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**NEXT
CHAMBER
MEETING**
November 26th
8:30am - 9:30am
AAA Store
135 Route 22 East
Springfield

Springfield Veterans Alliance announces that the annual observance and commemoration of Veterans Day will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial Park located at the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Local students, the Springfield Fire Department, the Springfield Auxiliary Police among other groups will be participating with the Veterans in the program.

All are urged to attend this tribute to all the Veterans of all United States wars.



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AAA REPAIR FACILITY ARRIVES IN SPRINGFIELD

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club celebrated the opening of its new Car Care Center with an official ribbon cutting ceremony in Springfield on October 21. The new facility is the first AAA-owned and operated automotive repair and maintenance shop in New Jersey and the largest in the country. The full-service Car Care Center serves both AAA members and non-members, providing full repair and routine maintenance by AAA-trained and ASE-certified technicians.

Recent studies have revealed that consumers find automotive repair and maintenance among the most stressful things they have to do. AAA eases the worry by offering reliable and professional service from a name that is trusted by over 51 million people.

The AAA Car Care Center features 15 automotive bays and is equipped with state-of-the-art tools and diagnostic equipment. Services offered at the new facility include computer diagnostics, electrical systems, air conditioning, brake repair, alignments, oil changes, manufacturer recommended service intervals, and tune-ups – all performed by specially trained mechanics.

AAA members benefit from a two-year/24,000 mile warranty on all work performed, and can take advantage of special member-only offers, including a 10 percent discount on parts and labor. Non-members receive a one-year/12,000 mile warranty on parts and labor, competitive labor rates and have the option of joining AAA to receive on-the-spot discounts and special offers.

The Car Care Center is also home to a permanent Child Safety Seat Inspection Station. Nationally certified child passenger safety technicians are on site to help parents and caregivers ensure that their children are seated, safe and secure when traveling in motor vehicles. Conveniently located at 135 Route 22 East in Springfield, the AAA Car Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm., and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (973) 467-2651 or visit AAA.com.



(above) Springfield Mayor Bart Fraenkel and Chamber of Commerce members were on hand while Frederick L. Gruel, AAA's President and CEO, cut the grand opening ribbon.

ASSEMBLYMAN BRAMNICK VISITS CALDWELL SCHOOL



On Tuesday, October 7, 2008, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, winner of the inspirational professor award at Rutgers University and former professor at Rider University, brought comedy and enthusiasm to the classroom to motivate James Caldwell students about state government.

The assemblyman had students play the roles of governor and legislator. The students were assigned bills that are currently pending in Trenton. Bramnick had them defend their positions and seek support from their classmates who were asked to represent interest groups and fellow legislators. The students were also encouraged to develop their own ideas for new laws.

(left, r-l) Assemblyman Bramnick with student David Rickert.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY

The 4th Annual Springfield Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade, co-sponsored by the Township Recreation Department, was held on Sunday October 26, 2008. In addition to the parade the Chamber sponsored a costume contest for 5 age categories. In those categories 4 winners were chosen by a panel of volunteer judges and each received a gift card valued at \$20.

The Parade consisted of well over 200 costumed kids and adults along with an antique model Ford driven by its owner Dr. Charles Serson and an antique fire truck driven by Chief Sanford. A fire truck, along with its mascot, joined the march from Jonathan Dayton HS to the Chisholm Community Center where the Recreation Department sponsored a haunted house and Halloween party.



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Message from the Mayor



Welcome to the November edition of *The Patriot*, Springfield’s very own newspaper. Each new issue brings continued positive responses. The only complaint is that some residents are not receiving the paper even though the Post Office is being given pre-addressed copies for every home in town. I suggest that if you know of anyone who has not received a copy of *The Patriot*, please ask them to call the Post Master, Janice Peters at 973-564-6184, to ask why their copy was not delivered.

I am pleased to report that the township committee recently appropriated funds to conduct a study for the complete renovation of our town pool complex. The facility was built in the late 1950’s and has not been significantly updated since that time. The proposed renovation would include a new building that would be used year round to house the recreation department, a senior center, a workout area and additional space that could be rented for parties or events. The swimming pool would also be updated to include a 0 degree entry, so that our seniors would not have to climb ladders. These are just a few of the improvements that are being considered.

In January, the township of Springfield will be participating in the American Heart Association’s Start! Walking Program. The object of this program is to have our residents and employees begin a healthier and more active lifestyle. The Start movement is built on a simple premise-walk more, eat well and live longer. More details will follow.

And finally, at the time of this writing, the Dayton Bulldog high school football team has a 5-2 record. Congratulations to everyone involved and it’s nice to see the program enjoying this success.

I’d like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETINGS

Mondays preceding Tuesday meeting, Annex
Building

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 8 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, 8 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.

November 3, 17

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

November 13, 29
December 11, 27

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

December 17-18

GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

11/5 THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMY & THE ELECTION RESULTS

8:00am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ

11/6 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

8:45am Gateway Chamber Downstairs Conference Room, Elizabeth, NJ

11/6 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING

7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ

11/10 5th ANNUAL "TASTE OF KENILWORTH"

hosted by Schering-Plough Corp.

6-8pm Schering-Plough Corporation, Kenilworth, NJ 07033

11/12 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

8:30am Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ

11/14 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30am Roselle Borough Hall, Roselle NJ

11/18 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) NETWORKING EVENT

6 pm Molly Maguires, Clark, NJ

11/20 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING

11:45 La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ

11/21 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

8:00 am The Somerset Room at the Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, NJ

11/25 LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am Cox Printers, Linden, NJ

11/26 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ

11/26 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am Public Safety Building, Springfield

12/4 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

8:45 am Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth, NJ

12/4 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING

7:30 am Perkins of Green Brook, Green Brook, NJ

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Investors Savings Bank will by hosting a "Meet and Greet" for local business and service organizations of Springfield and the local areas. This event will take place on Wednesday November 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Investors Savings Bank, 173 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. Bart Fraenkel, the Mayor of Springfield, will be our guest speaker of the evening. For any further information, please contact Liza Caswell, Branch Manager, at 973-376-7660 or at lcaswell@isbnj.com.

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The newspaper continues to grow with each new issue. Each month we receive more content from various submitters than we can

fit in the Patriot. The advertising dollars pay for the production and distribution of the newspaper and we would like to thank those businesses who support us with thier ads. We recognize these are tough financial times and hope our advertisers continue to realize the benefit from this unique opportunity to reach every home and business in Springfield which the Patriot provides. It is truely a community service.

The Patriot is mailed to every household and business in Springfield. We encourage our readers to patronize or advertisers. Show your appreciation by saying "I saw your ad in the Patriot!".

Scott Seidel, Patrick Paoletta
Co-Chairs Springfield Chamber of Commerce

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*Please call (973) 912- 2228
after 4pm on December 9
if weather is questionable.*
*For questions regarding this event
please call:
Springfield Recreation (973) 912- 2226.*

1st GRADE BASKETBALL CLINIC

This is an 8-week clinic for boys and girls that are in first grade in Springfield. Clinics are held on Saturdays at the Chisholm Community Center beginning January 10 and ending February 28. There is a \$30 registration fee payable to the Township of Springfield at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. For more information regarding this program call (973) 912-2226 or email springfieldrecreation@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is December 12, 2008.

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Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

WHAT TO DO WHEN SELLING YOUR HOME

The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, NJAC 5:70-2.3 states “before any one or two family dwelling is sold, leased, or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm and fire extinguisher, evidencing compliance with NJAC 5:70-4.19”.

The application can be picked up at the Building Department located in the Municipal Annex at 20 North Trivett Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The inspection fee is \$50.00. Once the application is filed, the Building Department will check to make sure there are no open building permits. If there are any open permits these must be closed out before the inspection can be done. Inspections are done Monday through Thursday between 8:00 and 10:00 am. Placement of the detectors shall be as follows:

At least one smoke detector shall be located on each level of the home including basements and finished attics. Crawl spaces do not require detectors.

Basement - At the bottom of the stairs to the first floor

First Floor - At the bottom of the stairs to the second floor, and within ten feet of any bedrooms

Second Floor - At the top of the stairs from the first floor, and within ten feet of any bedrooms

Third Floor - At the top of the stairs from the second floor, and within ten feet of any bedrooms

Carbon monoxide alarms are required within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Plug in type carbon monoxide detectors are permitted as long as the outlet is in the hallway. They cannot be plugged into outlets in the bedroom, bathroom, or kitchen.

Battery operated smoke detectors are permitted. However, you cannot reduce any existing or required protection. For example, if the home has 110 volt interconnected smoke alarms or a hardwired central station type system that are not working; you must repair the system instead of installing a battery operated smoke detector. All detectors must be permanently secured to the ceiling or wall in accordance with the manufacturers installation guide. Double stick tape is not an acceptable method.

An ABC type fire extinguisher is required to be permanently mounted in plain sight within the kitchen. All fire extinguishers must be new or inspected and tagged by a New Jersey licensed fire extinguisher contractor.



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Police Chief's Column
Chief William Chisholm

One of the state’s newer motor vehicle laws went into effect May 1, 2008 and initially there appeared to be a concerted effort by many motorists to comply with the conditions set forth in the law. Lately, if you observe some of your fellow motorists you might see a return to old ways. Perhaps, even you have begun to ignore the law due to living a high stress lifestyle that must keep you in constant contact with friends, family and co-workers. The hands-free cell phone law is still in effect! Is it worth risking the fine or becoming involved in an accident?

Cell Phones in Motor Vehicles

The use of wireless telephone or electronic communication device by an operator of a moving motor vehicle on a public road or highway shall be unlawful except when the telephone is a hands-free wireless telephone or the electronic communications device is used hands-free, provided that its placement does not interfere with the operation of federally required safety equipment and the operator exercises a high degree of caution in the operation of

the motor vehicle. (39:4-97.3)

The operator of a motor vehicle may use a hand-held wireless telephone while driving with one hand on the steering wheel only if:

1. The operator has reason to fear for his life or safety, or believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated against himself or another person; or
2. The operator is using the telephone to report to appropriate authorities a fire, a traffic accident, a serious road hazard or medical or hazardous materials emergency, or to report the operator of another motor vehicle who is driving in a reckless, careless or otherwise unsafe manner or who appears to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

If you are issued a summons for using a cell phone and you wish to plead not guilty utilizing the above as a defense, you may be required to produce a cell phone bill indicating the numbers that you called or written statements from authorities receiving such calls.

Obviously, text messaging on a cell phone while driving is prohibited under this motor vehicle statute.

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AN EXCITING START TO THE “AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM”

This year the Springfield Public Schools’ After School Program started the year off with a “Getting to Know You Hour” which was held on Friday, October 19th at Caldwell, Sandmeier, and Walton. Parents were able to attend and joined in a game of "Mingle, Mingle". The children really enjoyed playing the game with their parents. The children also were very excited when a "Chester Cheetah" showed up to visit, take pictures, and share some snacks. A good time was had by all. The next Family Social will be held in November and the Afterschool Program Staff and students hope to see you all there!

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JDHS STUDENTS ATTEND YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Five students from Jonathan Dayton High School, along with Volunteer Club Advisor Mr. Drew Krumholz, attended the Foundation for Educational Administration’s (FEA) Youth Leadership Institute from Friday October 17- Sunday October 19, 2008. The program, sponsored by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association and the FEA offers students and faculty mentors the opportunity to engage in a weekend retreat at the beautiful Camp Bernie in Port Murray, New Jersey in which all participants develop their leadership skills in interactive workshops and team-building activities led by a talented group of professionals.

This was Jonathan Dayton High School’s first time participating in the Youth Leadership Institute and the weekend was a huge success. Student participants included: Max Grossman

and Rachel Zolotarksy (Freshmen), Alexandra Hopkins and Katie Ghilino (Sophomores), and Ross Goldfarb (Junior). The objectives, according to the program introduction that the students and mentors received upon arrival at Camp Bernie, are to “build in these students the skills, knowledge and dispositions associated with leadership” and to “integrate these skills by participating in non-traditional tasks/projects which increase social capital within their communities.” In the coming weeks, Mr. Krumholz and the five student participants will begin developing this year’s project. This will involve the creation of cd’s with a variety of music for pre-teenagers and teenagers with cancer at Hackensack Medical Center in affiliation with the Tomorrow’s Children Fund to be delivered as part of holiday gift baskets in December.

JDHS BRINGS SPANISH TO LIFE FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Veteran Springfield World Language teacher, Marlene Moscowitz, who is set to retire midway through the academic year, has empowered JDHS students to showcase their Spanish speaking skills for an audience: elementary school children. Under the direction of Mrs. Moscowitz and JDHS colleague, Gregory Coward, who teaches Broadcasting, the big kids are teaching the little kids with the help of a video camera, a script, and plenty of the natural enthusiasm for dramatics shared by adolescents. Spanish teacher Sandra Diez recently handpicked her best students to participate. Ms. Diez has weaved the video project into her curriculum. With the help of her students, who

had been studying the universal language of fashion in a less than foreign tongue, two scripts were prepared; one was executed last week in Mr. Coward's studio. That first shoot featured a fashion show; the next will bring informal, lunchtime Spanish chatter to life in the cafeteria. For Mrs. Moscowitz, the World Language Exposure Program represents a legacy project, as the resources she has gathered and the lessons she has prepared may be featured in the district's two grade 3-5 schools, Sandmeier and Caldwell, for years to come. For the high school students, the project presents a unique opportunity that may transmit great relevance and purpose to the study of a second language. It’s also a lot of fun.

THE WALTON PUMPKIN PATCH

The PTA continues to offer great enrichment activities for our students. Mrs. Carolyn Buck and Mrs. Sarah McTernan organized a wonderfully fun and memorable event for the students. The children picked pumpkins, played games and took class photos.

(right) Rachel Gary, Carolyn Buck and Sarah McTernan (Mrs. Buck and Mrs. McTernan created and designed the Jack-o-lantern toss game with their kids)



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U ASKED, THE Y ANSWERED!

Check those mailboxes, the Springfield YMCA program guide has arrived! The Y has been listening to member requests about new programs so the winter session is all about you! Time changes and new programs are just the beginning.

The Y's youngest members can still hang out with mom or dad during Creation Station, a get-your-hands-dirty art class or Music for Me, a dance around, music-playing fun time class!

Next up, the Preschool physical classes. Gym Time, Tiny Tumblers, and Tumbling use the climbing equipment during a supervised class. All Sports and All in One Fun take place in the gym and introduce these little athletes to various sports. To prepare kids for Pre-K, the new Let's Get Ready class teaches school basics in a fun and interesting way.

Everyone's favorite Rookies Basketball has been revamped for the 4 through 6 year olds. Each team will be coached by 2 parent coaches. What a great way to form a bond between athlete and parent! When signing up, simply check the box to help your child's team.

The YMCA has brought in Engineering Professionals to teach their skills to Kindergarten students through age 13. The classes are broken up by age. The same company will be bringing its own computers to the Y to offer Computer Tots, a class teaching preschoolers computer basics.

For the 7 to 9 year old set, there is Cooking, Co-ed Volleyball, Beginner Aikido, Baseball Winter Conditioning, Dodgeball and Karate.

The YMCA Dance Classes have parents giving a standing ovation. Offered for children ages 2½ to 11, there is a class to suit everyone's need. Little Stars, Creative Movement, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Jazz/Cheer, & Dance Your Way to Broadway are sure to keep those dancers dancing. Come get ready for the show that will be presented at the end of the session!

For those tweens, 10 to 12, there are Volleyball games and skill training, Intro to Circuit Training in the weight room, Baseball Winter Conditioning, Wiffleball, Aikido, Dodgeball, and Fun in Training, a class that focuses on physical fitness and body resistance (no weights used for this class).

In addition to using the weight and cardio rooms, Teens 13 through 15 can show off their skills during 2 on 2 supervised basketball games. Also challenging for members 10 and older is the adult and teen fencing.

Swim lessons are available to everyone from age 3 to age 12 at the Springfield Holiday Inn on Route 22. All classes are taught by a Certified YMCA Professional. In addition, the pool is guarded by a YMCA lifeguard.

Member and Non-Member rates are available for all Springfield YMCA classes.

Still can't find the class that you've been searching for? Let the staff at the YMCA know what the class or activity is and they can add it too the schedule. It's that easy! The Springfield YMCA is YOUR YMCA!

The Springfield YMCA is located at 100 South Springfield Avenue and can be reached at 973-467-0838.

BULLDOG AUCTION

Bull Dog basket auction offered by the Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO and benefiting Project Graduation Class of 2009, will open at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, in the school's east gym, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Admission costs \$7.00.

For ticket information, call Ricki Model (973) 376-6387 or Donna Strober at (973) 912-8789.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AT WALTON



(above) Celebrating Fire Prevention Week at Walton School, Firefighter Sal Cocuzza showed students Sarah, Stephanie and Justine the pumper truck. The students were amazed by the lights & sirens when it had to leave for an emergency.

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- Thurs. 11/6 **Pirates Who don't do anything (Veggie Tales)** 2pm PG
- Friday 11/7 **Speed Racer** 2 pm PG
- Sat. 11/8 **Taking 2** pm PG
- Sat. 11/15 **Best of Both Worlds Concert in 3D** (Miley Cyrus) 2 pm G
- Friday 11/28 **The Forbidden Kingdom** 2 pm PG-13
- Sat 12/6 **Iron Man** 2pm PG-13
- Sat. 12/13 **Indian Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** 2pm PG-13

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Check schedule for new days.
Babies and toddlers up to 3.5 years with their caregivers. We listen to storybooks and sing and dance. Featuring Miss Debbie.
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Fridays 11/14, 11/21, 11/28 @ 10:30

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Grades 1-3 Mondays @ 4-5 pm

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Recommended for ages 3.5 and up with caregiver.
Tuesday 11/4 and Thursday 11/13 @ 10:30

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Sat Nov 22 @ 11-3

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special activities!

ADULT PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Individual assistance searching the Internet,
online databases and library catalog.
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP

November 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

LUNCHTIME VIDEO

November 4th, 12:00 noon – The Candidate
November 18th, 12:00 noon – Dark Victory –
Bette Davis

KNIT WITS KNITTING GROUP

November 10th, November 24th 10:00 a.m.
Special evening meeting November 5th 7 p.m.

LECTURE-UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

November 5th, 7:00 p.m.

REALLY GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

SOME LIKE IT HOT BUTTERED – JEFFREY COHEN

November 6th, 7:00 p.m.

DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP – MACK CAMERA

November 10th, 7:00 p.m.

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

November 13th, 10:15 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL FILM – TWO DAYS IN PARIS (FRENCH)

November 13th, 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC & EVENTS OF THE 1950'S – DAVID AARON

November 16th, 2 p.m.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP – EPIC OF GILGAMESH

November 20th, 10:15 a.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 20th, 7:30 p.m.

AN AMERICAN ICON: FRANK SINATRA'S LEGACY

Musical lecture by Mel Glazer
November 25th, 12:00 noon

AN AMERICAN ICON: FRANK SINATRA'S LEGACY

On Tuesday, November 25th, at noon, the Springfield Free Public Library will offer a musical lecture on Frank Sinatra, presented by Mel Glazer, songwriter and lecturer. This program looks at Frank Sinatra's singing style, technique, and legacy to illuminate what sets him apart from other popular singers of his era. Travel the streets of Hoboken in the 1920's, where Sinatra experienced the life of poverty and prejudice. Learn how he raised the standards of popular music, partly by bringing show music and all the famous names associated with it, to mainstream America. Hear how his reading of songs advanced the age-old discussion as to whether lyrics, in fact, are also poetry.

Songs that speaker Mel Glazer co-wrote have been recorded by Etta James, Robert Plant, Elvis Presley and Static-X, among others, and are represented in all the major media: movies, TV, off-Broadway and the cabaret circuit. Collaborators have included Carole King, Sammy Fain and Aaron Shroeder. A raconteur, Mr. Glazer's unique perspective on Frank Sinatra as a role model (both professionally and personally) gained international attention when Mr. G. was interviewed by Joe Franklin on Bloomberg's "Business of Show Business." We are fortunate to have him present this free lecture at the Springfield Free Public Library.

This program is offered through the Friends of the Library and the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

With so much of our current political debate centering on struggles in the Middle East, it is perhaps the perfect time to gain knowledge of basic parts of that struggle which we might not understand. On Wednesday, November 5th, at 7:00 P.M., the Springfield Free Public Library will welcome Christopher Taylor, Ph.D. who will expand our horizons. With over 1.25 billion followers worldwide, Islam is today the world's second largest and fastest growing religion. Estimates of the number of American Muslims now range between 2.3 and over 6 million, making Islam an increasingly important presence on the landscape of American religious life. Nevertheless, many Americans still feel that they know very little, and understand even less, about Islam. This broad introduction will outline the major tenets of Islamic faith, discuss ritual practices of Islam, explore the aspects of Islamic spirituality, and explain the rich diversity defining this great religious tradition.

Dr. Taylor is a Professor of Religion and Director of the Middle East Studies Program at Drew University. Previous to his appointment there, he served for one year as the Acting Executive Director of the Center for Arabic Study Abroad at the American University in Cairo, and as Dean of Calhoun College and Instructor of Near Eastern Studies at Yale University. He is the author of a book and several articles and is currently working on a study about the social construction of moral imagination in the medieval Islamic world.

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(above) Members of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC, a Springfield accounting and consulting firm, participated in their 3rd Annual Jean Day to raise awareness for Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society. They hosted a “Healthy Start” breakfast and a Think PINK Raffle was held in exchange for donations towards Breast Cancer Awareness. We would like to thank TEAM FMRTL for their continued generosity and support.

FIRST AID SQUAD’S FALL FUND DRIVE IS ON!!

The Springfield First Aid Squad recently kicked off their Fall Fund Drive with a mailer containing a yellow “embellishment” signifying the “Fall Fund Drive.”

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad provides emergency medical services not only to the residents of Springfield but to those who work in the township and even those who are “just passing through.” They respond to all 911 calls and there is never a charge for their services.

The Squad is a volunteer organization and 100% of donations are used for the day-to-day operations, replenishment of supplies, and the maintaining, updating and purchase of new equipment.

Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation can send it to: SFAS, P.O. Box 247, Springfield, NJ 07081. Donations can also be made online at : www.springfieldfas.org

LUPUS FOUNDATION SUPPORT GROUP HOSTS MONTHLY MEETINGS IN SPRINGFIELD

The Lupus Foundation of America, N.J. Chapter (LFANJ), whose office is located at 150 Morris Ave., Suite 102, in Springfield is the meeting location of the new Union County support group for all those with Lupus, and their families. The next free monthly meeting will be held Sunday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m. For a full calendar of meetings or further information, call 973-379-3226 or go to www.lupusnj.org.

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SENIOR NEWS

FIRST SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST HOSTED AT JDHS:

The Volunteer Club of Jonathan Dayton High School held its first Senior Citizen Breakfast of the 2008-2009 school year on Friday October 17, 2008 in the high school cafeteria. Students helped to coordinate the event for which local organizations contributed supplies, food and funding. This first breakfast, hosted by the Lions Club of Springfield as well as Dr. Gary Hecht, Chiropractor (also the key- note speaker) was a huge success with overflowing platters of food, great entertainment, a wonderfully enthusiastic group of student coordinators and an extremely energetic cliental.

Food for this breakfast was donated by Dunkin Donuts of Springfield, IHOP of Union, Natales Bakery of Summit, Bagel Supreme of Springfield, Bagel Chateau of Springfield and The Union Plaza Diner of Union. Ms. Marie Joyner, Director of Food and Nutritional Services for the Springfield Public Schools and her staff did a fabulous job of preparing all of the food and transforming the cafeteria into a beautiful autumn-themed dining hall. The next breakfast will be held on Friday December 19, 2008 at 8:00 in the morning. All senior citizens are invited. The Volunteer Club is co-advised by Mr. Drew Krumholz and Mrs. Stephanie Carlson, both teachers at Jonathan Dayton High School. The club executive board includes Julie Salant, Jonathan Friedman and Sneha Sreekumar.

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS:

The Springfield Seniors are seeking new members for the senior groups. Any adult over the age of 60 is welcome to join. The Springfield Seniors are an active group that participate in meetings, trips, crafts, cooking, socials, and many other activities. The senior center is located at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. There is an annual fee of \$8. For more information call Michele Zambrana at (973) 912- 2226.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION:

The Springfield Senior bus provides free transportation services for residents of Springfield. The bus has two main runs at 9am and 12pm. The bus also runs monthly bus trips to the malls and local restaurants. For reservations call daily, (973) 912- 2227. Please note on regular daily runs, the bus does not leave Springfield.

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE TRIP

On Monday, December 1, 2008, the Springfield Seniors will host a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the Christmas 2008 show which includes lunch. The cost per person is \$63 for Senior Group Members and \$78 for Non-Members. The trip will depart from Sarah Bailey at 9:30am and will return at 5:30pm. For more information or to reserve a space on this trip please call (973) 912- 2226.



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SPRINGFIELD SCOUT TROOP 73 EXCEL

Recently, a contingent of boys from Springfield Troop 73, sponsored by St. James Church, participated in a flag ceremony to begin a fund-raising event at Baltusrol Golf Club. Stephen Jurczak, James Kocur, Nick Rossomando, and Alex Sturm presented the colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath and Law at the Patriots' Path Council event. Senior Patrol Leader Nick Rossomando delivered an introductory address on "What Scouting Means to Me." We have received requests to perform similar ceremonies at several other council events.

Our boys really do excel. Troop 73 has the highest percentage of boys in the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society. Out of a roster of 23 Scouts, 7 are members of the OA. Four adult leaders are also members. To be nominated, a Scout must be First Class Rank, have spent 15 days and nights of camping, including one long-term camping experience, be approved by his Scoutmaster, and be elected by his fellow troop members. The candidate must then attend an induction weekend in which he engages in introspection, self denial, and hard work. Recently, Iain Sutherland was inducted into the Order, and Stephen Jurczak was elevated to Brotherhood Honor, the follow-up to beginner membership. OA Troop Representative Alex Sturm, is also the Council Lodge's Ceremonies Chairperson and Contingent Leader to the National Conference next summer.

We have gotten several new members over the last few months, so welcome to Stephen and Christopher So, Aaron Scheiner, Alex Wozniwicz, and Antonio Trapani. This month, Troop 73 will be going on a backpack trip, destination yet to be determined. We have also scheduled our annual holiday gathering at the

East Orange Veterans' Hospital, a weekend cabin trip in February, and an overnight stay on board the Battleship New Jersey in April, not to mention several other outings.

If you have any questions about our troop, please email Chris Sturm at thesturms1@verizon.net.



(above, l-r) Troop 73 Scouts Alex Sturm, Asst. Scoutmaster Chris Sturm, Nick Rossomando, and Stephen Jurczak at Baltusrol flag ceremony.



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