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**HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:**  
**SAT. OCTOBER 31**  
**12:30pm Parade**  
**at the YMCA,**  
**1:30pm Chamber**  
**Costume Contest**  
**Followed by**  
**Springfield PTA's**  
**Trunk or Treat**

**NEXT CHAMBER MEETING**  
**OCT. 22**  
**8:30 - 9:30 AM**

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# SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES FORUM

Through the good offices of two local Springfield voluntary organizations, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, residents will have two opportunities to meet and speak with candidates for the local Township Committee in comfortable non partisan settings.

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce Meet your Local Candidates Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009, Jonathan Dayton High School, Auditorium, 139 Mountain Avenue, 7:30 PM. Doors will open at 7:15 PM. For further information, contact Patrick Paolella, chamber Co-chairman at 973.244.4515 or the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 973.912.2300.

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah Candidates Morning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 29, 2009 , the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, 10:30 AM. Since a mini lunch will be served, non Hadassah members planning to attend, are urged to call Lorraine Seidel at 973.376.5067

This year, four candidates, competing for two Township Committee seats, have been invited to participate. The

candidates are: Democrats: David Barnett and Richard Huber and Republicans: Marc A. Krauss and Jerry Fernandez.

Non partisan moderators will chair both meetings. Vocal questions will not be permitted. Pens and paper will be available for written questions, which must pertain to local (Springfield) matters and addressed to specific candidates. Questions will be collected by volunteers from both organizations.

Questions of a personal nature will not be permitted. At the beginning of the program, each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce himself and share limited biographic information that could impact upon his performance as a member of the Springfield Township Committee.

Candidates will also have an opportunity to present closing statements. All dialogue will be strictly timed. Representatives from both sponsoring organizations declared that these meetings are not debates, since the candidates will not directly respond to each other’s statements and rebuttals.

# PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2009 MUNICIPAL POOL REFERENDUM QUESTION PLANNED

Please join the Springfield Township Committee on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium for a public hearing of the 2009 Municipal Pool Referendum Question.

At the August 11th Township Committee meeting, the governing body voted to place a referendum question on the November 3rd General Election ballot.

The question is non-binding and is intended to poll the residents. We want to know if you think we should renovate and upgrade the municipal pool complex. Before we spend more money to develop plans and commit more than \$4 million, give us your opinion.

Several things need to be understood about a possible pool renovation and upgrade. First, the pool is a utility and so it is supposed to be self-sustaining. What the pool costs to operate should be paid for by pool revenue. Because the pool is so old, we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars recently to fix it.

There aren’t any specific plans in place that the voters will be agreeing or disagreeing with. Your vote will tell us whether we should move forward with more analysis, planning, and public meetings. Below is a concept sample. There are several other variations and possibilities to explore if the referendum questions passes, however the sample provides a general idea regarding the extent of the renovations for approximately \$4.5 million. Our existing pool complex is located in an area with restrictive environmental issues that make any “extreme” renovation and construction difficult. Additionally, there are financial constraints that we have to consider and the project is being scaled down to mainly include pool structure upgrades. The primary purpose and most attractive feature is the aquatic element.

Please vote on November 3rd and tell your friends, family, and neighbors. Springfield needs to be a place we call home and can be proud to live in. Unfortunately, many people are ashamed of the pool and some even register in neighboring communities. We need to offer the same amenities as our neighbors and move forward with positive changes. An improved pool facility will have a positive effect on property values and can provide you and your

family with a safe, affordable, and exciting summer. Be sure to look for the following question and interpretive statement on the ballot...

Should the Township of Springfield renovate and upgrade the municipal pool complex expending not more than \$4.5 million in so doing?

The Springfield municipal pool is a utility charged with being self-sustaining. The costs associated with operating the pool utility are paid for by membership fees and other pool program fees. The Township Committee will conduct further analysis and planning with the input of the general public through future scheduled meetings if this referendum question passes.

The result of this vote is non-binding and is intended to provide the public an opportunity to express their opinion.

**FAMILY GIVES BACK TO SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E.**

The Phillips’ family home burned down a couple of years ago and they wanted to give back to Springfield since the town was so good to them at that time.

The family ran a garage sale recently and raised over \$500 and donated it all to Springfield H.O.P.E. which stands for Helping Other People Endure.



*Donna & Patrick Phillips, with children Maggie & Patrick present check to John Cottage and Scott Seidel.*

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Message from the Mayor



Since this edition of The Patriot will be the last chance for me to mention anything about the November elections, I want to take this opportunity to make some comments. In the upcoming election four people are vying for two seats on the Township Committee; two Democrats and two Republicans. Many people think they are required to vote for the candidates as a team, while in fact you can vote for any candidate independently or for the team. Why not attend one of the events that are offered in order to meet the candidates? You will be able to submit questions about the issues that are important to you and learn which candidates share your views. Personally, I believe that politics should not play a role in who you vote for; just vote for the two people who you feel are best for our town.

Another issue for consideration during the November election is the proposed pool renovation project. It will be listed on the ballot as a non-binding referendum question. This enables our residents to express their opinion as to whether or not they feel the governing body should pursue the project. I feel the renovation of our municipal pool is long overdue. Our municipal pool was built in 1963 and has not had any major changes since that time. A modern facility with all the amenities found at other municipal pools will have a positive impact on our community and our property value. While we have seen a decline in membership over the years, other municipalities have seen increases after upgrades were made to their facilities.

Our recreation director Michael Tennaro and I visited Westfield’s pool to get input from their recreation director, since they have one of the most successful operations in the county. Westfield sells out their seasonal memberships in less then one day and has a long waiting list for openings. If our referendum is approved and we proceed with our project, Westfield will be generous enough to list our facility as an alternative for those people who were not able purchase a seasonal membership. This should help us increase our membership while still offering our residents priority in becoming members.

We will also be discussing admission changes that are similar to those of other municipalities. Residents would be able to purchase daily badges even if they are not seasonal members. Non-resident guests will also be allowed to use our facility but at a higher rate then that for residents. These are a few of the changes that have benefited other towns and hopefully will benefit Springfield. It is our intention to maintain the resident cost but increase the cost for non-residents.

I urge everyone to vote in the November election for the candidate of their choice and also for the pool project by way of the referendum question.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.

Work Shop Sessions 7:30 pm.  
followed by Regular meeting 8:00 pm.

Executive Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mon. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Emergency Management Office top floor of the Fire House at 7:00 pm.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

October 19 & November 2 - Regular meeting

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

October 15 & 29

GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

10/13 NJ REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK  
6:00 pm The Westwood  
438 North Avenue, Garwood

10/14 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING  
8:30 am Kenilworth Inn  
Kenilworth Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ

10/15 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF  
BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON  
11:45 am La Casa di Martino  
301 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park

10/20 GATEWAY CHAMBER HEALTH &  
WELLNESS EXPO

8:00 am Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel  
1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth

10/20 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA)  
6:00 pm Molly Maguire’s Irish Pub & Restaurant  
1085 Central Avenue, Clark

10/2 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 pm Lana’s Fine Dining  
1300 Raritan Road, Clark

10/22 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING  
8:30 am OEM Office – Springfield Firehouse  
200 Mountain Avenue, Springfield

10/22 LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OKTOBERFEST

5:30 pm The Deutscher Club of Clark  
787 Featherbed Lane, Clark

10/23 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS  
NETWORK MEETING

8:00 am Royce Brook Golf Club  
201 Hamilton Road, Hillsboro

10/27 LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING  
8:30 am Hampton Inn @ Aviation Plaza  
Route 1 North, Linden  
– hosted by Northfield Bank

10/28 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING  
8:30 am Hotel Indigo – Skyview Rahway  
1 Carriage City Plaza, Rahway

## SPRINGFIELD SENIORS

### SANDS CASINO BUS TRIP:

The Springfield Seniors will host a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, on Tuesday, October 20. The cost is \$25 per person, seats are first come- first served. The casino bonus for this trip will be \$20 slot cash. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

For information call 973. 912.2226.

### RADIO CITY TRIBUTE SPECTACULAR:

The Springfield Seniors will host a trip to Doolan's to see the Radio City Tribute Holiday Spectacular on Thursday, December 10. Enjoy a day of feasting, dancing, drinking, and laughter at this Christmas show. Lunch and show included. Bus departs 9:45am and returns home at 5pm. Cost is \$50 for senior members and \$65 for non-members.

### SPRINGFIELD SENIOR BUS:

The Springfield Senior bus offers rides to Springfield resident seniors for free on weekdays. There is a 9am and 12pm run daily Monday through Friday. The bus will take you anywhere within Springfield that you would like to go. The bus also holds special lunch and shopping trips monthly. October's trips are shopping at Kohls on October 8 and lunch at Dennys on October 22.

For more information or to schedule a ride call 973. 912. 2226.

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Springfield Recreation in conjunction with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Municipal Alliance and the Springfield YMCA, will host Springfield's annual Halloween Happenings:

*Saturday, October 31, 2009*

**12:30pm Halloween Parade at the YMCA**

The Halloween parade will walk to Dayton High School.

**1:30pm**

Events include the Scary bus, Chamber of Commerce sponsored Costume Contest, Trick or Treating, Music provided by the Springfield Municipal Alliance, Raffles and more!

*Following this event the Springfield PTA's will be holding a Trunk or Treat event.*

All events and times are subject to change without prior notice.

For more information please call the Springfield Recreation Department at 973.912.2226.

### CHECK THE PATRIOT'S WEBSITE

In addition to being able to review all of our back issues, we post information we receive after the publication date for events which occur during the month.

Look for new developments and more advertising opportunities on the web over the coming weeks.

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### **The Mom's Club of Springfield & Mountainside**

*is having their*

**ANNUAL VENDOR SALE & SILENT AUCTION  
December 6 from 9:00am -1:00pm  
at the Springfield YMCA.**

*This is a great way to get some holiday shopping done under one roof! Please come out and show your support. Proceeds will be donated to various local charities and groups.*

### **The Mom's Club of Springfield & Mountainside**

*is an international non-profit club for both working and stay at home mothers.*

**THE CLUB MEETS  
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

**AT 10:00 am**

**AT THE SPRINGFIELD YMCA.**

*There are many activities planned for each month, from playgroups to Mom's Night Out.*

*All mothers need a support system and the Mom's Club is a way to reach out!*

**IF INTERESTED,**

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING.**

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SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Springfield Garden Club invites all gardeners to our meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30pm. The meeting will feature a talk on Herbs in Your Garden by Gert Coleman, Past President of the Staten Island Herb Society and an Editor for the International Herb Association. She is a passionate writer and planter on 100 acres in New York State. She uses herbs and brings to us over 25 years of her experiences. She will gladly take your questions. We meet at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall. Visitors are always welcome.

Get answers to your herb questions and meet friendly people! "We Want to Help You Grow". More information? Please call 973 379 4879.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
FOOD BANK

Merynda Adams, harpist, and Christopher Collins Lee, violinist, will perform in concert with Janet Natale, soprano, at St. James the Apostle Church on Sunday, October 25, at 7pm to benefit the Community Food Bank. The program will consist of an hour of classical music by Elgar, Saint-Saens, Massenet and others. A free will offering will be collected, as well as donations of food. The Food Bank needs nonperishable, commercially produced foods packaged in cardboard or plastic containers. No alcoholic beverages, mixes, or sodas, please.

Please join us in making this concert a town wide event. St. James the Apostle Church is located at 45 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield. Ample parking is available and the church is wheelchair accessible.

PTA ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL  
ON OCTOBER 17

The James Caldwell School PTA, located at 36 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17th from 11am until 4 pm (rain or shine). This promises to be a fun filled day for everyone. For the kids we will have several rides including an inflatable obstacle course, giant slide and dunk tank as well as many games. We will have food available all day - everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to delicious baked goods. For adults, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a Tin Can Auction featuring terrific gift baskets and gift certificates. Please join us for a day of fun for the entire family. There is something for everyone!!

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB  
TO HOST SECOND BULLDOG  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Rotary Club of Springfield will be hosting a second pancake breakfast for the Dayton Bulldogs football team..

The “all you can eat” pancake breakfast will be available at a cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Senior Citizens cost will be \$4.00.

This second pancake breakfast is planned for the big rivalry game against Brearley and will take place at Jonathan Dayton High School, on Saturday, November 7th.

The pancake breakfast is a fun way of getting out and supporting our football team. Even if it is not possible for you to go to the football game, the breakfast will show support for the Bulldogs.

The feast will commence at 8:30 AM and will run until 10:30 AM. Rotary Club members will be cooking up the best pancakes in town and promise to cater this event as few are able. This is a great way to show support for the Bulldogs and help improve school spirit. It is a fun and filling event for all, and we promise that all who attend will get their fill of pancakes and still have time to get to the opening home game of the season to root on the Bulldogs.

For information regarding the breakfast call Rotarian Dr. Gary Hecht at 973-564-5885.

SCHOOL’S PARENT GROUP  
CHANGES NAME

As the 2008-2009 academic year came to an end, the members of the Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools revised their bylaws, and have decided to change their name to avoid confusion in the community.

The new name is Community Conference of Springfield Schools’ Parent Groups (CCSSPG). Their purpose is to coordinate the efforts of the local PTAs/PTSO within the community and to sponsor civic programs and projects as they apply to education.

Each PTA/PTSO has its own webpage that can be found on [www.springfieldschools.com](http://www.springfieldschools.com); the group’s is located under the Student & Parent Resources link, or you can access it directly from [www.springfieldschools.com/parentresources/communityconference.htm](http://www.springfieldschools.com/parentresources/communityconference.htm).

You can also email the group at [ccsspg@gmail.com](mailto:ccsspg@gmail.com) with any questions and to request to join their e-mail list. If you have any school questions or concerns, please contact the school’s building principal.

GOLD HITS ALL TIME HIGH  
– CASH IN

**GOLD BUYING EVENT**  
*Hosted by The Springfield Lions Club*  
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The three-session classes, given free of charge, are being offered on three consecutive Monday evenings—October 26, November 2 and November 9—at 7:30pm. For those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of Jewish tradition or for those who may be searching for an entrée into Jewish life, the course covers the Jewish perspective on spirituality, values and community. This program is sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism. Pre-registration is required.

For further information or to register for A Taste of Judaism, contact the Temple office at (973)379-5387.

HS PTSO SEEKS VENDORS  
FOR THE FALL BAZAAR

Springfield- Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO will host a fall bazaar on Saturday, October 24th from 10am to 4pm.

The Fall Bazaar with vendors and crafters will take place in the main gym, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

The cost per 6' table is \$30 or if you provide your own table \$25. Contact us via email at [jdptsofallbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:jdptsofallbazaar@gmail.com)

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**Tastes of Fall**  
Oct. 10th & 11th  
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**Costume Contest**  
Oct 24th 2 pm- Prizes!

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# FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Take Pride in Springfield Committee held its first Fall Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 20, 2009. The weather was perfect, the band and food was great, and the kids loved the petting zoo and pony rides. One of the many vendors was Greg Delano of ATA Martial Arts, owner and 2005 state champion, who is shown breaking wooden boards for donations made by the public for each board he broke. He matched the amount paid for each board he broke with his fist with his own funds and donated the total amount to the Springfield Project HOPE. All who attended had a great time.



Hecht Family Chiropractic: John Cottage Jr., Amy Roselle and Dr. Gary Hecht

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Auxiliary Police Corporal Ron Mitnitsky

# HECHT CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION

After practicing in Springfield for over 13 years, Dr. Hecht recently moved his practice to the historic railroad station on Mountain Avenue, built in 1905 as a station on the Rahway Valley Railroad.



(above, l-r) Pictured at his Grand Opening on September 27th are Dr. Hecht, his wife Robin, and his children, Jeremy and Danielle. Also Mayor Bart Frankel and Springfield Chamber Treasurer John Cottage.



Never Odd or Even: Justin Rudolph, Bass Guitar; Jared Wohl, Lead Guitar & singer; Joe Bonasorte, Lead Guitar & Kyle Gagliardi, Drummer

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2009 LEAF COLLECTION IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

The onset of autumn is here and the leaves will soon be falling once again. We at the Public Works Department would like to advise all homeowners that the leaf collection process for 2009 will be the same process that has been employed since 2005 when the institution of new stormwater regulations necessitated minor changes in the collection process. The basic tenets of the 2009 collection program are listed below.

- Residents and landscapers may begin placing leaves in the curb area, either loose or in paper recyclable bags on October 26.
- After the first curbside collection no loose leaves can be placed into the curblane for a period of five days. After five days have elapsed, leaves can once again be placed in the curb area for another collection.
- Leaves cannot be placed within ten feet in any direction of a curbside storm drain (catch basin).
- Do not place any debris, (rocks, branches, sticks, etc.) in the leaf piles. If debris is found to be in a pile, that pile will be passed by and not collected until such debris is removed by the homeowner or landscaper.
- The Department will not collect any leaves that are placed in any type of plastic bag.

Following these simple rules will ensure that the upcoming collection process will be as problem free as possible for everyone. Please convey to your landscaper that these rules will be enforced and should follow your instructions and comply with the simple rules stated above.

The Department will canvass the Township by sections. For an estimate of when leaves will be collected in a particular section please call the DPW at 973-912-8483.

Residents who are late in putting leaves out for collection and miss a pick up, be advised that we will be back. In the event of an early snowfall, we will extend the program accordingly.

GREENING SPRINGFIELD EFFORT KICKS OFF!

On September 23rd, the first public meeting of Greening Springfield took place. There was a great turnout, despite the fact that JDHS held their Back to School night on the same night. Twenty four people were in attendance representing a cross-section of the community: the Township Committee, the Environmental Commission, the Board of Education, the Springfield Garden Club, the Springfield Historical Society, business owners, and concerned citizens. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the community to the Sustainable Jersey program which Greening Springfield volunteers will implement.

The meeting was led by Lori Sandler, chairperson of Greening Springfield, who began the evening with a talk on what “sustainability” means. She made the point that for a community to be sustainable, it must not only survive, but thrive. This can be achieved through various actions which aim to preserve our environment, promote our local business, and enhance our quality of life.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel spoke about the importance of education in shifting mindsets in our community. In particular he mentioned recycling, admitting that he is the “Recycling Czar” in his own home. He stressed the need to go into the schools and teach the kids about recycling and stressed the importance of the Town putting more recycling bins in our fields.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mary Reilly, Green Team Leader of Cranford. Mary spoke to us about the formation of Sustainable Jersey, what other towns are doing and her experience in Cranford. Two hundred and three municipalities have now registered with the program. Those registered are eligible for grants and other funding to implement some of the measures outlined. Cherry Hill has been very pro-active in sustainable actions in the town and has received 1 million dollars in grants!

Sam Mardini, Springfield Assistant Township Engineer spoke of the actions that have already been done in our town for which we can receive



Above (l to r): Sam Mardini, Lori Sandler & Larry Burns hand out Greening Springfield information at the Fall Harvest Festival.

Sustainable Jersey “points”. They are: the Cut It and Leave It grass program, the installation of a Rain Garden in front of the Annex Building, and recycling in our Municipal Building. He also discussed two actions he is currently working on getting grants to fund: an energy audit of all municipal facilities and assessing a “carbon footprint” of all municipal facilities and operations.

The last part of the meeting was devoted to generating ideas from the attendees as to areas they felt were most important to begin implementing. The room was brimming with conversation and many ideas were presented. Four committees were established: Recycling, Education, Energy Audits and Green Business Recognition.

For an explanation of what these committees are looking to accomplish please visit our blog at [GreeningSpringfield.blogspot.com](http://GreeningSpringfield.blogspot.com).

There you can sign up to participate or present new ideas. We are also looking for volunteers who have expertise in solar energy. Lori Sandler or Sam Mardini can be reached at [GreeningSpringfield.springfield-nj.us](http://GreeningSpringfield.springfield-nj.us).

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## Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

### STAY FIRE SMART, DON'T GET BURNED!

Staying fire smart plays a big role at home, work and school. Everyone should be sure to keep up on identifying hazards that can cause fires. Everything from carelessness with open flames to failure to maintain fire alarm systems can be the source of a fire emergency. There are a wide variety of situations that have potential for disaster if you are uneducated about them. That is why this year's topic for Fire Prevention and Education is Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned!

From October 5th through 23rd, the Springfield Fire Department will be visiting all our public and private schools to help the community be more "fire smart." The main purpose is to make people realize what they can do to prevent fires and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- Never leave food unattended on the stove or in the oven. This is the number one cause of house fires!
- Have your chimney and heating systems inspected annually.
- Make sure to clean your dryer vent and do

not leave the dryer running when you aren't home or are asleep.

- Keep lighters and/or matches out of the reach of children.
- Open flames such as candles or fireplace fires should never be left unattended and should put out before you leave the room.
- Space heaters should be kept 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Turn off all space heaters when leaving home.
- Have an exit plan and stay familiar with exits when in any building.
- Have smoke alarms in proper working order and make sure batteries are changed twice annually.
- Practice family fire drills and have a designated meeting spot.

This year, the Springfield Fire Department will be hosting its 2nd annual open house at Fire Headquarters on Saturday, October 24th from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a tour of the fire house, refreshments, games for the kids, and a visit from Sparky, along with a vehicle extrication demonstration. We hope to see many of the township residents at this event.

## ST. JAMES 5TH GRADERS REFLECTING BACK



Mrs. Ponterio's 5th grade class at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield showcase their creative models of Colonial America on the first day of school! Mrs. Caroline Ponterio helps her students to broaden their understanding of American History through these projects. This gives them a more insightful appreciation, a greater knowledge, and a perceptive understanding for their freedoms and for what they have now.

## IT'S CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SCHOOL!



Mrs. Mary Saggio and her third grade students at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield proudly pose for a picture on the first day of school. It was a cloudy day but you can see a lot of sunshine on these faces! The students were asked to create a diorama to represent the books they read over the summer. One of the books the students were asked to read was "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"!

## FOUR CENTURIES IN SPRINGFIELD



(above) Historic Cannon Ball House

There will be a very special opportunity for history buffs this year when once again Springfield's celebration of Four Centuries in Union County will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 210 Morris Avenue. Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 17th and 18th.

Due to the unfortunate and prolonged closing of the Historic Cannon Ball House, while we raise funds for necessary structural repairs, we invite the public to visit the Church from which Rev. James Caldwell distributed the Isaac Watts hymnals to the American troops ("Give 'em Watts, boys!") during the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780. An actual hymnal is on display in the Church, which was burned during the British retreat, rebuilt on the original foundation and rededicated in 1791.

Also on display will be many artifacts from the Historic Cannon Ball House and costumed docents will provide the historical background of the Church, the House, and the Battle. Guarding the Church since 1905, is a statue of a colonial soldier which stands on the smallest state park in New Jersey. Across Church Mall is an early burial ground to explore; one of several nearby with beautifully carved stones by local masters of the art, each with a story to tell about those who rest beneath them.

Hours are Saturday, October 17th from 10am – 4pm and Sunday, October 18th from Noon to 4pm. For further information, please call Springfield Historical Society President, Margaret Bandrowski, at (973)-376-4784.

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**MOTHER GOOSE GROUP (MGG):**

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**Friday, Oct. 9 @ 10:30am**

**Tuesday, Oct. 13 @ 10:30am**

**Friday, Oct. 23 @ 10:30am**

**MOTHER GOOSE GROUP... ENHANCED**

In addition to our regularly scheduled Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie, we have Katie Sofranko, ASL American Sign Language interpreter for these dates:

**Saturday Oct. 17 @ 10:30am**

**Thursday Oct. 29 @ 10:30am**

**EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

Full day Saturday hours resume on September 5th.  
Sunday hours resume October 4th.

**Every Monday Afternoon from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Coffee & Crosswords

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

Scrabble Night

**OCTOBER**

**ALL FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER: DROP-IN STORYCRAFT**  
for ages 4-7 @ 3:45pm.

**TEEN VIDEOGAMES, grades 5 and up.**

**Drop-in each Wed in Oct @ 3:45 – 5pm.**

**Monday Oct. 19 @ 10:30.**

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Video presentation – Abraham Lincoln:  
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**Thursday, October 15th, 10:15 a.m.**

Great Books Discussion Group – The Secret  
Sharer by Joseph Conrad

**Thursday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m.**

Springfield Garden Club presents Black  
Gold: How to Compost - Lecture

**Thursday, October 15th, 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Trustees meeting

**Friday, October 16th, 10:30 a.m.**

Emerald Financial Services presents  
Understanding Long Term Care.

Pre-registration required. Lunch will be served  
to attendees at the conclusion of the program.

**Friday, October 16th, 1:00 p.m.**

Friends of the Library Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, October 21st, 7:00 p.m.**

Lecture—Lincoln the Politician: Myths & Realities  
By Professor Eugene Lieber

**Thursday, October 22nd, 12:00 noon**

Lunchtime Video on a special day

Sidney Poitier stars in this film adaptation of Lorraine  
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**Saturday, October 24th, 2:00—4:00 p.m.**

Artist's Reception—Michal Barkai

**Sunday, October 25th, 2:00 p.m.**

The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln  
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**Monday, October 26th, 10:00 a.m.**

Knit Wits Knitting Group

**Tuesday, October 27th, 12:00 noon**

Radio & the Great Depression

A Lecture by the Old Time Radio Man Henry L. Morse

**Wednesday, October 28th, 7:00 p.m.**

Lecture—Lincoln, Emancipation & the Civil War in  
New Jersey by Professor William Gillette

**Thursday, October 29th, 7:00 p.m.**

Film Discussion—Movies for Halloween by Bill Levy

**NOVEMBER**

**Monday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m.**

Film Discussion

Unforgettable Cinematic Politicians by Bill Levy

**Tuesday, November 3rd, 11:00 a.m.**

Wii Bowling for Seniors

**Tuesday, November 3rd, 12:00 p.m.**

Lunchtime Video – Ben Kingsley as Iranian immigrant  
trying to buy the American dream.

**Thursday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m.**

Really Good Book Discussion Group

Petals of Blood by Ngugi wa Thi ong'o

**Sunday, November 8th, 2:00 p.m.**

Theatrical Performance – Dorothy Canfield

Fisher's The Bedquilt performed by Michele LaRue

**Monday, November 9th, 10:00 a.m.**

Knit Wits Knitting Group

**Monday, November 9th, 7:00 p.m.**

Documentary Film – TBA

**Tuesday, November 10th, 12:00 p.m.**

Old Time Radio Man Henry L. Morse presents

Who was that Masked Man?

**Thursday, November 12th, 10:15 a.m.**

Memoir Writing Group

**Thursday, November 12th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

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**Sunday, November 15th, 2:00 p.m.**

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