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FIREWORKS GO OFF TO A RECORD CROWD ON THE 4TH!



Despite a week of on and off rain soaking the area prior to the 4th, Mother Nature once again cooperated and provided a dry, if not hot day on July 4th. With a record crowd of 3500 to 4000 people on the field, there was plenty to do for children with a petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train and inflatable rides from 5 to 830 pm. Everyone got to relax and listen to two nationally known bands, the 1910 Fruitgum Company and Barbara Harris and the Toys. Despite the heat, due to the favorable response from the crowd, Barbara Harris sang a few extra songs and the fireworks commenced at 9:40 PM. As a result, the audience viewed some adjacent town's shows which started a little earlier and were able to see that ours were better!

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FIRST JAZZ CONCERT A SUCCESS!



Mel Kevoe, BID Board Member (left) poses with the Jazz Lobsters during an intermission.

Despite being the hottest day of the year, residents and business owners alike came out to enjoy the sounds of some cool jazz on Thursday evening, July 18. They were treated to the music of

"The Jazz Lobsters" and "QED". The sponsor of this, and two more upcoming Jazz Concerts (8-8 & 8-15), is the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID) and the idea of BID Board member Mel Kevoe of Mack Camera & Video. Mel is a member of the NJ Jazz Society and suggested the idea at a recent meeting. Mel put the program together quickly and it seems to be very popular. The Township Committee agreed to allow outdoor seating on each of the three nights for food establishments as well as the closing of a portion of Center Street for one of the bands. Although one band did not show up due to the heat, the other two bands had many people stop by and listen to the music. The first concert coincided with the last day of the BID's three day "SAVOR Springfield Program". The SAVOR Springfield program is a promotion where fourteen local restaurants and food establishments offered a 15% discount and the BID provided the

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**A Patriot
Exclusive!**

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Message from the Mayor

As we reach the halfway point this summer, I hope all of you are enjoying time with friends and family. I know many residents have been enjoying barbecues and cookouts during the warm summer weekends. There have been complaints about the garbage pickup being only once per week. This change, enacted late last year, was done in the best interest of the town. While it is not a perfect schedule, changes can be made moving forward (most notably, moving the pickup day to the beginning of the week instead of the end of the week). Unfortunately, these changes will not take effect until next year (once they are approved later this year).

Last month, I touched on some various misunderstandings circulating around town about back issues related to the turf field. A wise man once referred to the election season as "silly season". It seems it has started earlier this year than in years past. No member of the current committee has done anything to hamper or stall this project from reaching its completion. There have also been overstated complaints about rampant problems at the municipal pool. Upon further investigation with staff, residents, and our health department, most of the complaints were found to be baseless or one time occurrences. I think it is unconscionable to willingly spread misinformation that hurts our town's reputation strictly for political (or other) gain. I commend the township employees for all the things they are doing well and continue to do well.

The township committee will be meeting only twice this month, the 19th and the 20th. We will return to our regular schedule of three meetings in September. We will still be actively engaged in the day to day happenings in town through email and cell phones. In this regard, we can thank technology!

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our email [first name.last name]@springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

JULY 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

The workshop meeting was held on its normal Monday night at the firehouse on July 22nd. We reviewed reports from the township administrator, police and fire chiefs, public works and recreation department heads, our township CFO, and our township engineer. There were two intense discussions with heavy public interaction: one involved the current garbage pickup schedule. Anthony Cancro, our township administrator was scheduled to meet with the company providing garbage pickup the following morning, at which time he would ask questions about increasing summer pickup to twice per week or as an alternative moving the once per week pickup to Mondays and Tuesdays. The other intense discussion concerned conditions at the Springfield municipal pool. Following the meeting, there were changes implemented by Michael Tennero, our recreation director, the next day at the pool. Feedback received later in the week showed overwhelming support for the changes put into place. Several members of the committee, including myself, have stopped by the pool to discuss issues with both staff and residents. We will continue to monitor the pool situation but based upon the majority of the feedback, the issues were more isolated instances than common occurrences. Additionally, health concerns discussed during this meeting proved to be unfounded by the health department.

The first legislative meeting of July was held on Tuesday, the 23rd. We adopted an ordinance which clarifies inconsistencies in our parking ordinance whereby certain paragraphs contradicted other paragraphs. We approved resolutions authorizing repairs at town hall, installation of three backup generators at municipal properties, the acceptance of grant monies, a police officer promotion (mandated by the current contract in effect), continuation of the contract for upgrades to the Chisholm Senior Center, township computer upgrades and maintenance, pool upgrades, the hiring of one emergency management personnel (previously a temporary full-time personnel position), the hiring of a replacement part time fire inspector, and the refinancing of our one year bond anticipation notes (at an unbelievably low rate of 0.36%!). Additionally, we approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep the township of Springfield running smoothly. All in all, a typical month! The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses:

David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us, Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us, David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us, Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us, and Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us, or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 10 & 24, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

PLANNING BOARD - 1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW - 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH - 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.
All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

THE BID AT WORK

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Township Works with BID to Receive \$90,000 in Local Demonstration Project Grant Monies

In June 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) joined with the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency to create an Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities. In the context of the federal partnership, HUD created the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program in an effort to support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, infrastructure plans and to empower jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic growth and revitalization, access to opportunity, public health, and environmental impact simultaneously.

The Township of Springfield working with the Springfield Business Improvement District proposed to the State, as the local demonstration project, the development of a comprehensive strategic transportation plan to underpin and enhance the revitalization process of the local retail and commercial districts. Springfield was notified last month that they were selected to receive this grant and implementation of this project has begun.

This Local Demonstration Project will consist of a visioning exercise to adopt "walkable downtown" ideas to land in Springfield, which generally includes the redevelopment area as well as commercially used or zoned lands along Morris Avenue, Springfield Avenue and Main Street. The LDP project will be done in conjunction with the Township's ongoing redevelopment plan process and will result in recommendations that address mitigation of the auto-oriented nature of the area, bus route and stop locations, increasing the footprint of the downtown, environmental issues (such as the presence of flood prone areas), and integration of the arts. The Plan will build upon the market analysis and retail assessment previously commissioned by the Springfield Business Improvement District and completed by the JGSC Group. The NJ TRANSIT Bus Planning Unit is involved with this project due to the significant presence of busses in the

Study Area and NJDOT will be involved due to the presence of State roads. The objective is to create a Vision Plan that the Township can use in its preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for the Study Area (currently underway) and that addresses concerns regarding walkability, bikeability, bus routes, and flooding.

BID REVIEWING MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FEES

A BID committee reviewed the Municipal Parking Lot fees. The committee compared the existing fees to surrounding towns charges. The committee recommended keeping the fees as they presently are, \$.50 per hour at lots 2 & 3 and \$1.00 at lot 1. They suggested keeping free parking after 6:00 pm, during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays and on Sundays.

The committee also recommended that the Township Committee review the fees charged to businesses for employee parking. They felt that it is important that employees not park on the street, but park in the parking lots in the rear of stores.

MARKETING

"Savor Springfield" and "Jazz Concerts ..."

"Savor Springfield" on Thursday, July 18 was a great success. Many of the food oriented businesses in Springfield offered 15% off on that day.

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATES!

The BID hosted a Jazz Concert on July 18 to coordinate with the Savor Springfield promotion. Even though it was the hottest night of the summer, many people showed up to listen to music on Morris Ave and Center Street and at 201 Mountain Ave.

The BID will be hosting one more concert on August 15 at these same locations.: Centre Street and Morris Ave, Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, 201 Mountain Ave, and in front of Springfield Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall. We look forward to seeing you there!

SPRINGFIELD APP

Springfield Businesses will be receiving a letter that will explain the App and how they can benefit from its use. We will be asking businesses to review their listing and let us know if there are any corrections. Businesses will be able to enhance their listing at an additional fee. We expect the app to become a central source for residents, putting Springfield in the palm of their hands.

The App is a work in progress and we hope to make it the resource for anything happening in Springfield.

AMERICAN IDOL PERFORMER TO OPEN FREE SUMMER CONCERT ON AUGUST 12TH

On Monday night, August 12th, NICOLE VANESSA ORTIZ, a performer from American Idol Season 5, will open for Jay and the Americans and The Tokens (see Flyer on Page 9) by singing the National Anthem, and perform two other songs, with her father, MICHAEL D'AMORE, known for performing "THE PRAYER" (originally by A. Bocelli & C. Dion).

Nicole Vanessa Ortiz, who was born and raised in New Jersey, developed a passion for the arts at a very young age. Her biggest artistic influence since childhood was none other than the legendary Whitney Houston alongside other iconic artists such as: Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Luther Vandross, Celine Dion and many more.

Today she currently stands as the 1st Grand Prize Winner of Empire City Casino Lucky Break Season 1, 1st Grand Prize Winner of "Wendy's Next Great Voice" 2012 on the Wendy Williams Show, 2012 Super Top Dog Finalist of Amateur Night at the Apollo, and 1st Place winner of Amateur Night Goes to London at the Apollo. As a result of winning 1st Place she has had the opportunity to appear on Good Day New York, win a trip to London, England to perform at the Hackney Empire Theater, and has recently been seen on BET's new TV Reality Talent Show "Apollo Live" singing "I Will Always Love You" in tribute to Whitney Houston. Michael D'Amore has been a professional vocalist for the past 24 years based out of the New York metropolitan area. Having performed in several genres, Michael eventually found himself drawn to the harmony of the Classic R & B and Doo Wop sounds. Michael currently

performs as a one man show in the area as well as playing with several bands.

Springfield's Free Summer Concert is made possible by donations from several sponsors. Our major sponsor, is **investors Bank** whose generous donation made this concert possible. Doors open at 630 pm at the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium and the concert starts at 730 pm.

MICHAEL P. NAZZARO, JR. OF SPRINGFIELD CHOSEN TO LEAD DISTRICT OF ELKS - USA

As members of the Elks-USA from across the nation gathered in Reno, Nevada, from July 14th – 18th, Michael P. Nazzaro, of Springfield, was installed as District Deputy to the Elks National President for the lodges in the East Central District of the New Jersey State Elks Association.

Nazzaro was installed at the Order's 149th Elks National Convention currently under way in Reno, Nevada, where over 7,000 members and guests were present. He will serve a one-year term.

More than 42,000 members belong to 115 Elks lodges in New Jersey. Nationally, the Elks give almost \$350 million annually in cash, donations in kind, and volunteer service. In 2011-2012, for example, the BPO Elks gave \$8,500,000 in college scholarships, \$8,800,000 to youth programs, and \$6.5 million to communities from Community Investment Programs, while veterans' activities were supported in the amount \$40,689,000. Your local Elks lodge fulfills the Elks' longstanding commitment to provide help for the disadvantaged and programs for veterans and youth in their communities.

FIREWORKS *(continued from front page)*

Hey, Why Do I Have To Pay \$5 For The Show???

Some people questioned the \$5 charge for the events on the 4th. It's been many years since an article was done on how and why the Fireworks actually occur in Springfield, so we will briefly go through the history. The 4th of July Committee Co-chairs, Scott Seidel and John Cottage Sr., were appointed to the task by the Township Committee in 1978 and are still running the event today. From the mid 1950's up to 1978, the Fireworks were run by a nonprofit corporation of 13 people. In May of 1978 the group came to the Township and cited numerous issues which were preventing them from continuing. Only 4 of the original members were still around and they were in their 70's. They too had problems with the donations they collected at the gates and they simply could not pay for the fireworks with their collections nor were they able to "scrounge" around for additional funds. So, in 1978, the prior 4th of July Committee announced they would not continue and asked the Committee to either find someone to take over or stop having fireworks. Remember, back in 1978 it was just fireworks with no other activities. Mayor William (Bill) Cieri came to John Cottage (then Civil Defense Director) and Scott Seidel, (then Civil Defense Radio Officer) and asked them to temporarily take over until a permanent committee could be found. Bill neglected to mention that several other groups and departments within the Township had already turned him down! When reached for comment in Vermont, John stated "Well, we're still waiting to hear who will take over permanently!" Over the years the July 4th Celebration evolved into its present form. It started as just Fireworks, moved briefly to the Sandmeier School in 2000 when Meisel Field was declared off limits due to an environmental problem, and then moved back to Meisel Field a few years ago. When Township Committeeman Sy Mullman formed the "Take Pride in Springfield Committee" in the late nineties, the celebration expanded, first to include music and then rides for children. According to Co-Chair Scott Seidel, "One year, after suggestions from the public we should do a full day event, we started our program at noon with a full day of carnival rides, raffles and arcade type games. Of course that was the year it was 100 plus degrees and no one ventured out until the early evening. After that we figured out that it's hot on the 4th and any events are better left for the evening!"

So, why \$5? The music and rides cost money. The bands, sound system, generator & stage cost almost \$7000! Rides for kids, another \$4500. The fireworks cost over \$11,000 as well. These "hard" costs have to be paid somehow. Corporate Sponsor money only goes so far. Our few corporate sponsors are a big help and without them we would have to cut back. JMK BMW AND FIAT has been a strong supporter of the Fireworks celebration for many years.

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce is also a major contributor, both financially and with volunteers. Pat Paolella, Chamber Co-Chairman commented "Quite a few of our members and all our Chamber Officers came out to help that night at the gates to assist". Other sponsors include Cardinal Land Properties, Union Center National Bank, Hecht Family Chiropractic, No Body Denied and the Springfield BID.

And of course, volunteer help, the people helping at the gates, the Springfield First Aid Squad, Chamber of Commerce Volunteers, the Springfield Office of Emergency Management CERT & OEM Volunteers and the Springfield Auxiliary Police, all give up their 4th to make this event a safe and enjoyable one for you. If we had to pay for those services without donations and sponsors, the event would simply not occur. In addition, the \$5 which has been in effect for over 15 years, (and how many things have not increased in cost since then!) would be much higher to cover all of the costs. For those people arriving at 5 PM and taking full advantage of all the inflatable rides, the train, the petting zoo and the pony rides, there isn't a better deal around, and add the concert and the fireworks - it's a real bargain!

So, we thank EVERYONE who came out that day and donated to the cause. Without all of your help, the celebration could not continue. If you would like to help on the 4th please give us a call. If you have ideas for the Fourth, we welcome them too.

Don't forget our FREE Summer Concert on August 12th at the High School with Jay and the Americans and the Tokens. Doors open at 6:30PM - and the price is right thanks to our major sponsor **investors Bank**, and additional sponsors, The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Mack Camera & Video Service, Javerbaum & Wurgaft, Cardinal Land Properties, Allstate Insurance, Hammer Dental, B'nai Brith, DRG International, Hecht Family Chiropractic and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC.

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opportunity to win a \$250 Visa Gift certificate as a grand prize for participating customers. Mike Scalera, BID Chairman and owner of the local State Farm Insurance Agency commented, "The BID is working in several different directions. We have long term and short term goals and the SAVOR Springfield program is one we started last year and expanded with a Jazz Concert on the last night of the program in 2013." BID Co-Chairman Scott Seidel also noted "That while the extreme near 100 degree temperature on July 18th kept people from sitting outside and eating at restaurants along Morris Ave., the crowd grew quickly as people finished their meals inside and came out to listen to the music. Several residents were even dancing in the street!" Springfield OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz kept ice cold water on hand at all 3 locations for the volunteers from OEM and the Auxiliary Police who helped with set-up, traffic control and logistical support.

One more concert may have occurred by the time you receive this paper, but one more remains for Thursday August 15. The three locations are Center Street at Morris Ave., Church Mall at the Presbyterian Church Driveway and the third location is the front lawn of Hecht Family Chiropractic at 201 Mountain. The concerts run from 630 to 830 pm. The rain date is the following Thursday, August 29. Come out and keep cool with some Jazz!

MANAGING YOUR GARBAGE - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO

Almost everyone has had to deal with smelly garbage, a common annoyance. Garbage containers are some of the most useful household devices although - they can quickly become unpleasant. Hot and humid weather always seems to bring out the worst in the most unpleasant odors. Garbage containers may smell at this time of the year if steps are not taken to minimize the potential odor. Any organic item like poultry and other meat wrappers can go from a slight smell to a strong odor within a few hours when the temperatures begin to increase.

Sometimes the garbage may leak out of the bag and into the garbage can. The smell may be hard to get rid of since it has soaked into your garbage containers. When hot water and soap will not remove the odor, there are natural ways to clean the area and eliminate the terrible smell.

A clean and odor free garbage containers is very important for the health of your home as well as the people in it. Garbage containers do not need to spread an aroma from the smelly garbage containers that are often placed in them. While these smells may be strong at times, they are relatively easy to manage and eliminate when they occur.

Here are a few natural suggestions that should leave your garbage containers smelling clean and fresh:

Clean with Vinegar - Vinegar is a very effective cleaner and sanitizer, vinegar works well at eliminating smells as well. Cleaning with vinegar is extremely safe and generally cheaper than cleaning with commercial cleansers. If you have a smelly garbage can or a smelly area from spilled garbage, simply dilute the vinegar with a little bit of water in a spray bottle, then apply the mixture to the area and wipe clean. This may take a few applications if the smell continues to linger. If you have an unpleasant odor that has spread to an entire room instead of a concentrated area, then simply leave a bowl of undiluted white vinegar in the room overnight to absorb the smell.

Baking Soda - Baking soda is a great product to use to absorb odors. If you have a metal trash can, it is suggested that you place the baking soda in a plastic container without a lid and leave that in the bottom of your trash can overnight to absorb odors. If you have a plastic trash can, you can place the baking soda directly in the trash can and replace it each time you empty your garbage containers.

Citrus Peels - Lemons, oranges and other citrus fruits have a wonderful clean aroma associated with them. Simply taking the peels of these fruits and placing them in your garbage can is a very effective deodorizer. Remember to make sure the peels are relatively dry before placing them into your trash can to prevent quick growth of bacteria.

Coffee Grounds - Coffee has a very powerful scent that can instantly mask the odor of smelly garbage. Adding some fresh coffee grounds to your trash can overnight can help mask the tainted odors within your trash can.

Cleaning out your trash can every time you throw out the garbage will greatly reduce the odors you bring back into your house. If you do not clean your trash can regularly it begins to produce a very unappealing odor caused by the growth of bacteria. This may not be the most appealing job in the world, but it will make an exceptional difference in the cleanliness of your home.

When using plastic garbage liners inside your garbage containers, you should consider the earth friendly type.

Here are some suggestions:

Earth Friendly Trash Liners are intended to be composted in a municipal or commercial facility, compostable trash liners make it easy to contribute to a cleaner environment. Click here to check out an assortment of available brands and sizes. There are sizes that will fit the standard compost caddy, tall kitchen trash can and even lawn and grass bags.

What about animals that may be attracted to my garbage area?

An effective wild animal control program can employ methods that are relatively easy, inexpensive, and effective. The successful elimination of animal infestation in or around a dwelling usually depends on three separate procedures: sanitation, animal proofing, and the eventual elimination of animals. Sanitation conducted for the control of animals involves both the eradication of any food source for the animals as well as the elimination of all harborage areas. One of the most prominent food sources for animals is garbage. The routine storage of all garbage in animal -proof containers is a vital aspect of any animal control program.

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Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee tournament to be held on Thursday, AUGUST 22, 2013 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. Detailed information on the outing is available at 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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Elevating Homes To Protect From Future Storms

What New Jersey Homeowners Need To Know About The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Elevation Program

In order to protect New Jersey communities from future storms, Governor Christie today launched a \$100 million grant program to assist homeowners elevate their homes. Targeted at homes in the nine counties hardest hit by Sandy, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Elevation Program provides up to \$30,000 of reimbursement for eligible homeowners to elevate their primary single-family residences. Elevation will both lower the risk of flood damage and reduce flood insurance premiums. The program is being paid for by FEMA funds.

What You Need To Know About Program Eligibility:

- The primary single-family residence must have been owned and occupied by the homeowner at the time of Superstorm Sandy;
- The program is limited to homes located in the 100-year floodplain in the Sandy-impacted counties of Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Union;
- Homeowners targeted for buy-out under the State's HMGP acquisition program are not eligible to apply;
- There are no income requirements and FEMA registration is not required.

How To Apply For A HMGP Grant:

- The application period opens July 22, 2013 and closes on September 15, 2013;
- Online: Log on to www.renewjerseystronger.org;
- By phone: Call 1-855-SANDYHM (1-855-726-3946);
- In Person: Visit a Housing Recovery Center, located in each of the nine most-impacted counties (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union);
- Method of application will not affect status or likelihood of selection.

Helping New Jersey Homeowners Most At Risk Of Future Flooding:

- Because the HMGP Elevation Program is designed to mitigate against future flooding events, applications will be prioritized by flooding risk and by level of Sandy-related damage;
- Risk groups are defined by how much higher a home needs to be elevated to meet New Jersey's design elevation standards:
 - The first group will be homeowners who need to elevate more than 8 feet above the standard. The next group will be those who must elevate five to eight feet above the standard. The final group will consist of those needing to elevate less than five feet;
 - Within each risk group, applications are further prioritized based on storm damage from Sandy. Homeowners with major damages of more than \$8,000 or more than one foot of water on the first floor are prioritized over homeowners with less than major damage or no damage. If the number of applications received exceeds the available funding, then an electronic random ordering of prioritized applications will be used to select applicants to move forward in the review process.
- The calculation of HMGP Elevation assistance takes into consideration the cost of elevation and other funding the homeowner has received for elevation from other sources such as insurance, FEMA, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and nonprofit organizations;
- All elevation projects must be deemed cost effective by FEMA and must comply with all environmental and historic preservation laws and requirements;
- Federal regulations disqualify homeowners who have already begun or completed elevation work from receiving HMGP Elevation assistance however, work to repair the home or in furtherance of making the structure "elevatable" does not disqualify;
- Homeowners who accept HMGP Elevation Program assistance can use any elevation contractor registered in New Jersey that is qualified to do the work;
- Once all necessary documents are received and the home elevation is completed, the homeowner will be reimbursed for all eligible expenses.

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JUNIOR DAWGS RAISED \$2,727 TO BE USED TO PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS



Genarro Matute (#11) and Justin Carrier (#3) of the Springfield's Junior Dawg Youth Football Organization pose on July 4th in front of one of several businesses where they sold Flags to raise money to purchase an Automatic Defibrillator for their team.

Last year the team raised money to purchase more advanced football helmets to help reduce (Not eliminate) concussions and better equipment, this year they wanted to add portable Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) to their list. At \$1,200 to \$1,400 per AED - the goal was to at least obtain enough funds to purchase two each year for the next three years for all 6 teams. Springfield Coaches who assisted running the Flag Event, Cindy Apicella and Hilary Turnbull, commented, "It is times like this that make you feel proud to be a Springfield resident and realize that although small, your town comes up "big" to help others in the Community.....Especially its children. Although it started out a bit slow, I am very proud to say that we raised \$2,727 this year !! Which may just be enough for the program to purchase 3 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) this year! Hopefully, over the next few years we can add a few more so that each team at every level has one on the sideline at practices and games."



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On June 25, the Township Committee approved the first and hopefully annual, "Town - Wide Garage Sale". The Township Committee waived registration and permit fees for the community garage sale scheduled on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 from 9 am to 6 pm. Plan now and hold the sale on the same day as your friends and neighbors. The purpose is to have a coordinated community event to get people to explore Springfield and appreciate the pride of Springfield! There is no registration or permit fee.

E - Mail us at communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us and let us know the date(s) and address of your garage sale. To date the following locations are participating:

Road	Date(s)
18 Essex Road	August 18
84 Lyons Place	August 17
2 North Derby Road	August 17/18
18 Eton Place	August 17/18
87 Edgewood Avenue	August 17/18
97 Edgewood Avenue	August 17
12 Perry Place	August 17
85 Battle Hill Ave	August 17/18

HONOR ROLL QUARTER 4 JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL/2012-2013

Grade 12 - Rita Basak, Charles Robert Bohannon, Michael Borkenstein, Salvatore Francesco Butera, Catherine B Coleman, Matthew Cypcar, Tara Marie Don, Jacquelyn Esposito, Joseph Michael Fiorenza, Heather Kristen Fritzen, Lea Marie Ginefra, Alexandra Julia Golden, Brandon Seth Goldfarb, Luke Wachter Heleno, Matthew Jurczak, Adam A Kennedy, Elyssa Hannah Kerstein, Matthew Leibowitz, Jordan Lee Levy, Michaela MacLean Loesberg, Stephen J Lynn, Shannon Carol Meyer, Danielle Paoella, Carlos Perez, Nina Marie Petrilli, Isaiah Rogers, Michael Paul Sandford, Christopher Scalzo, Matthew Seale, Amanda Stein, Maia Stoicovici, Abdullah Tirmizi, Rachel Usdin, Jessica Chanliecco Videna, Erick Joseph Warman, David Gary Yablonsky, Nicole Tara Yellin

Grade 11 - Austin Alfano, Nicole Athan, Lauren Ashley Bell, Tyler Jonathan Citrin, Zoe Shira Cook-Nadel, Devin Damast, Nicole Dash, Andrew Delia, Marissa Marie Demartino, Thomas Feld, Giovanni Filippone, Jayna Gathers, Jarred Easton Graber, Nicole Marie Grafanakis, Noah Guber, David Hampton Harris, Gregory Herman, Ariel Kalati, Naomi Karlin, Brandon Kolton, Rachel Lalette, Betty Levi, Daniel Micolta, Taylor R Miller, Nilu Nixon, Casey Ryan Olohan, Kyle Ostfeld, Jamie Alyssa Paolino, Alexander Popescu, Justine Quow, Munif Morshed Rafid, Bethany A Ralston, Nancy Rocha, Cristina Marie Rodriguez, Bailey Jay Rudolph, Leslie Seby, Nicole Shehady, Erkan B Sidar, Kaelin Mary Stoll, Stefanny Marlene Vargas Masis, Michael Bryan Wang

Grade 10 - Jason Rene Tagle Alfiler, Nnenna Anyanwu, Sebastian Calvo, Krystal Casas, Mallory Clinton, Patrick Thomas Drummond, Alexander Jesse Frei, Nicole Gamboa, Caroline Haskins, Hailey Alexandra Kaplan, Stephen Andrew Keffer, Rachel Konesky, Conner Chase Krumholz, Andrew Walter Lashuk, Michelle Martins, Jacqueline Mattoon, Kishan Dilip Patel, Melissa Catherine Pearl, Raheel Shah, Joseph Sonza, Benjamin Steel, Rachel Marin Trinker

Grade 9 - Angela Arpino, Lewis Jordan Balfour, Dyesha Simmone Best, Sam Block, Olivia Jeanne Cacciato, Megan Carrie, Marissa Chusid, Hailey Clinton, Levon Cooper, Ariadna Cordova, Veronica Del Valle, Alec K Delehanty, Beatrice Concepcion Dimaculangan, Danielle Jenna Doren, Brian Jason Efrus, Jacob Ehrlich, Jakob Spencer Elgrably, Michael W Evans, Lucia Gambuzza, Elizabeth Giambattista, Noah Edward Goldberg, Zachary Joshua Gollin, Dylan Gomes, Amy Lauren Hom, Jesse Klarfeld, Daniel Kolton, Zoe Kornspan, Andrea Lubao Magdangal, Lauren Mancini, Christina Lynn Margotta, Drew Evan Meyerhardt, Gregory Murphy, Priscille Ann-Melissa Myrthil, Devin O'Brien, Adam Paoella, Johanna Christina Roman, Jordan Alexander Rudolph, Victoria M Salguero, Rachel Hannah Sherman, Jolene Frances Sinclair, Diana N Siuta, Molly Tompson, Ariela Vega, Christina Zavis, Samantha Zingerman

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL/JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL QUARTER 4 2012-2013

Grade 12 - Doa'a H Abdelaziz, Catherine Rodrigues Araujo, Teresa Arpino, Andrew George Batallas, Stephanie Bleiwise, Benjamin Jacques Chabanon, Sara Channaoui, Ariana Christine Conte, Matthew Ryan Disko, Ilyssa Frank, Lindsey Blake Gaon, Joshua Gutkin, Nicholas Guzman, Nicole Paya, Frances Marie San George, Dawn Wilkenfeld

Grade 11 - Sabrina Ann Bibbo, Ethan Stanley Crasto, Gianna Izzi, Soniya Sailesh Patel, Reese Utz Petersen, RicciBrooke Rajoppi, Jessica Rose Rothbard, Andrew Jacob Shanes, Dana Torovezky

Grade 10 - Michaela Delviscovo, Laila Yovanna Fernandez, Margaret A Hopkins, Josh Kadish, Jacob Lowy

Grade 9 - Isabella B Barilla, Matthew David Barrasso, Julianne Delia, Zachary Freeman, Timothy Saunders Golden, Jordan Mattoon, Amy Lynn Mc Laughlin, Erik Mortensen, Christine Jessica Podberezniak, Henri Reiher, Isabel Serrano, Christian Triunfo, Vernon Chanliecco Videna, Neli Vorobyov

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL/ JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL/ALL FOUR QUARTERS

Grade 12 - Andrew George Batallas, Benjamin Jacques Chabanon, Lindsey Blake Gaon, Dawn Wilkenfeld

Grade 11 - No students • **Grade 10** - Josh Kadish

Grade 9 - Zachary Freeman, Vernon Chanliecco Videna, Neli Vorobyov

B'NAI B'RITH HONORS INVESTORS BANK



(l to r) - Kevin Cummings, President and CEO; Roza Nedelkova, Vice President and Summit Market Manager; Joseph Tenenbaum, President Springfield B'nai B'rith; Mary Rose Genovese, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager; Michael Tyrone, Vice President and Union/Clark Senior Market Manager; Daniel Murphy, Assistant Vice President and Springfield Branch Manager, at award presentation.

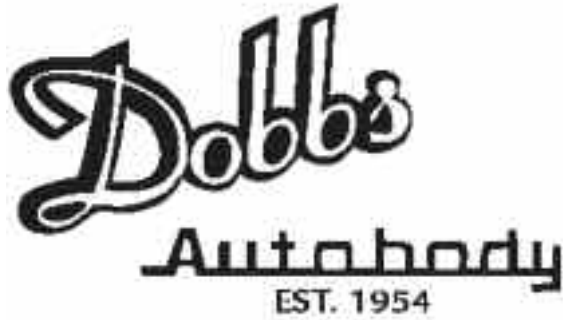
More than 130 men and women recently joined in honoring Investors Bank and its management at the Springfield B'nai B'rith lodge's 57th annual dinner-dance at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, for the bank's dedication to the communities it serves.

Kevin Cummings, the bank's president and chief executive officer accepted the lodge's prestigious B'nai B'rith International Citizenship and Civics Award. The presentation was made by Joseph Tenenbaum, the president of the lodge that covers all of Union County and beyond and is one of the largest B'nai B'rith lodges in the United States.

Tenenbaum said wherever Investors has offices the bank plays an important role in that community.

Cummings, in accepting the award, expressed his pride in his bank's community role. He also noted the outstanding 170-year history of B'nai B'rith in the United States and the world.

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SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL DONATE A NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN TO THE TOWNSHIP

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce voted in June to donate an electronic sign board to the township. The electronic sign will replace the existing sign at the town hall and allow for more and varied messages to be displayed. Pat Paoella, Chamber Co-chair, noted "Right now, someone has to physically go out to the sign and manually change out the letters. Messages are limited to the letters in stock and the fixed amount of letters available and of course, weather conditions!" Scott Seidel, Chamber co-chair and the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator, noted "This sign will give the town the ability to display important messages to the community during emergencies and disasters in a timely manner and increase the amount of message content if needed. We learned from recent emergencies, both during "Irene" in 2011 and "Sandy" in 2012 that the ability to get messages to the public during an emergency by all means possible is vital." We would like to thank all the business members of the Chamber and our many sponsors from our fund raisers for supporting us and making this donation possible. In past years, in addition to the Chambers regular annual projects like the 4th of July, Street Fair and Car Show etc., the Chamber has donated the sign placed in front of the Firehouse, the Town Clock, pavers and benches at Patriot's Park and now this new electronic sign.

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SATURDAY (AUGUST) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER) 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Please Note That The Library Will Be Closed
On Sundays In August And September.
The Library Will Be Closed On Monday,
September 2 In Observance Of The Labor Day

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Hurry in for your last chance to participate in the Summer Reading Club! Our Middle School and High School winners will be chosen on August 10. Have you been giving yourself a gold star for keeping up with a nightly math activity from BedtimeMath.org?

MOTHER GOOSE GROUP with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Tuesdays: August 6, 13, 20; Fridays: August 9, 16, 23 at 10:30 a.m.** Also: Tuesday Sept 3 and Thursday Sept 5 @ 10:30 am.

Storytime Yoga Friday August 30 @ 10:30 am

Last Gasp Origami 3:00 on Tuesday August 6 to learn some new origami patterns. Materials provided.

Youth Chess for ages 9 to 12 Mondays August 5 and 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. For students who know the game.

Board Game Bonanza! Monday through Friday August 12 to 16—Every day this week from 3:00-5:00 p.m. we'll host a bonanza of board games for all ages!

Bedtime Math Monday August 19 @ 7-8pm for ages 4 to 7; Thursday August 22 @ 7-8pm for ages 6 to 9. Sign up for a Pajama Party at the Youth Services desk — solve Wacky Math Problems, play Monster Dominoes and Terrifically Twisted Tangrams. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! (Parents must remain in library for students ages 8 and under)

Storycraft for ages 3 to 7 Wednesdays August 7, 14, 21 @ 10:30 A story and a craft; caregivers must be present.

School Prequel!

Tuesday Sept 3: Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 and Board Game Bonanza is back! All ages @ 3-5pm.

Wed Sept 4 Storycraft @ 10:30 am and Big Screen Movie @ 2pm Super Buddies

Thursday Sept 5 Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 and Big Screen Movie @ 2pm Teen Beach Movie

Fri Sept 6 Fit 4 Kids @ 11am and Big Screen Movie @ 2pm Oz the Great and Powerful.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays, August 16th & 23rd and September 13th
- Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon
12:30 pm

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

Thursday, August 29th, 11:00am-12:30 pm
Bone Density screening by Overlook Medical Center Healthy Avenue Van. Fee \$10.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursdays, August 22nd and September 12th
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman
10:00 am

FILMS

Monday, August 19th, 1:00 pm - Lunchtime Film
- Books into Films: John Grisham Novels: "The Chamber", 1996.

Tuesday, September 3rd, 1:00 pm - Lunchtime Film
- Books into Films: John Grisham Novels: "The Rainmaker", 1997 - Thursday, August 15th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm International Film Festival - "A Simple Life" (2011), Cantonese.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Monday, August 26th and September 9th
Knits Wits Knitting Group 10:00 am

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

INSTRUCTION

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

Springfield Flood Mitigation Meetings

- Thursday, August 8, 2013
- Thursday, September, 5, 2013

**7:30 pm at Sarah Bailey
Recreation Center**

FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY SEEK DONATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 2013 BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library will hold their annual Book Sale August 8-11, 2013 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Donations of clean, well kept, hard cover and paperback books, post cards, DVD's/CD's and talking books, and educational toys and puzzles may be brought to the library July 29 – August 7. Small donations may be brought to the library's circulation desk. For larger donations, please call 973-376-4930 ex 221 to arrange for a drop-off. Please place large donations in small to medium sized cartons. Books in poor condition, Readers Digest Condensed books, and text books are not saleable and will not be accepted. Recent popular magazines are accepted all year long for sale in the library's lobby.

There will be a preview sale on Thurs., Aug. 8, 10am – noon for members of the Friends. Memberships will be accepted the day of the sale. Memberships start at \$10. The Public sale will begin at noon on Aug. 8. Sale hours are: Thurs. Aug. 8th noon – 4pm, Fri. Aug. 9th and Sat. Aug. 10th 10 - 4, and will end with a bag sale on Sun. Aug. 11th noon - 4pm. On Sunday, each filled bag will cost \$5 and the Friends will provide the bags.

The sale will also include a selection of costume jewelry. Donations of costume and fine jewelry and watches are accepted all year long at the library's circulation desk. The Friends Annual Jewelry Sale will be October 18-20, 2013 with members' preview sale on October 17.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up, sale, and clean up. Those interested in helping with the sale should call Bill Holmes at 973-379-9637 or email him at global3032@yahoo.com.

COME CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM *SPECIAL FREE FAMILY EVENTS OPEN TO ALL*

Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield invites the community to celebrate the 5774/2013 High Holiday season with our Temple family. Our doors are open to you! Please join us for these upcoming free family events:

- S'lichot, Saturday, August 31, 7:30pm
- Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 4, 8pm
- Tashlich Service at Briant Park, Thursday, September 5, 2:30pm
Bring the kids for the brief ceremony of "Tashlich." We sing as a community, listen to kids blow their shofars and think about the key themes of the High Holidays as we symbolically cast our sins (with bread crumbs) into the water.
- Rosh Hashanah Service, Friday, September 6, 10:30am
- Yom Kippur Children's Service, Saturday, September 14, 2:15pm
- Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Saturday, September 14, 3:15pm
- Yizkor & Concluding Service (Ne'ilah), Saturday, September 14, 5pm

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please consider spending your holiday at our home and make new and lasting spiritual and social connections.
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★ ★ ★ Join us for Shabbat Under the Stars~Friday, August 9 ★ ★ ★
Services start at 7:30pm; Bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE FREE HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

- S'lichot, Sat., 8/31 at 7:30pm • Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wed., 9/4 at 8pm
- Tashlich Service, Briant Park at 2:30pm • Rosh Hashanah, Fri, 9/6 at 10:30am

YOM KIPPUR, Sat, 9/14

- Children's Service at 2:15pm
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MANAGING YOUR GARBAGE (continued from page 4)

A sufficient number of receptacles must be provided to hold all garbage that normally accumulates. The garbage containers should be rust resistant, water tight, have tight-fitting lids and kept clean. The interior of receptacles can be kept free of organic buildup by placing all garbage in plastic bags and tightly sealing them before placing them in the garbage containers.

This practice also effectively reduces fly breeding and odors. Other food sources in and around the home include fruits and nuts which have not been harvested or that have fallen from trees, garden vegetables and berries left to rot on plants, bird seed which falls from feeders and accumulates on the ground and dog droppings not properly disposed of in the trash. A frequent source of food for animals is pet food which is not completely consumed or left out overnight. Outdoor pets should be fed only what they can readily consume at each feeding. Food dishes should be placed away from vegetation in areas which can be kept clean.

Elimination of harborage where animals hide or nest is a critical step in any successful animal control program. Tall grass, mature brush, ivy and other dense ground plants, and untrimmed shrubbery provide excellent harborage for animals. Residents should sufficiently thin ground plants, trim shrubbery to allow at least 12 inches of open area beneath plants, and remove dead leaves from the trunks of palm trees. The following link by the Humane Society may also be helpful: <http://www.wihumane.org/wildlife/documents/WL-WildAnimalsinGarbageCansDumpsters.pdf>

In summary, managing your garbage is not as difficult as you think: 1. bag any organic item like poultry and other meat wrappers and tie tightly; 2. put in earth friendly trash liners, keep it closed tightly; 3. place garbage in a rust resistant, water tight garbage containers, with tight-fitting lids and keep clean; 4. keep garbage containers out of the sun in hot weather.



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SPRINGFIELD LANDMARK CLOSES!



(l to r) Rich Duante, Chris Cifuentes and Alfie Delos Santos of Kay's Hardware

By the time this issue of the Springfield Patriot hits mailboxes, Kay's Hardware on Morris Ave will be closed. A Springfield landmark for over 60 years, the hardware store has been in the same location since the 1950s. Originally known as Springfield Hardware and operated by Ike Freedman, the store was purchased in 1962 by Lou Kravitz who, from 1950 to 1962, owned and operated Kay's Stationery at the corner of Morris Ave and Caldwell Place. It then became known as Kay's Hardware and Stationery and eventually just Kay's Hardware. It was operated by Lou, his wife Rhoda and son Ron until they sold it in May of 2004 to the current owners. When contacted in Ohio by the Patriot Times, both Ron and his father Lou, who is now 92 years young, were very sorry to hear that Kay's will be closing. That sentiment is undoubtedly shared by the many Springfield residents who found that a local hardware store with great customer service was an advantage over the big box stores of today.

According to Kravitz, there was a section of the wall in the basement of the store that had been signed by every employee of theirs over the years. The Patriot has secured this valuable artifact and will deliver it to Kravitz at his home in Ohio.

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2) Operations. Money is needed to ensure we have the ambulances, equipment, and supplies to provide you with the highest level of care and comfort we can. As our equipment ages, repairs and replacements must occur in a timely fashion without disrupting our ability to treat and transport our patients.

3) Training. The State of New Jersey no longer provides funding for the required education of volunteer EMTs. However, it is our duty to provide you with an ambulance staffed by fully qualified and capable responders. Ongoing training allows us to do so.

We remain committed to providing our patients with quality, uninterrupted emergency medical care, and appreciate your continued support as we make this transition toward greater stability and sustainability.

As always, we are in need of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in joining, please contact us. In addition, your continued donations remain tax-deductible.

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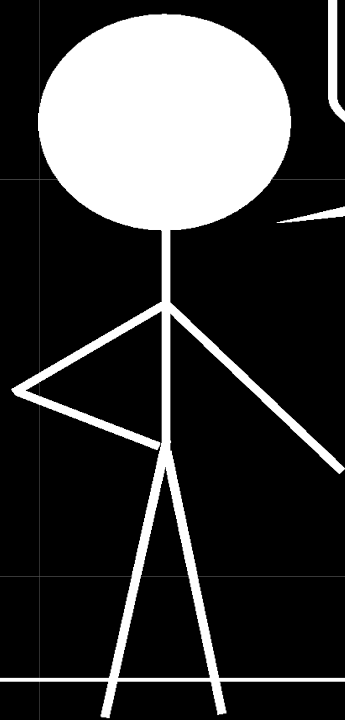
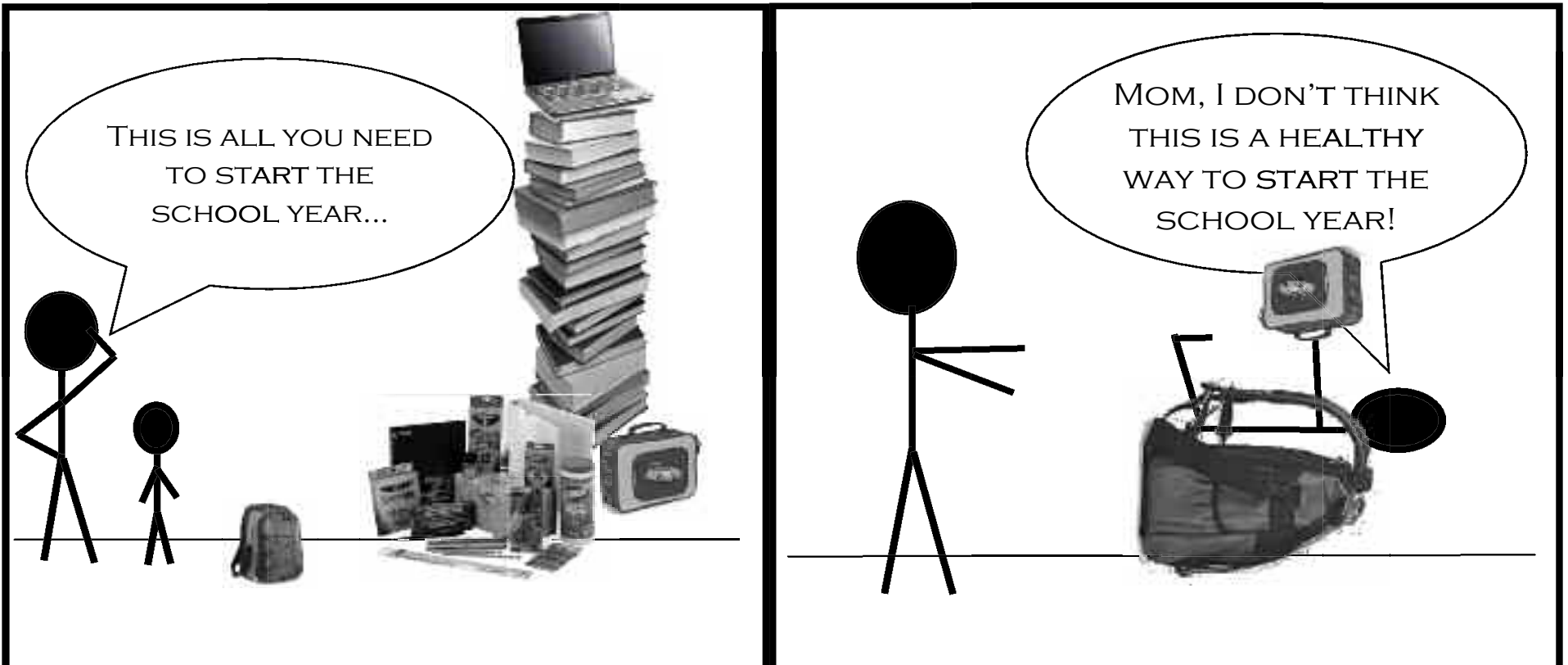
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JOSEPH CAPPA INDUCTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

On June 30, 2013 Joseph Cappa was inducted as President of the Springfield Rotary Club. Joe has been a member of the club for over 20 years dedicating his time by the motto "service above self". We are all looking forward to other good year serving the community and our vocational work. The induction was held at the home of Seth Hammer another past President. The other officers for the club this coming year is as follows. Secretary Paula Kaiser, Treasurer Jesse Arteché, and President- Elect Rosalinda Perez.



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Springfield's dedicated Congregational Nursing Program has been proudly serving every Jewish organization in town for 15 years, including the members and extended families of all three synagogues--Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, and Temple Israel. The program is so well-received, it has become a national pilot for Jewish communities around the country.

The Congregational Nursing Program--administered and managed by Jaclyn Herzlinger RN, a member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, and Andrea Cook RN, from Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael--provides valuable wellness, physical and mental health services--free of charge--to the township's Jewish residents. Ms. Herzlinger and Ms. Cook are trained in the specialty of Faith Community Nursing in addition to their other specialties.

The program holds blood pressure screenings throughout the year. Nurses follow up on each identified problem. They offer topical and informational workshops. They call back distant worried relatives. In addition, nurses have accompanied people to doctor appointments and surgeries, provided internet assistance to assure accurate information, offered medication

assistance, suggested involvement of other health specialists such as physical or occupational therapists, given referrals for doctors and hospitals, called doctors to clarify orders or describe client reactions, suggested equipment additions or changes, done in home safety checks, provided bereavement services, helped families set up home health care systems, and much more.

During the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, a nurse knocked on the door of at-risk or single residents they knew and could not reach by phone. A Congregational Nurse stood by nervous parents as they administered insulin injections for the first time at home to their newly diagnosed juvenile diabetic. A nurse checks the window signal in the home of a widowed congregant daily because she worries about his safety.

Nurses also advise religious school principals, do training programs for their faculties, and students, and assist in the community at the request of other clergy or emergency services.

For information, medical help, or advice, contact Jaclyn Herzlinger RN, jackieherz1@gmail.com or call (973)376-0539. All calls are confidential.

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the first Saturday of every month, grass
clipping can also be brought to the
Community Pool location.

SPRINGFIELD 2013 SUMMER COURT SCHEDULE AUGUST

Monday - 5:00 P.M. August 12 • August 26
Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. August 7
August 21(Red Light Camera)



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

I am asking all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times to take a moment to read this column offering tips that may prevent you from becoming the victim of crime.

In mid-July, during the very early morning hours of the day, three individuals drove to Springfield in a stolen motor vehicle and their intent was to steal property from the cars of residents that were parked in residential driveways. The thieves chose the area of Henshaw Avenue and at approximately 4 a.m. they systematically walked from one driveway to the next seeking out parked cars that were unlocked. They then entered the unlocked cars stealing everything and anything ranging from GPS units and other types of electronics to sunglasses or coins. In all, these subjects were known to have entered at least 16 separate cars over a three block area. They utilized a backpack to carry off all of the items they had stolen which had an estimated value of several thousand dollars.

Upon the completion of their crime spree, these subjects took a motor vehicle belonging to a resident that they intended to use for their transportation out of town. This vehicle was left unlocked in the driveway but was in a one car length driveway where it was up against the garage door with another locked car behind it. Most people would think that this position would prevent any theft attempt but they would be wrong. Thieves will just drive back and forth, usually striking other vehicles or the house to drive off which will also result in damage to the lawn and/or any fencing. This was the case here but the noise of the car striking the house caused the residents to call police headquarters.

My patrol officers swiftly arrived and began to search the residential neighborhood which ultimately led to the stolen vehicle being observed on Shunpike Road and pursued to the area of Hillside and South Springfield Avenues where the stolen vehicle deliberately drove head on into one patrol car and subsequently struck a second. Then, with absolutely no concern for the safety of the public, they all jumped from the moving vehicle allowing it to drive through a gas station and onto South Springfield Avenue without a driver. My officers were unharmed but the thieves were able to temporarily flee on foot.

Although these thieves tried to hide in darkened residential areas, my officers, along with assistance of officers from other neighboring towns, were able to apprehend two of the three and they recovered all of the items stolen from motor vehicles. My detectives have been able to identify the third suspect who was able to initially evade capture and through their follow-up investigation, they have also been able to identify most of the recovered stolen property as

belonging to 16 separate town residents but other items unclaimed may indicate there are more persons who lost property but chose not to call the police.

I would like all readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times to just take one moment to be aware of some very easy crime preventative measures to thwart being the victim of the aforementioned type of crime. Foremost is to always remember to lock your car doors whenever you park your vehicle, especially when it is parked in your driveway overnight.

At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime. Exterior motion sensor type lights by your driveway will make it more difficult for thieves to break into your car as these subjects want to stealthfully go from one car to the next so they stay clear of either making noise or, through activating sensor lights, calling attention to their activities. External lighting always limits the ability for thieves to covertly be able to work on trying to check for open car doors or windows or when rummaging through a vehicle interior. Even when my officers go into a residential neighborhood on foot and late at night while searching for criminals the officers rely on indicators such as activated sensor lights or the barking of dogs to lead them in the direction that these suspects had taken in their attempt to flee.

Motor vehicles when parked, even in your driveway overnight, should have all of the doors locked and the windows fully closed. Eliminate visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units left atop of dash boards or a pocket-book, a computer case or a cellular phone on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in. Do not leave items such as cellular phones, computers, wallets or pocket books in your car overnight and especially do not leave your car keys as in this type of motor vehicle burglary scenario the suspects will first enter an unlocked car and they will then search the entire interior to look for anything they feel may be of value.

As highlighted in this column, the overwhelming majority of thefts from cars parked overnight in residential driveways in Springfield have the thief merely going from driveway to driveway checking to see if the doors on parked cars were left unlocked.

Much as the thieves will pass up locked cars, they also will pass up those cars that are in a driveway and display a red or other color blinking light on the dashboard area as they know that this indicates the vehicle is alarmed and the alarm is set.

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times should be aware that the best deterrent to these types of property crimes is for residents who see or hear anything or anyone they deem to be suspicious to immediately contact the police department and to relay the activity they observed so police officers can immediately respond to investigate the situation. Only by the mutual cooperation between residents and the police department can we together try to prevent these crimes before they are committed and apprehend those who try.



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Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

AVOIDING MICROWAVE FIRES AND BURNS

Microwave ovens have simplified cooking and reheating foods in homes everywhere. However, according to the National Fire Protection Association, microwave use results in thousands of home fires each year. Microwave burns cause more emergency room scald burn injuries than any other cooking device. One third of these scalds involve children under five years of age.

With such widespread use of microwaves by people of all ages, it's important for consumers to know how to use them safely. The Springfield Fire Department wants to give you simple tips to help prevent microwave fires and scald burns:

Read the manufacturer's instructions before using a microwave oven.

Plug the microwave directly into an outlet. Using an extension cord can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

Use only microwave-safe cookware.

Open food heated in the microwave slowly, and hold it away from your face to prevent scalding from steam.

Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven because it heats liquids unevenly. Heat baby bottles in warm water.

Never use aluminum foil or other metal objects in the microwave.

If you have a fire in your microwave, turn the oven off immediately and keep the door closed. Do not open the door until the fire is completely out. Have the microwave serviced before using it again. When in doubt, get out of the home and call the fire department.

Please be mindful that even foods cooked in the microwave present a risk of burns. If you are burned, this injury requires immediate attention. First, put the affected area in cool water for three to five minutes. Then, cover with a clean, dry cloth. If the burn is bigger than your fist, or if you have questions about caring for the injury, seek medical attention right away.

These safety tips can help make sure that you are using your microwave oven safely. For other fire safety topics, please visit the Springfield Patriot at www.springfieldpatriot.com/ and look under monthly archive to reference other fire safety topics. Or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment).

TOWNSHIP TAKES ACTION TO PURCHASE LESS EXPENSIVE ELECTRIC FOR ITS RESIDENTS

The Township Committee voted to authorize the purchase of less expensive electricity through an auction process under a state law called Energy Aggregation. The Township hired Jersey Energy Group (JEG) to act as an energy aggregator to establish an energy aggregation program to purchase electricity for residential and non-residential customers in Springfield. The bulk or aggregated price for the customer base in Springfield "will increase the likelihood of lower electricity rates" according to the state law.

JEG will do an extensive education campaign for Springfield electric customers over the next 60 days. The auction will occur once the education process is completed, and if the auction rates are lower than customers are currently paying for Jersey Central Power & Light electricity, the Township will authorize a contract for a set period of time. Those customers that already have a third party electric provider will not be affected by the energy aggregation program. JEG will work with Princeton Public Affairs Group to ensure a thorough and comprehensive outreach program to inform and educate Springfield's electric customers.

The first town hall meeting is August 7 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall located at 100 Mountain Ave. A second town hall meeting will occur on September 10 at 6:30 PM also at Town Hall. More information will be available on the Township web page at <http://www.springfield-nj.us>, the Township Facebook page and in the Patriot newspaper.

SPRINGFIELD STORM IS NUMBER ONE!

On July 23rd, the Springfield Storm U10 softball summer travel team, brought home the Championship Title for Springfield in the 10 and Under National East Division of the Parkway Invitational Softball League. Their record for the season was 10-1 in the Parkway League.



Photo by: Nancy Janker

Pictured from bottom row left: Victoria Delia, Kaya Mahy, Abby Wilson, Gabrielle Harrington, Casey Janker; middle row left: Ashley Campos, Kolby Dagner, Rachel Rodrick, Janna Wohl, Jessica Miller, Jordan Sievert; back row from left: Krista Delia, Tony Delia, Anthony Campos, Glenn Wohl, Laura Delia and Jim Wilson. Absent for the photo, team member Rachel Taylor.

SPRINGFIELD CONTINUES EFFORTS TO CLEAN STREAMS TO MINIMIZE FLOODING

The Township has undertaken three major stream cleaning projects. The projects are listed below.

1. Vauxhall Branch/Rahway River Clearing & De-snagging Project
CMS Construction was awarded a contract by the Township of Union to undertake joint project between the Township of Springfield and the County of Union. The work has been completed in late May 2013. The Rahway River just north of the Morris Ave Bridge, to the triple arch bridge now has three unimpeded openings to pass floodwaters. The stream bank has been recontoured, top soiled, seeded, and held in place with turf reinforcement matting. Trees have also been planted. The contractor has removed all excavated material to landfill. The Township made a financial contribution and that of the County of Union helped greatly with the good results obtained. A good team effort.

2. Alvin Terrace Stream Cleaning Project
Approximately 500 feet of the stream at the end of Alvin Terrace has been de-silted. The work is the first phase of several to clean and de-silt the entire stream which started on January 25, 2013 and was completed in one week. This contract was awarded to Caporaso Excavating, a Springfield contractor. He worked side by side with the Township's Department of Public Works on removing debris and de-silting the stream to original condition.

3. Tooker Avenue Drainage Easement Cleaning and De-silting Project
Approximately 600 feet of the drainage easement between Tooker Avenue and Salter Street from Lyons Place to Ruby Park has been cleaned and de-silted. The work also started on January 25, 2013 and was completed in one week. This contract was awarded to Caporaso. He worked side by side with our Department of Public Works to remove debris and de-silting the drainage easement to its original condition.



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8/5- 8/26 - \$25

Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us with any questions

MATTHEW JURCZAK ATTAINED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT



An Eagle Court of Honor was conducted on July 25, 2013 to honor Matthew Jurczak, son of Stephen and Linda Jurczak, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Less than 5% of all Boy Scouts achieve this rank. Matthew's brother, Stephen Jr, also an Eagle Scout, conducted the Eagle Charge.

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle, Matthew progressed through six ranks; earned 29 merit badges, including 11 Eagle-required badges: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Camping, Family Life, Personal Management, and Emergency Preparedness; served six months in a troop leadership position; planned, developed, and gave leadership to his service project which refurbished and replaced the front and garden fencing at the Historic Cannon Ball House, home to the Springfield Historical Society located at 126 Morris Avenue, Springfield; took part in a Scoutmaster conference and successfully completed an Eagle Scout board of review.

At his Court of Honor, Matthew recognized the 24 scouts, adult leaders and volunteers who helped with the project as well as the following local donors for contributing financially: The Rotary Club, The Lyons Club, The Springfield-Hillside Elks, Hecht Family Chiropractic, Lowes, and his family.

A 2013 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Matthew will be pursuing a career in Physical Therapy. Matthew is the grandson of Joseph and Sylvia Jurczak of Mountainside and Janice and Jerome Bongiovanni of Springfield.

For more info about Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73, visit scoutlander.com click on directory, scroll down to the New Jersey sections to the Troop 73 link.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR IN OUR JULY ISSUE, WE INADVERTENTLY PUT THE WRONG COPY UNDER PHOTO. CORRECT PICTURE AND COPY BELOW

ALEXANDER WOZNIEWICZ HIGHEST RANKING AT HIS EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW



Alex Wozniewicz, left, getting his Eagle Scout medal pinned to his uniform by his father, Ed Wozniewicz and Troop 73 Scoutmaster Rick Locke presides over the awards ceremony

Alexander Wozniewicz, 16, of BSA Troop 73 earned scouting's highest ranking at his Eagle Board of Review, and was presented with this award recently at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Only four percent of scouting participants attain the coveted Eagle rank. Alexander Wozniewicz has been a member of the Springfield scouting community for almost six years, having "crossed over" from Cub Scout Pack 73 in 2009. Alex was also elected to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, in 2012, where he currently holds the Brotherhood rank at Woapalanne Lodge 43. To date, Alex has earned a very impressive 117 Merit Badges.

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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri
Residents of Springfield, NJ



My name is Richie and I have to tell you I am a big fan of trucks! Having the pleasure of owning a trucking company, hauling cars enables me to not only test drive my favorite vehicles, but to buy them too! I have visited Autoland twice in the past two years and purchased two cars from them. I had a smooth deal not once, but twice! When I purchased my '12 Toyota Rock Edition Tundra from Autoland, I was probably a salesman's worst nightmare - I wanted it all and within days it was all there! Autoland even came to my house and hand delivered special mats, rain guards, and all the rest of the goodies I wanted. I could not have been served any better!

- Richie, Springfield NJ

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