks, cross only when traffic is clear or when there is a "WALK" signal at an intersection with traffic lights, and should dismount their bicycle and walk it across the roadway.

Check your bicycle equipment regularly. Bicycles should be routinely inspected/maintained to ensure they are in good working order and sized properly for the rider. The tires/wheels, brakes, chain, reflectors, and seat height should be checked before every use to

help prevent malfunction. Also, within the next few weeks, the Springfield Police Department will be offering residents an opportunity to register their bicycles through the National Bike Registry (NBR), a nationwide bicycle registration database. This will help police quickly identify and locate the owners of recovered bicycles, and confirm bicycle thefts within minutes of apprehending a suspect. For any questions or for more information, please contact Officer Jonathan Rachel or Corporal John Foster of the Springfield Police Dept. Special Services Unit at (973) 376-0400.

*Submitted by Springfield Police Dept.,
Special Services Unit*



(above) Members of Springfield's Police Department spent the day at James Caldwell School "Bike Safety Day". Students had the opportunity to bike to school that day. Classes then came out and learned all about bike safety, from proper helmet usage to hand signals. Students were then able to ride their bikes through various obstacle courses set up by the police officers.

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SPRINGFIELD NATIVE EARNS RAVE REVIEWS

Rachel Millman grew up in Springfield, New Jersey with a love of music. She sang in chorus and performed in school musicals. With a college degree from Penn State in communications under her belt, after graduation in 2008 Millman decided to turn her energy and focus back on her career as singer. With various opportunities singing on regional TV and radio commercials, with the help of several music industry veterans, she launched her own label Gila Enterprises, LLC and teamed up with KeyMedia Group to release her critically acclaimed debut EP *IF I BELIEVE*.

"2010 is about touring," says the refreshing young singer, who is scheduled to perform this summer at a variety of Northeast venues and special events. Her EP *I Believe* is garnering national media and radio attention.

If I Believe features songwriting and performances from a who's who in contemporary music. Ready In 10, The Section Quartet and DD Jackson are featured on the first single, and the five songs on the EP were written by songwriters that have written for and/or worked with KESHA, Marie Digby and the Jonas Brothers.

After a sold-out performance in April at The Duplex Theatre, Rachel Millman and her band are heading to other prestigious NYC venues. She will be appearing at the Gershwin Hotel on Thursday, August 19 at 9PM. On August 1st, Rachel will be performing at the pre-opening and opening ceremonies for the 2010 Maccabi Games in Richmond, Virginia. She will entertain teen athletes, sponsors and guests from the US, Canada and Israel at this international

athletic competition. The event will be held at the University of Richmond and is expected to attract 7,500 attendees.

Rachel also recently joined a long list of music luminaries performing for Musicians on Call, a non-profit organization dedicated to healing patients through live and recorded music. Her love of children and her love of singing are greatly enhanced by this new association.

With an all star cast, inspiring and uplifting songs, and an amazing voice, Rachel Millman is being noticed as she continues to carve out her place in pop music with her debut release, *If I Believe*.

Visit Rachel at www.rachelmillman.com and www.myspace.com/rachelmillman



(above) Rising Indie Pop Artist Rachel Millman performing songs from her debut CD *If I Believe* at Sullivan Hall, NYC June 17, 2010.

ELKS LODGE RIDE IN MEMORIAL PARADE



(above) Members of Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge #2004 lining up for the Memorial Day Parade in Springfield on May 31, 2010. 20 members of the Lodge marched in the parade. All marchers and veterans were invited back to the Lodge for refreshments after the parade.

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WINS 1st PLACE



The Springfield Community Children’s Chorus won 1st Place in their class (Class AAA) and Most Outstanding Elementary Chorus at Music In The Parks at Hershey, PA, on May 15, 2010. The competition included choirs from five states competing in different groupings (based on age and size). With a score of 87.75, SCCC had the highest score among elementary choirs and even scored better than some of the middle school and high school choirs. Best of all, the kids had a fun day at Hershey Park!

The Chorus is led by Leslie Adler and is open to children in grades 3 – 6 who love to sing. Through weekly choral rehearsals, SCCC provides a quality vocal experience within the relaxed, friendly atmosphere of a small choir. Mrs. Adler teaches proper vocal technique for the unchanged voice, promotes ear training and vocal blending, and teaches elementary music reading skills. Children sing quality repertoire and make new friends while participating in fun activities.

SCCC is a secular 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The 2010-2011 Season will begin September 15, 2010 with rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00. The major concerts will be Sunday, January 30, 2011, and Sunday, May 1, 2011. The kids also enjoy fun activities, such as a pizza party, a campover, and a trip to Hershey Park.

For more information, please email us (sccc33@verizon.net).



Police Department Column

CHANGES MADE TO VEHICLE CODE

Township residents should be noticing an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers with this being done to coincide with both the school summer recess and recently enacted NJ Motor Vehicle Code changes. This enforcement is not merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the summer months when more people are outdoors especially children playing in residential areas or walking or riding bicycles along township streets.

A new law change went into effect on April 1, 2010 that has now changed the statute that originally only required motorists to yield to pedestrians who were legally crossing in a crosswalk to now require the motorist to come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Many of the intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and that are located on more heavily trafficked roadways have the noticeable yellow warning sign in the middle of these crosswalks that remind motorists to now stop for crossing pedestrians.


Beginning in the month of May plainclothes police officers posing as pedestrians were crossing at various intersections throughout the township and motorists who failed to stop for the “crossing pedestrian” were stopped by uniformed officers and issued warnings to advise them of this new law change. Likewise, the Springfield Police made this new law change and the pedestrian crossing operation known to the media in order to inform and educate as many persons as possible as to the need for safety at all crosswalks. The police officers are operating at various intersections

throughout the township where there have been incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by autos which also include intersections where pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed in the past.

This statewide enforcement program for this new law, known as Shared Responsibility, stipulates that not only are motorists expected to stop for pedestrians using a crosswalk but pedestrians are expected to only legally cross a roadway at an intersection with a traffic signal, a crosswalk, or where a crosswalk would be located. Any pedestrians crossing a roadway illegally can be subject to being stopped by police officers as well.

Other police operations being conducted are targeting some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that contribute to a high number of accidents that are also being addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections and overall aggressive driving. The daily rush hour traffic congestion combined with more and more motorists seeming to be rushing to get to their destinations and the summer months having more children being out and about makes it vital that motorists use common sense and caution when driving. Police officers know better than most about the tragic consequences that result from accidents caused by inattentive or careless drivers and hopefully by increased and visible traffic enforcement, accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented.

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE ADVICE TO HOMEOWNERS WARN OF SCAMS

Homeowners are advised that during the spring and summer months various types of con artists come into New Jersey and other northeastern states and target residents, usually senior citizens and the elderly. These criminal groups are referred to as “travelers” as they travel throughout the country committing any of a series of fraud schemes that can range from attempting to receive payment for home repairs that are not done or are done in a substandard fashion to attempting to con their way into a house to steal money or jewelry.

HOME REPAIR SCAMS

The homeowner is solicited at their house by persons claiming to be working in the area on driveway paving and they offer to repair or replace the victim’s driveway with the left over materials they have. The scam is where the fraudsters will either do limited cosmetic work by filling in cracks and they will then spray some type of mixture of black paint and oil to make it appear that the driveway was repaved. No contracts are used and the actors will usually request payment in cash or a check made payable to cash. In some cases the checks will be altered to a higher amount when cashed by the suspects.

Homeowners, especially persons who recently purchased a house, will be solicited either by phone or at their door by persons claiming to represent some type of chimney cleaning service where the victim will be told that the prior homeowner had an annual contract to have the chimney inspected and/or cleaned. The inspection fee is always a small amount of money usually under \$50.00. If the homeowner agrees to have the chimney inspected problems will always be found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace, that

victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the victim agrees to having the repairs made, they cannot see if anything was done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed.

UTILITY IMPOSTER SCAMS

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in the basement, or gas or electric and in some cases they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company they pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house and utility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection.

HOMEOWNER DISTRACTION SCAMS

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into the rear yard in the hopes the victim leaves the front door open or they will attempt to con their

way into the home so that one actor can go to bedrooms to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor’s yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object in the rear yard. Once they lure a victim into the rear yard they use cell phones to communicate between the male(s) in the rear yard and the actor who enters the house. Other ploys have females asking for help in catching their runaway cat that is supposedly in the victim’s rear yard.

The cons to enter the house usually consist of actors claiming to be selling something door to door, taking some type of survey to looking for an address on the street. The actor will ask for drink of water or to look at a phone book or ask for a pen and paper in order to leave a note for a neighbor. Once they can get into the house they will try to steer the victim into the kitchen while another suspect goes to the bedrooms.

Do not open your door to strangers or persons claiming to be utility workers who are at your house for some type of inspection, especially if you did not set up the inspection or were informed of it in advance by the utility company. The legitimate employee not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent. Police officers will immediately respond to your residence if you call about a suspicious person or doubt the legitimacy of a utility company worker. If you believe a person at your house is attempting to commit one of these types of crimes, contact the police immediately via 9-1-1 or (973) 376-0400.

WHAT IS THE LANCE AMENDMENT? ASK A ST. JAMES STUDENT!



With a suggestion from the Home School Association, St. James 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, arranged for a visit from Congressman Leonard Lance. Congressman Lance has been a member of the United States House of Representatives for over a year and has served the N.J. Legislative Branch for many years. He engaged the student body in conversation concentrating on the role of the legislative branch and also the U.S. Government as a whole. The students were invited to ask questions. Some of the questions from students age 5 through 13 included, "What is the Lance Amendment?", "Do you agree with Obama's Healthcare Initiative?" and "Why is NJ Business declining?" The student body sang the patriotic hymn, This Land is Our Land, to Congressman Lance in appreciation for his time. Congressman Lance posed with Mrs. Ponterio, the Student Council, and the School Principal, Mrs. Patricia Dolansky for a photo in front of the school building.



Fire Chief’s Column

Chief James Sanford

SFD MAKES USE OF FOAM EQUIPMENT

Last year, the Springfield Fire Division was awarded \$25,369.42 from the Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program to purchase foam nozzles, additional hose, hose couplings, hose valves, hose manifolds and tool cabinets for the Foam Tender. This equipment improved the foam firefighting capabilities to provide better fire protection.

On June 16th, Springfield Engine 3, Foam Tender, Unit 1 and Car 4 responded to 154 Bonnie Burn Road in Watchung for mutual aid foam task force response for an overturned gasoline tanker truck that had ruptured. Upon arrival, the foam tender set up with Berkley Heights foam pumper and provided the foam concentrate supply for the entire incident. Chief Sanford was assigned as the Incident Safety Officer.

Millburn Fire Department’s Quick Attack truck was connected to the Springfield Foam Tender as a foam master stream appliance. Another foam concentrate supply line was stretched from the foam tender to Springfield Engine 3 to provide a foam safety line for the hazmat crews working in the hot zone. A foam blanket was maintained until the tanker was secured, emptied and recovered.

Haz/Mat Teams from Somerset and Union Counties were able to contain the spill in a ditch and from there into a stream. Booms

were set up along the area and as a clean-up contractor was safely able to pump the tanker. The tanker’s owner, BPS Transportation of Fort Lee, will be responsible for the clean up and costs related to the spill.

This incident tested the capabilities of the first responders. Besides the active gasoline leak, a water main break necessitated a replacement water supply by a Somerset County Water Tender Task Force. The equipment, training and experience proved to be an asset to Springfield and its mutual aid partners. The value of the foam equipment gained through the UASI grant was demonstrated at this incident.



Springfield Foam Tender supplies foam concentrate to a Berkeley Heights pumper.

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.
Scrabble Night

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning
10:30 A.M. —12:00 Noon
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**Individual Assistance Searching the Internet
online databases and library catalog.**

JULY

Wednesday, July 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Lecture – Introduction to Astronomy by Paul Cirillo

Thursday, July 15th, 10:15 a.m.
**Great Books Discussion Group - Herman Melville's
Bartleby the Scrivnor**

Thursday, July 15th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.
International film

Thursday, July 17th, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees (if necessary)

Saturday, July 17th, 9:15 a.m.
**American Association of Individual Investors
Open to the public**

Thursday, July 22nd, 10:15 a.m.
Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, July 22nd, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.
**International Film-Shall We Kiss?
(Un Baiser s'il Vous Plait) (France)**

Monday, July 26th, 10:00 a.m.
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Tuesday, July 27th, 12:00 noon
Lunchtime Video
1998 film starring Nicholas Cage & Meg Ryan

Thursday, July 29th, 12:00 & 6:45 p.m.
**International Film-Broken Embraces
(Los Abrazos Rotos) (Spain)**

AUGUST

Monday, August 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
Current Events Discussion Group

Thursday, August 5th, 12:00 & 6:30 p.m.
**International Film-White Ribbon
(Das Weisse Band) (Germany)**

Monday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m.
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Tuesday, August 10th, 12:00 noon
**Lunchtime Video- Norah Ephron film
starring William Hurt, Robert Pastorelli, Andie
McDowell & John Travolta.**

Thursday, August 12th, 10:15 a.m.
Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, August 12th, 12:00 & 6:45 p.m.
International Film-Departures (Okuribito) (Japan)

Wednesday, August 18th, 7:30 p.m.
August Symphony-Woodwind Quintet & String Quintet

Saturday, August 21st, 9:15 a.m.
**American Association of Individual Investors
(Open to the public)**

Monday, August 23rd, 10:00 a.m.
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Tuesday, August 24th, 12:00 noon
**Lunchtime Video-Cybill Shepherd, Ryan O'Neal & Robert
Downey Jr. in this story of an outrageous love triangle**

Thursday, August 26th, 10:15 a.m.
Memoir Writing Group

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

7/12: 7 pm Step up to chapter books storytime
(ages 7 to 10)

7/13: 12 pm Storytime with a food craft
(ages 3 to 7)

7/14: 10:30am Mother Goose Group
w/ASL interpreter (infant to pre-K)
Learn chess
(ages 7 to adult – registration required)

7/14: 7 pm Storycraft (ages 3 to 7)

7/15: 12 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

7/15: 3 pm Movie: Planet 51

7/16: 2 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

7/19: 3 pm Step up to chapter books storytime
(ages 7 to 10)

7/19: 7 pm Math Games
(for students entering grades 2 through 5)

7/20: 11 am Storytime with food craft (ages 3 to 7)

7/20: 12 pm Mr. Richard Musical Sing-Along
(family event for all ages)

7/21: 7 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

7/22: 3 pm Clever Crafts for Tweens

7/22: 7 pm Mother Goose Group (infant to pre-K)

7/23: 10:30am Movie - Up

7/26: 3 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

7/26: 7 pm Step up to chapter books storytime
(ages 7 to 10)

7/27: 10:30am Mother Goose Group (infant to pre-K)

7/27: 11 am Math Games
(for students entering grades 2 through 5)

7/27: 11 am SAT Math Tutoring
(h.s. juniors/seniors – registration required)

7/28: 1 pm SAT Math Tutoring
(h.s. juniors/seniors – registration required)

7/28: 7 pm Mark the Magician Magic Show
(family event ages 3 and up)

7/29: 1 pm SAT Math Tutoring
(h.s. juniors/seniors – registration required)

7/29: 3 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

7/29: 7 pm Clever Crafts for Tweens

7/30: 10:30am Storytime Yoga (ages 2 to 12)

7/30: 2 pm Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of
Meatballs

8/2: 3 pm Tween Videogames (ages 9 and up)

8/2: 7 pm Step up to chapter books storytime
(ages 7 to 10)

8/3: 11 am Math Games
(for students entering grades 2 through 5)

8/4: 3:30pm Author visit: Would you Invite a Skunk
to Your Wedding?

8/4: 7 pm Learn chess
(ages 7 to adult – registration required)

KIDS: YOU CAN START REPORTING BOOKS READ
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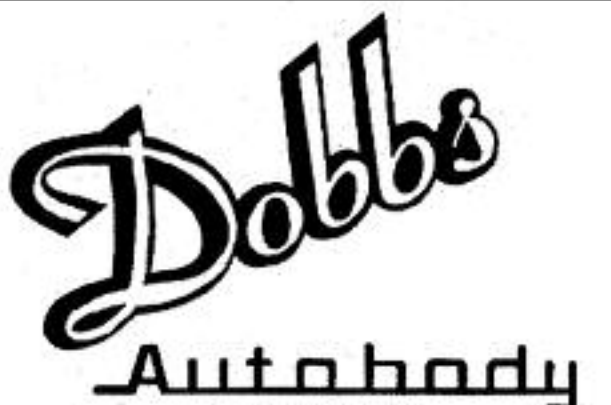
Prizes begin during the week of July 6 and continue for 6 weeks, ending on August 14.
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