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## RIBBON CUTTING AT THE NEW SPRINGFIELD POOL BUILDING

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*(l to r) Marc Lepore, Mike Disko, Carlos Idrobo of Custom Electric, Mito Tasevski of MBT Contracting, Acting Business Administrator and Police Chief, John Cook, Township Committeeman Chris Capodice, Mayor Richard Huber, Deputy Mayor Erica DuBois, Township Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos, Department of Public Works Supervisor Robert Boettcher, Township Committeewoman Maria Vassallo, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Assistant Engineer Sam Mardini, Robert Barranger of Cornerstone Architectural Group, Michael Butrico (assistant director of recreation), Donna Miller of Cornerstone Architectural Group, Christopher Foglio (pool manager) and Brendan O'Reilly (assistant pool manager)*

## STEW LEONARD'S WINE TASTING AND DINNER AT SOFIA'S RESTAURANT THURSDAY, MAY 31

STORY ON PAGE 4



*(l to r) Jerry Zelinskie, Stew Leonard's, Elliot Y Merkin, VP of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Luis Moya, VP of Tempranillo Wine Importer & Distributor, Mario DeChellis, Store Manager of Stew Leonard's Wines, Peter Perez, State manager of Tempranillo Wine Importer & Distributor, Wanda Bagarus, Stew Leonard's, and Michael Scalera, Co-chairman of both the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District of Springfield. (Rick Pavoni, owner of Sofia's restaurant, had to leave early and was not included in this picture)*

## LARGE CROWD GATHERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 8 STORY ON PAGE 14



*American Legion members Don Auer, Parade Grand Marshall, Gerry Gebauer, and Boy Scout Frank Sarracino at the ceremony at Veterans Park*

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## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS PROGRAM AT JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL



**SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** recipients Eseghe Aghoghovbia, Rebecca Bellino, Angelina Cacioppo, Alicea Charlton, Kimisha Christopher, Amanda Dominguez, Temidayo Fatulo, Horace Giambattista, Caitlyn Harms, Sophie Hendrickson, Kevin Kennedy, Tamara Kissoon, Jessica Lagemann, Amanda Lau, Christopher Lepore, Scott Maran, Zachary Martini, Anthony Nagy, Gabriella Petruzzella, Jessica Pica, Jack Quinn, Lauren Rechner, Julia Roth, Kimberly Rubin, Kelly Saverino, Alex Sirotkin, Jacob Thompson, Isabella Vieira, Evan Weinberg, Adam Wuest.

The Springfield Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Committee presented \$30,000 in scholarships this year. Scott Seidel (2nd from left) and Dr. Gary Hecht (center) presented the Awards on behalf of the Committee. Committee members not shown in the photo are Springfield Mayor's Day Trustees, Joel Millman and Michael Quick who were unable to attend. **STORY CONT. ON PAGES 8 AND 9**





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## Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone is having a fabulous spring so far. I would like to begin by thanking everyone who made our Memorial Day Parade a wonderful experience for our town. Also a special thank you to our Springfield Hometown Heroes Group, who have done a tremendous amount of work to honor and recognize the men and women from Springfield who have served and protected our country. The Springfield Hometown Heroes Group had banners hung along Mountain Avenue, recognizing our true American Heroes.

On Friday May 25 we celebrated the grand opening of our newly renovated pool, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event was open to all the residents of Springfield and the facility looks great. There is still some work to do, but we are hopeful tht weather permitting, the project will be completed by June 23. If you have any questions, regarding pool membership, pool camp, or Chisolm Park Camp, you can contact the Recreation Department at

973-912-2227. From now through Labor Day, residents will now receive garbage collection twice a week. If your regular scheduled pick up day was Thursday, you will now receive a second pick up on Monday. If Friday was our regular schedule day, you will now receive your second pick up on Tuesday. There will be a flag retiring ceremony on June 14 at 6 pm at the Chisolm Community Center. Once again we will be hosting our annual Independence Day celebration on Wednesday July 4 at Meisel Field beginning at 5 pm. There will be a \$5.00 donation per person collected at the gate when you enter. Rides for children begin at 5 pm and the include a petting zoo, pony rides, moonwalk, trackless train and more. At 7:30 pm the world famous 1910 Fruit Gum Company will hit the stage. Finally the fireworks will begin at dusk. Once again if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at mayor@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2018

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## DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2018 JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Springfield Police Department Chief of Police John P. Cook has announced the dates for the 2018 session of its Junior Police Academy. The academy will be running one, one-week session from July 16th thru July 20th, 2018, which will be held at the Springfield Police Department. Classes will run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm daily.

This program is designed to provide area youth with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of the Police Officer. While other youth academy programs provide a day camp setting, the Springfield Police Junior Academy has been modeled after today's police academy. Those accepted to the program will undergo physical training and daily training in Drill and Ceremony,

will be instructed in criminal investigation techniques, evidence recovery, patrol practices and effects of alcohol and drugs. In addition, the cadets will participate in field trips to the Union County Police Academy and attend demonstrations from various specialized units that are available to law enforcement, such as the police canine unit, SWAT team, and the bomb squad.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications will be accepted beginning May 15, 2018, and the deadline for applications will be June 20, 2018.

Please download the Jr Police Academy 2018 application for the 2018 class.

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Monday, July 16 at 7 pm Workshop  
Tuesday, July 17 at 7 pm Regular Meeting

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

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### RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

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### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## MAY SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



*Guest Speaker (and Chamber co-chair, Mike Scalera (second from right), with Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, Chamber Secretary Tracy Geyer of Autoland, Chamber Co-Chair Scott Seidel and Chamber VP, Elliot Merkin (right)*

### General Announcements:

**(Chief John Cook, Acting Business Administrator)**

Pool Building opening ceremony Friday, 5/24/18 from 4-7 with ribbon cutting.

Town wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 16 – Sunday, June 17. Sale hours will be 9 am to 6 pm

Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Golf Club on Tuesday, September 4.

Memorial Day Celebration to honor our veterans was on Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am followed by parade down Mountain Avenue.

### Fire Department: (Chief Carlo Palumbo)

The Springfield Fire Department was recognized as Local of the Year. They also received awards for Group Effort Non-Fire and Multi-Jurisdictional Award.

The Fire Department is also in the process of hiring two probationary firefighters pending background checks.

### Rotary Club (Mike Scalera/Paula Kasier)

Taste of the Towns was a success with over 250 people in attendance. The money raised will be going towards scholarships for students.

Food Bank at Hillside Food Bank on June 19 from 1-3.

### Springfield Historical Society (Margaret Bandrowski)

Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of Springfield on Thursday, June 14.

Open House at Cannon Ball House on Sunday June 24

### Springfield Hope (Dr Gary Hecht/Scott Seidel)

There was a recent residential fire on Battle Hill Ave. in town. The family received many donations from the town and were extremely grateful for all the help they received.

### BID (Mike Scalera)

Downtown redevelopment- Application has been sent to DEP for approval.

Bond for streetscape has been approved which will cover all the way down Mountain Ave to Cioffi's. Project is expected to start this fall to early spring.

## ANNUAL BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD COMMEMORATION PLANNED FOR FLAG DAY

The Church and Cannon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will host the annual commemoration of the Battle of Springfield on Thursday, June 14 at the DAR Cemetery (39 Mountain Ave.) followed by a program at the Springfield Library about the battles of Connecticut Farms, Springfield and Elizabethtown by members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 pm with a wreath laying at the SAR monument which is dedicated to all who fought in the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780. Immediately following the brief ceremony, the group will cross the street to the library for the program.

In the event of rain, the ceremony and program will be held in the Palmer Museum of the Library. Park in the municipal lot or on Mountain Avenue.

This year marks the 238th anniversary of the victorious battle in which 1500 Continental soldiers and local militia held off 5,000 British and Hessian soldiers in their attempt to reach Washington's camp in Morristown. The enemy, unprepared for such opposition, burned all but four buildings while retreating to Staten Island, and never returned to New Jersey again.

## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE

---- TEXT BY RYAN OLSEN ----

Cannon Ball House will be holding an open house on June 24 to commemorate the 238th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. Proceedings will begin with Robert Meyer, State President of the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution, laying a wreath at the CBH to honor those who fought and died in this conflict. The Battle of Springfield was the final major battle of the Revolutionary War to be fought in the northern colonies. The wreath laying will take place at 1pm and the house itself will open an hour later at 2 pm. Many artifacts from this battle are on display inside the house, including the missile that gave the structure its name.

In addition, a variety of exhibits on the second floor continue to mark the centennial of America's entry into World War One. These include a display of political cartoons by the artist Louis Raemaekers as well as artifacts from WWI that have ties to Springfield. So join us at the Historic Cannon Ball House to discover and reflect upon Springfield's military past.

Sunday, June 24 Wreath Laying Ceremony Starts at 1pm on the grounds of the Cannon Ball House.

House Hours: From 2 pm to 4 pm. The house will not be open before 2 pm.

House Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

For more information call (973) 376 4784.

## STEW LEONARD'S WINE TASTING

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Over 40 people attended a wine tasting and five course meal sponsored by Stew Leonard's at Sofia's restaurant on Thursday, May 31st. Each of the five courses was accompanied by a different type of wine. Prior to each wine pouring during each course of the meal, Peter Perez, of Tempranillo Wine Importer & Distributor, described the region that particular wine was grown in and the characteristics of that wine. Some of the wines had a Wine Spectator rating of 90. The food was great, the wine was great, everyone had a great time, and a lot of networking took place. At the end of the meal, gifts of wine were given to those people who gave the first correct answer to several wine questions asked by Peter.

Both Stew Leonard's Wine Store (901 Mountain Avenue, Springfield) and Sofia's Restaurant (272 Morris Ave, Springfield) are strong supporters of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for many years. Our Chamber has recently started holding our monthly meetings at Sofia's restaurant. Stew Leonard's had been a frequent contributor to many of our town's events.



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MARISSA STEINER WRAPS UP FINAL YEAR  
AS CHARITY WALK COORDINATOR**



(l to r) Jonathan Dayton High School, Principal, Dr. Norman Francis, Jr., JDHS Student Honoree, Marissa Steiner, JDHS Math Teacher, Christopher White.

It's not every high school senior who can list six years of running a charity walk on their college application, but Marissa Steiner, an eighteen-year-old senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, can do just that. Ms. Steiner is the co-chair of the Central/ Northern New Jersey Promise Walk for Preeclampsia to benefit the mission of the nationalPreeclampsia Foundation.

"Marissa and I are both survivors of a potentially deadly complication of pregnancy known as preclampsia," explained Marissa's mother Stephanie. "We count ourselves very fortunate to be here to coordinate this annual community event to help other families like ours."Preeclampsia is characterized by high blood pressure during pregnancy and is a leading cause of premature birth. In Marissa's case, she was delivered six weeks early when mom Stephanie experienced sudden, life-threatening high blood pressure. Marissa weighed only 3 pounds at birth and spent many weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit fighting for her life.

The national crisis with maternal mortality has recently received extensive national attention, thanks in no small part to the Steiners' efforts in New Jersey. The 2018 Central/Northern New Jersey Promise Walk will have Dr. Larry Bloomstein as their special mission speaker this year. Bloomstein tragically lost his wife Lauren just hours after the birth of his first daughter, Hailey. The Bloomsteins' story was recently featured in a national piece by NPR and ProPublica to help raise awareness of the national maternal health crisis. Bloomstein has been a proud supporter of the work of the Preeclampsia Foundation "I started co-chairing our local Promise Walk for Preeclampsia to help fund research so that no one else has to go through what people like the Bloomsteins or my Mom and I experienced," said Marissa. "It's my hope that future generations will havemore options than premature delivery or facing the loss of a young mother."

Marissa's efforts have not gone unnoticed:in 2016, Marissa and Stephanie were named the "Walk Coordinators of the Year" by the Preeclampsia Foundation and presented with an award. The 2018 event is well on its way to reaching its goals thanks to Marissa's continual efforts, but the Preeclampsia Foundation is not the only charity that the teenager has benefited. Marissa has volunteered with the Children's Specialized Hospital for the past 4 years. She was recently awarded the 2018 Union County Unity Award for Achievement by a Student and the 2018 Barbara Albanese Memorial Award by the Zonta Club.



A man in a Boy Scout uniform is playing a trumpet. He is wearing a tan shirt with a patch on the pocket and khaki pants. In the background, a crowd of people is watching the parade, and there are American flags and a red flag visible.

A group of students, mostly wearing orange t-shirts and khaki shorts, are standing on a grassy field. They are holding brass instruments, likely euphoniums or tubas, and appear to be practicing or performing. They are standing in front of a line of music stands. In the background, there are trees and residential houses.



*After an afternoon of viewing the "Old Masters" work in Amsterdam, Jessica Smith of Austin Texas stops in "Rembrandt Square" to pick up a copy of the International Patriot Times to catch up on the local Springfield news, which of course, Rembrandt hands out. **Get your copy today!***





## PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

### DO YOU KNOW ANY HOMETOWN HEROES??

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

If you have driven on Mountain Ave lately, you may have noticed new banners on telephone poles from the Firehouse to Supreme Bagel. Depicted on those banners are pictures of Springfield Veterans – our Hometown Heroes. A new program established to recognize and honor those who have served and those who are currently serving is responsible for those banners. To date, 20 such banners have been created. Township Committee member Maria Vassallo had envisioned the banner program for a number of years. That resulted in the recent formation of a Hometown Heroes Committee, chaired

by Maria, that includes Fred Scott, Vicki Sarracino, Geri Ann Bujnowski, Sara Abraham, and Devin Eadie. The committee then partnered with the Veterans Actions Network group based in Union, NJ that had a 501C3 non-profit designation. They didn't want the program to be funded by the Township or by individual veterans.

A series of fundraisers are planned. The first took place at The Spirit on Morris Ave and raised several thousand dollars to get them off and running. Other fundraisers will be announced. In addition, the committee has Hometown Heroes bracelets that will be available for purchase at the Township's annual July 4th celebration at Meisel Ave. Park.

The Hometown Heroes Committee is looking for information on other Springfield veterans so that the program can be expanded. Anyone having such information can like their Facebook page – Springfield NJ Hometown Heroes or send them an email at Heroes07081@gmail.com.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Maria commented "The entire Committee is honored to participate in the Hometown Heroes program in Springfield. We feel that it's the least we can do to honor our veterans, both past and present, and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom".

## SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Scholarships were awarded at Jonathan Dayton High School on Thursday evening, June 7, 2018. The Jonathan Dayton Auditorium was packed for Senior Awards night. Dozens of seniors received scholarships from many different organizations. Dayton Principal Dr. Norman Francis, Jr. welcomed everyone to the event and immediately commenced the program with the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Awards. The Chamber presented 3 scholarships. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Chamber Co-Chairman Scott Seidel commented, "This year we named one of our three scholarships the "Mallory Grossman Memorial Scholarship". Dianne and Seth Grossman were on hand to present this Scholarship and speak about remembering their Daughter Mallory and to make everyone aware of her situation. Additional information can be found by looking at Mallory's Army on Facebook or by going to mallorysarmy.org". Dianne Grossman further talked about the Mallory's Army Foundation, and the Grossman family in their fight against bullying. She asked all the Seniors and parents to help out by becoming aware of this issue and helping us stop BULLYING by becoming a soldier of Mallory's Army.

Then Scott Seidel, Chairman of the Springfield Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Committee, along with Committee Member Dr. Gary Hecht, presented the Springfield

Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Scholarships to Thirty High School Seniors. Seidel noted that it is truly an honor and a privilege to be able to present these scholarships and they would not be possible without the full support of the Baltusrol Golf Club, their General Manager Kevin Vitale, and Head Pro Ryan Fountaine, all their staff and employees and their Board of Directors and members who allows us to hold the tournament and raise the funds for these Scholarships. The Mayor's Day Scholarships were awarded to those Seniors participating in Golf, Volunteerism and Community Service. Seidel also mentioned the passing this year of long time Mayor's Day Committee members William Koonz and Richard Colandrea who served on the committee for well over 30 years.

In listening to the presenters, the Patriot Times noted a real feeling for the School and community as each presenter talked about their specific reason for giving their Scholarship and how they want to give back to Springfield on behalf of a relative, friend or teacher and the stories they tell about their dedication to the School and the Community.

We apologize for not being able to get all the names in the photo captions, or if mistakes were made. We had only a few hours before going to print to get all this into our June issue. Please email us with any corrections. (The complete Program is available on our website, [www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com))



(l to r) Elliot Merkin, Tracy Geyer Chamber Secretary, recipients Sophie Hendrickson, Sophia Mikros Louis Monaco (MALLORY GROSSMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD By The Chamber) Seth Grossman, Chamber Chairman Scott Seidel And Dianne Grossman



Francine Corcione (second from left) presents the GENE & LOUIE DEL MAURO KIND HEART SCHOLARSHIP to Nisarg Gandhi, Kelly Saverino, Zachary Martini and Marissa Steiner



Dr. Gary Hecht presents the FREDRIC HECHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to Marissa Steiner



Dr. Gary Hecht and Dr. Lee Kaswimer present the Springfield Rotary Club Award, THE DR. SERSON SCHOLARSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FIELD OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS to, Nisarg Gandhi, Zachary Martini and Patrillah Codio



Springfield Police Officers and Springfield PBA Local 76 Delegate Brian Trotman, PBA Local 76 President and Melissa Esteves Present THE SPRINGFIELD POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Local 76 Civic Association "The Spirit of 76 Scholarship" to Nicole MacGregor





**Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Dr. Norman Francis, Jr. welcomes everyone and opens the ceremony.**



**Ed Shaffrey, Jr. presents the LIONS CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS to the following Seniors Walter A. Hohn: Science to Jessica Kaplan Bunnell Brothers: Business Studies to Sophia Mikros James M. Duguid: Volunteerism to Hannah Dvorchik William W. Hummel: Technical/Vocational to Isaiah Gorham Kenneth A. Mattfield: Education/Leo to Jeremy Quintela The Ruth Grossman Education Award: to Xiaoyu Liu**



**Edward McNany presents Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Dr. Norman Francis, Jr. with a Plaque noting all past recipients of the THE BRIAN M. McNANY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS since it's inception in 2015**



**David Graber presents the TEMPLE BETH AHM Y'IS-RAEL MEN'S CLUB AWARD to one of the two recipients, Edgar Belous and Isaac Perez**



**Larry Dvorchik presented (on behalf of Glen Wohl) the SPRINGFIELD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS to Zoe Frei and Melanie Schickler for the Dayton Girl's Basketball and the Dayton Boy's Basketball to Ryan Lashuk and Anthony Rajoppi**



**Fancine Corcione and Steve Pepe present the JOE PEPE III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS to Nicolette Angelo, Amanda Lau and Antonio Salefas**



**Martin Taglienti (left) and Matt VanDeursen (right) present the WILLIAM JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to Jessica Micolta and the MARTIN TAGLIENTI SCHOLARSHIP to Fabian Mestanza**



**Mr. & Mrs. Triano present the HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD to Zoe Frei**



**Steven Wolcott presents the SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP to Marissa Steiner**



**Martin Taglienti (left) and Matt VanDeursen (right) present the TRACK COACHES AWARD to Justine Ventisette**



**Howard Alexander presents the LEE ADLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS For Community Service to Jessica Steir and the LEE ADLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP For Community Service to Jessica Steir**



**Staff Sergeant Hernandez St. Jean presents the U.S. MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED MUSIC AWARD Alicea Charlton the U.S. MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD to Fabian Mestanza and the U.S. MARINE CORPS SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD to Scott Maran**



**Mr. and Mrs. Triano present THE DANIEL R. TRIANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to Blake Doren, Isabella Vieira, and Alex Sirotkin**



**Dr. Lee Kaswimer presents the BERTRAM KASWINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD to Nisarg Gandhi**



**Sergeant Avila presents the UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD to Nicholas McNamee and Isabella Vieira**



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Party Guest.**



**Call Recreation Department  
for details (973) 912-2227**



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kitchen available  
at the Chisholm  
Community  
Center for your  
next event.  
Cost to Springfield  
residents is only  
\$200 for up to  
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SUMMER SEASON 2018**

**SUMMER WEEKLY CAMPS**  
June 27 - August 1, Wednesdays

**PARENT & ME MULTI  
SPORTS SQUIRTS**  
(age 2 to 3) 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

**SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS**  
(age 3 to 5)

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Visit [USsportsInstitute.com](http://USsportsInstitute.com) or call 732 563 2520**

### SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY MAY BUS TRIPS



Springfield senior citizens ventured out during a busy month of bus trips sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. On Wednesday, May 2, the destination was Whole Foods, Best Buy, and Target in Vauxhall. On Wednesday, May 16, they drove to the Shoppes at American in Bartonsville, PA, for shopping and lunch. On Thursday, May 17th, a full bus attended a Frank Sinatra tribute concert at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Finally, on Thursday, May 24, Star Tavern Pizzeria in Orange hosted the group for lunch. The trips were chaperoned by Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator; and Don Wilkenfeld and Tony Losito, Senior Citizen Bus Drivers.



### Police Chief's Column *Chief John P. Cook*

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times may have been noticing an increase in motor vehicle violation enforcement by the Springfield Police Department. This not only coincides with the rise in vehicular and pedestrian traffic the summer season brings, but also the police department's involvement in local and nationwide enforcement campaigns such as "Click it or Ticket", "Cops in Crosswalks," and "U Text, U Drive, U Pay." Some of these "crackdowns" offer state and federal grant assistance which supplements the cost for extra officers to participate in these efforts, so we can maintain a full force of regular on-duty officers at all times.

Since the law changed in 2010, motorists must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk. Everyone is reminded that there are many intersections on heavily trafficked roadways that are not controlled by traffic signals, so it is vital that motorists be aware of pedestrians and come to a complete stop when approaching an intersection with crossing pedestrians. As part of the "Cops in Crosswalks" enforcement program, plainclothes officers pose as pedestrians while crossing at various intersections throughout the township, and motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrians" will be stopped by uniformed officers and issued a summons for this violation. Police officers will specifically target the busiest intersections throughout the township where there have been past incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by automobiles, which also include intersections where pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed.

For many years now, NJ law has mandated all occupants of a motor vehicle must wear seat belts. The law also mandates proper restraint systems must be used for children and infants while riding in a vehicle. As part of the "Click it or Ticket" program, plainclothes officers act as "lookouts" at intersections and other busy areas throughout the township and report seat belt violations to uniformed officers who are waiting down the road to stop these motorists and issue summonses.

As part of the "U Text, U Drive, U Pay" enforcement, officers will monitor traffic specifically looking for motorists who operate their vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation, or who are observed to be text messaging while driving. For several years in a row, distracted driving continues to be the leading cause of fatal crashes in NJ, with cellphone use/texting being a top distraction.

In addition to these campaigns, our officers continue to aggressively enforce motor vehicle violations which contribute to a high number of traffic incidents. These include speeding, improper use of marked turning lanes at intersections, careless or aggressive driving, and failure to stop/yield violations. Some of this enforcement targets specific areas of Springfield where traffic issues have been identified. Whenever the police department receives complaints about traffic concerns, traffic studies are conducted first to determine the extent of the problem. The information gathered in these studies helps us to develop enforcement strategies and determine if other forms of traffic remediation are necessary.

Police officers know better than most about the tragic consequences resulting from accidents caused by inattentive or careless drivers. Through increased and visible traffic enforcement, accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented. With the rise in traffic congestion during summer months, and with more children being out and about, it is vital that motorists use common sense and caution while driving. I wish all readers of my Springfield Patriot Times column a very safe and happy summer.



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2018

## ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

### MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUGUST 2018

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

### WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents.

Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from October 3, 2017 to August 28, 2018

from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center  
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) • Email [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)

## SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES JUNE/JULY 2018 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, June 18 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 19 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am  
Thursday, June 21 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, June 22 - Walk Talk Tone @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, June 25 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 26 - Cards @ 11:30 am  
Wednesday, June 27 - Bus trip to Turtle Back Zoo @ 9:45 am (RSVP), Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am  
Thursday, June 28 - Bus trip to Yo Addiction @ 1:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, June 29 - Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, July 2 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, July 3 - Cards @ 11:30 am  
Friday, July 6 - Walk Talk Tone @ 11:30 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm  
Monday, July 9 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, July 10 - Cards @ 11:30 am  
Thursday, July 12 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am  
Friday, July 13 - Stretch & Flex @ 11:30 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

## POOL SEASON UNDERWAY



The Springfield Community Pool's 2018 summer season began on Memorial Day Weekend with special activities, as sunny skies shifted to rain and clouds. Pool and Recreation Department staff gathered on Saturday, May 26th, to welcome the first members and guests of the summer. Pictured (l to r): Pool Assistant Manager Brendan O'Reilly, Pool Activities Director Dawn Wilkenfeld, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, and Recreation Program Coordinator Amefika Gray. The pool is now open on weekends only, and will open on weekdays beginning on Monday, June 25. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents. Guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Non-resident guests must be accompanied by a pool member in order to gain admittance. Group and private swim lessons are available. We are also offering private party reservations in the brand new air-conditioned multi-purpose room or the outdoor picnic area -- both with catering options by Dellano's. Membership registration is available online at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us).

STEM base educational curriculum that ignites kids' curiosity in science and technology

## S.T.E.M. Summer Camp @ Springfield Recreation

The Fun and Educational S.T.E.M. based 2018 Summer Camp at Springfield Recreation is now open for Registration!!



### STEM OWL SUMMER CAMP

**Jr. Engineering Adventure!** (Age 7-10); \$185 per week (including \$25 material fee)  
Students are captivated in this super fun and hands-on camp as we explore various STEM projects such as creating exciting gadgets, exploring electricity, building a circuit for a buzzer and constructing an electromagnet. Kids become engineers as they discover marvelous machines and discover how they make work easier and more fun! The knowledge and learning experience from the camp not only help students build a strong foundation in STEM, but also strengthen their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Campers will bring home one to two projects each day.

**Date and Time:** 7/23 – 7/27 1:00 – 4:00pm

Register at [www.stemowl.com](http://www.stemowl.com) (Click on "Enroll Now"; select Springfield Recreation Summer Camp in the last field of the registration form)



### BRICKS 4 KIDZ LEGO® SUMMER CAMP

**All Around LEGO® Camp** (Age 5-10); \$160 per week  
Bricks 4 Kidz® LEGO® camp is specifically designed to inspire creativity and build knowledge in STEM. Our five-day camp offers a variety of kids' favorite LEGO® themes such as Minecraft®, Star Wars®, Pokemon®, and Angry Birds®, etc. Our camp includes loads of creative building, games, challenges, and motorized model creations. In this camp, EVERYTHING IS AWESOME!!

**Date and Time:** 7/30 – 8/3 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Register at [bricks4kidz.com/cnj](http://bricks4kidz.com/cnj) (Click on green wheel "view classes")

**Note:** For campers at Chisholm playground camp, there will be supervised lunch session from 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Parents please pack lunch for the campers.

Address:

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at

[www.StemOwl.com](http://www.StemOwl.com) & [www.Bricks4Kidz.com](http://www.Bricks4Kidz.com)

Kavita Rana (908) 616-0492

Eugenia Chiang (908) 866-1066

## YOUTH FOOTBALL GRADES 3-8 • FALL 2018

Sponsored by Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Jr. Dawgs.



Welcome Millburn Jr. Millers!



Our tackle football league is open to Springfield and Millburn residents, or children in Springfield and Millburn schools, in grades 3-8 (2018-19 school year)

**In-Person Registration Saturday, May 26, 2018 @ 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield**

### Two Fees

\$175 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$70 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:

\$150 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$70 per child payable to "Township of Springfield" Bring this completed form and two checks to in-person registration.

Please note that two separate checks are needed.

Or, you may register at the Chisholm Community Center, Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm.

**24/7 CONVENIENT ONLINE OPTION: PAY \$70 TOWNSHIP FEE WITH A VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER**  
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> Registration Deadline is Sunday, June 30, 2018

Registrations received after this date will be subject to team availability

[springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com) (973) 912-2227

# Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Springfield Mayor's Day

Golf Committee, Inc.

PO Box 242, Springfield, NJ 07081

The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a very limited number of foursomes, for the **upper course only**, available for this year's tournament to be held on **Tuesday, September 4** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. Check our website for detailed information at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.



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## CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2018

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by an adult camp director and counselors (15 years old and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking/baking, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, one field trip, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

**TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**DATES** (check applicable):

☐ **Week #1:** June 25th-29th

☐ **Week #2:** July 2nd-6th  
(no camp July 4th)

☐ **Week #3:** July 9th-13th

☐ **Week #4:** July 16th-20th

☐ **Week #5:** July 23rd-27th

☐ **Week #6:** July 30th-August 3rd

☐ **Week #7:** August 6th-10th

☐ **Week #8:** August 13th-17th

### FEES:

Resident first child: **\$55 per week**

Resident additional child: **\$50 per week**

Non-Resident child: **\$65 per week**

No refunds (Payable to Township of Springfield. No refunds.)

### REGISTER:

• Online (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>.

• In-person (check, cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, on weekdays between 8:00 am-6:00 pm.

• Mail (check, money order) to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

**DEADLINE:** Thursday prior to each camp week

QUESTIONS: Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us). Visit us on the web at [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) and LIKE us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec).

## KIDDIES KALEIDOSCOPE

Quality Enrichment and the Springfield Recreation Department present

### 2018 Summer Camp

Five weeks — Grades K to 5 — Chisholm Community Center

Sign up for 1, 2, 3, 4 or all 5 weeks!

A well-rounded summer mini-camp featuring some of our most popular school programs! NEW classes every week! Each day will include 2 classes from the following:

~ **SCIENCE EXPLORATION**

~ **MOSAIC STORY TELLING and ART**

~ **KIDDIES AROUND THE WORLD**

~ **REMARKABLE ME**

~ **M-STEM**

~ **KIDDIES KRAFTING**

*Children will have a blast learning through hands-on activities featuring experiments, curated books and art while exploring lessons involving : Science, Math, Reading, Geography, Social Studies, History, Art & Music. Children bring home a project from most classes daily!*

Week 1: June 25th - 29th (1/2 day) 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

Week 2: July 9th - 13th (1/2 day) 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

Week 3: July 16th - 20th (1/2 day) 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

Week 4: August 6th - 10th (1/2 day) 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

**\*\* Special Discount: sign up for ALL 4 WEEKS - \$135 per week!! \*\***

We are offering children enrolled in the Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 pm (Campers provide their own lunch) — children will then be escorted to the Kiddies Kaleidoscope afternoon mini-camp — courtesy of Kiddies Kaleidoscope!!!

Week 5: August 20th - 24th (full day) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$225 for week  
Includes 3 classes daily, lunch (provided by camper) and outside play.

For registration and a detailed description of each class, please visit: [www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com](http://www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com)



## COOKING & YOGA CAMP! KEEP CALM & COOK ON!

1st-5th Graders

Instructor adapts to all ages during instruction

**Healthy Kids Today,  
A Brighter Tomorrow!**

[www.LillySprouts.com](http://www.LillySprouts.com)

**SUMMER YOGA &  
COOKING CAMP**

4 day session for  
3 ½ HOURS each class

**August 13th-16th 12:30pm-4pm  
\$230**

balance, strength, flexibility,  
relaxation, awareness,  
confidence, self esteem,  
compassion, cooperation,  
stress release, concentration

The foundation for a lifetime  
of health & wellness



Supervised Lunch included at 12:30 for students attending A.M. Playground Camp. Please bring lunch. After cooking lesson, children will eat their cooked meal from class.

Raymond Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ  
Includes all educational materials, recipes, cooking /yoga supplies and food

To reserve a spot for your child please go to [www.LillySprouts.com](http://www.LillySprouts.com) Click on Upcoming Classes, find Kids Cooking Camp and register for the week. Payment available online or by check to LillySprouts. Classes will close at 15 students .

Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ [LillySprouts@gmail.com](mailto:LillySprouts@gmail.com) or 908-499-0270

## FREE TEEN DROP-IN

**Who:** Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades  
**What:** Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Dept. staff  
**Where:** Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave  
**When:** Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) **SUMMER HOURS** 1:00 - 6:00 pm  
**How:** Handbook, registration form, photo ID  
**Contact:** (973) 912-2227, [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) [www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec)

## GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON CONCLUDES



The spring season of the girl's softball league ended with championship games in several divisions. Offered by the Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Girls Softball Inc., the league had over 100 participants this spring. Pictured are the lower division champions, the Blizzards, sponsored by Prime Time Mortgage, who defeated the Thunder 7-3, at Chisholm Park on Wednesday, June 6th. The Blizzards were coached by (rear, l-r) Dana Gatto, Chris Weber, Dave Aichroth, Dominick Segro, and Bob Krieger.

## FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE



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



# Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield  
973-376-4930

Check Library website for  
MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

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

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Tuesday, Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday (June) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday (July & August) 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Sunday Closed

The Library will be closed on  
Wednesday, July 4th, Independence Day.  
Our programs are free and open to the public.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Summer Reading begins! Grades going-into 1st through 4th may register, pick up reading logs & begin reading Monday June 18. Show your reading logs beginning June 25th to get raffle tickets & Treasure Chest prizes. Tweens & Teens Grades 5+ may register, pick up a reading log and begin reading June 18th. Show us your log beginning June 25th for at least 100 pages. First week's prize for all participants is a free meal coupon for Chipotle. End of summer prizes (awarded August 13th) include Kindle Fires, movie tickets, pizzas, Apple gift cards, Barnes & Noble gift cards and much more.

Kick off the Summer with our outstanding programs!  
Drop in early for a good seat!

Saturday June 23 @ 11am The Give & Take Jugglers amaze us with their talent, and amuse us with plenty of audience participation in their Little Circus.

Saturday June 30 @ 11am ZooJersey! Meet Babakook, the laughing Kookaburra, Clifford, the Big Red Snake, Fluffy, the Alligator Snapping Turtle, Miss Lola the Chinchilla and Cuddles the Black Emperor Scorpion!

Monday July 9 @ 7pm Mike the Magician Comedy magic at its best for kids and adults!

Tuesday July 10 @ 1pm The Pirate Pete Show with Musclemann Mike. Wear your pirate costume! After the show, make a pirates treasure chest to take home (must pre-register for craft).

Monday July 16 & Monday July 23 @ 11am Martial Arts Boot Camp with Master Andrew of USA Karate & Fitness. Ages 3 and up. Must pre-register.

Tuesday July 31 @ 2:30 Listen Learn & Play presents Sci-Fi & Silly Sounds. Kids ages 3 & up can explore & make music using boom whackers, didgeridoos, & a

theramin (a theramin is played without physical contact!). You will be amazed!

Wednesday August 15 @ 6:30 pm Laughter is the Best Medicine with mime Robert Rivest. Laugh and have great fun at our end-of-summer show!

Storytime Yoga New time! 10:30am Fridays June 15 for ages 2 & up. Please register.

Mommy & Me Crafts for our youngest patrons (ages 2-4) 10:30 am Selected days: Wednesdays June 27, Thursday June 21. Please register.

Zumba Kids: 4pm Fridays June 1st, 15th and 29th. All ages, drop-in!

Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! LITTLE LEGOS are out all day! Drop by, join your friends and impress us with a magnificent creation-we'll put it on display!

Crafty Mondays @ 4:00pm. Ages 4 to 8. Must register. No crafters under age 4. Monday June 18 and 25.

Campfire Stories now at 5:30 pm! Thursdays. Join your friends around our cozy campfire for great stories. All ages. Drop in.

Bingo! All June Tuesdays @ 4pm. Please sign up.

Wii Games Wednesdays @ 4:00. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

Math Help Wednesdays June 13 @ 4:00. Certified teacher for grades 1 to 8. Drop in & bring your homework!

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! Tuesdays June 19 & 26; Wed June 13 & 20; Thurs June 28; Sat June 16.

## TEENS:

Felt Animals Thursday, June 14 from 3pm-4pm  
Hand stitch tiny felt animals and other shapes! Participants must be able to closely follow directions and practice personal safety when handling needles. Program open to Grades 6+. Registration required.

3D Pen Art

Thursday, June 28 from 2pm-3pm

Imagine and create with 3D Pens. Challenge yourself by building a pair of 3D glasses or a bench! Open to Grades 5 and up. Registration is not required, but space is limited.

Teen Advisory Group Monday, June 25

Last meeting until the next schoolyear. Please contact Ms. Alice, the Teen Librarian, for the meeting time by calling (973) 376-4930 ext. 233.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

June 3rd – June 29 Art show: paintings of the local artist Haya Hadar.

July 9 – August 9 Art show: photography of Diane Dua.

Fridays, June 15 & 29 Chair Yoga. 12:30 pm

## LECTURES

Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 pm  
“Organizing Your Financial Life” presentation.

## DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, June 21, 10:00 am  
Great Books: “Common Sense” by Thomas Paine.

Thursdays, June 28 & July 12 Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

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

## FILMS

Monday, June 18, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: “Food, Inc.” (2008). Documentary.

Monday, July 2, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: “Lady Bird” (2017). Starring Saoirse Ronan.

Thursday, July 5, 1:00 & 7:00 pm International Film: “Fantastic Woman”, 2017. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Thursday, July 12, 1:00 & 7:00 pm International Film: “Fencer”, 2015. In Estonian & Russian with English subtitles.

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm  
Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club.

Every Tuesday (except April 24) Afternoon Mahjong Club. 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

Every first Saturday of the month, 11:30 am  
Needle Crafts and Fiber Arts.

## INSTRUCTION

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

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

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Fire Chief's Column

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

## GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Some of us will be starting up their barbeque grill for the season. Here are some tips to keep your barbeque fun and safe.

Each year, fire departments nationally respond to nearly 8,000 grill fires. Nearly 3,000 of those fires spread to a nearby structure – usually the house. Grill fires cause an annual average of 10 deaths, 120 reported injuries, and \$80 million in direct property damage. In half of the grill-related home fires, 86% of the time the fire started when either

the flammable or combustible gas or liquid propane caught fire.

One-third of the structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch, which is why for people living in multiple residential properties (multi-family homes, apartments and condominiums), open flame cooking devices are prohibited for use on balconies. Portable LP-gas grills are not to be stored indoors or within 5 feet of combustible portions of the building.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 5 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging

branches.

- Keep matches, lighters, and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.

- Use long barbeque mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect the chef from heat and flames when cooking.

- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

If your grill does catch fire, turn off the gas, do not pour water (or any other liquid!) on a grease fire, keep the lid closed to deprive the fire of oxygen, and call the fire department. We'll do our best to save your barbeque.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

BY GERI ANN BUJNOWSKI, PARADE COORDINATOR

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Springfield's Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade were a huge success. The biggest crowd ever says Wally Schultz, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator. We put the crowd at about 600. There were not many open spaces left in the park. The speeches by Don Auer our 2018 Grand Marshall and Gerry Gebauer, American Legion Post Commander #228 were compelling. Gerry spoke about the 100 year anniversary of World War I. Lest we forget.

Don Rathjens, Chaplain of the Post #228 gave the Invocation to begin the program. Boy Scout Joey Kilgannon led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Jurczak, National Chairman, NSDAR Scholarship led us in the Recitation of the American's Creed. Alfredo Saurini read a Prayer for Peace. The Township Committee was in attendance; so too, was our Union County Freeholder Bruce Bergen who read a Proclamation.

Joe Policastro and Rich Novak placed the POW/MIA Flag. We heard from Art Weintraub what the significance of the flag is. "It is a symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation." You are Not Forgotten is sewn on each flag. Pete Mongiello and Len Feiner placed the Memorial Wreath. Marc Krauss read the names of Springfield's Honor Roll of Fallen Soldiers. The honor roll of names is listed on the Memorial boulder in front of Town hall. There is also another memorial wreath placed there. Please take a few minutes to visit the site.

A sing a long was led by Catie Hodic, who started with The Star Spangled Banner and finished with I'm Proud to be an American. Highlights were the Jonathan Dayton High School Marching Band directed by Benjamin Krupit which gave us a musical tribute with middle school to high school students.

The Reverend Victoria Ney from the First Presbyterian Church gave the Benediction to conclude our ceremony. The Springfield Auxiliary Color Guard fired off a Three Volley Gun Salute for the fallen. Brandon Fontanes & Jeremy Quintela played Echo Taps.

Another highlight was the "field of dreams" moment when I called for any children in attendance to come up and sing You're a Grand Old Flag;

50 kids came streaming through the bushes to serenade the veterans. It was pretty magical. They put a smile on everyone's face.

The last to speak was Township Committeewoman Maria Vassallo who is Chair of the Springfield Hometown Heroes project along with Victoria Sarracino, Geri Ann Bujnowski, Devin Eadie, Fred Scott, Michael Boll to talk about the Hometown Heroes. Take a few minutes to notice there are 22 Veterans from the Civil War to Operation Enduring Freedom lining both sides of Mountain Ave from the Firehouse to the Supreme bagel. The Committees' mission is to bring recognition and honor to those who have served and who currently serve. Look for more events and information to follow.

My message to all in attendance and especially the veterans was that I wanted to make sure that we honored the men and women who served our country so well. I wanted us all to remember that some paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives and those were who we remembered today. But I wanted to make sure that the veterans knew that we will never forget what they have done for us and this nation.

The Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard led all marchers down Mountain Avenue. Next, Boy Scouts Frank Sarracino, Matthew Sayah and James McElroy carrying the Veteran flags followed by our Grand Marshall Don Auer and the rest of the contingent of Veterans. We had newly enlisted and some World War II Veterans and the oldest in attendance was 101 years old.

The Kean University trolleys carried Veterans and a few spectators down the parade route.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts had a huge presence and kept all the Scouts in line from Cub Scouts and Eagle Scouts to Daisies and Brownies. It seems the kids from the different teams; softball, soccer spread out so that everyone could see them. There was a large crowd of spectators lining Mountain Ave to support our marchers, as well as, see all the Police, First Aid Squad, Emergency Management, CERT team and Fire Department members and vehicles.

We had funny cars, an old restored pick up truck and Farmers insurance had a decorated float in the parade looking very festive with real Marines.

The Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge #2004 had a contingent of marchers, as well as, gave away 500 free hot dogs and drinks. Thank you again to this great organization. They are right here in town with their beautiful lodge and are always on the lookout for new members too. Check them out.

Girls Softball played an Exhibition game on the turf field to end the day.

All in all a great day. The weather was a little cool and overcast. Perfect parade weather.

Thank you again to all marchers, spectators, teams, clubs and organizations that marched. Linda Jurczak for directing the marchers, Linda Donnelly for helping get all the logistics in place within the township. It is a honor to work with you and it is my honor and pleasure to organize this ceremony and parade for all the veterans these last 6 years. I know they appreciate it and so do I.

Photos: Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard by Wally Schultz. Additional photos by Jesse Broome.

## SPRINGFIELD RECEIVED \$4000 TREE PLANTING GRANT THROUGH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

The Township's Director of Engineering Sam Mardini with the help of Dr. Marion Glenn, a retired Seaton Hall Professor applied on behalf of the Township for the "Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant" through Sustainable Jersey. The grant is funded by the "Nature Conservancy of New Jersey." The grant will provide the Township the funding to plant hundreds of small trees and install tree protection. The Springfield Green Team, partnering with the Rahway River Watershed Association and the Union County Department of Parks

and Recreation will be demonstrating a flood plain restoration project along Van Winkle's Brook, a tributary of the Rahway River, in Meisel Avenue Park, owned by the County of Union. Native trees tolerant to occasional flooding will be added to lawn areas of the park, and planted in the cobble-filled islands in the gravel parking lot, and in the detention basin. Those trees will replace many of the trees damaged during the last storms and will provide some help with flood control along the Rahway River basin. The trees selected for planting are a mix of Pin Oak, Silky Dogwood, Redbud, and Sycamore. We are also planting some Sweetbay Magnolias and Button Bushes.

## HADASSAH HOLOCAUST LECTURE HELD AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY ON APRIL 12, 2018



(l to r) Iris Segal, Hadassah Past President, Alice Weinstein, Hadassah President, Miriam Shiffman, cousin of Fran Molkin, Fran Molkin, speaker and Holocaust survivor, and Lorraine Seidel, Hadassah Past President.

During the late 1930's and early 1940's, Samuel Maltz lived in Sokal, Poland. He witnessed many atrocities that we often hear about during the Holocaust. The Germans entered the town of Sokal in 1941. They then proceeded to open Ghettos where all the Jews were herded in behind barbed wire. Samuel Maltz worked in the Ghetto in Sokal at the Railroad that transported Jews to the death camp of Belzec where 850,000 Jews were gassed. During this time he would slip out of the Ghetto at night and look for someone to hide his family. He found Franciszka Halamajowa who agreed to hide his family. In the back of her house was a barn, a pigsty, with a hayloft above -----There she sheltered 15 Jews for 20 months. Before the War, 6000 Jews lived in Sokal, After the War, 30 survived and she saved 15 Jews. One of them was his niece, Fran Letzter Malkin (born in 1938) who was today's speaker. Also speaking was his daughter, Miriam Maltz Schiffman, his daughter who was born in Newark Beth Israel Hospital ---a Second Generation survivor. During Fran's lecture to the audience, she described many of the events that took place around her area in Poland and her experience in staying in a hidden area until they were liberated by Soviet troops in July 1944. Fran's memory is still crystal clear today and she was very articulate during the lecture n describing her many Holocaust experiences. In 2007, Fran and her cousins returned to Sokal (now Ukraine) and made a film "No. 4 Street of our Lady" [www.streetofourlady.org](http://www.streetofourlady.org).

Thanks to Fran and other Holocaust survivors who continue to speak out today, we can continue to remind the world that this atrocity occurred and we must continue to speak out to insure that its memory is never erased. During the recent past, the former President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, spoke frequently at the United Nations indicating that the Holocaust never occurred. Additionally, some schools in France decided to remove any publications in their schools that mentioned the Holocaust since it offended some of their Muslim citizens. We must continue to hold events, such as this one at the Library, to insure that future deniers cannot continue their lies.

Thanks to Fran's cousin, Miriam Shiffman (who lives in Springfield) for helping to arrange for Fran to talk to the group.



Sam Mardini and Dr. Marian Glenn making a presentation to the Township Committee on Tuesday May 22, 2018



## SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISE OVER \$3,000 FOR JUVENILE DIABETES



**JDRF representative Stacy DiArchangel (l) receives a check from Saint James School students, Vivienne Silva, Justin Gomes, and Lillian Robbins and Grade 1 teacher, Stacy West.**

Over the last few weeks, students at Saint James the Apostle School (SJS) in Springfield have joined the effort to raise funds in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Led by Grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Stacy West, and Grade 5 teacher, Ms. Jean Feely, the students set a school-wide fund raising goal of \$3,000 and came up with many innovative ways to raise the money. The entire student body purchased over 100 paper sneakers, which now adorn the school's hallways. The Knitting Club created and sold colorful scarves, hats, purses, bracelets and headbands. Some of the proceeds from a recent Student Council-sponsored dress-down day (Dress for a Cause) were added to the donations. Students in Grade 1 organized a golf-like "Hole in One" competition during lunch time. They also hosted a Mother's Day magnet sale, selling flower shaped magnets they helped paint and decorate.

SJS students learned first-hand what it is like to live with diabetes when Mrs. West's son, Noah, who was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes several years ago, came to the school to speak with the students and share his experiences.

On Friday, May 18, at a school-wide assembly, SJS students learned that at \$3,155.40, their fund-raising efforts had exceeded their expectations. Mrs. West and her first graders presented JDRF representative, Stacy D'Archangel, a very large check created by art teacher, Mrs. Traci Burns. After receiving the good news that they had exceeded their goal, the students celebrated with a walk around the school in support of JDRF.

In the last three years, SJS students have raised over \$10,000 in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Heifer International and now the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

## POOL BUILDING

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Friday, May 25, 2018 marked the highly-anticipated opening of the Springfield Community Pool bathhouse building. As temperatures reached the high 80s, Springfield residents and pool patrons flocked to the pool for a quick swim in freshly painted pools, a free preview of the new pool building, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The ceremony kicked off with Adam Lieb, Director of the Springfield Recreation Department, who spoke about the replacement of the 55-year-old Springfield Community Pool bathhouse building. He also reminisced about his own experiences at the Springfield Pool, talking of his parents bringing him as a one-year-old in 1979. He also jokingly mentioned how he, "broke [his] very first bone here." Lieb also recognized Cornerstone Architectural Group and M. Disko Associates for their incredible architectural and engineering design of a renovated pool building and then handed the microphone over to Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering.

Mardini applauded the speed of construction, which was performed in less than 8 months, from Labor Day 2017 to today "without any service interruptions to our members." He thanked the Springfield Township for their funding and support for the project as well as Robert Barranger and Donna Miller from Cornerstone Architectural Group. He also recognized the Project Engineer and long-time Springfield resident, Mike Disko, "who led us from the beginning to the end with his expertise, commitment, and hard work." Mardini noted others who worked tirelessly on the project, who made it possible to open the building on time.

The ceremony ended with a few words from Mayor Richard Huber, who "personally thanked all past and present members of the Township Committee who put this together." He also congratulated former Business Administrator, Ziad Shehady for his time and commitment on the project.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the public enjoyed hot dogs and water supplied by the new concession operator, Dellano's, as well as music from DJ Techno Wolf. The 8,900-square foot building features modern locker rooms, bathrooms, and changing areas; fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment; dividable multi-purpose room for camps, parties, classes, meetings, and events; new kitchen and concession stand with shaded picnic pavilion; covered entry portico for drop-off and pick-up; central breezeway with natural light; new offices for front gate, managers, first aid, lifeguards, and camp; covered gathering space with built-in seating; and expanded storage areas.

## TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM, SPRINGFIELD, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS SERENADE CANTOR AMY DANIELS AS SHE RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE



**The students of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, Religious School gather around Cantor Amy Daniels as she retires to sing their thanks and best wishes to her for 30 years of service to the temple.**



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## • • • • • KAY'S HARDWARE, EPILOGUE • • • • •



**(l to r) Patriot Times Assistant Editor John Cottage, Editor Scott Seidel and Ron Kravitz**

Many of our readers will remember Kay's Hardware. Ron Kravitz, Lou Kravitz' son, the original owners of Kay's Hardware, moved to Ohio over 10 years ago when they sold the business. The Patriot Times ran a story in a past issue about Kays. With downtown redevelopment getting closer, the former Kay's building will soon be demolished. Readers may recall that the Patriot Times staff delivered a portion of the wall from the store, which had been signed by every employee over their 50 years in business, to Ron in Ohio a few years ago. Last month, The Patriot Times staff presented Ron with the "Kay's Hardware" sign from the back of the building. We secured permission from the property owner to remove it and delivered the sign to Ron Kravitz in Fairborn, Ohio. Ron was pleased to receive it as it evoked many wonderful memories of his time living and working alongside his family in the store and in Springfield. He sends his best to everyone in town!



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