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#### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 24, 2016

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# SPRINGFIELD SWEARS IN MILITARY VETERAN AS ITS NEWEST OFFICER

Springfield's newest addition to its police force, Officer Mike Cabanas, comes from serving our country for thirteen years, to now serving the people of Springfield as a highly decorated military veteran.

Officer Cabanas served in the US Army, 101st Airborne Division, where he was deployed to Iraq with the 5th Special Forces Group. After completing his enlistment in the army, he returned to New Jersey where he enlisted in the NJ National Guard where his duties took him to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba and later to New Orleans, Louisiana in support of the hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. During this time he was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

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Officer Mike Cabanas is joined by his family, from left to right, Nicholas O'Brien, Kelley O'Brien-Dionne, Jeff Dionne, and girlfriend Lauren Balinski, as well as Chief Cook and Mayor Fernandez.

# SPRINGFIELD SWEARS IN NEW PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER

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Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, parents Richard and Mary Anne Cowper, his girlfriend, Caitlin Folkers, Firefighter Joseph Cowper and Mayor Jerry Fernandez

# LIONS CLUB DONATES TO SPRINGFIELD HOPE

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and Phil Hunrath, Springfield HOPE Trustees Dr. Gary Hecht and Scott Seidel and Springfield Lion, Pastor Knecht from the Holy Cross Church

# RAY SCHRAMM RECOGNIZED FOR 70 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN LEGION

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Legionnaires surrounding Ray Schramm are Don Auer, Don Rathjens, Peter Mongiello, Rich Novak, Gerry Gebauer and Sandford Drucks.

#### TD BANK MATCHES COIN DONATIONS IN A BIG WAY FOR SPRINGFIELD HOPE

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HOPE Trustee and Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Gina Ungermah, TD Bank Manger, presenting the check.



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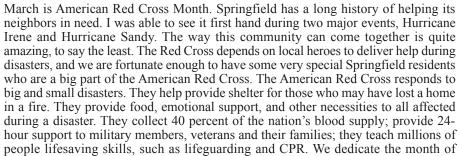
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# Message from the Mayor

Dear Springfield Residents,



March, but we should thank them always for all they do.

As March comes in with warmer weather and the hope that Spring brings, the town continues to work hard. We are finalizing meetings with Baltusrol as they prepare for yet another PGA open in July of this year. This event will bring nearly two hundred thousand people into our community during the week. For those of you who have not experienced it yet, it is a big event. Golf has four "Majors" during every year. This year one will be in our town. There will be many people, road closures, and parking restrictions. Baltusrol and the town will try to make this as smooth as possible during that time, and as more information is confirmed, we will begin to let those affected the most prepare.

Congratulations to Heather Re, our assistant recreation director. She was awarded the William D. Foelsch Young Professional Award by the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association at their annual conference in Atlantic City. Since her hire in 2014, Heather as worked extremely hard at her job in town. She has worked at our pool over the summer, at Chisholm Center for the after school drop-in, taught Rutgers coach clinics, planned the egg hunt, and assisted with Seniors, among many other great events she has worked on. It is nice to see her be acknowledged not only by us in Springfield but by her peers in the State of New Jersey.

I would also like to thank all our first responders and in particular our fire fighters, who unfortunately have been very busy lately. They not only had to battle a tragic fire in Springfield's Park Place recently, but also have been busy throughout Union County. They were recognized with a Resolution this past month by the City of Elizabeth for their bravery in helping battle a gas explosion in their city.

Our township committee will continue to work hard. If anyone would like to discuss any town issues, please feel free to call me at 908-868-0898 or e-mail me at jerry.fernandez@springfield-nj.us.

Thank you

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

#### **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm at Town Hall Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm at Town Hall Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 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

#### **NEWEST OFFICER**

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While serving in the Guard, Officer Cabanas was also enrolled in the Army ROTC program at Rutgers University. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree in political science, he was commissioned as a United States Army Officer and promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

After graduation, Cabanas served an additional five years as a commissioned officer at the US Army's 25th Infantry Division, later achieving the rank of captain while serving in Afghanistan.

"As I said as recently as a month ago when Officer Alves was sworn in, and for the other officers before that, I look for a certain quality in officers that I want serving our township. Springfield deserves the best and I am confident that Officer Cabanas is yet another example of just that," stated Chief Cook.

# TASTE OF THE TOWN

# SAVE THE DATE APRIL 18, 2016

# HOSTED BY THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

The Springfield Rotary Club will host their annual Taste of the Town fund raiser at the Galloping Hills Catering facility. Many of your favorite local restaurants, dessert and wine stores will be attending for your pleasure.

Please Save the Date so that you are sure to be able to attend. In addition to the food and beverages provided, there will be Tricky Tray items and an auction for larger prizes, including a variety of Broadway Show tickets.

The Rotary Club is an active participant in Springfield and the money generated from this event helps us give back to our community. Please purchase your ticket for this great event as soon as possible.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door and are available from any Springfield Rotary Club member. For a complete list of club members please call the club president, Dr. Seth Hammer, at 973-376-7718 or vice president Bart Fraenkel at 201-723-7604.





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#### PLEASE READ THIS TO RECOGNIZE THE "PHONY TAXMAN" IRS SCAMS

In my Patriot Times column this month, I would like to alert you to the increasing amount of bunco scams being committed against township residents by either telephone calls or via the internet. One scam that is ongoing year long but increases during the month of April is commonly referred to as "IRS Tax Scams." This is because April is the time of year that we all have to pay our taxes. These crimes increase dramatically during the month of April all across the country and unfortunately they also increase in Springfield. Every week our police department receives calls from residents who have either been targeted, or regretfully, have fallen victim to these scams. To help you recognize these scams and not be taken in by them, I ask you to take a moment to read this in order to recognize the "phony taxman."

#### IRS SCAM #1 (This is done by telephone)

Fraudsters, most operating outside of the United States, will contact an intended victim claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or U.S. Treasury Department. The fraudster will inform the victim that he or she owes taxes and that a warrant for their arrest has been or is to be issued. The caller will offer a way to avoid arrest by having the victim immediately pay a specified amount of money. The caller will indicate that the arrest warrant will be cancelled and or not issued if payment is made.

If the victim initially balks at having to pay immediately, the caller, who usually says that he or she is a special agent for the IRS, will threaten that government agents will be dispatched to the victim's home. On some occasions the caller may even say that officers from the Springfield Police Department are on their way to arrest the victim.

Once a victim agrees to pay the back taxes and or fines, the caller will require that the payment is either made by a loadable type of debit card sold at numerous convenience and drug stores known as a Green Dot VISA Money Pack, or a similar type of card where funds can be loaded into the card. The fraudsters can then retrieve the funds by merely having the victim read off certain numbers on the rear of the card. A secondary method of payment is by Western Union or Money Gram wires. If the victim agrees to make the payment, the fraudsters will even specify the nearest business to the victim's residence where the cards or money wire can be obtained.

Fraudsters are beginning to use robo-calls to increase the amount of persons who can be targeted. Instead of an actual person calling, the victim will receive an automated phone call where the message purports to be from the IRS and indicates there is a problem with your taxes or your recently filed tax return. A number is left for the victim to call which will go directly to the fraudsters. If you listen closely to the call you may notice accents, incorrect word usage, or improper sentence structure as the caller is frequently from overseas.

#### IRS SCAM #2 (This is done by e-mail)

The victim will receive an e-mail that purports to be from the IRS. It will look very authentic and will have the logos for the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS on the e-mail. The e-mail will indicate some type of problem (much the same as the scams done by telephone) and the victim will be prompted to click on a link to get the full information.

Most of these bogus links take you to a site where you will be told how to immediately make a payment by entering your credit or debit card account number, while other links will try to obtain your identity information or introduce a virus into your computer.

# IRS SCAM #3 (Identity Theft to File False Returns)

Another problem that occurs this time of year is when an unknown person uses your true identity, including your Social Security number (SSN), to file a fraudulent tax return in your name but a tax refund is sent to a different address. As your annual tax return submission to the IRS is verified by your SSN. the minute you submit your real return the IRS will contact you once they discover two returns filed in the same year with the same SSN. In this case you may actually be contacted by the real IRS by telephone, but mostly this is done by the U.S. Mail. The 'real" IRS will understand you may not believe the call is legitimate, and they will explain the problem to you and tell you to contact the IRS at their true website of www.IRS.gov. They will not require you to give out any personal information or account numbers on the telephone.

#### IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER...

- The IRS will <u>not</u> contact you by telephone to request an immediate payment for back taxes, unfiled returns and any penalties. The IRS uses the U.S. Mail.
- <u>Do not click on links</u> from any e-mail purporting to be from the IRS where you are being required to make some type of immediate payment. Write down the information from the e-mail and contact the IRS yourself via www.IRS.gov or by getting the telephone number for the nearest IRS field office.
- The IRS, much like any other agency that has the power to seek the issuance of a warrant for your arrest, will never call you in advance to inform you of a warrant AND agree to dismiss a warrant in lieu of some type of monetary payment. Once an actual warrant is issued for your arrest you may be able to post bail but you will first be arrested. Any telephone call offering you a way to pay to avoid being arrested is an outright scam.
- If you receive a communication supposedly from the IRS and you are <u>unsure if it is legitimate</u>, please just do one thing before opting to give away thousands of dollars. That one thing is to call the Springfield Police Department so that we can help prevent you from falling victim to these scams.

#### **RAY SCHRAMM**

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At the February 23rd Township Committee meeting, Township resident and Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1942 graduate, Raymond C. Schramm, was recognized for his 70 years of membership in Springfield American Legion Post 228. Ray was presented a plaque by Post 228 Commander Gerry Gebauer and given an opportunity to address the audience. Ray served in the US Navy from November 1942 until January 1946. The following is a small synopsis of Ray's service to the United States during World War II.

During his wartime service in the US Navy, Ray spent 3 months in boot camp at Bainbridge, MD and another 4 months in Bainbridge ship's company. On July 28, 1943, he transferred to the USS Battleship Texas in Bayonne, NJ as a Musician 3rd Class Petty Officer.

When in battle condition, his duty was with ship's damage control. When in normal sea conditions, he was a ship's surface lookout observer from the foretop (crows nest).

On June 7, 1944, the day after the D-Day Invasion, his ship faced extremely dangerous maneuvers, going up and down the coast of Normandy giving fire power to our fighting men on the beach.

On June 26, 1944, his ship was hit twice and the main deck was afire. The USS Texas was in a three hour duel with powerful German coastal batteries. The ship sustained two direct hits and many damaging near misses. They had to fight two fires spreading over their main deck. This all took place just off the coast of Cherbourg, France. Unfortunately, their ship's helmsman was mortally wounded. Four others were also wounded, as well as a third of their ship's bridge crew. After the battle of Cherbourg, the ship went to Plymouth, England for repairs and ammunition.

In August, 1944, they went to the Mediterranean, stopping at Gibraltar, then on to Algiers and Italy. From Italy, he took part in the invasion of southern France on August 18, 1944. The invasion was very successful with very little German resistance. After the invasion of southern France, the USS Texas' job in the American theater was over. The ship went back to the US, then to the Pacific by way of the Panama Canal, then to the Hawaiian Island and the Philippines.

On February 16, 1945, the ship took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima. According to Ray, this was a very hard and difficult invasion with many casualties on both sides. "We spent two or three weeks giving fire power to the troops on the beach. I was fortunate to witness the placing of the American flag on top of Mt. Suribachi"

Then in April of 1945 his ship took part in the invasion of Okinawa. Ray commented, "The landing went along very smoothly with little Japanese resistance, but soon became a very hard fought battle before the battle was won by the US Troops. The Kamikaze attacks gave us the most difficulty in defending our ship and the Okinawa's Navy task force. But, with all the ships giving anti-aircraft protection, the air battle was won."

After the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, Ray returned to the Philippines on the USS Texas and transferred to the USS Lamar. The Lamar would take him to the US by way of Pearl Harbor and then Treasure Island, CA. He was sent to Camp Perry, VA to be a boot camp instructor and a member of Camp Perry's band. On January 6, 1946, Ray was discharged from Lido Beach, Long Island, NY.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Post 228 Commander Gerry Gebauer commented, "During his 70 years of membership, Ray has served in every position in the post and numerous times as Commander of Post 228. He has been Commander of the Union County American Legion. Ray is still very active in Post 228 activities. He goes to the VA Hospital to entertain veterans that are one-fourth his age. He never misses a monthly Union County Legion meeting (as long as someone will drive him). Ray has created a book of newspaper clippings for all the years of WWII which he has donated to the town. Ray is not only a fine musician but also a craftsman, having created a replica of the USS Texas by hand.





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**Storycraft Mondays Mar. 21 @ 4pm. Ages 3 to 7** w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

**Campfire Stories 7pm Thursday March 24.** Join Ms. Kathy around a crackling fire for great stories and a small treat! Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Drop in and stay for awhile! Fri. Mar. 18, Tues Mar. 22, Tues Mar. 29, Fri April 1.

Wii Games – Wednesdays March 16 & 23 from 4:00-5:00pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

**Lego Club meets each Tuesday after school until 4:45 pm March 15 & 22.** Ages 6 and up. Kids aged 9 and under need to have their parent present.

**Drop in Math Help – March Wednesdays @ 4pm.** Need some math help? Bring your homework and a certified math teacher is here to help! **No help March 30.** 

Crazy 8s Math Club Grades K-2 continues Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00 pm. March 17. Registration is closed. Please call the Youth Services Desk for availability.

**St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt Thursday March** 17—All Day. Come in for your Treasure Map and find that Pot o' Gold!

School is closed for Spring Break, but the Library is open!

Monday March 28: 2:00-4:00 Drop-in Lego Bonanza, all ages. 7pm Bedtime Math Party: Wear your PJs and bring your brain! Ages 5 to 8.

Tuesday March 29: 10:30 MGG; 2:00 Pirate Pete's High Seas Hygiene Show starring Muscle Man Mike! Dress like a pirate!

Wednesday March 30: 11:00am Drop-in Storycraft all ages; 2:00-4:00 pm Disney's Scene It Ages 8+ Please register 973-376-4930 x 233.

Thursday March 31: 11:00 am Drop-in Storycraft all ages; 2:00-4:00pm Board Games Bonanza all ages. Bring your friends for Chess, Rummikub, UNO, Candyland, Monopoly and more!

Friday April Fools Day: 10:30 MGG. 2:00-3:15 Spring Fun Day with Springfield's Party Maniacs! All ages. Please register 973-376-4930.

#### **TEENS:**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** – Earn volunteer hours from developing programs just for teens to helping host programs for the younger set. TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **Monday March 21 @ 6:00-7:00pm.** 

Thursday March 31 @ 7:00-8:00pm Anti-Valentine's Day Party: (Re-scheduled!) "I'm not yours, you're not mine, be my anti-valentine! Ages 10+ Dress in your best black for games, crafts, snacks & music.

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#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Now thru March 30 Art show by JDHS students.

Friday, Marcth 18, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

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

Sunday, April 3rd, 2:00 pm "Almost, Maine" - a play presented by members of the Hudson Shakespeare Company.

#### **DISCUSSIONS and WRITING**

Thursdays, March 24 and April 14 Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am.

Thursday, March 17, 10:00 am Great Books Discussion: "On Tragedy" by Aristotle.

#### **FILMS**

Thursday, March 17, 1:00 pm & 6:45 pm International film: "Testament of Youth". In English. 2014.

Monday, March 28, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – MASTERS OF FILM: Wes Anderson: When hotel concierge is bequeathed a priceless painting, he is unwittingly implicated in the testator's murder and must clear his name. Ralph Fiennes stars. 2014.

Monday, April 11, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – MASTERS OF FILM: Richard Linklater: Struggling rock singer and guitarist who is kicked out of his band disguises himself as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. He forms a band of fourth-graders which wins the Battle of the Bands and pays off his rent. 2003.

#### **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.

# ANTIQUES APPRAISAL NIGHT RETURNS TO THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY APRIL 7, 2016

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library again host their annual Antiques Appraisal Night, this year on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the library, 66 Mountain Ave., in Springfield from 7-9 pm. Mr. Ken Jakupko, of Ken's Antiques, Summit Antiques Center returns to give his appraisals. Participants are asked to arrive at 6:30 pm to register. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 for each item you bring in. This donation will be collected on the 7th when you sign in. A total of 3 items may be appraised, and then, if time allows, additional items may be considered.

Over the years, a wide range of interesting items have been brought in for Mr. Jakupko's informed comments and appraisal, based on his 36 years of experience. It is a fun and educational evening even if you don't bring any items of your own. There is no charge to just come, listen and learn

All funds raised by the Friends go to support programs and materials for adults and children at the library.

# **Special Notice....**

Springfield Library Friends will hold their first membership meeting of 2016 on Monday evening, April 11 at 7:30 pm in the Library's Meeting Room. Come join and learn more about this year's coming events.





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#### **TD BANK MADE YOUR LOOSE CHANGE COUNT IN A BIG WAY**

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Any loose change put into their coin counting machine on February 12 was matched by TD Bank as a donation to Springfield HOPE, up to \$2000. But TD bank was even more generous to Springfield HOPE and presented Springfield HOPE Trustee, Police Chief John Cook a check for almost \$2900 that day for the Charity. Springfield HOPE, (Helping Other People Endure) is a 501(c)3 Charity started back in 2007 to help, where and when possible, Springfield residents in need. Along with Chief Cook, three other HOPE trustees are Scott Seidel, Dr. Gary Hecht and Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo. More information can be found at www.springfieldhope.com.



Elliot Merkin, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce VP of membership is shown donating his coins into the TD bank coin counting machine.

#### **PREECLAMPSIA FOUNDATION AWARDS** SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS



The Preeclampsia Foundation is pleased to announce that the recipients of our 2015 Promise Walk for Preeclampsia Coordinators of the Year are Stephanie and Marissa Steiner of Springfield, NJ. Preeclampsia survivors Stephanie and Marissa Steiner are the Foundation's only official mother-daughter coordinating team, leading one of the largest Promise Walks in the country in Cranford, NJ. As the Foundation's youngest co-coordinator, 16-year-old Marissa began leading the Cranford area event when she was 12. Both mother and daughter exemplify the Foundation's values, volunteering countless hours, recruiting, mentoring others, raising contributions, and advocating for greater involvement and support for the education of women, healthcare professionals, and politicians. Their advocacy has extended to the state and national levels, where they have met with the governor of New Jersey, US Congress members, mayors, and many local representatives who added their support for the Promise Walks and the need for greater education and financial support for the Preeclampsia Foundation. They are honored to volunteer together, but more importantly to work toward a vision of a future where Marissa's generation will no longer be threatened by preeclampsia. The award will be formally presented to the Steiners on Sunday, June 5 at the 2016 Cranford area Promise Walk for Preeclampsia, held at Nomahegan Park.



**REVIEW YOUR SAFETY CHECKLIST** With spring comes a feeling of renewal. Families everywhere begin cleaning out their basements and garages. Windows are opened, flowers bloom and

When you set your clocks forward, the National Safety Council reminds you also to review a safety checklist for your home.

the days grow longer thanks in part to Daylight

Saving Time, which this year begins on March 13.

#### **Smoke Alarms**

Smoke alarms save lives – if they are powered by a fresh battery. You should test them every month to make sure they work and replace the battery at least once a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.

Smoke alarms should be located in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Did vou know smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly? That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according

#### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Carbon monoxide(CO) is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible.

Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

#### **Family Emergency Plan**

The National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members to make sure they know what to do.

Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon per day of water for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the FEMA website for a complete list.

#### The emergency plan also should include:

- A communications plan to outline how your family members will contact one another if they are not in the same place and where you should meet if it's safe
- A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated; FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting
- •A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different directions

#### What Else Should You Do This Spring?

NSC recommends you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or take-back event near you, update your first-aid kit and, most of all, get outside and have fun!

#### **LENAPE LIFEWAYS COMES** TO SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Students view and touch authentic artifacts of these early inhabitants of New Jersey

Saint James the Apostle School 4th, 5th, and 6th graders enjoyed an interactive Lenape Indians indoor field trip called Lenape Lifeways in the school's Hatcher Hall Auditorium. John Kraft, the Director of Lenape Lifeways, is an archaeologist and educator. John presented a slideshow full of breathtaking pictures throughout the Lenape era. He told stories and displayed many touchable objects and artifacts, including authentic clothing, tools, pottery, musical instruments, artwork, masks and games. He was even dressed head to toe in authentically recreated garments. John shared his expertise and knowledge of the Lenape people, who once inhabited parts of New Jersey, including Springfield. As the trip was coming to an end, the students quickly learned a few words in the native Lenape language. Everyone who attended, students and teachers, enjoyed the indoor field trip and developed a historical comprehension of the Lenape Indians who, at one time, inhabited the very community we live in.



Saint James the Apostle School has been serving

the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade eight a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

Saint James the Apostle School is located at 41 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Call 973-376-5194 or email sjschool@sjspringfield.org for more information.



Behind the masks are brother and sister Tierney and Emer Vesey





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or call 973-467-3388

#### HELP PRESERVE SPRINGFIELD'S HISTORY

The first phase of these projects is to repair the interior cracked plaster and lathe walls and reinforce the brick and clapboard exterior of the East Parlor. In order to comply with State and National Register standards and apply for preservation grants, Historical Preservation Contractors and Engineers must be used, which increases the project costs dramatically. The first phase project cost estimate is \$60,000.00. The SHS was recently awarded a matching funds grant from Union County in the amount of \$25,000.00. To date, the Society has secured approximately \$10,000.00 in bequests and donations to apply to this project, leaving a fundraising goal of \$25,000.00. At this time, the SHS asks for the support of the community.



The Cannon Ball House, home of the Springfield Historical Society, (SHS), is one of four village homes that survived the American Revolution and the only one that provides tours to the public. The first documented owner is Dr. Jonathan Dayton, uncle to the signer of the US Constitution for which our high school is named, and half-brother to Gen. Elias Dayton of Revolutionary War fame. Dr. Dayton died in 1778, leaving his wife and children to run the household. It is believed that Keturah Dayton, his widow, established a tavern in the home to support the family after his death. During the Battle of Springfield (June 23, 1780) her home was used as a field hospital, thereby saving it from being burned to the ground during the British retreat. The Cannon Ball House is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. In an effort to be pro-active, the SHS hired an historical architectural firm to prepare a Conditions Assessment. The assessment includes a list of repair and maintenance projects that are recommended to ensure the continued stability and use of the now 275 year old building.

- Businesses and Residents are encouraged to make tax deductible donations to the Capital Fundraising Campaign to ensure the proper maintenance of this significant relic of Springfield's Revolutionary history.
- Become a member of the Historical Society and lend your time and talents to preserving and sharing Springfield's history with local schools and the community. Membership applications received before April 1, 2016 will include membership through March 31, 2017.

Take pride in Springfield by supporting the icon that represents the victory of the Battle of Springfield and only repository of local artifacts from three centuries to educate the public. All donations are welcome and appreciated. A plaque will be engraved and displayed in the entranceway with the names of all benefactors with donations of \$500.00 or more. Please support the Historic Cannon Ball House today! A membership application and donation form is located in this newspaper and on our website:

www.springfieldhistoricalsociety.webs.com For info, please call 973-912-4464.

Together we can preserve Springfield's history!

\$15 \$30 \$75	Annual Membership Opportunities (April – March) Individual Household Family Corporate	\$(any amount) - Frie \$500 or more - Bronze \$1,000 or more -Silver \$5,000 or more -Gold \$10,000 or more - Platinum		
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Please send this form and all membership dues and charitable donations to:				

#### SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY RETURNS "LOST" 1789 DOCUMENT TO THE **NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES**

A longtime item on the "missing" list of the New Jersey State Archive has recently been returned to its rightful home in the state capital. The document, dated 7 November, 1789, is titled "An Act for the further Relief of Samuel Dowdney" and was signed by New Jersey's first governor, William Livingston. The document was uncovered by specialists hired by Springfield Free Public Library to accession and catalog the entire collection of the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum. Further research by the team, Jesse Gordon, Danielle Pace and Alexsandra Simakowicz, revealed that the document has been missing from the New Jersey State Archive for an unspecified period of time.

Although Samuel Dowdney had no direct connection to Springfield, he was a veteran of the American War for Independence, having served as a private in Captain Bloomfield's company of the 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Continental Line and later serving in Captain Mott's Company of the 3rd Regiment. The document on display acknowledges the small pension granted to Samuel Dowdney in compensation for his service.

In appreciation of the return of what has become known as "The Dowdney Document," New Jersey State Archive Executive Director Joseph Klett permitted the Palmer Museum to exhibit the document for several weeks before it was formally handed over to Mr. Klett at the library on February 12. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is a part of the Springfield Free Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library and museum are available at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.



The document from 1789 is prepared to be returned to its rightful home at the New Jersey State Archive. Jesse Gordon (second from left) prepares the "Dowdney document" for its trip to Trenton. She is joined by Danielle Pace and Alexsandra Simakowicz, her fellow consultants at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library. Also looking on is Joseph Klett, Executive Director of the New Jersey State Archive who made the trip to Springfield to retrieve the document.





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# FORMER SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAM RADIO OPERATOR BOUNCES RADIO SIGNAL OFF THE MOON

On Janaury 10, Scott Thompson, Amateur Radio Operator KA2QQQ and former long time member of Springfield Emergency Management, participated with other Radio amateurs in "bouncing" a radio signal from the earth to the moon and back to the earth (EME, or "moonbounce"). The EME signal, as it is known to Ham Radio Operators, used a 60 foot diameter transmitting dish on the former "Project Diana" site, now part of the InfoAge Science History Museum in New Jersey. The event marks the 70th anniversary of Project Diana. It was on the InfoAge site, then a part of Fort Monmouth, that the US Army's Project Diana team on January 10, 1946, first received radio signals bounced from the moon.

The former US Army tracking dish at the former secret US Army research site was used as a ground station for the TIROS I and II weather satellites and for Project Vanguard, which led to the launch of Vanguard 1, the second US satellite, in 1958. The dish was demilitarized in the 1970s.

Amateur or "Ham" Radio still plays a part in emergency communications in Springfield and is an integral part of Springfield Emergency Management's communications system. Anyone interested in obtaining a Ham Radio License may contact Springfield OEM Hams Wally Schultz, N2IWS wally.schultz@springfield-nj.us, or Scott Seidel, W2FCC, oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us.

#### AT THE LIBRARY....



Winners of the Springfield Free Public Library's bookmark design contest proudly show off their winning entries. Standing (left to right) are Julia Gage and Lily Periera. Seated (left to right) are Emily Yesowitz, Grace Periera, and Olivia Lander. Copies of the winning bookmarks are available at the library.



Jenny Ribeiro, soprano; Maxine Alstrom, piano; and Jessica Davy, clarinet, performed to a full house at the Springfield Free Public Library on Sunday, March 6. Their program, "A Springtime Romance," featured show tunes from such audience favorites as "The Sound of Music," Cinderella," "Les Miserables," "West Side Story," and "My Fair Lady."

#### SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH TO MEET APRIL 4, 2016 12:30 PM AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Union County Freeholder Vernell Wright will speak at the April 4th meeting of Springfield Hadassah. The meeting will take place at the Springfield Public Library at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be served. She is in the first year of her second term on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Wright served as Chairman of the Policy and Administration Code Committee, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, the Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Committee, and the Policy and Administration Code Committee. She will deal with the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. In essence, what is that Freeholders do?



Freeholder Vernell Wright

A native of South Carolina, Freeholder Wright has lived in the Vauxhall section of Union for over 50 years.

She holds a BS in Biology from Claflin University of Orangeburg, South Carolina and a Masters Degree in Education and the Behavioral Sciences and Certification in Educational Administration and Supervision from Kean University, Union, NJ. She moved to New Jersey and over the next 36 years she has held various positions in the Union Public Schools System. In 2005, she began serving as an adjunct faculty supervisor at Kean University and in 2013 joined the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

She maintains affiliation with numerous community and professional organizations. She also serves as liaison to several advisory boards.

She is the mother of Patricia Johnson McArthur and the late Anthony Jerome Wright, whose memory the family commemorates with a scholarship at the First Baptist Church. She has three grandchildren.

This meeting is open to the public. Non Hadassah members are urged to contact Lorraine S. Seidel at 973-376-5067 or lorrainesseidel @gmail.com.

# AMERIAN LEGION COLORING CONTEST

The 2015-2016 Department of New Jersey Amerian Legion sponsored a Coloring Contest inviting 4th and 5th graders in the state to compete. The drawing was of the Captain Emilio Carranza Memorial in the Captain Emilio Carranza Memorial Park in Tabernacle, NJ. The memorial was dedicated to Captain Carranza, an aviator from the Air Corps of the Army of Mexico who perished in his non-stop flight from New York to Mexico City in the New Jersey pines near Chatsworth in July 1928. The memorial was erected by Post #11 in 1933 and is a symbol of friendly relationship between Mexico and the U.S.A.

The top three finishers were from Saint James and there were 11 other students acknowledged for their participation.

The entry from the first place winner, Jamie Jules, went on to the county level and she placed 2nd overall in Union County.



Standing in back, Springfield American Legion Post 228
Commander Gerry Gebauer and Mayor Jerry Fernandez
First place winner, Jamie Jules, 3rd place
Michael Cangiano, 2nd place Joiv-Paul Farris,
Honorable mention James Jules and Jorge Lubero

#### **NEW FIREFIGHTER**

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Joseph Cowper was sworn in as Springfield's newest Firefighter at the March 8th Meeting of the Township Committee. Cowper, ggraduated Union High School in 2007 and graduated from Rutgers in 2012 with a bachelor of the arts. In 2012 became a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Cowper then graduated from the Union County Fire Academy in the fall of 2013 and received the Chief Anthony Schepis award for excellence in Firefighter 1, the Battalion Chief Ken Nocera Moral Award for outstanding excellence in Firefighter 1 and the Ben Laganga Leadership Award.

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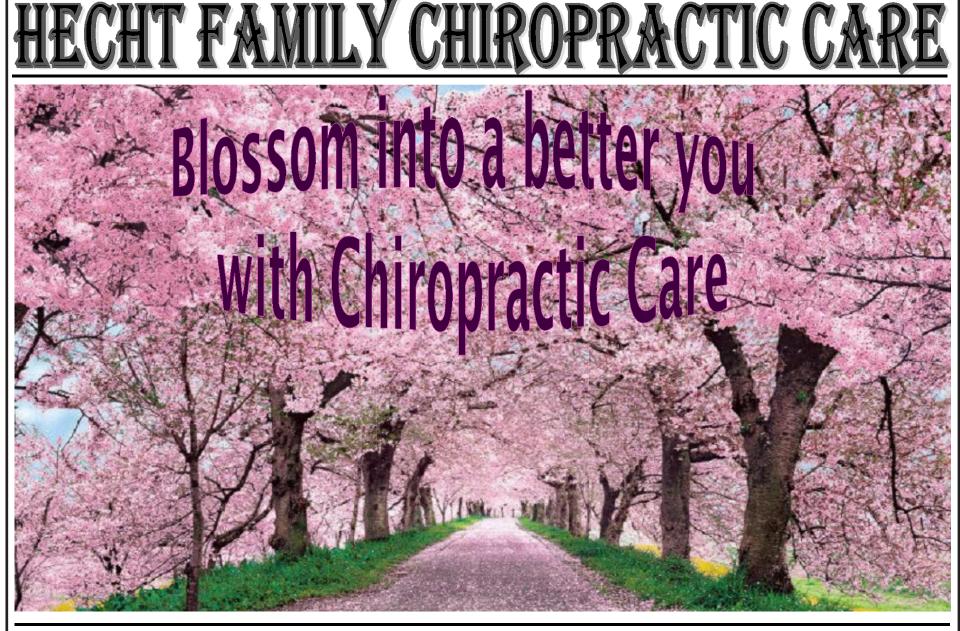
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At the January meeting of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Lions Club made a very generous donation to Springfield HOPE in the amount of \$1000. On hand to present the donation were Springfield Lion Members Stan Grossman, Sy Mullman Bob Hagenbush, Phil Hunrath and Pastor Knecht from the Holy Cross Church. "The Springfield Lions Club has been in Town for over 80 years and contributes to many worthwhile causes", said Sy Mullman. Dr.Hecht commented "This donation will go a long way in helping the residents of Springfield in need."









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# **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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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.

(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

#### **WALTON SCHOOL CELEBRATED READ ACROSS AMERICA**

Fun activities included Color Monday, Top Hat Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Vacation Thursdayand Pajama Friday. We had many guest readers visit us including Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Erica Scudero, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Ellyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources and Professional Development Mr. Ziad Shehady, Town Council Committee member.

During the month of March, the PTA is running the annual program, Reading Makes Cent\$, where the top classes reading the most minutes will receive special incentive prizes. Prizes are donated by local businesses and families.



Hello Kitty Pajamas: Dr. Hung, Chelsea, Lila, Alana,





First graders in Wacky Wednesday attire: Julianna, Abigail and Marissa



First graders dressed for vacation:



Prekindergarten students dressed for vacation: Gillian, Gabriella, Quinn, Giuliana



#### **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 ould 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.

# **Cooking & Nutrition Classes**

After-School WEDNESDAY Springfield 6th-8th graders

#### **8 HOUR CORE COOKING PROGRAM**

4 week session for 2 HOURS each class beginning April 6th ending April 27th AFTER-SCHOOL WED! • 3pm-5pm Cost \$169 **Raymond Chisholm Community Center** 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ

Includes all educational materials, cooking supplies and food

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com, Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find 8 Hour Core Cooking beginning April 6th and register. Class will close at 12 students. Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or 908-499-0270 or contact Danielle McLeer @ 973-912-2227 or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

# **Spring Break Calming & Cooking Camp** (K-5th Graders)

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4 day session for 3 HOURS each class March 28th-March 31st 9am-12pm Cost \$199 **Raymond Chisholm Community Center** 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ

Includes all educational materials, cooking supplies and food

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com Scroll to the bottom to Calendar of Events find Kids Cooking Camp beginning March 28thand register. Class will close at 12 students. Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or 908-499-0270 or contact Danielle McLeer@ 973-912-2227 or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

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Senior Citizens Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

# "RUMORS" Friday, April 15, 2016

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 A.M.

\$30.00 per club member \$35.00 per non-club members and guests Payment due by Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department. Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, lunch and show. Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, (973) 912-2227

One registration form per person please	*** Limited Seating***			
Senior Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – Friday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>				

Enclosed is my check made payable to Springfield Recreation Department in the amount of \$

# LACROSSE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD PREPARES FOR SEASON



**EPIC** is the word to describe Springfield's exploding lacrosse program which has grown to more than 100 players in just 4 years. What started with a clinic of 18 boys in 2012 has grown into 6 boy's travel teams and 2 girls teams. Lacrosse, which is the fastest growing high school and NCAA sport in the country is taking its hold on Springfield and providing our children another option when choosing a spring sport. Lacrosse players in Springfield are very excited to face off on the new FMG turf field come early April. The field is almost completed and will have official lacrosse lines. Lacrosse players around town have their fingers crossed that it will completed in time for their first home game on April 9th. If your child is interested in trying the fastest sport on two feet and likes a fast paced full field team sport, then visit springfieldlaxnj.com for sign up information. There may still be spots available.

# TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT FEB 26 NJ DEVILS VS TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING



Photo on Center Ice at Prudential Center - The boys all attend Edward J. Walton Elementary School. Proceeds from ticket sales went to the Walton PTA. Twenty-seven tickets were sold and \$100 was raised.

Member: Yes

(l to r) Parents: Davd Fielding, Sal Cocuzzo and Marc Krauss. Students: Max Fielding, Jack Cocuzzo, Joey Cocuzzo and Judah Krauss

# Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2016 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2015.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August.
   Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

#### FEES:

\$55.00 payable to Township of Springfield \$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading No refunds after program begins.

#### DEADLINE:

Friday, May 13, 2016

No registrations will be accepted after this date.

No exceptions.

#### REGISTER ONLINE:

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

#### REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL: Chisholm Community Center.

Chisnoim Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

#### **OUESTIONS?**

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227

Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

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#### 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 **Sundays**, 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 understanding of playing a scrimmage. The afternoon will focus on small sided scrimmages in a tournament environment that encourages good sportsmanship and teamwork.

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 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.

Day: Saturday 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, lifelong 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)







# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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# SWIM TEAM 2016 OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

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

Fees:
\$60 payable to:
Township of Springfield
\$20 payable to:
Swim Team
Parent Association
Please make two
[2] separate checks

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 25th @ 7:00 pm Chisholm Community Center

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 7th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 27th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 27th, to Friday, July 29th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member.

Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

# Art Studio & Gallery

#### **ADULT PAINTING CLASS**

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Please call and reserve your spot before Wednesday, April 20
Checks can be made payable to: Colorful Art Studio & Gallery, LLC. Questions can be directed to Danielle McLeer (973) 912-2227 or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

Name:	 	 	
E-mail:			

#### JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Q2

#### GRADE 1

Alexis Marie Agostinelli, Angela Arpino, Lewis Jordan Balfour, Isabella B. Barilla, Matthew David Barrasso, Olivia Jeanne Cacciatore, Marissa Chusid, Hailey Clinton, Jacob Ehrlich, Jakob Spencer Elgrably, Kylie Meaghan Francis, Dylan Gomes, Isabela Gragg, Andrew Kenneth Guida, Maricarmen Hernandez, Vittoria Rose Iellimo, Ryan Kanarek, Veronica Keppler, Jessica Brynn Kopin, Brianna Koref, Zoe Kornspan, Meaghan Lapena, Julia Brenda Latona, Dana Taylor Majewski, Jordan Mattoon, Amy Lynn McLaughlin, Drew Evan Meyerhardt, Gregory Murphy, Lorenzo Nacci, Pocharapon Neammanee, Viviane Orleans, Destiny Perez, Mariana Lima Rocha, Saverio Salcfas, Talya Salvadore, , Ashley Seifert, Rebecca Joy Serviss, Rachel Hannah Sherman, Sadiyah Smith-Searcy, Molly Tompson

#### GRADE 11

Emma Ares, Mary Athan, Kristin Nicole Bell, Jeremy Benavides, Danny Chan, Jillian Stephanie Czepurko, Joshua Ethan Damast, Kyle Joseph Dejohn, Nicholas Page Del Sordo, Gianna Delviscovo, Liam Dishy, Karly Fitzpatrick, Francesco Forte, Carly Rebecca Gartenberg, Mark Gragg, Megan Elizabeth Hogge, Jared Lee Horowitz, Emily Hrinuk, Skyla Johnson, Joseph Kastner, Marinna Kwinta, Jose Ariel Mejia, Christopher Guido Montes, Alexa Morreale, Ogechi Jane Ofodike, James Patania, Janki Prafulbhai Patel, Lee Isaac Roth, Jason Matthew Rubin, Marisa Victoria Scalzo, Emily Sickinger, Farrah V. Sims, David Stang, Joseph Volfman, Gregory Andreas Wolz, Jacob Zeiman

#### Grade 10

Nicolette Angelo, Michael John Barrasso, Rebecca Marie Bellino, Jessica S. Brody, Angelina Cacioppo, Alicea Monique Charlton, Kimisha Chandani Christopher, Amanda Dominguez, Blake Austin Doren, Bryce Joseph Forys, Horace Giambattista, Alexandria Giordano, Paige Goldstein, Rebecca Ashley Greenwald, Sophie Nicole Hendrickson, Jessica Kaplan, Tamara Kissoon, Jessica Kelly Lagemann, Amanda Jennifer Lau, Xiaoyu Liu, Nicholas E. McNamee, Fabian Aaron Mestanza, Gabriella Petruzzella, Jessica Pica, Jeremy William Quintela, Julia Hilf Roth, Kimberly Nicole Rubin, Melanie Schickler, Daniel Evan Sobel, Fabiana Melissa Suarez, Abhinit Sundar, Justine Ventisette, Isabella Vieira, Holly Wilson

Sabrina Abdelaziz, Kayla Balke, Evan Berkowitz, Alexis H. Brooks, Amanda Brown, Erica Carrie, Sarah Casimir, Ebere Faith Chukwuyem, Julia Brooke Cohen, Jack Ganesh Conway, Oluchi Ashley Emeana, Robertson Agustin Espinosa, Sheila H. Flood, Julia Beth Horowitz, Kate Melissa Iglesias, Carlissa Nicole Johnson, Sara Robyn Kay, Tyler Kwinta, Evelina Gabriele Laitusis, Daniel J. Madden, Lucy Magid, Danielle Lily McBratney, Hunter K. McIntosh, Isabella Joy McKenna, Catherine Julia Miller, Benjamin Morley, Brendan O'Brien, Meital Oshri, Ryan James Pagnillo, Allison Marie Pando, Michael Paolella, Jacob Pereira, Maggie Elizabeth Phillips, Vincent Pulice, Evan Rocha, Sarah Rodrick, Ryan Salman, Eon Sattaur, Carina Barreiros Servello, Raquel B. Shapiro, Joshua Steven Silverstein, Destini Tianna Stewart, James Tiu, Priya Torres, Fabio Trentini, Alexander Joseph Wolz, Katherine Belle Zarember

### **INTRODUCTION TO DANCE SPRING 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 April 4 - May 9, at 1:30-2:15 pm

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.

# **CO-ED RUNNING SPRING 2016**

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

Session 1 meets on Mondays from April 4th—May 9th at 5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th—June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

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, ages 8-14. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young athletes and children who would like to improve their speed and physical fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will be covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Program classes that featured endurance running. A minimum of six children are required for the program.

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.

# TRYCAN

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

# **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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# NJRPA NJ

(l to r) Mona Cholowinski, NJRPA president; Heather Re; Jennifer Gander and Don Bogardus, NJRPA award committee members.

#### HEATHER RE RECEIVES STATE RECREATION AWARD

The Springfield Recreation Department is happy to announce that Heather Re, Assistant Recreation Director, was awarded the William Foelsch Young Professional Award at the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) annual conference at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Heather has been employed by the Township of Springfield since November 2014, and she previously served as the Recreation Program Manager in Bernards Township. Recreation Director Adam Lieb commented on Re's award, "I am extremely proud of Heather for being recognized as

one of the most effective, energetic, and hard-working young recreation professionals in the state. Springfield residents should already know this. Heather can be found at the pool over the summer, at the Chisholm Community Center for the afterschool drop-in, teaching a Rutgers coach clinic, planning the egg hunt, and assisting with senior citizen meetings and trips - when not in her office greeting the public. In addition, Heather has helped the township secure grant funding for park improvements, the senior citizen bus, and safety and security upgrades at Chisholm. Heather is a true team player, patient, friendly, and helpful. She goes above and beyond her job responsibilities to help move the Recreation Department in a dynamic new direction with an upgraded reputation.'

# www.tacebook.com/springfleidnjrec seniors celebrate black history month



Margaret Bandrowski and Kathy McMillan



Reverend Reginald Harris



Gloria Lee, Viola Bowman, and Kathy McMillan



Vauxhall Senior Chorus

On Thursday, February 18, the Springfield Recreation Department and Senior Citizens hosted the annual Black History Month Presentation and Luncheon. It was attended by close to 100 individuals from Senior Citizens and neighboring churches." The program included remarks by Recreation Director Adam Lieb and Senior Citizen Club President Margaret Bandrowski; senior prayer by Kathy McMillian; presentation to Laura Franklin; musical selections by the Vauxhall Senior Chorus; introduction by Gloria Lee; sermon by Reverend Reginald Harris; trivia by Viola Bowman; and a lunch of baked and fried chicken, collard greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, and corn bread catered by Two Fish Five Loaves in Union.

Rev. Harris was recently recognized as Officer of the Year for 2015 and honored with the Essex County Teamwork Award. His presentation dealt with the need for Black History Month today. An interesting discussion followed and the group reaffirmed the need

#### **SPRINGFEST 2016** Springfield Recreation Department Saturday, March 19th @ 1-3pm FREE **PRIZES** Chisholm Park (Rain location: Chisholm Community Center) 100 South Springfield Avenue (Additional parking across the street at FMG) **MUSIC** Please **Bring BOUNCE HOUSE Bring** Your **FACE PAINTING** Your Friends Own **SPRING CRAFTS** Basket! Family! **BAKE SALE EGG HUNT** Springfield

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#### JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL Q2

#### GRADE 12

Sam Block, Julianne Delia, Beatrice Concepcion Dimaculangan, Zachary Freeman, Pamela Joy Fuks, Noah Edward Goldberg, Timothy Saunders Golden, Benjamin Kass, Tyler Craig Koref, Adam Paolella, Haneefah Poindexter, Stephanie Nicole Ranieri, Henri Reiher, John Caleb Reyes, Alexandra Jean Sep, Vernon Chanliecco Videna, Neli Vorobyov, Adam Wohlgemuth

#### **GRADE 11**

Sarah Adler, Jordyn Cappa, Robyn Deneroff, Seana H. Flood, Mia Gomes Furci, Emily Mowbray Hochreiner, Shir Kalati, Emilio Lau, Jessica Mahoney, Destiny Ndidi Martins, Madison Fay Mehlman, Sabrina G. Sequeira

#### GRADE 10

Meghan Brady, Hannah Dvorchik, Elizabeth Gomez, Caitlyn Amanda Harms, Scott Maran, Colin McCormack, Sophia Mikros, Anthony Joseph Nagy, Lauren Rechner, Kelly Saverino, Jessica Beth Steir

#### GRADE 9

Rachel Morgan Bachman, Juliana Rose DaSilva, Rebecca L. Greenman, Raquel A. Mack, Lisa Mayevsky, Caitlynn McTernan, Jeremy Tornatore

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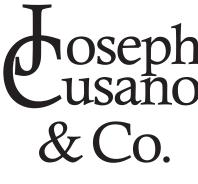




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#### SAINT JAMES STUDENTS KNOW THAT **EVERY PENNY COUNTS**

Saint James the Apostle School celebrated Catholic Schools Week in the beginning of February with a month-long community service learning project of collecting Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Every student in PreK-3 through Grade 8 received collection box to take home to collect loose change. Every classroom received a large cardboard donation box and poster to track donations. The students at Saint James tracked their amounts for 4 weeks and raised \$2,646.07. The classes collecting the highest average per student were the 3rd and 4th grades who will celebrate with a pizza party. The class collecting the highest overall amount was the 5th grade who will celebrate with an ice cream party. Students from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade presented a very BIG check to the LLS representative, Michelle Lupo. Many of the students donated from their own piggy banks and learned the value of serving others through sacrifice.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer.



(l to r front) Samantha Wright, Samantha Wolf, Georgiana Tillinghast, Tierney Vesey, Vincent Ferreira, Jorge Cubero (1 to r back) Caroline Ponterio, Saint James Principal and Michelle Lupo, LLS Campaign Specialist for School & Youth

Saint James the Apostle School has been serving the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade eight a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

Saint James the Apostle School is located at 41 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Call 973-376-5194 or Email sjschool@sjspringfield.org for more information







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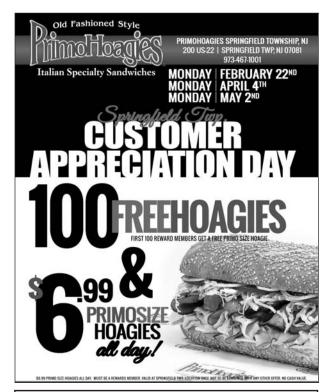
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