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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING **THURSDAY** OCTOBER 28 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TOP FLOOR OF THE FIRE HOUSE** 200 MOUNTAIN AVE.

# SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENTS

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce hosed a large multi-group networking event that included the Scotch Plans Business Association. Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Union Chamber of Commerce. The groups have hundreds of members between them. JMK Auto Sales located on Route 22 East in Springfield provided the space, food and wine.

The next multi-group networking event will be hosed by Mike Scalera Insurance Agency/State Farm of Springfield on Tuesday, October 26 at Sofia's Restaurant in Springfield. The cost for chamber members is free, future members \$10. The agency is raffling off one set of 8 tickets for a cruise around New York City. Participants must stop by Mike Scalera Insurance Agency/State Farm office located at 401 Morris Avenue in Springfield and pick up the raffle ticket between now and October 26th at 12 pm to enter. You must be present at the networking event at Sophia's and confirm you are a Chamber member to win. For more information please email mike@mikescalera.com.



(above) Roger Kosempel of JMK Auto Sales addrsses the attendees of the event.

# SPRPINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES FORUM

Through the good offices of two local Springfield 5 candidates are running for two seats: 2 Democrats, 2 voluntary organizations, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, residents will have two opportunities to meet and speak with candidates for the local Township Committee in comfortable non-partisan settings.

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Meet your Local Candidates Night is scheduled for October 27, 2010 at Jonathan Dayton High School, Auditorium, 139 Mountain Avenue, 7:30 p.m.. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m.. For further information, contact Patrick Paolella, chamber Co-chairman at 973.244.4515 or the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce at 973.912.2300.

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah Candidates Morning Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010 at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, 10:30 a.m. Since a mini lunch will be served, non Hadassah members who plan to attend are urged to call 973.376.5067.

This year, five candidates, competing for two Township Committee seats, have been invited to participate. The candidates are: Democrats: David Amlen and Richard Huber; Republicans: Bobby Abraham and Mayor Ziad Shehady incumbent; and Independent: Deputy Mayor Bart Fraenkel, incumbent. November 2nd is Election Day and 5 candidates are running for the 2 seats; 2 Democrats, 2 Republicans and 1 Independent.

November 2nd is Election Day and the terms of 2 Township Committee members will be over and they will be vying with 3 other candidates to fill the seats. This year,

Republicans and 1 Independent. Since there are 2 seats open, citizens can vote for any combination of the 2 candidates or just a single candidate. The fact that 2 candidates are running together under a political party banner does not mean that the voter is required to vote for both.

Everyone should attempt to learn all that he or she can about the candidates before voting. And, most important of all, make sure that you exercise your right to vote by getting out on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 and voting for the candidates of your choice.

Non partisan moderators will chair both meetings. Vocal questions will not be permitted. Pens and paper will be available for written questions, which must pertain to local (Springfield) matters and be addressed to specific candidates. Questions will be collected by volunteers from both organizations. Questions of a personal nature will not be permitted.

At the beginning of the program each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce himself and share limited biographic information that could impact upon his performance as a member of the Springfield Township Committee. Candidates will also have an opportunity to present closing statements. All dialogue will be strictly timed. Representatives from both sponsoring organizations declared that these meetings are not debates, since the candidates will not directly respond to each other's statements and rebuttals.



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# Message from the Mayor



At the September Township Committee meetings, there were many accolades to go around! Police Officer Kevin Gilchrist received the Department of Public Safety Director's Award for Valor from Director Richard Rosell. Several firefighters were recognized for their outstanding service in the line of duty. It was an honor to present these men with the Mayor's Certificate of Commendation. In addition, Fire Division Chief James Sanford awarded Captain Anagnos, Firefighters Heckel and Federico with the CPR Save, Emergency Medical Service

and Group Effort Awards for their actions on May 27th and Captain Anagnos, Firefighters Popolo, Jurczak, Heckel and Vigilante received the Honorable Service and Group Effort Awards for their actions at a fire on April 17. We are proud to recognize these fine public servants for their outstanding work.

Director Rosell and I attended the September 20th Board of Education meeting to announce the dedication of a School Resource Officer to serve as a committed liaison between the Township and school district. This is an example of sharing resources within the community and the efforts being taken to ensure the safety of our children.

As we enter the last quarter of the year, I want to provide a brief recap of the progress made. We have been able to realize savings over \$40,000 in Administration and \$200,000 in Public Safety thanks to new employees, shared positions and overtime reductions. This is in addition to the nearly \$1 million in savings from changing health insurance providers for employees. Administrative expenses were reduced as a result of new policies and service providers (increased use of technology and decreased use of paper, competitive rates for internet, electricity and telephone). Customer satisfaction surveys are located throughout Town Hall to gauge responsiveness and improve service. We have our own free local access channels for Comcast and Verizon and frequently update the municipal website assisting in communication efforts. Pool revenue increased due to more flexible fees and daily passes. We established a Community Garden and dedicated the new Patriot Park. Seven local roads are scheduled to be repaved this year and seven parks received upgraded equipment or improvements to bring them in compliance with safety standards. Arrangements were made for electronic payments in Town Hall bringing more revenue through the Courts and reducing the number of outstanding fines, as well as providing residents the convenience of paying property taxes through an ACH debit process from home. We established a Do-Not-Knock List registry and Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety & Awareness initiatives. A tried and true mechanism for improving our downtown was recently established by creating a "Special Improvement District". All of these were possible thanks to our municipal staff and our Township Attorney. As almost all government action needs to be formalized, Mr. Lehrer drafted the ordinances and resolutions as necessary. We have voted on 50% more ordinances and twice as many resolutions compared with previous years. Mr. Lehrer also recommended revisions to our Affordable Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, a document required by the state and protects us from expensive and complicated lawsuits.

I am holding open office hours October 16th at 9 a.m., October 21st at 6:30 p.m., October 26th at 5:30 p.m., and November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, contact me if you would like to host coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) of concern to your group.

\*\*Mayor Biad Andrew Shehady\*\*

#### **ADVERTISING & PRESS RELEASES**

Inquiries concerning advertising and submissions of press releases can be made to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce via email or fax to:

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## **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

#### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.

Regular meeting: October 12 & 26

October 12: Executive session at 1 PM – regular meeting at 1:30 PM

October 26: Executive Session begins at 6:30 Regular Meeting 7:00

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building

#### **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

#### **RENT LEVELING BOARD**

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

#### **SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Meetings: October 18, November 1

# **SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

Recreation Department 973-912-2226.

#### **SENIOR HEALTH FAIR**

Thursday October 14th

Senior Health Fair to be held at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center from 10:00am to12:30 pm. There will be an exhibit and panel discussion. Free blood pressure screening, refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

#### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP TO SHOWBOAT

Wednesday, November 3rd Cost is \$25.00 bus leaves Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 9:00am

#### **RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW TRIP**

Tuesday November 30th.

Bus leaves Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 10:00am for a luncheon at Redd's restaurant in Carlstadt, NJ. Then on to a 2:00pm performance with orchestra seating at Radio City Music Hall.

# JAMES CALDWELL SCHOOL PTA FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 16th from 11am to 4pm

The James Caldwell School PTA, located at 36 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 16th from 11am to 4pm (rain or shine). This promises to be a fun filled day for everyone. For the kids we will have several rides including inflatable obstacle course, giant slide and dunk tank as well as many games. We will have food available all day - everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to delicious baked goods. For adults there will be a 50/50 raffle and a Tin Can Auction featuring terrific gift baskets and gift certificates. Please join us for a day of fun for the entire family. There is something for everyone!!

# HALLOWEEN IN SPRINGFIELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2010

Approximate times listed for all events.

Times subject to change.

10:00 A.M. - ARTS AND CRAFTS W YMCA

11:30 A.M. - TREAT STREET W RECREATION DEPT.

12:15 P.M. - COSTUME CONTEST W CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1:00 P.M. - PARADE FROM CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER TO DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

1:30 P.M. - TRUNK OR TREAT W SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS' ALL FOR ONE FUND
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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW CHECK FOR UPDATES at http://springfieldpatriot.com/



# **KIWANIS AIDS CLEFT PALATE RECONSTRUCTION**



Robert Friedman, Vice-president of Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis Club is pictured presenting a check for \$1,000 to Dr. David Lang of the PEER Foundation, whose doctors travel the world operating on children with cleft lip or palate deformities and training local doctors to continue their work after they are gone. PEERs doctors donate their time so all contributions are used directly for charitable efforts. KIWANIS has a long history of support for the PEER Foundation.

# **CUPCAKE DAY**



The Michael Scalera Insurance Agency, located at 401 Morris Avenue in Springfield, offered free cupcakes all day on September 10th for Back to School / End of Summer treats. Next cupcake Friday is October 29th from 9 – 5 pm. Children of all ages are welcome to stop in.

## **SPRINGFIELD 4TH ALARM FIRE AT SHORT HILLS VILLAGE**

Springfield Police Division and the Springfield Fire Division were dispatched to Forest Drive for a smoke condition from a workman's equipment. The Springfield Police Division arrived and found smoke showing from the entire attic space. Police Officers then started evacuating the apartments. Upon the arrival of the Fire Chief, a working fire was confirmed in the attic and second alarm was transmitted calling for mutual aid assistance.

Engine 3's crew established a water supply and made entry into the apartment backed up by a Millburn Engine Company. Interior crews reported heavy fire conditions existed in the attic. After one Firefighter was reported to have suffered a burn injury and the roof began to sag, the Fire Chief ordered an evacuation and commenced an exterior operation.

A third alarm was transmitted to support efforts to protect an attached exposure building. A fourth alarm was transmitted to bring additional manpower for crew rotation. A total of 11 towns assisted Springfield bringing the fire under control by 1:45pm. During the incident, six firefighters were injured, four were transported to area hospitals where they were treated and released. One Springfield Firefighter remained on short term medical leave for his iniurv.

The fire damaged 10 apartment units and displaced 20 residents. The cause of the fire was heat from a plumbing torch for repairs being made in a second floor bathroom. The firefighters were supported by the Union County

On September 3, 2010, shortly after noon, the EMS Rehabilitation Task Force. The residents were assisted by the Springfield Office of Emergency Management and the Colonial Crossings Chapter of the American Red Cross.





(above) Millburn Firefighters Boettcher, Lynn and Donner treating a rescued cat from the Forest Drive apartment fire. Photo by Elizabeth Gramer

# **OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE HDQTRS**

Saturday, October 23rd from 1pm to 4pm

The Springfield Fire Department will be hosting its 3rd annual open house at Fire Headquarters on Saturday, October 23rd from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a tour of the fire house, refreshments and a visit from Sparky. Activities for the children include the chance to "Stop, Drop & Roll" and to squirt a real fire hose to knock down wooden "flames". A roof ventilation demonstration will be held at 1:30pm and a vehicle extrication demonstration will be held at 3pm. Children of all ages enjoy climbing into our fire engines.

We will also be kicking off our fall membership drive. Anyone wishing to become a volunteer firefighter should stop by, pick up an application, and learn about compensation for our volunteers. Firefighter 1 classes begin in late January, so don't delay.





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(above) Firefighters Patrick Federico, and Walter Heckel, Captain James Anagnos, Ms. Nancy Seggio, Mayor Ziad Shehady, Fire Chief James Sanford.



(above, l-r) Firefighters Altay Vigilante, Joseph Popolo, Stewart Jurczak and Walter Heckel, Captain James Anagnos, Mayor Ziad Shehady, Fire Chief James Sanford.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY PROMOTIONS**

There was standing room only as eleven Springfield Police officers were promoted at the September 28, 2010 Township Committee meeting. Mayor Ziad Shehady (far left) is shown swearing in the officers. The following officers were promoted: Sergeant John Cook to the rank of Captain; Sergeant James Fine to the rank of Lieutenant; Sergeant Damon Quirk to the rank of Lieutenant; Sergeant Patrick McLaughlin to the rank of Lieutenant; Detective Judd Levenson to the rank of Sergeant; Patrol Officer William Wrisley to the rank of Sergeant; Patrol Officer John Foster to the rank of Sergeant; Patrol Officer Steve Hollyfield to the rank of Sergeant; and Patrol Officer Joseph Cieri to the rank of Sergeant. Patrol Officer Steven Studlack and Patrol Officer William Cieri were both appointed to the rank of detective within the Investigative Division of the Police Department.





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# HISTORIC HAUNTS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

Paranormal investigator and author Gordon Thomas Ward will be at the Springfield Free Public Library on Monday, October 25th, at 7:00 P.M. to entertain and mystify us.

What ghosts roam within the historic sites and buildings of Central New Jersey? How accurate are the traditional stories? From the shadowed woods of the Somerset Hills to the dappled banks of the Delaware River, Historic Haunts of Central New Jersey delivers a rich mix of factual history and the sound investigation of ghostly phenomena.

This presentation also includes numerous

## JONATHAN DAYTON HS PTSO AND PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS OF 2011 "BULL DOG BASKET AUCTION" WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17,

6:00 PM

# JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

ADMISSION: \$8.00

There is no individual assigned seating. Full table (8 chairs) can be reserved.

Please complete this form and make check payable to "Dayton PTSO". Bring your envelope marked "Bull Dog Basket Auction" to the Jonathan Dayton High School office. 173 Lelak Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081

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power point slides of investigation sites and audio clips of unexplained anomalous voices. The combination of an open-minded enthusiasm and a level-headed approach underscores this collection of reports that will inform, entertain, and lead audience members to places where the past is considered to be very much alive and entwined with the present.

This free program is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, which is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For additional information, call 973-376-4930.

# JAMES CALDWELL SCHOOL RAISES \$10,000 FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOC.

For the second year in a row, James Caldwell School students raised over \$10,000 for The American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. Physical Education Teacher, Steve Griffiths, and nurse, Karen Blanchard-Salmon, collaborated on a fitness and nutrition project for the students that stressed the importance of exercise and eating right. Mr. Griffiths spearheaded an online fundraising campaign that was embraced by the entire student body, resulting in their number one ranking among all Union County schools.

## Union County "Top 5"

James Caldwell Elementary School (Springfield) \$10,697 Jump Rope For Heart

Central Five - Jefferson School (Vauxhall) \$9,477 Jump Rope For Heart

Beechwood Elementary School (Mountainside) \$7,757 Jump Rope For Heart

Edison Intermediate School (Westfield) \$7,431 Hoops For Heart

Saint John the Apostle School (Clark) \$6,891 Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart

# PROMOTING GROWTH OF UNION COUNTY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL For more information & registration, please log onto

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Holy Bibles were distributed to the 6th grade students at St. James the Apostle School, Springfield during the school mass on September 17, 2010. The distribution of the Bible is a time honored tradition at St. James. The students will use the Bible during religion classes and at home. Though many movies have tried to tell the story of the Bible, this Sixth Grade Class can tell you that the original Book is better!

# **SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB**

CARE of PERENNIALS will be the program offered by the Springfield Garden Club at its Wednesday, October 13th meeting. Perennials (year to year) offer continuing beauty, but do require some care. Learn how little for such a large payback. Jessica Dreyer of Dreyer Farms in Cranford will be our speaker and will take your questions. We meet at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall at 7:30pm. Questions?

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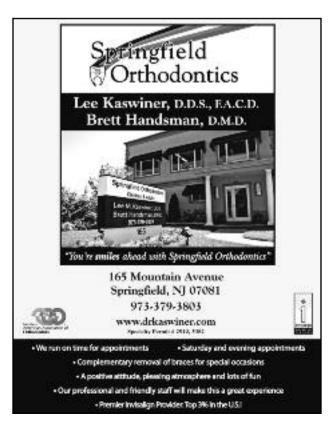
(left) St. James the Apostle School Students. Springfield, are kicking off the school year serving others! The students were asked to bring in non-perishable food items to feed the hungry. Some of the eighth grade students posed for a photo before the food was brought to Lily's Pantry, 140 Briar Hills Circle, Springfield, NJ.

# **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK** AT SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS

Dr Lee Kaswiner and Dr. Brett Handsman of Springfield Orthodontics are, once again, sponsoring a Halloween Candy Buy Back for his patients and children in the community. Children will have the opportunity to bring in their candy and have it weighed. The dates and the times for the Halloween Candy Buyback are as follows: November 2, 3, and 5 from 9-5:30 and November 6 from 8-12. And you need not be a patient to participate in our Halloween Candy Buyback!!

Each child will receive \$1.00 for every pound of candy they bring in up to \$500.00 in total. The person who brings in the most candy will be the Grand Prize winner and receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Toys R Us. All the candy that is collected (along with toothbrushes) will be donated to the Apostles' House in Newark, which is a facility for aiding underprivileged and battered children and women. Springfield Orthodontics has been running this program for nearly twenty years and has donated more than 5000 pounds of candy and 3,000 toothbrushes to the Apostles' House. Our office also runs programs during the year for donations of back to school supplies, coats, toys and food.

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The Springfield Free Public Library has begun to digitize their large collection of historical photographs. Credit for the photos go to the Donald B. Palmer Collection of the Springfield Free Public Library.





#### HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE TO RE-OPEN AT LAST

It has been a long two years but the Historic Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Avenue in Springfield will re-open as part of the Four Centuries Weekend on October 16 and 17.

"We have spent the last two years in chasing funding and working with contractors, and work still continues", says Springfield Historical Society President Margaret Bandrowski.

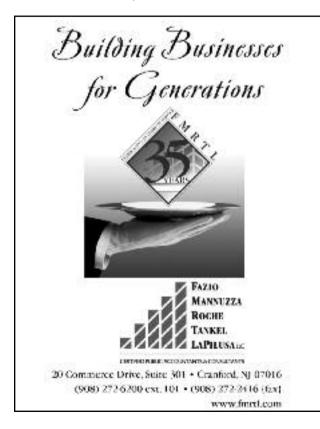
"It was necessary to put steel framing in the basement to support several beams that had been damaged by age and pests, and to replace some of the first floor boards, which are 18th century pumpkin pine. That of course led to some replastering and on from there."

The house was built in the mid-18th century and was one of the few houses in town to survive the burning by the British as they retreated after their defeat on June 23, 1780 - the last battle of the Revolution in the northern colonies.

"We have taken the opportunity to re-think our collection and how best to display it, so if you have visited before, please come back!" said Bandrowski. "We are very grateful to our supporters for making this possible."

Hours are 10 to 4 on Saturday, October 16 and 12-4 on Sunday. The Springfield Fall Fest will be held on Sunday and information about the Cannon Ball House and the Four Centuries tour will be available at the Festival, as well as police to ensure a safe crossing of Morris Avenue. It would be a great way to start or finish a day at the Fair with a visit to our past.

For information, call 973-376-4784.





# **Police Department Column**

# **SCHOOL IS IN - DRIVE WITH CAUTION**

As the school year has begun motorists are reminded to drive with extra caution when approaching and entering a school zone, when entering onto school property or when approaching a school bus actively involved in either receiving or discharging children. In order to ensure the safety of the township's school children the police division personnel will be placing an added emphasis on monitoring the operation of motor vehicles on the roadways where local schools are located in order to enforce those parts of the NJ motor vehicle code that pertain to school zones and school busses.

All motorists must bring their vehicle to a complete stop when approaching a school bus which is either receiving or discharging children. The bus will display the noticeable red flashing lights that will be illuminated to warn motorists to stop their vehicles and to not continue to pass the stopped school bus. This regulation applies to vehicles on either side of a roadway without a center divider that a bus is stopped on whether it be an overtaking vehicle (one that is on the same side of the road as the stopped bus) or for an approaching vehicle (one that is traveling on the opposite side of the street but approaching the bus). It is paramount that all traffic on both sides of a roadway comes to a complete stop as many of the children, especially when being discharged, will require to cross the roadway.

Pursuant to the NJ motor vehicle code, the speed limit in any school zone is twenty-five (25) miles per hour during the times of the day when schools are opening and closing, specifically when children are either going to or leaving school. In addition, the school zone speed limit restriction is in effect during any recess period when the presence of children is

clearly visible from the roadway. This speed restriction is of vital importance as the schools within the township are located on heavily trafficked main thoroughfares.

Residents will notice that the police division recently began replacing outdated and or improperly functioning flashing school zone speed limit signs which are used as an added warning to motorists approaching school zones at the start and end of each school day. In addition to police officers that are seen handling various traffic related duties at schools a complement of civilian school crossing guards work at specific heavy traffic intersections that are near the schools to assist children in walking safely to and from school each day.

In keeping with the safety of children motorists are further reminded to use caution in the area of schools even after the school day due to children many times leaving later due to extracurricular activities or participating in or attending school sporting events and this is of extreme urgency once the time change has taken effect and it becomes darker much earlier.

As this month includes Halloween, motorists on this day should be wary of children in residential areas trick or treating as those not escorted by a parent sometimes run back and forth across streets while going house to house. Parents should make sure costumes, especially masks, do not limit a child's ability to be able to walk properly and have total unobstructed ability to see all around them. The costumes should contain a reflective type of material or attachment and children should carry a flashlight and/or glow-stick after dusk. For added safety, there are increased police patrols in residential areas on this day.





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Wed. Oct 13 @ 7pm

**College Application Essay Workshop** 

Sat Oct. 30 @ 3:00-4:00pm

**Accepted: Getting Into the College of Your Choice** 

Friday Nov. 5 @ 10:00 am - 2:00pm

**SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test** 

#### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m. **Scrabble Night** 

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning 10:30 A.M. -12:00 Noon BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

**Individual Assistance Searching the Internet** online databases and library catalog.

#### **October**

Tuesday, October 19th, 10:00 a.m. **Bridge Club - Intermediate Players - ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

> Tuesday, October 19th, 12:00 p.m. **Lunchtime Video - White Collar Crime series** featuring Michael Douglas and Demi Moore

> > Thursday, October 21st, 10:15 a.m.

**Great Books Discussion Group -Physics & World Philosophy by Max Planck** 

> Thursday, October 21st, 7:30 p.m. **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Sunday, October 24th, 2:00 p.m.

**Concert - The Traveling Stage Company** featuring Sophie Tucker

Monday, October 25th, 10:00 a.m. **Knit Wits Knitting Group** 

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**Lecture/Slide Presentation - "Historic Haunts** of Central New Jersey" by Gordon Thomas Ward

Tuesday, October 26th, 12:00 p.m.

Lecture—"Sustain Your Brain: Reducing the Risk of Alzheimer's Disease" by Joan Mendola, Senior Helpers

> Thursday, October 28th, 10:15 a.m. **Memoir Writing Group**

#### NOVEMBER

Monday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m. **Current Events Discussion Group** 

Monday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m. Lecture - "America as Superpower" by

Professor Eugene Lieber

Tuesday, November 2nd, 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Intermediate players

- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday, November 2nd, 12:00 p.m. Lunchtime Video - White Collar Crime series featuring Leonardo DiCaprio's 2002 con man caper

Thursday, November 4th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m. International Film - Mid-August Lunch (Italy)

Thursday, November 4th, 7:00 p.m. Really Good Book Discussion Group - Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Bolevn by Alison Weir

Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 p.m.

**Concert - Peas & Carrots Band** featuring contemporary music

Monday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m. **Knit Wits Knitting Group** 

Monday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m. Lecture - Back Pain? We Can Help presented by the St. Barnabas Institute for Pain Management

Tuesday, November 9th, 12:00 p.m.

Lecture - The Old Time Radio Man Henry L. Morse -"The Art of Radio Drama"

> Sunday, November 14th, 2:00 p.m. Concert - Harriet Steinberg on piano

Tuesday, November 16th, 10:00 a.m.

**Bridge Club - Intermediate Players - ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

Tuesday, November 16th, 12:00 p.m. Lunchtime Video - White Collar Crime series featuring 2006 film about author Clifford Irving's

**Howard Hughes scam** 

Wednesday, November 17th, 7:00 p.m. Antiques Appraisal with Ken Jakupko. Pre-registration recommended.

Thursday, November 18th, 10:15 a.m. **Great Books Discussion Group** 

- Planning & Democracy by Friedrich Hayek

Thursday, November 18th, 7:30 p.m. **Board of Trustees meeting** 

Saturday, November 20th, 9:15 a.m. **American Association of Individual Investors** - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### **YOUTH SERVICES** MOTHER GOOSE GROUP

We continue to host our very popular Mother Goose Group (MGG) for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, once a week @ 10:30 am) as well as 1x month on a Saturday for our working parents.

Tuesday 10/19, Saturday 10/23 Enhanced (with ASL interpreter), Wed 10/27, Wed Nov 3

#### STORYTIME YOGA

We are pleased to present Storytime Yoga 2 weekdays per month @ 10:30. Children act out yoga poses in simple stories. For ages 2 to 12. Friday Oct 8 and 22.

#### STORYCRAFT

Storycraft with Ariel for ages 3 to 7 on Fridays @ 4pm beginning Oct 1.

#### **WII GAMES**

Wii Games for the youngest enthusiasts: Ages 6 to 11. Wednesdays Oct 20, 27 and Nov 3, 10 and 17.

#### HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR

Hallowe'en Spook-tacular with Mark the Magician, Sunday October 31 @ 3pm. Mark Zacharia returns with magic tricks, great laughs, and the famous Kazoo Band. All ages; wear your Hallowe'en costume!

### STEP UP TO CHAPTER BOOKS

Step up to Chapter Books (with Ariel) for grades 2 to 4. We'll read our favorite books, including Magic Tree House, A to Z Mysteries, and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and talk about them while doing a craft. 4:00pm Mondays Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

#### **LET'S LEARN CHESS!**

For ages 9 to adult. This 6-week class runs on Thursdays Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, with Dec. 9 reserved for a tournament and party. Let's Learn Chess is open to 16 preregistered guests, and participants must commit to all of the dates. This program is hosted by Ms. Render Cutts.

Register in person @ the Youth Services desk.

#### EARLY LITERACY STATIONS

Come in and use our very popular Early Literacy Stations for ages 3 to 9, as well as our Hooked on Phonics Station for Kindergarten through Grades 2.



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You will be contacted promptly. All requests for donations and assistance will be kept strictly confidential.

#### **EDUCATING THE GIFTED - TOPIC OF CONFRATUTE**

Bonny Collins, Springfield K-5 teacher of gifted/enrichment, recently participated in 2010. Confratute the international conference/institute on educating gifted and talented youth, held July 11-16, 2010, at the University of Connecticut.

Now in its 33rd consecutive year, Confratute, sponsored jointly by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development and the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut, has distinguished itself as one of the world's most definitive conferences/ institutes on gifted education. A primary feature of Confratute is the converging of prominent leaders in the field upon a single site for one or two weeks to interact and consult with teachers, administrators, and parents eager to learn about exceptionally able youngsters. Who they are, how they learn differently from other children, and what parents and school personnel need to do to help them develop their creative abilities and talents are explored in-depth by the participants.

Confratute 2010 was attended by more that



(left) Bonny Collins

700 educators from 48 states and U.S. territories, Canada, Korea. South Indonesia, Kuwait, Jordan, Singapore

and several European nations.

For the second year, Ms. Collins roomed with an international teacher from the Netherlands. She took strands in "hands-on geometry with origami" from the acclaimed Ms Math, Rachel McAnallen, worked on technology with iMovie, and "Developing Depth and Complexity in Curriculum-Writing" from Sandra Kaplan of UCLA.

According to Collins, the best part about the experience is "I get to spend an entire week with enthusiastic educators who ask 'How can I do more?' It's inspirational!"





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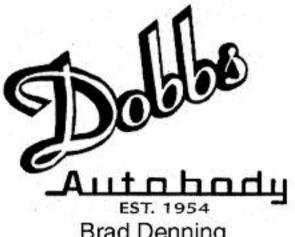
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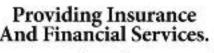
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#### TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### NEW RECYCLING ALTERNATIVES OFFERED TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Township residents will now be able to more easily recycle electronics, appliances and yard waste due to a new program being offered by the Township of Springfield's Department of Public Works.

There are three major benefits to this program:

- 1. Residents will be provided with an easier way of recycling many items
- 2. Additional revenue will be added to Township coffers
- 3. Trash disposal costs will be reduced and grant allotments will be increased

The program is the result of our exploring ways of complying with a new mandate by the State of New Jersey which dictates that electronic items such as televisions, computers, printers, etc. must be recycled and can no longer be placed in your trash for collection.

While we are aware that some residents already take these items to recycling centers, many residents will no longer be allowed to place these items out for bulk waste collection. An important aspect of the program is that this service will be implemented at no additional cost to residents and will actually provide an added source of revenue for the Township.

The basic tenets of the program are listed below:

• One Saturday per month residents will be allowed to drop off electronic items, appliances and yard waste (leaves, grass, branches) at the parking lot of the municipal

pool.

- Members of the Public Works Department will be there to assist residents and place the items in dumpsters.
- Hours of operation will be 7:00 am through 11:00 am.
- Residents must arrive within the designated hours of operation.
- Residents must provide a form of identification to prove residency (driver's license, etc.).
- Only the materials specified above will be accepted for collection.
- No commercial enterprises will be allowed to deposit any material.

The costs of the program will primarily consist of staffing and the carting of the material to the various recycling facilities. The staffing cost will be paid through a State Clean Communities and Tonnage Grants. Carting will be performed during regular working hours and therefore will not incur any additional expense. The Township already owns the dumpsters the material will be carted in.

The program will generate revenue by selling all metal items while the additional tonnage recycled will ensure a higher amount in grant money for the coming year. Every item recycled is one less item that enters our trash stream and incurs tipping (dumping) fees.

The enactment of this program will result in more resident service, additional revenue and reducing expenditures at no cost to the taxpayer.

# 2010 LEAF COLLECTIONS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

The onset of autumn is here and the leaves will soon be falling from the trees once again.

We at the Public Works Department would like to advise all homeowners that the leaf collection process for 2010 will be the same process that has been employed since 2005 when the institution of new storm water regulations necessitated minor changes in the collection process. The basic tenets of the 2010 collection program are listed below.

- Residents and landscapers may begin placing leaves in the curb area, either loose or in paper recyclable bags on October 25th.
- The Department can not collect any material placed in any type of plastic bags.
- After the first curbside collection, loose leaves can not be placed into the curb line for a period of five days. After five days have elapsed, leaves can once again be placed in the curb area for another collection. This is to allow for compliance with storm water regulations.
- Leaves cannot be placed within ten feet in any direction of a curbside storm drain (catch basin).
- Do not place any debris, (rocks, branches, sticks, etc.) in the leaf piles. If debris is found to be in a pile, that pile will be passed by and not collected until such debris is removed by the homeowner or landscaper.

Following these simple rules will ensure that the upcoming collection process will be as problem free as possible for everyone. Please convey to your landscaper that these rules will be enforced. Remember that your landscaper is your employee and should follow your instructions and comply with the simple rules stated above.

The Department will canvass the Township by sections. The exact order will be determined during the last week of October based upon the volume of leaves that exist in each section. For an estimate of when leaves will be collected in a particular section please call the DPW at 973-912-8483.

Please be advised that residents who are late in putting leaves out for collection and miss a pick up, we will be back in your section for another pick-up. We will canvass the Township continuously through the month of December, contingent upon the weather. In the event of an early snowfall, we will extend the program accordingly.



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