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SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY GARDENS - PUTTING THE GARDEN BACK INTO THE GARDEN STATE

The Springfield Environmental Commission (SEC) in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW) under the advisement of Anthony Cancro, the Township Administrator is pleased to announce the near completion of Phase One of the rebirth of Springfield's Community Gardens.

The six raised 10 foot by 10 foot square plots of land now being farmed by various groups and individuals are located on Wabeno Avenue.

Not so long ago, Springfield had Community Gardens on a Township property located on Hillside Avenue run by the Garden Club at the site of what is now the Freeman Apartments. When the land was deemed for the apartments to be built there was no provision at the time for relocating the Gardens. However the idea of them did not die.

This past spring, Hortense Dias suggested to the Chairperson of the SEC, Denise DeVone, that Springfield needed the Gardens to come alive again. So, Anthony Cancro was asked if the town had any space. He called in Kenny Homlish of the DPW who suggested two sites, one of which was the area on Wabeno Avenue. Sam Mardini, the Assistant Township Engineer and groundhog expert, Anthony Cancro, and Denise DeVone paced off the area to be farmed and decided on a rough layout of the space. Vinnie DeGaetano, the president of the Garden Club, did a

formal growing assessment of site. An official application was then written up by Denise and sent to Hugh Keffer to present to Mayor Ziad Shehady and the rest of the Township Committee who overwhelmingly supported it and the Gardens began. Kenny Homlish, Joe Sarno and the employees people of the DPW built the raised beds and filled them with good soil.

The idea of the Gardens is to provide a place for people who do not have arable land to farm, to socialize and to educate. Eventually, it is hoped that the growers will have enough produce to contribute some of it to the local Food Banks. There are also plans for the local students to participate in a pumpkin growing contest for next year.

At present, the fencing, the rain barrels for water and the compost palette need to be completed for Phase One to be finished. Phase Two will consist of making and fencing in 6 more plots. The formal dedication will occur sometime this fall. Next Year the SEC plans to expand the effort to other locations and the Township committee fully supports the project.

Anyone who is interested in farming the plots must be a resident of Springfield and abide by a few rules set down by the Township and the Environmental Commission. For further information please email Denice Devone at Ddevone@aim.com

BOY SCOUTS RETURN FROM WEEK ON RESERVATION

Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 recently spent a week at Camp Somers in the Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, winning several Troop awards, including Honors Troop and Honors Patrol recognition, the highly competitive Jack Knife Cooking Contest (winners two years in a row), and the campwide Scouts Competition, including the fastest time for the swimming portion of the competition in the process. On an individual level, 34 Merit Badges were earned, including several required for achieving Eagle Scout ranking. Five boys completed the Dan Beard program, one completed the C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor

Personal Experience) program, one was recognized for participation in the Firewatch program, one was presented with an Award of Merit, and 10 were selected to participate in a pilot program introducing All Terrain Vehicles to the camp, one of only three camps in the country with this program.

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. For information about younger scouting, you can also select our Cub Scout Pack 73 link.



(above, front, l-r) are Peter Sitomer, Stephen Jurczak, Robert Dobler, Tyler Locke, Justin Locke, Jeffrey Kukucka, Justin Sequeira and Scoutmaster Jim Kukucka. (middle, l-r) Trevor Abood, Aaron Scheiner, Ryan Locke, Michael Zacieracha, Austin Smith, Ronald Hoelzel, Joseph Bentancur, Austin Rotoly, Matthew Jurczak and Nicholas Anagnos. (back, l-r) Assistant Scoutmasters Steven Scheiner, Rick Locke, Bob Dobler, Dan Bentancur, Joe Smela and Steve Jurczak.

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SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Springfield Garden Club will hold its annual "Show and Tell from our Gardens" program on Wednesday, August 18th, 2010. Members will share the good news of our successes plus discuss and try to understand our failures. We will put a plentiful harvest on display and answer questions.

We meet at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall at 700PM.

Questions? Please call 973 379 4879.

Message from the Mayor



With the summer vacation season soon coming to an end and "back-to-school" just around the corner, there are several important projects in the works. As residents may have noticed, road conditions have deteriorated over the past several years. This was due to insufficient funding by previous Township Committees. This year, the municipal capital budget includes provisions for capital and infrastructure improvements. Regularly scheduled preventative maintenance on the roads, buildings, parks and grounds ensures we are in compliance with safety standards and we minimize the chance of more expensive, emergency repairs. New playground structures are being installed at Denham Park, Laurel Park and Smithfield Park. Additionally, playground upgrades are being made to the existing equipment at Irwin Street Park, Henshaw Park, Ruby Park and Chisholm Park. Residents will also see noticeable changes in the Mountain Avenue corridor from Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue as a result of the milling, repaving and striping of the road. Afterwards, the crosswalks along Mountain Avenue will be revamped with stamped "pavers" to increase visibility and pedestrian safety.

At the July regular Township Committee meeting, we selected Mr. Richard Rosell to fill the post of Public Safety Director starting July 19, 2010. He is a highly qualified and outstanding candidate of impeccable character with the skill and unparalleled expertise to lead Springfield's Public Safety Department. With his help, the Department can reduce costs, eliminate redundancies and combine shared supervisory functions. Instead of each Division having a paid Deputy Chief (each over \$100,000), the positions can remain vacant and the duplicative administrative functions can be centralized with the Public Safety Director. Already, he has made significant and much needed changes that will help move Springfield forward.

Finally, I would like to thank the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for organizing our annual free Summer Concert on August 9th. Without their dedication to Springfield and assistance from sponsors like Investors Savings Bank, Dobbs Auto Body, No Body Denied Fitness, Cardinal Land Properties, Hecht Family Chiropractic, Michael Scalera Insurance, and Hammer Dental Associates, free events like this would not be possible.

As always, visit my website at www.zashehady.com for more frequent updates and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at mayor@zashehady.com or call 973-912-2200.

Making Progress, Moving Forward!

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD'S PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR



Richard G. Rosell

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as the newly appointed Director of Public Safety. At this writing I have just completed my first week of service and I am happy to report that the Police and Fire Divisions as well as the township Office of Emergency Management are staffed with the most professional personnel available. They have made what should have been a difficult and awkward transition easy and enjoyable.

I understand that the status of the reorganization of the Police Division is on the minds of many citizens. Captain Carl Riley, the representative of the Union County Prosecutors Office and I have spent many hours conducting an assessment of the Police Division. Captain Riley has been assigned to assist in the reorganization and has been nothing short of invaluable. Together, we have created a tentative plan for improving the administrative functions of the Police Division.

These administrative initiatives will have a direct affect on the operations of the Division, which will translate into a safer township. Captain Davis, the Executive Officer and operational commander of the Division had already instituted several initiatives prior to my arrival that have positively impacted the Division. One such initiative was the scheduling of some of our officers for advanced training. I will continue to seek the best training available for all of our Police Officers, Firefighters, and Office of Emergency Management personnel, including our valuable Auxiliary Police.

I invite any citizen willing to share his or her thoughts regarding our public caretaking duties to visit me at the municipal building. No appointment is necessary. If you can't make the trip, I can be reached at (973) 912-2244 or richard.rosell@springfield-nj.us

Richard G. Rosell

Springfield Public Safety Director

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GOING GREEN: MAKES GREEN & SAVES GREEN

By Committeeman Marc A. Krauss

Have you ever wondered how recycling benefits Springfield? We all know that recycling is good for the environment and the more we recycle the less refuse we put into our land fill, but did you know that for each ton of refuse we put into the land fill there is a cost to the township and for each ton of recyclables Springfield receives monies in the form of two state sponsored grants.

The good news is that even though the cost per ton of refuse has increased from \$60.42 in 2007 to \$66.94 in 2009, the total cost of putting refuse into the dump has decreased through increased recycling efforts. The cost to Springfield in 2007 was \$419,564 as opposed to \$407,472 in 2009.

The Clean Communities Grant and the Recycling Tonnage Grant are the two grants that the township applies for each year. In 2007, the township received a total of \$62,882 for both grants which is put back in the recycling program. Springfield ranked number 4 out of the 21 towns in Union County for Recycling Tonnage Grants in 2009.

It seems simple enough, the less we put in the land fill the lower the cost to us and the more we recycle the more grant money we receive. So, not only do you help preserve resources by recycling, but you also save tremendous amounts of money in the long run. Every ton you recycle is a ton you don't have to pay to throw out. "It doesn't take any more energy to throw an item into the trash than it does to place it in a recycling container. Recycling is an effortless way of saving both money and our environment." said Joe Sarno, DPW Recycling Manager.

As a Springfield resident, you are an integral part of the Township's Recycling Program. To increase the grant monies coming in and reduce the tipping fees requires everyone to do their part. So, the next time you think about throwing out a plastic water bottle or newspaper, you are throwing out money. I encourage everyone to recycle more, it benefits everyone.

Keeping the Township of Springfield clean and beautiful is a goal we all want to achieve. We can and should strive toward this goal because it is the right thing to do. Every little bit helps and collectively, we can accomplish a lot.

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(above, l-r) OEM CERT Supervisor Mitch Janklow, Auxiliary Police Chief of Staff Wally Schultz, Corporal John Foster and Officer Marc McBratney.

(above, l-r) Auxiliary Officer Scott Seidel, Springfield Police Corporal John Foster and Springfield Police Officer Angelo Bonavitacola stand next to the Bicycle Helmets donated by the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to be presented for free to 13 lucky recipients.



(above) Crowds gather for the start of the free raffle prize drawings.

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ELKS CLUB HAPPENINGS



(left) Photo taken at NJ State Elks Association Convention in Wildwood NJ. Awards Presentation for the Drug Awareness Poster Contest with the theme: “I’ve Better Things to do Than Drugs” which was open to 3rd through 5th grade students.(l-r) Stephanie Poranski Springfield Hillside Lodge #2004 Drug Awareness Chairperson, Surya Makkar 5th Grade 1st place winner, state finals, with awards plaque, Robert Colwell, Elks East Central District Drug Awareness Chairperson.



(above) Members of Springfield Hillside Lodge #2004 pictured with Larry Chance and the Earls at the Veterans and Special Needs Children's Fund Raiser held on June 19th at the Lodge. In attendance and included in the picture Left to Right are Bill Heath, VP; Bob Prazeres, ER; Larry Kaspereen, DDGER; Patty Mattos, Lodge Secretary; Carmel Kretchmer, PDD Lodge Trustee; Event Chairwoman and Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Dina Carrasquilo and Lenny Mariannino, Member.

HWANG KARATE BRINGS HOME THEIR WINNINGS

In July martial arts practitioners from all around the Nation met at The Crown Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey to attend the US Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan’s National event which included all day clinics, seminars and a large scale Karate tournament.

Students from the Hwang Karate studio attended this event. The beginning of their weekend included a multitude of clinics and seminars to reinforce their martial arts values and strong tradition. The second half of their participation was all about competing for a strong finish in their respective divisions.

Instructor Paul Del Sordo said “the experience was invaluable to the growth of my students, their martial arts discipline makes all of them winners regardless of a trophy”.

Hwang Karate is now celebrating its 35th year in town and is very proud of its history, tradition, philosophy, discipline and technique. They appreciate Springfield and surrounding communities for their support of the studio and its families.





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The boys selected were Jesse Krumholz and Matthew Neubauer. Along with over 800 boys from all over the State of NJ, they took part in a unique Summer-time educational program for High School Juniors.

Their objectives were to develop leadership and pride in American citizenship, arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of government, develop a full understanding of American traditions and a loyalty to the United States of America, arouse in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government, inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.



(above) Jesse Krumholz, Boys State Chairman Ray Schramm, and Matthew Neubauer.



Fire Chief's Column Chief James Sanford DORMITORY FIRE SAFETY

Before your college student heads off to school this month, please take a few minutes to share with him or her, this article regarding basic dormitory fire safety.

Many students are living on their own for the very first time. While this is certainly an exciting time, it also comes with more personal responsibility and the reality of community living. Unfortunately, due to a high number of nuisance alarms in multiple unit dwellings, many students become apathetic and do not evacuate the building when the fire alarm sounds.

The majority of dormitory fires start in the kitchen, which makes it very important to know how to properly operate cooking appliances. The second leading cause of fires in student housing is contained trash fires – usually begun when a match or cigarette is thrown in the garbage before it is fully extinguished. This type of fire can be especially dangerous because it is not immediately evident. The fire can smolder for hours before bursting into flame – possibly after you leave the room or while you sleep.

Intentionally set fires are the most destructive of all. The arsonist may tamper with smoke alarms and sprinkler heads, leaving innocent victims without knowledge of the fire until it has grown dangerously large.

In the event of a fire, immediately call 911 and pull the fire alarm. As you evacuate, pound on doors and yell “FIRE”. Close doors behind you to slow the spread of smoke and flame. If you are trapped in your room, place cloth (preferably wet) along the crack at the bottom of the door to help prevent smoke from seeping into the room. Hang a sheet or towel out the window to signal for help. Call 911 and

tell them your dorm name and room number.
PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:

1. Don't tamper with smoke detectors, and do test the batteries regularly. Please don't borrow the batteries for the video game controller.
2. Don't hang things from or tamper with the sprinkler heads. They are designed to control heat, smoke and flames allowing you the time to escape and giving firefighters a safer environment.
3. Know how to work all kitchen equipment and keep it clean. Use a pot lid, baking soda or salt to put out a grease fire – never water. Know how to use the fire extinguisher for small fires.
4. Know at least 2 escape routes from your dorm. Make sure windows open easily.
5. Do not smoke in bed or in areas not designated “Smoking Area”.
6. Do not use candles or incense. If you do, never leave them unattended.
7. Alcohol plays a major factor in the ability to make good judgments and safely evacuate the scene of a fire. If you drink, please drink responsibly.
8. Don't overload electrical sockets. Appliances, such as refrigerators, hot pots and irons, should never be plugged into extension cords.
9. Use the correct wattage light bulb in your lamps. Never place material over the bulb or shade. Make sure the lamp is secure and won't tip over onto a flammable surface such as bedding.
10. Never block fire exits or prop open fire doors. Fire doors must remain closed to keep flames and smoke from blocking your escape route.



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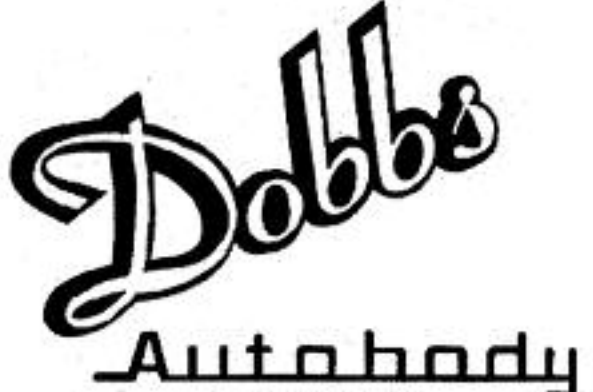
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Police Department Column

SAFEGUARD ADVICE AGAINST THEFT

In good economic times or bad economic times, there will always be various types of thefts of opportunity that are committed such as shoplifting, break-ins to motor vehicles and burglaries to houses or businesses. The following information is for residents and businesses alike on some ways to prevent being the victim of a burglary or theft.

Home owners must remember that a closed window is not a locked window as burglars will initially walk around a house to see if a door has been inadvertently left unlocked or if a window was closed but not locked by the homeowner. Whether you leave your house for the entire day or just an hour...always lock all doors and windows. Homeowners do not usually lock second story windows believing they are not accessible to a thief but in some cases a burglar will use lawn furniture or storage bins in the rear yard to be able to reach a higher window or a lower roof in order to open an unlocked upper floor window.

While the best deterrent to either commercial or residential burglaries is an alarm system there are other things that can be done to prevent a burglary. Houses with dogs as pets are least favored by most thieves who do not want to encounter a potentially unfriendly dog within the house and to this point, homeowners with or without a dog will buy and post a “beware of dog” sign on their property as an added deterrent. At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime as lights at houses gives an appearance house is occupied and lighting at businesses limits the ability for burglars to work on prying open a window or door.

Homeowners on vacation should make sure

to stop mail or newspaper deliveries and not have any empty garbage or recycling cans left out in front of house as these are signs the residents are away. Motion sensor lights or lights on timers will give the appearance that you and your family are home at night. If possible, see if a neighbor or a relative or friend can park one of their vehicles in your driveway so your house looks occupied.

Businesses with cash registers should have the register drawer left in the open position when the business is closed as the main focus of any retail burglary is to take the money in the register drawer. An open drawer, whether empty or containing a small amount of money, will save a business an added expense of having to replace an entire cash register.

As the price of gold and silver have never been so high this has resulted in house burglars going directly to master bedrooms to seek out and steal gold and silver jewelry and this is usually found both in jewelry boxes atop the dressers or stored inside of dresser drawers. Jewelry, especially items not worn on a regular basis, should be kept in a secure location that is not located within the master bedroom as burglars are prone to only spend minutes inside of a house and usually only search the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry.

Motor vehicles when parked should have the doors locked and windows fully closed and no visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units on dash board or a pocketbook or a computer case on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in or they will merely go car to car seeing if doors are unlocked.

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**American Association of Individual Investors
(Open to the public)**

Monday, August 23rd, 10:00 a.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Tuesday, August 24th, 12:00 noon

**Lunchtime Video-Cybill Shepherd, Ryan O'Neal & Robert
Downey Jr. in this story of an outrageous love triangle**

Thursday, August 26th, 10:15 a.m.

Memoir Writing Group

September

Tuesday, September 7th, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video—1999 religious spoof
starring Matt Damon & Ben Affleck**

Thursday, September 9th

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Monday, September 13th, 10:00 a.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Thursday, September 16th, 10:15 a.m.

Great Books Discussion Group

Thursday, September 16th, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meeting

Saturday, September 18th, 9:15 a.m.

**American Association of Individual Investors
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Tuesday, September 21st, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video - 1978 remake of Heaven Can Wait
starring Warren Beatty**

Thursday, September 23rd, 10:15 a.m.

Memoir Writing Group

Youth Programs

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am

Thursday Aug 5

Tuesday August 10 (Enhanced)

Tuesday August 17 (Enhanced)

Wednesday August 25

Thursday September 2

Friday September 10

Tuesday September 14

Mother Goose Group (MGG) is for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver.

Wee listen to storybooks and sing and dance!

MGG...Enhanced has ASL interpreter.

Step Up to Chapterbooks @ 7pm

Monday August 2, 16, 23, 30

For Grades 1-3. Join up with other interested students as we explore the grande adventure of reading!

Storycraft @ 12noon

A story and a craft! For ages 3 to 7

Tuesday August 3, 17, 24 and 31.

Let's Learn Chess

Wednesdays @ 7pm

Please note: You must register for this program by calling or stopping by the Youth Services Desk

Teen Booktalks for Grade 6+

Thursday August 12 @ 7:30

Share your fave books with others!

Friday Movies on the Big Screen @ 2:00 to 4:pm

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