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A RECORD CROWD AT JULY 4TH FIREWORKS



A record crowd of almost 4000 people partied and rocked to the music of the 1910 Fruitgum Company and Barbara Harris and the Toys at Meisel Field on July 4th. Perfect weather proved the stage for Springfield's best fireworks display in recent years. Both groups famous for their late 1960's #1 songs had the crowd dancing along with the music for almost two full hours!! The event, sponsored by The Township of Springfield, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, corporate sponsors, JMK Auto Sales, BMW & SAAB, Cardinal Land Properties, TD Bank, Hecht Chiropractic, No Body Denied, and Springfield Rotary was a huge success quoted 4th of July

Committee Co-Chair Scott Seidel. "Thanks to the generous donations of all the corporate sponsors and the audience, we will be back next year!" added John Cottage, 4th of July Committee Co-Chair. Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce co-chairman Pat Paoella worked one of the gates and said despite the largest crowd he'd had ever seen on the 4th, everything went smoothly that evening without incident. The Chamber of Commerce moves on to its next big event the Free Summer Concert to be held at Jonathan Dayton High School on Monday, August 8th at 730 PM "featuring Gary Lewis and the Playboys".

BEAR SIGHTINGS IN SPRINGFIELD



The police department has been contacted by residents of various residential areas in Springfield over the past week with reports of bear sightings in the residential areas. In response to these reports a police officer is dispatched to the last known location of the bear in order to prevent any confrontations between the bear and persons or their pets. The sightings all pertain to a single bear being observed as they are mainly solitary animals unless it is a mother bear with her cubs. In the sightings in Springfield the bear observed each time is a black bear that appears to weigh approximately 150 pounds.

The NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife which is part of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection will not respond to capture a roaming bear unless it is found to be acting in an aggressive manner or has attacked persons or attempted to break into a house. The bear sightings in Springfield have the bear moving away from people but this is not to say it can't

pose a serious threat. The NJ-DEP has indicated that black bear attacks are very rare but the agency does have "Bear Safety Tips" that can be found online by going to http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/bearfacts_safetytips.htm

Recent sightings have been at the Baltusrol Golf Club and residential areas surrounding the golf club as well as the residential area of Springfield top which is adjacent to the Watchung Reservation.

Captain John Cook, the officer-in-charge of the police department, warns residents to not approach any bear and to never feed them. Garbage cans should have the lids secured and children and pets should be watched when outdoors in yards without fences. If a bear is approaching you should back away slowly but do not run. Never make eye contact with a bear. Any sighting of a bear that is in a residential area should be reported to the police so a police officer can respond to aid in keeping it away from people and pets until it goes back towards the wooded areas.



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Message from the Mayor

In the fall of 2004 the Institute of Medicine, in response to a request of Congress, released a report entitled, "Preventing Childhood Obesity: Health in the Balance." It gave the nation a sense of urgency in what has become America's leading youth health crisis.

The researchers concluded that "mobilizing communities to address childhood obesity ... will require concerted efforts by many partners" and emphasized the role that local communities can play in bringing about the transformational change that will be necessary to get the nation on the road to active living and healthier lifestyles.

Recently, I learned that our schools teach children about life sports, that is, exercises and sports that they will enjoy over their lifetimes, that will keep them healthy. I also learned recently that walking has health benefits for adults. It reduces blood pressure, assists in controlling weight and helps build a healthy heart. Our Township Administrator has started an employee wellness program. There is even a Mayors Wellness Campaign sponsored by the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

The Mayors Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as community health leaders. The goal is to increase opportunities for New Jersey residents to participate in daily physical activity with a long-term goal of reducing the personal and health care costs secondary to obesity. Through public-private partnerships, the MWC provides structure and resources for healthy community initiatives. By encouraging Mayors to play a leadership role in supporting local opportunities for active, healthy lifestyles, the intent of the MWC is to improve health and make New Jersey a national leader in community-based health interventions.

When I learned of the campaign through the New Jersey League of Municipalities, I did not hesitate to enroll online. This is a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for all our residents. The goals of the program are to:

- Raise awareness of the health and fiscal costs of obesity;
- Survey our existing programs and catalog our resources in order to gauge the need for specific health interventions;
- Develop a strategic plan for community health by incorporating smart growth principals;
- Work with the Union county health department in Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) exercises, a strategic approach to community health improvement;
- Select some early "best available practices" programs (such as the "Walk to School" program) and implement them quickly.

Signing up will require a commitment to reach out to the community and ask Springfield residents to join me in this new effort. It should be something upon which we ALL can agree. For the environmentally conscientious, walking reduces the number of vehicles on the road.

The Mayors Wellness Campaign is an initiative of the NJ Health Care Quality Institute in partnership with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University. A major founding grant was provided by Aetna with additional funding from the NJ Department of Transportation and Johnson & Johnson. The campaign was created in association with the Regional Plan Association, New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Ramapo College Nursing Program, a joint degree program with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ (UMDNJ). You can learn more about the MWC by going to www.mayorswellnesscampaign.org.

Mayor Hugh Keffer

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

1st four Tuesdays of the month at 7:30

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. – Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 8 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

SPRINGFIELD POLICE

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

Home Repair Scams

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

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

found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace, that victim agrees to having the repairs made, they cannot see if anything was done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed.

Utility Imposter Scams

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

Homeowner Distraction Scams

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into

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

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

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



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

This August 2nd, 2011 from 6 to 9 p.m. the Springfield Police Department and the Springfield Police Special Services Unit will be hosting their annual "National Night Out". Members of the community are encouraged to meet and greet with their local law enforcement officials for a night of fun and interaction at Meisel Field in Springfield. This is a collabora-

tive effort and representative departments from the county as well as nearby towns will be present showing the latest that law enforcement field has to offer. Become a part of this unique nation-wide tradition that Americans have been taking part in since 1984 by coming out and helping us connect law enforcement with members of the community. Last August involved 37.0 million people in 15,110 communities from all 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian Cities and Military Bases Worldwide. Meet and greet begins at 6 p.m., movies and popcorn are free.

Preview activities begin at 7:30. Movie begins at dusk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Further information can be obtained by viewing the following websites or contacting Lt. James Whitney Fine of the Springfield Police Department Special Services Unit at (973) 232-4444.

<http://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Publication2.pdf>

<http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html>

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NICHOLAS ROSSOMANDO EARNED SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR

SPRINGFIELD – Nicholas Rossomando of BSA Troop 73 earned scouting's highest honor January 24 at his Eagle Board of Review, and was presented with this award recently at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony held at St. James the Apostle Church. Only four percent of scouting participants attain the coveted Eagle rank.

Rossomando has been a member of Troop 73 of Springfield for almost seven years, having "crossed over" from a Cub Scout Pack 73 in 2004. During his years at Troop 73, he and his scout brothers participated in countless outings and engaged in many adventurous activities, including extreme camping, all-terrain vehicle activities, caving, climbing, backpacking, rifle shooting, archery, canoeing and white-water rafting, to name a few.

For his Eagle Project, Nick refurbished a wheelchair-accessible deck at the First Cerebral Palsy Center in Belleville. The deck was in disrepair and was closed for use by the center. Over the course of five weekends, Nick and scouts of Troop 73 worked on renovating the deck. First, shrubbery and trees that had overgrown the deck were trimmed back. Next the deck was power-washed. Once completed, damaged and broken decking planks and balusters were removed. Many decking planks and over 30 balusters were replaced on the deck. Finally, the deck was completely stained and waterproofed. The deck is now completely refurbished and the children of the First Cerebral Palsy Center can once again enjoy its use. Nick is a senior at Seton Hall Prep, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Rifle Team and the Knights of Setonia.

For more information about Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73, please visit scoutlander.com click on the directory, scroll down to the New Jersey section and select our link.

AUGUST SYMPHONY TO PERFORM LOCALLY

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) concerts have always been held in the month of, well, August. This summer, however, orchestra members are shifting the accent to "au-GUST."

"It's only one day early," says a TASO trustee of the July 31 concert date, "but haven't we always been 'au-GUST'?"

The orchestra, conducted by David Gilbert, will perform J.S. Bach's Suite No. 3 (containing the famous "Air on the G String"), Dvorak's "Czech Suite," and Haydn's Symphony No. 104 ("London").

Concert time is 3 p.m. in the air-conditioned auditorium of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave. There is no admission charge. For more information, please call (201) 969-0432

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July 31, 2011

3:00 pm

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Program

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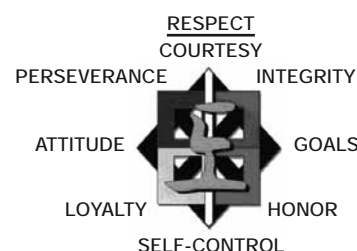
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ATLANTIC CITY TRIP JULY 19

On Tuesday, July 19 there will be a trip to Showboat in Atlantic City. The bus leaves at 8:45 from the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and return approx. 7:30. The cost is \$25.00 and you will receive a \$30.00 slot cash voucher upon arrival. Also, Tuesday, August 16th will be the next A/C trip to Showboat. Call the recreation department @ 973-912-2226 for information

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

SUMMER HOURS

JULY 1ST – SEPTEMBER 5TH
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM;
TUESDAY & FRIDAY
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM,
SATURDAY 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM,
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SPECIAL EVENTS

June 25th—July 21st

Exhibit— Freedom:

A History of US—Loaned by
 The Gilder Lehrman Institute

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

Monday, July 11th, 7:00 P.M.

Lecture – The Fight For Women's Freedom –
 Presented By Rutgers University Professor
 And Author Beryl Satter

Monday, July 18th, 7:00 P.M.

Lecture – Freedom Not Far Distant – Presented
 By Rutgers Professor And Author Clement A.
 Price

BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

**Thursday, July 14th, 28th &
 August 11th, 10:15 am**

Memoir Writing Group led by Zella Geltman

Monday, August 1st, 7:00 pm

Current Events Discussion Group

FILMS

Wednesday, July 6th, 7:00 P.M.

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary
 Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us – A Fatal
 Contradiction, A War To End Slavery, What Is
 Freedom?, Whose Land Is This?

Thursday, July 7th, 12:00 & 6:45 P.M.

International Film - The King's Speech
 (Uk, 2010)

Monday, July 11th, 12:00 P.M.

Lunchtime Video - "Film Noir - A Selection Of
 Classics From The Post-War Era" Series

Wednesday, July 13th, 7:00 P.M.

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary
 Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us – Work-
 ing For Freedom, Yearning To Breathe Free,
 Safe For Democracy, Depression & War

Thursday, July 14th, 12:00 & 7:00 P.M.

International Film - White Wedding
 (South Africa, 2009)

Wednesday, July 20th, 7:00 P.M.

Documentary Films & Discussion With Mary
 Cokeing —Freedom: A History Of Us –
 Democracy And Struggles, Let Freedom Ring,
 Marching To Freedom Land, Becoming Free

Thursday, July 21st, 12:00 & 7:00 pm

International Film – Mademoiselle Chambon
 (French, 2009)

Monday, July 25th, 12:00 pm

Lunchtime Video - "Film Noir - A Selection of
 Classics from the Post-War Era" series –
 James Cagney stars

Thursday, July 28th, 12:00 & 6:45 pm

International Film – Mao's Last Dancer
 (Mandarin Chinese, 2009)

Thursday, August 4th, 12:00 & 7:00 pm

International Film – The Way Home
 (Korean, 2002)

Monday, August 8th, 12:00 pm

Lunchtime Video - "Film Noir - A Selection of
 Classics from the Post-War Era" series –
 Directed by John Huston

Thursday, August 11th, 12:00 & 6:45 pm

International Film – The Concert (French
 & Russian, 2009)

COMPUTER TRAINING

**10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND
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HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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SCRABBLE - Bring a friend or meet new
 opponents!

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Monday, July 11th & 25th &

August 8th, 10:00 am

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Th 7/21

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Tu 8/9

Th 8/18

Wednesday Wii games

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Show up and choose what movie to view on the
 Big Screen!

Kid's Choice Movies Fridays @ 11am—Show
 up and choose what movie to view on the Big
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Thursday July 14 @ 11am Special author

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Monday evenings at 7pm

Moonlight Storytime, all ages

Tuesdays @ 11 am Storycraft, ages 3 to 7

Thursdays @ 7 – 8pm Let's Play Chess!

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 @ 11:15 – 12:30** for the Middle School Math

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"Members/only" will be allowed on Friday August 12th, to
 preview and buy any item. Membership may be purchased
 at the door. The hours for the preview will be from 9: AM
 to Noon. During that afternoon, from Noon to 8 PM the
 public will be welcomed. Saturday, August 13th, the sale
 hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM. On Sunday, August 14th,
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(from l to r) Father Jim Worth, Monsignor Bill Hatcher and Father John Dennehy.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF PRIESTLY SERVICE

On Saturday, June 4th, Saint James the Apostle Parish in Springfield was the scene of a joyous celebration of the anniversaries of ordination of its three priests – Monsignor William Hatcher (40 years), Father John Dennehy (30 years) and Father James Worth (10 years). At the 5 o'clock Mass, which was concelebrated by the three priests, a special presentation included the reading of proclamations for each priest by Springfield Mayor Hugh Keffer and Jerry Fernandez, a member of the Township Committee. As a gift from the parish, each priest was given a shadow box containing a carved bronze plaque of St. James the Apostle, a bronze scallop shell (the symbol of St. James) and a statement of appreciation from the parishioners for their devoted service. The choir, accompanied by brass, organ and timpani, sang hymns chosen by the priests, including Tu Es Sacerdos, which was sung at Monsignor Bill's ordination 40 years ago. 80 members of the congregation lined the aisles of the Church, holding candles lit from the Paschal Candle, representing each year of priestly service. Following the Mass, the congregation processed to the school auditorium, where there was a receiving line. Refreshments were served while a slide show of candid pictures of all three priests was shown. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful celebration for three men who have devoted their lives to the service of God and Church.

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THE COLUMBIETTES OF SPRINGFIELD HAVE GONE INTO GIVING MODE



After a successful year of fundraising, the Columbiettes of Springfield have gone into giving mode. Among the organizations benefiting from the ladies' generosity are the Springfield first aid squad and Springfield HOPE, each receiving checks from the group on June 15, 2011 at their lodge.

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD FETES RABBI MARCUS AND KEVIN CUMMINGS



Sondra Tammam and Hannah Rosenwein, presentation of the Joseph Tammam Memorial Scholarship



L-R Co-President, CIS, Roberta Ostrow, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, President CIS, Leonard Bielory

At its 36th Annual Testimonial Dinner, Congregation Israel of Springfield, whose history can be traced back to a Newark synagogue founded in 1882, honored its current spiritual leader, Rabbi Chaim Marcus, and his wife Lea, for their outstanding commitment to the Congregation and to the entire MetroWest Jewish community. The Marcuses received an award named in honor of Rabbi Israel Turner, founding Rabbi of the synagogue, who oversaw the migration of many of the Newark based synagogues to Springfield and their merger into the then Young Israel of Springfield to form the current institution.

Also honored was Kevin Cummings, CEO of Investors Savings, for his commitment to invest in the growth of large and small businesses in New Jersey. Mr. Cummings received the inaugural Community Service Award on behalf of the bank.

A high school senior, Hanna Rosenheim, received a scholarship award named in memory



Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Marcus

of Mr. Joseph Tammam. Miss Rosenwein, a graduate of the Rae Kushner Hebrew High School invested countless hours in Gemilat Chesed (volunteer activities). Mrs. Sondra Tammam, widow of Joseph, made the presentation.

The Dinner also honored Mrs. Melanie Wind and Mr. Adam Dolin for their work on behalf of the synagogue.

Event chairs, Mr. & Mrs. Zygmunt Wilf and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Oberlander, said "The Dinner met or exceeded

all of our projections, especially in light of the economic difficulties faced by all not-for-profit institutions. The funds raised will enable the Congregation to undertake several new programs in the community."

The dinner was held at the Crystal Plaza, Livingston, NJ.

For further information please contact, DAVID FRANK
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SPRINGFIELD HOPE RECEIVES DONATIONS

Wells Fargo Bank of Springfield presented a \$1000 gift to Springfield HOPE. Pictured above from left to right Scott Seidel, Calvert Peart, Wells Fargo Store Manager, Dr. Gary Hecht, Laura Caron, Wells Fargo District Manager, Pat Paoella, and Elliot Merkin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Seidel, Hecht, and Paoella are all Board members of Springfield HOPE.



Charlene Wetterstrand, President of the Springfield MOM's club Presenting a check to Dr. Gary Hecht, Board member of Springfield HOPE.

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM HOSTS A RUMMAGE SALE **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011 10AM-2PM**

Springfield, N.J. (July 7, 2011) Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield is hosting a giant Rummage Sale to benefit the Temple's programs and services on Sunday, August 7, from 10am-2pm. "Same Day Bag Day" will take place from 5-7pm.

The temple is located at 78 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield.

If you like a bargain, then come on down and "rummage" through our stuff! You'll find lots of great items and treasures to take home—from clothes and household items to electronics, sports equipment, shoes and luggage. For more information, call the Temple office at (973)379-5387 or email office@shaarey.org.

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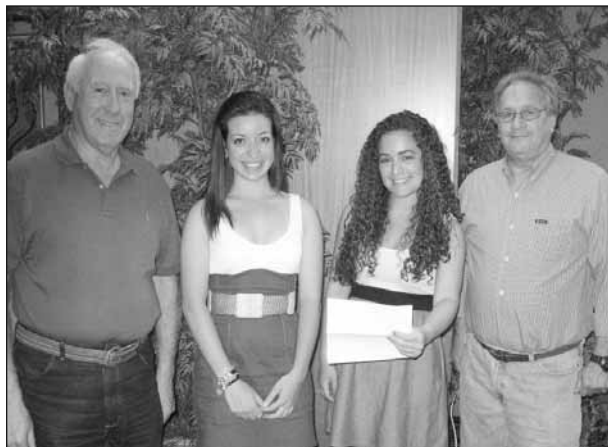
Brownie Troop 40157 completed their first year of Brownies and their 3rd year of Girl Scouting with an awards ceremony at Walton School. The girls will all be attending Caldwell and Sandmeier Schools next year and Mr. Plias, who has been their principal this year, worked with them to earn their Sharing and Caring Badge and helped to hand out all the awards.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD NEEDS YOU!

If you are at least 16 years of age and have a desire to help your fellow residents, The Springfield First Aid Squad can use your help. Members are needed for day, as well as evening shifts. To find out more information on how you can be a volunteering member, please call 973-908-8EMS.

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club presented their scholarships at the Awards ceremony at Jonathan Dayton High School in June. This year's related theme was essays about people who exhibited extraordinary courage. It is our pleasure to award scholarships to seniors Stacey Roth and Alessandra Cicchinoathon for their essays about Oscar Shindler (main character in Steven Spielberg's movie "Shindler's List") and Hannah Senesh – a freedom fighter.



Left to Right. Elliot Y Merkin (Men's Club VP Membership), Alessandra Cicchinoathon, Stacey Roth, and Bernie Flashberg (Men's Club VP Good and Welfare)

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Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

New Volunteer Firefighters Graduate

On June 7, 2011, the Springfield Fire Department had four Volunteer Fire Fighters graduate the Union County Fire Training Academy's Firefighter 1 and 2 program. Fire Chief James Sanford attended the graduation ceremony held at Union County College. Graduating from Springfield were Richard Nagy, Joseph Schulz, Christopher Tutela and Evan Weiner. These new Volunteer Fire Fighters are expected to respond to calls and enhance the Career Department in all facets of the services they provide.

Fire Fighter 1 introduces the recruit firefighter to the basics of nationally recognized fire fighting techniques. Methods of instruction include classroom theory as well as skill oriented "hands on" drill sessions. Student performance is evaluated throughout the course and includes written and practical mid-term and final exams. The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety's standardized Fire Fighter 1 test is given as part of the final exam. Fire Fighter 1 meets the performance objectives of the N.F.P.A. standard 1001 and N.J.A.C. 5:73 4.3 standard which will allow a new firefighter to perform firefighting only under direct supervision. All students receive training in Incident Command System Orientation, Bloodborne Pathogens, Right to Know, and Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operational Levels, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:75-6.1.

Fire Fighter 2 is the second level of a progression that provides the student with the skills and knowledge necessary to function under general supervision. Students learn how to function safely and effectively as an integral member of a fire fighting team. Successful students are trained to perform fire fighting activities but are required to maintain direct communication with a supervisor.

Now that the Volunteers have graduated the Academy, they will continue their training at the Springfield Fire Department. They have each been assigned to a different Tour Captain for mentoring and training on the specific equipment used in Springfield. There is a training matrix of skills that they must be able to perform in order to achieve greater levels of responsibility within the Department. For the safety of all, no Volunteers are allowed to operate at a fire without the supervision of an officer, until they have proven their skills to their mentoring Captain.

The next Fire Fighter 1 & 2 class will start at the end of August. Anyone interested in becoming a Fire Fighter should call Fire Chief James Sanford at 973-912-2266 to learn more about joining the Springfield Fire Department. The Springfield Fire Department is currently implementing a federally supported volunteer recruitment and retention program to further achieve its long-term goal of responding with sufficient numbers of adequately trained firefighters.

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THE A B C'S OF BICYCLE SAFETY



Bicyclists attended the Springfield Police Bicycle Rodeo last week where they learned about bicycle safety and were run through several training courses on their bicycles. Pictured from left to right are students: Evie DelDuca, Karolina Laitusis, Juliana DaSilva, Onur Canikligil, and Hunter McIntosh of the James Caldwell School. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Miss Kristy Guerriero - 4th grade teacher, Officer Jon Rachel, Lieutenant James Whitney Fine and Sergeant John Foster of the Special Services Unit of the Springfield Police Department.

With summer starting it is time to dust off the seat, put air in the tires and oil the chain to get your bicycle back on the road! During the past two weeks the Springfield Police Department's Special Services Unit hosted Bicycle Safety "Rodeos" for students who attend the Caldwell and Sandmeier Elementary Schools. The police department believes that just as school is ending for the summer students should be aware of the dangers present while riding their bicycles, and what they should do to stay safe. For those who were unable to attend these safety courses, the following is a recap by Traffic Officer - Jonathan Rachel of the Springfield Police Department's Special Services Unit, he offers the following: "ABC's of Bicycle Safety"

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

Bicycles are vehicles. In New Jersey, bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same laws as motorists. Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road with the flow traffic and obey all traffic signals. Bicyclists should never attempt stunts or tricks, ride with more people on the bike than for what it was designed. Bicyclists must never "hitch" rides by holding onto moving vehicles. They should not weave in and out of traffic or between cars or ride against the flow of traffic. They should also never ride at night without lights. When crossing the street bicyclists should cross at marked crosswalks, cross only when traffic is clear or when there is a "WALK" signal at an intersection with traffic lights, and riders should get off of their bicycle and walk it across the roadway.

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

For any questions or for more information on bicycle safety, please contact the Special Services Unit-Lieutenant James Whitney Fine, Sergeant John S. Foster or Traffic Officer John Rachel at (973)376-0400.



Traffic Officer Jon Rachel of the Special Services Unit demonstrates proper hand signals to the student of the Sandmeier School during Springfield's Bike Rodeo.

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