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#### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am Emergency Management Office Top Floor of the Fire House In the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room 200 Mountain Ave.

Members and nonmembers are invited to Chamber meetings. Free coffee and donuts are served.

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## SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN



(l to r) Officer Alves' mother, Fatima, Officer Alves, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, and Police Chief John Cook

Officer Jaqueline Alves, a recent graduate from the John H. Stamler Police Academy, is the newest addition to the Springfield Police Department. Chief Cook commented that Officer Alves, who was born and raised in Union County, was in contention for this position amongst several other highly qualified candidates. "Officer Alves has the ideal personality and qualities that I look for in an officer that I want serving our residents, persons doing business in town, and persons traveling through town. She is definitely a positive asset for Springfield," stated Chief Cook.

## 2016 BID CO-CHAIRS MEET WITH MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR TO REVIEW ANNUAL GOALS FOR THE BID AND REDEVELOPMENT IN SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Scott Seidel, Deputy Mayor Ziad Shehady, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, Beth Lippman, BID Executive Director and Mike Scalera

On Wednesday, January 13th, Advanced Rehab Solutions held an open house and ribbon cutting. In addition to the owner of the business, Jason Furia, and employee Sally Goncalves and their staff, Mike Scalera, Business Improvement District Chairman, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, Township Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos, Deputy Mayor Ziad Shehady and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Vice President Elliot Merkin attended the event. There were door prizes and a mini ipad was given away as well. Advance Rehab is located at 505 Morris Ave, Suite 103 in Springfield.

## AUXILIARY POLICE HOLD ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

(I to r) Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo, Auxiliary Officer of the Year, Stephen Bratsch, Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel

On February 4th, the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel welcomed the members, their guests and township officials who were in attendance. After the first course, Seidel started the awards program by commenting that in 2015, the Auxiliary Police performed 2,048 hours of service, which probably represented over \$100,000 in volunteer service to the township. Auxiliary Officer Stephen Bratsch was complimented on his 344 hours of duty time in 2015 which represented over 15% of the unit's 2015 time.

The first presentation was to Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz who had retired in 2015. Katz served with the Township's Office of Emergency Management for over 53 years, the last 47 of which were with the Auxiliary Police. Katz served the Town in many capacities over the years, Mayor, Township Committee Member, Township Prosecutor and other roles. As Mayor, Katz instituted a policy whereby, if someone wanted to be married by the Mayor, he would charge a fee and then donate the fee to the various volunteer Emergency Service units in the town, of which the Auxiliary Police was one. He also had several arrests during his Auxiliary Police Career and responded to many many emergencies.

#### ADVANCED REHAB SOLUTIONS HAND & PHYSICAL THERAPY RIBBON CUTTING





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Court	
Emergency Management	
Department	973-376-1058
Engineering Department	
Finance Department	
Fire Prevention Office	
Health Department	973-593-3079
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Recycling information	
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Township Clerk	
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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Springfield,

Just as we were all buzzing about how nice it is to wear short sleeves in December, Mother Nature showed us that she is still in charge. On January 22nd, a record-setting blizzard began bringing nearly 30 inches of snow and 50 mile-per-hour wind gusts into late Saturday evening. Most agree Springfield's Department of Public Works did an excellent job handling this storm. By Sunday afternoon, over 200 streets were cleared for emergency traffic. Within days, the town's crosswalks, parking lots, sidewalks and bus stops were cleared. Our Police, Fire and First Aid Squad were also working hard answering the many calls

— often their jobs were complicated by stranded motorists which also required DPW employees be diverted away from plowing to help. It was another reminder of the importance of people heeding the warnings to stay off the roads during a State of Emergency. Several vehicles had flipped over and 3 tractor-trailers jackknifed on the highway. Our employees do great work and we are thankful to them for that. I would also like to thank the residents for their patience throughout the winter storm.

We have been moving forward aggressively with downtown redevelopment efforts – just weeks into this new year, there have been an unprecedented number of action meetings to ensure there is visible progress in 2016.

Lastly, a postcard was mailed to every home asking residents to participate in an online survey regarding Garbage Collection services. In order to guide us in making decisions for future garbage collection contracts and explore the option of amending the current contract, the Township Committee wants your input and opinions. If you have not yet taken the survey, please visit http://survey.springfield-nj.us to provide your feedback. This survey will end March 4, 2016.

Thank you

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

#### **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm at Town Hall Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm at Town Hall Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm at Town Hall

#### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

#### RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

#### RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

#### FLU SEASON BEGINS: Severe Influenza Illness Reported

CDC urges rapid antiviral treatment of very ill and high risk suspect influenza patients without waiting for testing Influenza activity is increasing across the country and CDC has received reports of severe influenzaillness. Clinicians are reminded to treat suspected influenza in high-risk outpatients, those withprogressive disease, and all hospitalized patients with antiviral medications as soon as possible, regardless of negative rapid influenza diagnostic test (RIDT) results. Early antiviral treatment works best, but treatment may offer benefit when started up to 4-5 days after symptom onset in hospitalized patients. Early antiviral treatment can reduce influenza morbidity and mortality.

The spectrum of illness observed thus far during the 2015-2016 season has ranged from mild to severe and is consistent with that of other influenza seasons. Although influenza activity nationally is low compared to this time last season, it is increasing; and some localized areas of the United States are already experiencing high activity. Further increases are expected in the coming weeks. Typically, influenza seasons begin with increases in influenza-like-illness and the percent of respiratory specimens testing

positive for influenza in clinical laboratories. Those indicators are rising at this time. Increases in severity indicators tend to lag behind. At this time, national surveillance systems that track severity are not elevated, but CDC will continue to watch for indications of increased severity from influenza virus infection this season.

Key messages to treat and prevent the spread of influenza:

- Antiviral medications are a critical tool in preventing influenza-related complications and can be used to halt the spread of illness in setting where there are vulnerable populations
- Clinicians are reminded to treat suspected influenza in high-risk patients, those whose disease is progressing, and all hospitalized patients with antiviral medications.
- Clinicians should also continue efforts to vaccinate patients this season for as long as influenza viruses are circulating.
- Long term care facilities should consider chemoprophylaxis of ALL residents when a confirmed outbreak has been identified in their facility.
- School, long term care facilities, and child care centers are reminded to promptly report outbreaks in their facilities to their local health department\* so that prevention and control measures can be quickly implemented.
- Individuals are encouraged to get an influenza vaccine and take precautions such as covering coughs and sneezes, staying away from sick people, staying home when sick, and washing hands often to stay healthy and stop the spread of viruses.

## Springfield

**Business Improvement District** 

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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## Planning Board Grants Preliminary Approval For Downtown Redevelopment Project

At a special meeting of the Planning board on Wednesday December 30, 2015, preliminary approval for the downtown Redevelopment project on Morris Avenue was granted. This project consists of the construction of a four and a half story apartment building consisting of a total of 140 residential units and approximately 30,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, including accessory parking and other related amenities and improvements. A total of 195 parking spaces will be provided onsite, on the street and located in the municipal lot at 280 Morris Avenue (Block 206, Lot 6), as part of a shared parking analysis, which is permitted pursuant to the approved Redevelopment Plan. The Developer needs to get approvals from State and County Agencies before returning to the Planning Board for final approval of this project.

Mile Scalera, co-chairman of the Springfield Business Improvement District, commented that this was the first time that such a redevelopment project has progressed so far in Springfield. This is in part to the hard work of the volunteer members of the BID, my co-chair Scott Seidel and committee members Dana Zuber, Ken Gruskin, Mel Kevoe, Dr. Lee Kaswiner, Kevin Vitale, Bobby Abraham and Paula Kaiser.

# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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## **SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT YOGA STUDIO** 685 Morris Turnpike – 862-215-2573

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#### SZECHUAN VILLAGE 244 Mountain Ave – 973-376-7673

From hot and spicy to mild. From chicken, steak and fish to vegetarian. There's something tasty for everyone at the authentic Szechuan Chinese restaurant. Foodies from around the area say it's "their favorite" and the great reviews confirm it. In addition



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#### **CKO KICKBOXING** 271C Route 22 East – 973-379-1222

If you're someone who isn't sure what to do in terms of settling on a workout routine that gets results, consider the classes offered at CKO of Springfield. Their kickboxing gym has certified trainers who push and teach all levels of skill and ability during their one-hour classes. Their action-centered kickboxing workouts can help you reduce stress, lose weight and certainly get better fit. Get real results no matter your age, gender, or skill level by burning up to 1,200 calories

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

All recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times, especially 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 a 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. Some problems will range from cracked chimney bricks, broken flashing on the roof, a blocked flue at the furnace, that victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the 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 none 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 the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company the pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This 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 to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor's yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object 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 rear 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 not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent.

Many residents, especially those from older generations, may not want to appear to be rude by closing or refusing to open their door. A good suggestion is to inform the individual at the door that you will be right back as you have to call your daughter or son or a grandchild who is upstairs to come down and speak to the person at the door. You should do this even if no one is home with you and instead call the police to come to your home to verify if this individual is legitimate. A true utility company employee will wait while the scammers will run off the minute you close the door.

Police officers will immediately respond to your residence when you call us 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. My officers and I always hear residents say that they didn't want to "bother" the police by calling on a suspicious person who comes to their door and I just want it to be known that no call to us is ever a bother. Our job is to serve and protect and all we require from residents of Springfield is that they call us when someone or something suspicious is observed.

#### MAYORS HEADED TO WASHINGTON DC TO PUSH RAHWAY RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN

Mayors representing the communities along the Rahway River are headed to Washington DC to make the case before the US Congress for construction funding of the Rahway River flood mitigation plan funding. This will be the third visit which reflects the commitment of these officials to urge action. The effort has reached a critical juncture and a funding authorization bill is expected to be before the US Congress later in the year. The Mayors will meet with NJ US senators and Congressmen and also with the US Army Corps of Engineers headquarters and regional division executives.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control includes: Union Mayor Manual Figueiredo; Former Millburn Mayor Robert Tilloson; Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins; Millburn Mayor Ted Bourke; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Springfield Mayor Jerry Fernandez; Maplewood Mayor Victor Deluca; and Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca.

Union County Freeholder BJ Kowalski, former Mayor Tom Hannen, and Cranford Commissioners Giblin and O'Connor, among others, will also be attending.

The study has received broad support including recently the Union County Board of Freeholders led

by Chairman Bruce Bergen, who has mentioned that the Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan is one of the county's important priorities in this year's reorganization presentation.

Over \$100 million of damages was faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene and no improvement in the situation has yet been done. The Federal and state Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan has significant flood mitigation benefits including material water elevation reductions from Millburn to Rahway. The plan includes modification to the Orange reservoir to store more water during peak storm conditions; there is proposed channelization improvements from Lenape Park through Cranford; and investigations are ongoing for improved storage in the Robinson Branch part of the Rahway River in the City of Rahway. The current process includes a selected final plan in 2016 and the Mayors are urging in the Federal WRTA authorization bill in 2016

Congressman Payne, Congressman Lance, Senator Corey Booker and Senator Robert Menendez gave early assurances that federal funding of the full mitigation study is one of their highest priorities. The Mayors on behalf of their communities will bring the message that strong advocacy this year will be key to getting these projects implemented.

For further information contact Dan Aschenbach, Mayors Council, 908-468-8806 or daschenbach @verizon.net.



Photos from Flooding in Union County During "Irene"



## Springfield Free Public Library

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

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#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Storycraft Mondays Feb. 22 & 29 @ 4pm. Ages 3 to 7 w/a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by & drop in! Thurs Feb 11, Tues Feb 23

Storytime Yoga with Miss Carly Ages 2 and up with caregiver. Fridays Feb 12 & 26 @ 10:30

Lego Club meets each Tuesday afterschool until 4:45 pm Feb 16 &23. Ages 6 and up. Kids aged 9 and under need to have their parent present in the room.

Rummikub Klub Thursdays Feb 18 & 25 @ 4pm. It's like Scrabble with numbers (more fun than Chess!) Ages 8+

**Drop in Math Help – February Wednesdays** @ 4pm. **Need some math help?** Bring your homework and a certified math teacher is here to help!

Crazy 8s Math Club Grades K-2 continues Thursday @ 4:00-5:00 pm. Feb 25. Registration is closed. Please call the Youth Services Desk for availability.

Sunday February 14 @ 2:00-3:00pm Anti-Valentine's Day Party: "I'm not yours, you're not mine, Be my anti-valentine! Ages 10+ Dress in your best black for games, crafts, snacks & music.

Sunday Feb. 28 @ 2:00pm Our annual Read Across America Day celebration! Families of all ages are welcome to sing Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss, enjoy cake and punch, and other activities including face painting, crafts and reading aloud!

#### **TEENS:**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** – Earn volunteer hours and make your voices heard by joining TAB. From developing programs just for teens to helping the library select books you'd like to read, TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **Monday Feb 22 @ 6pm.** 

Ouch! Got homework but can't make it to the library? Explore hundreds of quality eBooks from home with your Springfield library card through World-Book eBooks!

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#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Now thru March 30th Art show by JDHS students.

Friday, February 19th, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

Every Wednesday, February 3 to April 13 FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

#### **LECTURES**

Monday, February 22nd, 7:00 pm Black History Month program "761st TANK BATTALION DURING WWII" presented by Peter Kessel.

Monday, March 7th, 7:00 pm Carol Simon presents "Emily Roebling and the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge" sponsored by the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

#### **DISCUSSIONS and WRITING**

Thursday, February 18th, 10:00 am Great Book discussion: "King Lear" by William Shakespeare.

Thursday, February 25th and March 10th, Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, March 3rd, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "Burnt Bread and Chutney: Growing up Between Cultures – a Memoir of an Indian Jewish Childhood" by Carmit Delman.

#### **FILMS**

Tuesday, February 16th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – BEST PICTURE WINNERS OF THE YEARS PAST: Justin Hoffman and Meryl Streep in the film about divorce and changing gender roles. Addressing male self-actualization, film focuses on the men's evolution from the absent to ideal father.

Monday, February 29th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – BEST PICTURE WINNERS OF THE YEARS PAST: William Shakespeare meets Lady Viola while experiencing a bad case of writer's block. She dresses as a man to win a part of Romeo in his new play. Shakespeare discovers the deception but goes along with it, having found his muse. 1998.

Monday, March 14th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – MASTERS OF FILM: Wes Anderson's comedydrama about eccentric teenager (Jason Schwartzman), his friendship with rich industrialist (Bill Murray), and their mutual love for elementary school teacher. 1998.

#### **HOBBIES AND INFORMATION**

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

#### INSTRUCTION

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

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

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Sara Steinman

## ANNUAL PINK ZONE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

On Sunday, January 31st, the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association co-sponsored the Pink Zone fundraiser at Jonathan Dayton High School. The annual youth basketball clinic was led by coaches and players from Jonathan Dayton High School and Moravian College, as well as Recreation Department basketball instructors. The event raised funds to support breast cancer research and awareness for the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund. Over 100 children participated in dribbling and shooting drills, and learned competitive game skills. The event received financial support from Springfield Lions Club, Springfield Orthodontics, The Gruskin Group, B&E Productions, Cioffi's, Mera Painting, Merrill Thor CFP, TD Pizza, Mitchell J. Bayroff DDS PA, Springfield PBA Local #76, Springfield FMBA Local #57, and The Sports Academy.



David Steinman

#### SAINT JAMES STUDENTS TRAVEL BACK TO ANCIENT ROMAN TIMES



(l to r)t Natalyah Cadiche, Grace Roethlin, Sophia Ilagan, Yvonne Agyapong, Goda Pocius

At Saint James the Apostle School, Springfield, sixth graders culminated their study of ancient Rome by stepping back in time and experiencing a taste of what life was like in the Roman Empire. The journey back to ancient Rome began in early December when the class was divided into groups. Each student researched a specific aspect of ancient Roman society. Most of the research was done in class using books and iPads. The students also worked independently to create PowerPoint presentations. Dressed in Roman costumes, the students shared their research using presentations, props and a "hands on activity' with the class. The goal of the project was for the students to gain a better appreciation for what it was like to have lived in the Roman Empire. Over a three day period the students became senators, emperors, patricians, plebeians, merchants, craftsmen, gladiators, soldiers, Roma Amor dancers, the goddesses Minerva, and even an early Christian. The students learned to use the Latin alphabet to write on scrolls they had constructed, in addition to crafting jewelry, a soldier's shield, a mosaic, and painting pottery. The project concluded with the class celebrating the Roma Amor festival where classmates learned the Roma Amor dance and feasted on foods eaten by ancient Romans.



Saint James Home Study Family Retreat At the retreat on January 10th students made no-sew blankets which were donated to Bridges in Summit.

#### This is an important update from your electric company, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L)

JCP&L has received increased reports of scammers targeting utility customers. In the latest scam, a telephone caller poses as an electric utility company employee and threatens to shut off the customer's power unless an immediate payment is made. In many cases, the customer is told to pay using a pre-paid debit card, such as a Green Dot/MoneyPak card, a money transfer service like Money Gram or Western Union, or in person at a physical location.

Be aware that scammers often use Caller ID spoofing software to lead you to believe you are receiving a call from JCP&L, and/or provide you with a fake "verification" phone number. These call-back numbers may even include exact replicas of greetings and hold messages you would hear when calling JCP&L's Contact Center.

#### **Facts to remember:**

- If your account is past-due, you will receive a written notice of your account status, with instructions on how to avoid disconnection of service.
- While JCP&L representatives may call a customer whose bill is in arrears in order to remind them that a payment is due, the representative would explain how a payment can be made using JCP&L's established payment options.
- They will not demand a payment over the phone or at a particular physical location.
  JCP&L does not accept prepaid debit cards
- JCP&L does not accept prepaid debit cards or wire transfers as payment, and our representatives will not demand your bank information or credit card number over the phone.

#### What you should do:

- If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local police department or the state attorney general's office.
- If you have purchased a Green Dot card to pay your electric bill and would like to request a refund from Green Dot/MoneyPak, visit www.moneypak.com/refundrequest.aspx.\*

Wine Tasting to benefit the
Springfield Lion's Club Foundation
Tuesday February 23, 2016
7:00-9:30PM
Marco Polo
527 Morris Ave., Summit, NJ
\$60 Donation to benefit sight
related projects of the Springfield
Lion's Club Foundation

Holy Cross Christian Nursery
School Basket Auction
April 29th 7PM
639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ
Admission \$10 which includes
10 starter tickets.

#### STUDENTS KNOW THE "CODE" FOR LEARNING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING!



The overall top coders: (1 to r) Sophia Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz, Adam Cordeiro and Calvin Garcia.

The students at Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield enjoyed the Hour of Code and Computer Science Education Week so much in 2014 that it was decided to expand the Hour of Code program this year to make December "Computer Science Month." The Hour of Code is an initiative aimed at reaching every student in every corner of the globe to provide them with the opportunity to participate in at least one hour of computer science programming. St. James students in every grade, Pre-K through eighth, participated in both online lessons as well as unplugged lessons to improve their understanding of how programming actually works. The lessons showed students the real life applications of words like debugging, binary, algorithm, loop, repeat functions and conditionals. Students used individual accounts on websites like Code.org (and others) to keep track of the number of lessons they completed both in school and at home during the month. Every student earned an Hour of Code certificate, and the students in 5th through 8th grade earned prizes for the top five coders in each grade. Computer Science is no longer just a job of the future; the future is here, and the students at Saint James loved learning how to read and write code!

#### OVAL OFFICE TIME AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE (CBH)

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on Saturday, February 13th from two to four. In honor of it being Presidents' Day weekend, two samples of presidential penmanship will be displayed. One is a letter that George Washington wrote from Springfield during the Revolutionary War, while the other is a piece of correspondence from Herbert Hoover. These letters are only displayed once a year; so do not miss this opportunity to see them. In addition, there will be reenactors present to inform visitors of what life was like in Washington's army. So please join us at the Historic Cannon Ball House for a presidential experience.

Hours: Saturday, February 13th from 2 to 4. Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

*Note: We will not be open Presidents' Day itself.* For more information call (973) 376 4784.



#### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

#### **HEATING SAFETY TIPS**

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufac turer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly

#### **HEATING EQUIPMENT SMARTS**

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

#### **FACT**

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Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady presents PIZZA PARTY & GAME NIGHT with Springfield Police & Fire on Friday, March 18, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Ave.) Springfield kids of all ages are invited to come enjoy a fun evening of games and delicious pizza for FREE while meeting the brave men and women of our Police Department and Fire Department! To make sure there's enough food for all, parents/guardians are asked to RSVP at http://rsvp.shehady.us

#### STILL NOT RECOVERED FROM HURRICANE SANDY, FIND OUT HOW SBA DISASTER LOANS CAN HELP

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced on Dec. 2, 2015 that federal disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes located in New Jersey as a result of Hurricane Sandy. SBA's disaster loans are also available to homeowners and renters.

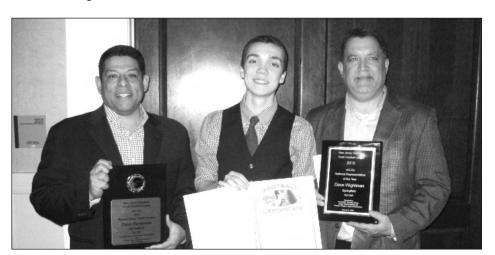
Businesses can benefit from SBA's disaster loans for physical losses not covered by insurance, grants or other sources. Additionally, businesses that are still struggling and need working capital should apply for a SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had Hurricane Sandy not occurred. Homeowners may be eligible to apply to repair or replace disaster damaged real estate. Homeowners and renters may be eligible to apply to repair or replace disaster damaged personal property.

SBA disaster business and home loans are available for Hurricane Sandy survivors for disaster- related uncompensated losses whether they previously applied or never applied. Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3 percent for non-profit organizations, and 1.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Additional details on the locations of recovery centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Dec. 1, 2016. The deadline to return economic injury applications is Dec. 1, 2016. For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.



(l to r) Dave Hurtares, Player Safety Coach; Jack Pleva, Essay Winner; and Dave Wightman, League Representative.

## JR. DAWG FOOTBALL CLUB MEMBERS EARN LEAGUE HONORS

At the Suburban Youth Football League annual awards dinner on Sunday, January 31st, at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, the Springfield Jr. Dawgs received three league awards for the 2015 fall season.

Springfield
Auxiliary
Police
Volunteers
Needed



## We Need You!

For almost 50 years, the Springfield Auxiliary Police have served as an immediately available source of manpower to augment the services of the Springfield Police Department during Emergencies.

For more information and an application, visit Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at www.Springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

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The next award was the Chief Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary Officer of the Year presentation. This year's recipient for 2015, Officer Stephen Bratsch is the clear winner, with 344 hours of duty time, having claimed the Rookie of the Year in 2014.

Awards were also presented to Auxiliary Corporal Ronnie Mitnitsky making him

Awards were also presented to Auxiliary Corporal Ronnie Mitnitsky making him a "Life Member" of the Auxiliary as well as "Corporal Emeritus". Mitnitsky is the last "original" member of the reorganized Auxiliary Police unit from 1968. Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage made a few remarks about recalling Mitinitsky's signing up and the history of the reorganization of the unit in 1968. Officer Gary Butler was presented with a plaque acknowledging his 30 years of service with the auxiliary police. Finally, a framed photograph was presented to Auxiliary Sergeant Bobby Abraham, which showed him posing with Batman & Superman during last years Street Fair. The presentation was made to acknowledge Sergeant Abraham's attempt, while directing traffic during an emergency, to deflect a set of trailer tires which came off a vehicle and was rolling towards a car. The Auxiliary Police is a volunteer unit and is part of the Office of Emergency Management. Anyone wishing to join should call them at 973-467-3388.



(l to r) Auxiliary Police retired Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel



(l to r) Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Police Sergeant Bobby Abraham, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo,and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel

## CENTURY 21 PICCIUTO REALTY GRAND OPENING



Town residents Alyssa Zuckerman Pereira and Nelly Mil, owners of Springfield's newest business Century 21 Picciuto Realty, celebrated their grand opening on February 10th. They were surrounded by family, friends and employees as they were joined by Springfield Business Improvement District chairman Mike Scalera, Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady and Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos.



(1 to r) Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Police Corporal Emeritus Ronnie Mitnitsky, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel and Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage



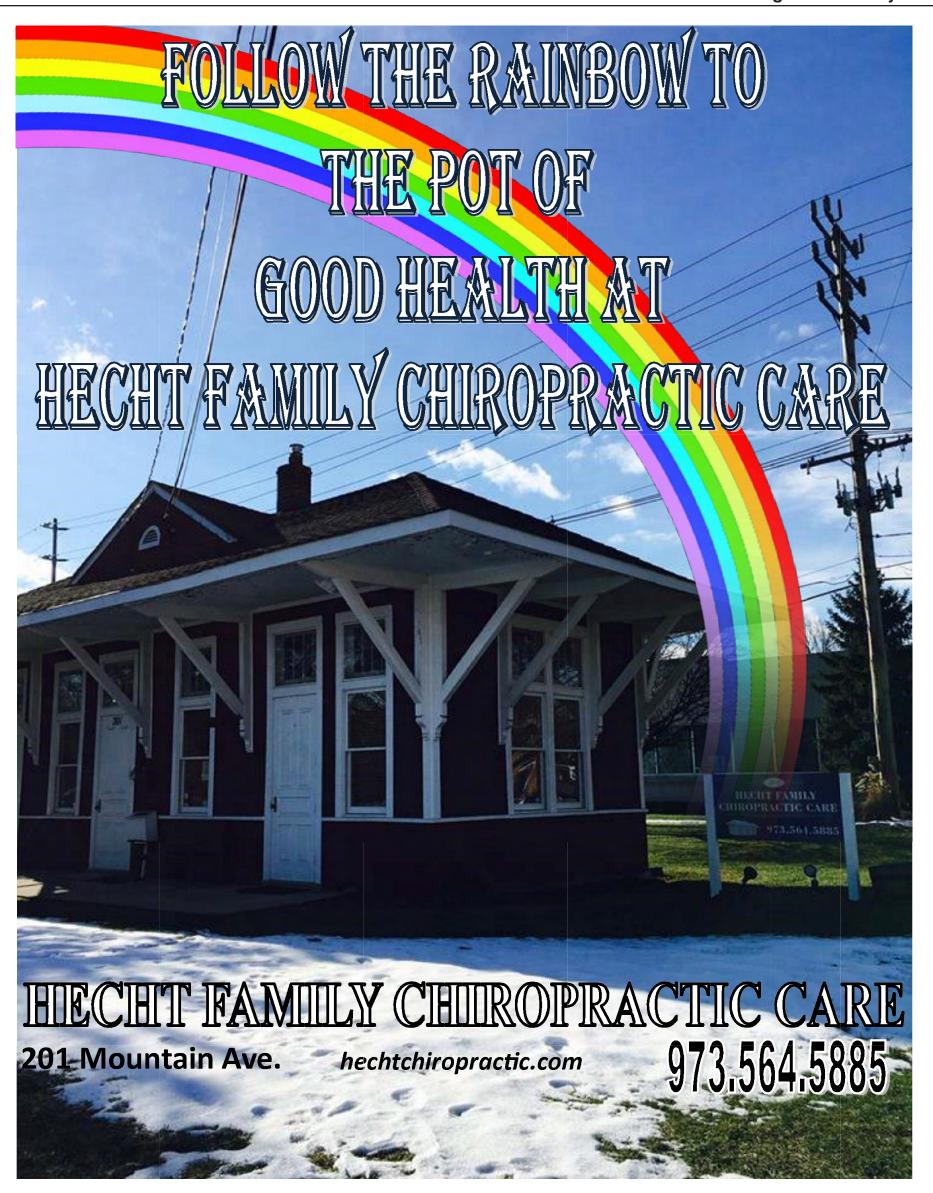
(l to r) Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Auxiliary Officer Gary Butler, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo, and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel





## SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS AND HOST BREAKFAST

Springfield's senior citizen club members elected officers for 2016. At their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 14th, at the Chisholm Community Center, it was announced that Miriam Carchman was elected treasurer and Margaret Bandrowski (left top photo) was elected president. On Wednesday morning, February 3rd, at the Chisholm Community Center, the Recreation Department provided over 50 senior citizen club members with a free breakfast featuring eggs, pancakes, bacon, hash browns, bagels, cereal and drinks. Member Paul Panter (bottom left photo) served as chef and used the new range and fire suppression system that was installed late last year.



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## Co-ed Lacrosse Clinic

#### Spring 2016 Pre-K – 2nd Grades

#### Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's spring clinic!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield children in Pre-K through 2nd grades. No equipment required.

#### Clinics meet on Sundays at

Chisholm Park, from April 3rd-May 8th. Pre-K and Kindergarten: 10:15-11:00 am 1st and 2nd Grades: 11:00 am-12:00 pm In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule.

#### No refunds will be provided.

#### Fee: \$55

(payable to Township of Springfield) Payment must be made prior to the first clinic.

#### Includes:

t-shirt, loaned stick (if needed), balls

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue • (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

#### **U.S. SPORTS CAMPS & CLASSES 2016**

WEEKLY WINTER CLASSES (attend one class every week for up to 8 weeks)

#### TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football, soccer and more!

Ages:

Day(s):

Time(s):

Location(s):

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Time(s):

Location(s):

**Chisholm Community Center** 

5 6 yrs

Saturday

11am 12pm

Jan 23 to March 5

Chisholm Community Center



#### **Pulse Premier Sports**

Experience the next level in coaching education this summer. PulseCamps.com

Question? Visit our website to find full program descriptors and town schedules. Our knowledgable staff are also available via phone or live chat 7 days a week! USsportsInstitute.com 1 (866) 345-BALL





The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer indoor youth tennis and golf clinics this winter and spring (ages 5-12). More information and online registration are available at: http://play tga.com/unioncounty

### **SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE**

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township - such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Please call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need.

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of **Senior Citizens of Springfield** bus trips.

## **MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL**

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

#### *201* Spring

Boys Lacrosse is here! The fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

#### **Program Details:**

- The program is open to children in Springfield schools in 1st-9th grades.
- In our travel league, 3rd-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 1st-2nd graders play fewer games, but also play surrounding towns.
- 1st-8th grade travel players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

#### **Practices and Field Information:**

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
- 1st-2nd grade team practices Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and some Saturdays
- 3rd grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 4th-5th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 6th grade team practices Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 7th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Thursdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
- 8th-9th grade team practices Mondays @ 6:00-7:30 pm and Fridays @ 7:30-9:00 pm

#### Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield)
- \$115 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse with a credit card online at http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com)
- \$35 (Optional fee for a shooting shirt. See rear of form. You will be contacted by the Lacrosse Club.)

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, or online at BOTH https://register.communitypass.net/springfield and http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com

> Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

#### INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information.

#### FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)

**Time**: 2:30-8:00 pm (school year)

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

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### SPRINGFIELD BASEBALL LEAGUE

#### PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at www.leaguelineup.com/sjbl

#### **PLAYER ASSIGNMENTS BASED ON CAL RIPKEN AGE ASSIGNMENTS**

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LEAGUE	AGE	DOB	
A League	5 – 6 Year Old	5/1/2009- 4/30/2011	
Rookie League	7 – 8 Year Old	5/1/2007- 4/30/2009	
Minor League	9 – 10 Year Old	5/1/2005- 4/30/2007	
Major League	11 – 12 Year Old	5/1/2003- 4/30/2005	
Pony League	13 – 15 Year Old	5/1/2000- 4/30/2003	

**REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES** Received by February 29, 2016

#### PLAYER ASSESSMENTS & LATE REGISTRATION

- PRE-SEASON CLINICS will be held for Minor and Major Leagues only (dates TBA). All players must attend one of these sessions for training and skill assessment.
- The Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players through the league to address player welfare and competitive
- Registration received after February 29, 2016 will be subject to waiting list for team

A, Rookie, Minor, Major, Pony Leagues

**\$150** 

#### - PARENT'S PLEDGE

As a parent or legal guardian of a player participating in the Springfield Junior Baseball League program, I understand the following:

- 1. I will be supportive of the players, coaches, umpires and other participants.
- 2. I will be an example of good sportsmanship for my players.
- 3. I will cheer enthusiastically but let the players play, coac0hes coach and umpires call the game.
- 4. I will pick up my player within 5 minutes of the end of any game or practice.
- 5. I will ensure that my player uses the proper equipment.
- 6. I will not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages at any baseball event.
- 7. I will not leave any siblings or friends at the games or practices unsupervised.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANAGERS OR COACHES**

NOTE: ALL MANAGERS/COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE RUTGERS OR EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION TRAINING AND BE APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALL MANAGERS AND COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO FINGER-PRINTING AND TO ATTEND A LEAGUE SPONSORED FIRST AID COURSE.

**EXCITING NEWS FOR THIS SEASON! SJBL Majors and Minors** teams will continue to participate in interleague play vs. rec teams from our neighboring town Kenilworth.

All participating players are required to use Little League approved bats (aluminum or wood).

Barrel size not to exceed 21/4 in. Bats of any other kind are prohibited. This does not apply to Pony League players.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR YOUR CHILD'S TEAM. E-MAIL HARRIS GOLDMAN AT HARRIS.GOLDMAN1@GMAIL.COM

#### WINTER 2016 BASEBALL CLINIC

www.leaguelineup.com/sjbl

Coach Abbate and the Jonathan Dayton High School Baseball Team will be running a 2 Session Clinic in March 2016 in the Jonathan Dayton High School Gyms

2 Day Clinic for 7-12 Year Olds 2 Groups - 7-9 Year Old and 10-12 Year Old Jonathan Dayton Head Baseball Coach Mike Abbate, Coaching Staff and the Dayton Bulldog Baseball Players will run the clinic

#### \$50 Per Player for Both Sessions

Limited to 50 players per age group

Sunday 3/13/2016 & Sunday 3/20/2016 - 8am-11am

8-8:30 Sign In and Coaches Talk

8:30-9:30 7-8-9 Year Old Group - Defensive Practice Drills

8:30-9:30 10-11-12 Year Old Group - Batting Practice

9:30-10:30 7-8-9 Year Old Group - Batting Practice

9:30-10:30 10-11-12 Year Old Group - Defensive Practice Drills

10:30-11:00 Coaches Talk and Review

Go to the SNJBL Website, Register and Pay for the Clinic http://leaguelineup.com/sjbl and click on Winter Clinic

## **SPRING 2016 CROSS COUNTRY**

Join the Springfield Cross Country Team!

The Cross Country Team is a travel sport for Springfield boys and girls ages 8-14. The team meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track.

PRE-SEASON: Monday, March 7th-Monday, March 28th Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

RACE SEASON: Wednesday, March 30th-Friday, May 27th Team practices and official races.

(End date may be extended once all races are finalized.)

Fees: \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield) • \$225 (payable to Coach Michael Czech) INCLUDES: Uniform to keep, water bottle, pre-season training program, professional coaching instruction, race entry fees, and end-of-season pizza party. No refunds will be provided.

> Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

**Chisholm Community Center** 

100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Danielle McLeer,

Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.

#### SPRING · Age 2 to 14

Camps · Weekly Programs · Training Clinics Daytime · Evenings · Weekends

**REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID LATE FEES** (866) 345-BALL • www.USsportsInstitute.com

#### SPORTS institute Sports Camps and Programs

in Springfield

#### TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS (age 3 to 5):

Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment. Springfield Total Sports Squirts Schedule: http://goo.gl/Fw1q8m

Dates: April 17 - June 12 Details: 8 weekly classes

**Sundays**, 1:30pm -2:30pm / 2:30pm-3:30pm

Visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

#### SOCCER - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3):

With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction. In this class children will learn basic soccer skills, including dribbling,shooting, and passing. Springfield Soccer: Parent & ME Squirts Schedule: http://goo.gl/EjTsPo

Dates: April 17 - June 12 Details: 8 weekly classes Sundaus, 1:30pm-2:15pm

Visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

#### SPRING BREAK: MULTI SPORTS - CAMP (age 5 to 11):

Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more! During the morning players will focus on developing their technique and skills within each sport, and gain a basic understand-ing of playing a scrimmage. The afternoon will focus on small sided scrimmages in a tournament environment that encourages good sportsmanship and

Date: March28- April 1 **Details:** Monday to Friday (5 days) 9:00am-4:00pm (Full Day) 9:00am-12:30pm (Morning) 1:00pm-4:00pm (Afternoon)

Springfield Spring Break Camp: http://goo.gl/x8iUt0

Visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

#### TOTAL SPORTS - SENIOR SQUIRTS (age 5 to 7):

Players will learn key skills through small-sided scrimmages in a variety of sports, including Lacrosse, Soccer and Flag Football. All senior curriculums create an environment which allows players to develop and progress within sport. Springfield Total Sports Squirts Schedule: http://goo.gl/Fw1q8m

Dates: April 17 - June 12 Details: 8 weekly classes Sundays, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

CARDIO TENNIS (Young Adult and Adult)
Cardio Tennis is one of the most recent fitness initiatives to hit the US. All activities within the class are designed to raise your boot rate into the cars.

Day: Saturday Dates: April 16th-June are designed to raise your heart rate into the aerobic training zone, providing a whole body work out and burning optimal calories, all while improving your basic tennis skills. No tennis playing experience is necessary to join this class.

Dates: April 16th-June 11th No Class: May 28th **Location**: Irwin Park Tennis Courts Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm Cost: \$165 (if paid before March 30th)

http://ussportsinstitute.com/tennis-home/cardio-tennis.html

#### ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS (Young Adult and Adult)

USSI's adult tennis classes follow developmental curriculums and guidelines laid out by the USTA. Regardless of previous experience, participants will learn the basic fundamentals in stroke production, court movement and footwork, in a low pressured, yet energetic environment. Most importantly, it's all about having fun and taking the time to enjoy a social, healthy, lifelona sport.

Day: Saturday Dates: April 16th-June 11th No Class: May 28th **Location**: Irwin Park Tennis Courts Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm Cost: \$165 (if paid before March 30th)

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#### Girls Softball 2016 Grades 1-9

#### **Open to Springfield Residents Only**

Registration can be completed online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield Instructional League for Grades 1-2 Lower League Grades 3-5\* Upper League Grades 6-9\*\* \*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA) \*9th Graders not playing High School Softball

> **REGISTRATION FEES \$55** (payable to Township of Springfield) \$50 (payable to Girls Softball Parents Association) (deadline to register is February 17th)

### GIRLS LACROSS

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in Springfield! Known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

#### **Program Details:**

- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 2nd-7th grades.
- In our travel league, teams play a 4-6 game schedule against surrounding towns home and away.
- Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-2nd graders (no equipment required) will be offered. More information to be announced.

#### **Practices and Field Information:**

- Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
- 2nd-4th grade team practices once per week (day and time to be determined).
- 5th-7th grade team will practice on Tuesday or Friday (time to be determined).

#### Fees:

- \$55 (Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield)
- \$80 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form)
- \$25 (Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Please wait until teams are finalized before paying this fee.)

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, or online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227. Lacrosse questions? Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com.

Please visit the Lacrosse Club website at www.springfieldlaxnj.com for additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures!

#### **INTRODUCTION TO DANCE** Winter 2016

This class will introduce the basics of ballet and will also incorporate creative movement. This class is for both boys and girls! Instructor Diana Perez has been a dance teacher, choreographer, and performer for over 20 years.

**Class meets at the Chisholm Community** Center on Mondays from February 8th to March 21st. at 1:30-2:15 pm (No class on February 15th)

The class is open to Springfield children ages 3-5. Minimum of four children are needed to run this program.

Fee: \$55 (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: Six sessions of professional dance instruction Payment must be made prior to the first class. No refunds will be provided.

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

**Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program** Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.



Party room and kitchen available at the Chisholm **Community** Center for your next event. Cost to Springfield residents is only \$175 for up to four hours.

Call Recreation Department for details (973) 912-2227

## KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register,

## **CO-ED RUNNING SPRING 2016**

please visit http://cityofsummit.org/trycan.

Are your children interested in running and improving their speed and agility?

**Come join the Springfield Running Program!** 

#### Grades K-2nd

Session 1 meets on Mondays from April 4th-May 9th at 4:15-4:45 pm at Chisholm Park

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th-June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at Chisholm Park

In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, grades K-2nd. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young children who would like to learn about speed and

#### Ages 8-14

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Fee: \$55 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: T-shirt, water bottle, and professional coaching instruction. Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.

Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

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Questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us.

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### ADULT BOOT CAMP

#### **WINTER 2016**

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During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

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#### **COST IS \$110 PER PERSON**

Registration will be available soon at http://bootcampwf.com/enlist, and forms will be available soon at the Springfield Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm www.springfield-nj.us/recreation Questions? Contact Heather Re, **Assistant Recreation Director,** heather.re@springfield-nj.us

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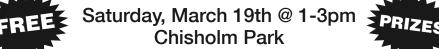
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#### For information:

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## SPRINGFEST 2016

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(left picture) Women's softball coordinator Jennifer Cataldo, girl's softball coordinator Paul Ciullo, and assistant recreation director Heather Re stand beside the new dugout shade structures at Chisholm Park. The new addition to the lower field - completed in mid-January and to be used for the first time this spring – will protect softball players from the sun and rain during practices and games. The project was co-financed by a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant and the Township of Springfield Capital Improvement Budget.

(right picture) (l-r) Springfield Recreation Department basketball clinic volunteer Caitlynn McTernan, and clinic instructors Lindsay Stearns, Daniel Wilkenfeld, Justin Grant, and David Steinman welcome the prekindergartners to the first clinic of the year on Sunday, January 10th.





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Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Township of Springfield and return to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue. Any questions, call Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

**Cost includes:** 

Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, \$25 slot pay

Bus Trip to Resorts Casino – March 23rd (one form per person)			
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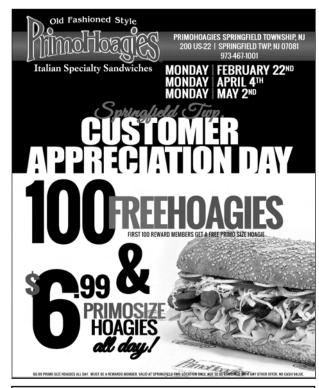
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