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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF 2022

The Environmental Commission met for the first time this year on January 17. Two new members have joined the Commission this year, Hortense Dias and Margaret Don. The Commission has already set up some community events for 2022, including Community Clean Up Day set for April 10th from 11am - 2pm, the Quarry Walk on April 24th with a rain date scheduled for May 1st.



(l to r) The members for 2022: Maura Blau, Hortense Dias (new member), Howard Apsan, Chairwoman Alyson Miller, Marissa Ruggiero, Mayor Alex Keiser, Betzabe Blondet and Margaret Don (new member). Not pictured but on the commission are Mary Feldman and Denise DeVone.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO SPRINGFIELD FOR A WEEK

By Scott Seidel



If you walked down South Maple Ave on Thursday evening January 27th you'd might have wondered why there were a few inches of snow on the ground in front of a few houses and nowhere else—look closely and some of the snow was really giant white sheets staked over the lawns.

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VETERANS CORNER.....By Gerry Gebauer

During the week of February 3rd the America Legion and all veterans organizations will observe Four Chaplains Day. A day to remember the sacrifice four chaplains made by giving up their own life vest so that others could survive the sinking of the USN ship Dorchester on February 3, 1943. The chaplains were Methodist, Jewish, Catholic, and Reformed. There is another service man that needs to be remembered for sacrifice that day and that is Charles Davis Jr. A young black Coast Guard petty officer who served on the rescue ship Comanche. Young Mr. Davis Jr. jumped into the freezing water of the winter Atlantic to help sailors in the water. Back in 1943 he was one of the lowest ranking Coast Guard sailors because of his color but who, perhaps inspired by the four chaplains, sacrificed himself for the good of others. Charles died of pneumonia a month later. He was awarded posthumously the Navy & Marine Corps Medal for heroism. I believe many veterans can tell stories of service men and women who sacrificed themselves for the good of their fellow service member. A salute to all of them who have not yet been memorialized.

COACH GERARD MUSICO HONORED BY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



(l to r) Phil Turnbull, Jr. Dawgs board member; Chris Myers, Millburn recreation program supervisor; Musico; Bill Quartier, Jr. Dawgs president; and Chris Rusert, Jr. Dawgs assistant coach.

Gerard Musico -- Springfield resident and coach with the Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization -- was awarded "Support Person of the Year" by the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League at the annual awards dinner at the Galloping Hills Golf Course in Kenilworth on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Musico has served as a Jr. Dawgs head coach for many years, and was recognized by the league for his service and commitment to youth football in Springfield, which has recently also been home to Millburn players. For questions about youth football, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or the Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com.

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,
In last month’s letter, I stressed that downtown revitalization is my number one priority. This month, I would like to provide an overview of the four redevelopment projects currently underway.

The GOMES PROJECT, was the first Morris Avenue corridor redevelopment project approved by the township. It encompasses the entire block from Caldwell Place to Center Street. Once completed, the building will have 140 residential units, which sit on top of 30,000 square feet of ground level retail space. While this project has been slow to get off the ground and has had a number of setbacks and disruptions, construction finally appears to be on track. Steel decking has begun to be placed and over the next couple of months the building should begin to take shape. We will continue to make sure that everything on the project is up to code in order to ensure its safe completion.

The LARKIN PROJECT, which is located at the intersection of Church Mall and Morris Avenue, was originally approved by the township in the fall of 2018. This past November, construction of the building was completed, and it was cleared for occupancy. The building has 24 residential units and three commercial spaces for rent. To date, 15 of the residential units have been rented and two of the three commercial units have been leased to Lucas Wolf Realtors.

The METROPOLITAN PROJECT, was approved by the township in 2019. It is located on the 9-acre site of the former Saks Fifth Avenue store, which was vacant for nearly 30 years. When completed, it will have 223 multifamily apartment units and 47 townhomes. Recently, the site’s parking garage has been constructed, apartment building foundations have begun to be poured and the construction has begun on the first few townhomes. Work continues to progress at a remarkably quick pace.

Lastly, the CHURCH MALL PROJECT, is the most recent redevelopment project. It is located at the intersection of Black’s Lane and Church Mall. At the last Township Committee meeting, the township entered into a financial sale agreement for the Sarah Bailey building, which was no longer in use and in disrepair. The sale netted the township nearly \$2.5 million dollars and will allow the proposed development to proceed.

In closing, I would like to reemphasize the township’s commitment to approving smart and modern redevelopment. Successful redevelopment is a slow process, however, when these projects are completed, they will breathe new life into our downtown commercial district. I look forward to moving these projects forward.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at alexander.keiser@springfield-nj.us and I encourage you to follow my Mayor Alex Keiser Facebook page @Keiser4Springfield for updates.

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

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1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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BOARD OF HEALTH
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

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Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
RECREATION COUNCIL
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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HOLLYWOOD COMES TO SPRINGFIELD

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And why was there a Merryville Police car there pursuing a green 1950's sedan through town? Had you accidentally turned on your flux capacitor? Was there a car show in town as well? Not really. An independent film crew was filming some interior and exteriors scenes for a movie starring Anne Hathaway (yup you would have seen her there too!) called "Eileen". It is a female-led crime movie drama about a troubled 24-year-old woman who has a job in a boy's prison. The story takes place in the 1960's hence the classic cars. Apparently the home used for filming in town had sections of the interior that looked very 1960's so it was ideal for filming.

The movie is set in a Massachusetts Town in December just before Christmas. Unfortunately for the crew, the real snow arrived two days later after the film crew wrapped in town.

It was amazing to watch the dozens of film crew staff performing all their tasks. The mailbox on the corner displayed a US Post Office logo that was not used in the 1960's so that was painstakingly covered up. Small non 1960 details on the front façade of the house were touched up or covered. Trailers and staff were parked everywhere in driveways and on the side streets. One house hosted a giant scissor lift for movie lights. Snow machines helped add to the realism. Old Massachusetts license plates were taped over classic cars real plates for filming.

It will be interesting to watch the movie when it comes and recognize parts of Springfield.

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE



The Springfield Unity Project Youth Group in collaboration with Bridges Outreach in Summit NJ making lunches for the homeless on MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 17, 2022. It was great and a rewarding experience that they loved doing and felt like they really were contributing and giving back. There was about 12 of them and they made 250 lunches!



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RABBI ISRAEL DRESNER, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND FORMER SPRINGFIELD RABBI, PASSES AWAY AT 92

By Scott Seidel

We thought our readers might find this story interesting, especially for Black History Month. This past Sunday morning I had "Sunday Morning with Willie Geist" on TV—I was doing a few things and just listening to the show in the background. When they came to the segment, "A Life Well Lived", the name caught my attention. It was for a Sy Dresner, a Rabbi who had just passed away in Wayne, NJ. I recalled Izzy Dresner, a name from my past in Springfield, our Rabbi at Temple Sha'arey Shalom. The story talked about his activities as a Freedom Rider in the South and his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When they flashed a photo of Rabbi Dresner from the 1960s on the screen and mentioned his full name, it became obvious this was Rabbi Dresner from Springfield.

In the early 1960's Temple Sha'arey Shalom was still under construction and I remember attending Hebrew school at Sandmeier on the weekends until the building was built. My mother would talk about Rabbi Dresner being a Freedom Rider (I was 8 years old and really didn't know what that meant) and he was always away from the Temple, in the Alabama, Florida and Georgia and sometimes he was in jail for his activism. As it turns out he was once referred to as "the most arrested rabbi in America".

Rabbi Dresner was very active in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s and was close to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King spoke on two occasions (1963 and 1966) to his congregation in Springfield at Temple Sha'arey Shalom. He was the first rabbi arrested in the Freedom Riders protests of 1961 while participating in an interfaith clergy freedom ride. He served short periods of time as a prisoner in jail in Florida and Georgia from 1961 to 1964. One case, Dresner et al. v. Tallahassee, reached the US Supreme Court.

He was honored by President Obama at the White House on the evening before the 50-year anniversary celebration of the March on Washington.

He was one of the outstanding rabbinic leaders fighting against the war in Vietnam, and for rights for the poor, immigrants, women, gays and lesbians, disabled people, and racial, religious and ethnic minorities.

He was also a member of the Social Action Commission of Reform Judaism for almost 44 years and was one of its few lifetime members. He was an early (1966) leader in the struggle for Soviet Jews.

Just a little interesting Springfield history. You can google Rabbi Dresner and get a lot more information as well as read his obituary in the NY Times from January 30th. Like Willie said, "A Life Well Lived."



Police Chief's Column for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P. Cook

Our Patriot Times readers will want to know that the Police Department continues to receive reports of scams and other crimes involving fraudulent activity on an almost daily basis. While these schemes may unfold in different ways, the end result is always the same – the perpetrators defraud the victims of their money. Many of the suspects involved in these scams operate from foreign countries, and prosecution is all but impossible. Luckily, many financial institutions will rectify fraudulent transactions, but full resolution of these situations can turn in to major hassles for victims. Thieves may attempt to use their victim's breached personal information to open unauthorized accounts or make fraudulent purchases for a long time after the initial fraud is detected. So, the best way to deal with these types of frauds is to be able to recognize and identify the scam before you become a victim. Here are some warning flags to look out for:

- If you receive an email or phone call indicating you won a prize, but must pay some type of "fee" before you can collect a prize, it is a scam. If you did not personally enter a sweepstakes or lottery, hang up the phone immediately or delete the email. Do not reply, and do not provide any personal information. Any legitimate prize will not require a pre-payment of any sort.

- If you are selling an item or offering a service online, and someone wants to give you a check made out for more than you are asking, it is a scam. These perpetrators will ask you to wire or transfer the difference from your bank account before the check is discovered to be counterfeit.

- If you receive an email from a bank or credit card company requesting you to click on an included link to access your account, it is probably a scam. If the link directs you to enter personal information in addition to your account information, it is definitely a scam. Some of these emails look very convincing, and can fool almost anyone. If you are not sure, but want to check your account anyway, don't click the included link, but rather manually type the bank's web address or call the phone number listed on your card or statement.

- If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of your bank or credit card company, and they ask for your personal information to "verify" your identity, it is a scam. These perpetrators will try to get you to divulge your confidential information, such as your social security number, to commit frauds against you.

Any legitimate caller will already know who you are and will not ask you to provide confidential information to prove your identity.

- If you receive a call or email from someone claiming to be a foreign law enforcement official, who asks you to pay bail for one of your relatives who was jailed abroad, it is a scam. Fraudsters will browse Facebook accounts looking for people who are posting photos while on vacation in foreign countries, and track down their relatives who they will try to scam.

- If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a police officer or federal agent and tells you there is a warrant for your arrest that you can pay over the phone, it is a scam. If there really is a warrant issued for your arrest, police will come to your home or business to arrest you, but will never call ahead and agree to accept bail payment over the phone in lieu of arrest.

- If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of a utility company, and threatens to disconnect a utility unless you make a payment over the phone, it is a scam. Sometimes these callers will request payment to be made with a pre-paid debit card or bank transfer. If in doubt, always contact your utility directly to verify your account status.

- If you receive a call from someone claiming your social security number has been compromised, suspended because of suspicious activity, or it's been used in a crime, and you must make some kind of a large payment to rectify the problem, it is a scam. The social security agency will never call and threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. If in doubt, hang up and contact the SSA directly at 1-800-772-1213.

- Phony IRS scams also increase during this time of year. You may receive phone calls or emails that appear to be authentic indicating you owe taxes or have other problems with the IRS. Do not click on any links in these emails, and do not provide the callers with any information. Remember, the IRS will not contact you by telephone or email to request personal or financial information, or threaten arrest if immediate payment is not made. Any official correspondence will be made via the US Postal Service.

Very few instances exist in which you may have to provide confidential personal information over the phone, text message, or email. You should take every precaution to safeguard your social security number, bank account numbers, credit/debit card numbers, and other personal identifying information.

If you feel you may have fallen victim to one of these scams, contact the Police Department for assistance and for more information.

TOWNSHIP HOLDS VIRTUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CEREMONY VIA ZOOM



Coordinated by Rabbi Adrienne Rubin with the Township and residents, Rabbi Rubin started the ceremony with the following introduction:

This ritual held on January 17th was conceived of last year by Rabbi Menachem Creditor, who is the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar-in-Residence at UJA-Federation New York, founder of Rabbis Against Gun Violence. Rabbis, cantors, synagogues and Jewish organizations across the country recited the letter at the same time: 10:00 a.m. PST/1:00 p.m. EST. When Rabbi Creditor suggested this last year, Rabbi Rubin immediately felt it would be a powerful way to remember and continue to teach Dr. King's legacy.

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is grateful to the many people who read parts different from the letter and also to the members of the community who attended on Zoom or viewed it on Facebook. The readers were: Rabbi Adrienne Rubin, Sue Blanco, Jackie Schuyler, Brian Margulies, Michelle Manders, Committeeman Chris Capodice, Rabbi Mark Mallach, Mayor Alexander Keiser, Bernie Flashberg, Pastor Madelynne Lindsey, Barbara Eglow, Andrea Hirschfeld, Steve Taub, Andrea Wohl, and Rabbi Renee Edelman.

A Recitation of the Letter from Birmingham Jail
#RecitingTheLetterFromBirmingham

Welcome to our Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Observance
of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Why did we choose this commemoration?

The Jewish community marks time through ritual. We recite from biblical scrolls

that capture the emotions and historical consciousness of specific moments in time. "Letter from Birmingham Jail," was addressed to Birmingham's local white clergy, including at least one rabbi, who had been critical of King's organizing tactics.

The Letter, now an important part of American Scripture, passionately expressed King's visions of a just society and contained the now-ubiquitous verse, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

We have joined with synagogues, rabbis and cantors across the country to read this letter aloud in our communities at this very moment in time.

We will be sharing the screen as the letter is being read. You may view the letter in its entirety here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QVNj_Buval3k8Mrem_2M39hWd15NNLU9Qt/view?usp=sharing

This letter was written in 1963, amid great civic unrest. We are honoring Dr. King's legacy and words and are using his original language. However, some of the words he used have a different emotional impact today than when he wrote them. We no longer use words like Negro - nor should we - and we say "humankind" instead of "brotherhood." But although language changes with time, there is value and impact to hearing his letter mostly as written. Last year, my colleagues and I checked with professors and students of African American history and they suggested we use the word "negro" as written. However, the n-word also appears in the text five times and that word we will say as "n-word".

As Rabbi Joseph Meszler of Temple Sinai in Saron, MA, wrote, "And some things don't change over time. Dr. King stood up to hate. He knew the dangers of what Jewish tradition calls sinat chinam - senseless hatred. And just as he, and Rosa Parks, and many others, stood against hate and violence in their time, we need to do the same in our time. When we see Neo-Nazis proudly marching in our cities and a Confederate flag tied to the doors of the Jewish Heritage Museum in New York City, we need courage, allies, and the strength to say, "Not now, and never again."

We hope the words of Martin Luther King, a Modern-Day Prophet, will inspire you.

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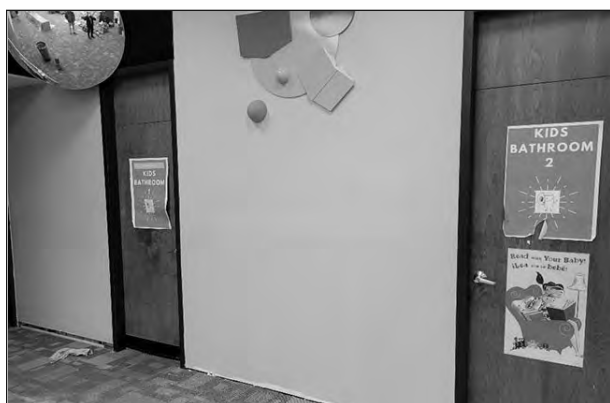
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As you can see from the three pictures, the walls in the children's room now look as good as new and remediation work is also moving full steam ahead in staff offices and workroom areas. The next step in the process will be the installation of brand new carpet tiles throughout the children's room, teen room, AV room, new book and circulation desk areas.

While it is still too soon to give a definitive date for when the library will be fully back to normal, I do anticipate that there will be a phased reopening of the building, with access to the children's department, AV room, new book area, AV room and circulation desk areas happening first. Once we get to this point, our patrons will again be able to use the Springfield Free Public Library as a pick up point for items being requested from other member libraries of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC).

As always, I am here to answer your questions, address your concerns, and help with any library related problems that you may have. Please email me at dspindel@sfplnj.org.

Dale Spindel
Library Director

LIBRARY CARD EXPIRATION DATES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 30

If you are concerned about your library card expiring while the library remains closed, please note that all library cards that were set to expire during the next several months have had their expiration dates extended through April 30, 2022.

Except for materials that were checked out prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the due dates on all library materials have also been extended through April 30, 2022.

Please contact Dale Spindel, Library Director, at dspindel@sfplnj.org if you have any questions.

SPRINGFIELD WEBSITE PRESENTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

By Tamara Vega



Township Administrator John Bussiculo

The Springfield Senior Citizens Club meets every week to play bingo at the Chisholm Community Center, but the January 27 meeting included some special guests. About 40 club members sat together and enjoyed croissants and salads while Public Information Officer Tamara Vega and Township Administrator John Bussiculo presented. Co-President Margaret Bandrowski opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, the senior citizens prayer, and the club's upcoming calendar of activities. Miss Vega showed attendees the Township website homepage while explaining how to navigate it. Attendees were informed of the features of the website such as paying taxes and tickets, as well as signing up to receive emergency alerts. Attendees were also shown how to get to the town's Facebook page to watch the Township Committee meetings. Copies of the township staff directory were also distributed to the attendees in order to make communication easier. Mr. Bussiculo shared with the club some important updates such as a new recording system for Township Committee meetings and the Library repairs, and answered questions about the recent property tax revaluation. The Blacks Lane and Church Mall redevelopment plan was discussed and visuals were shown of what the development will look like when completed.



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Preparing for Winter Weather Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

In Case of Emergency Be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

Stay Safe During Winter Weather Alert -Warning

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stove top or oven. Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, then stay inside. Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling and walking in the snow.

Learn the signs of, and basic treatments for, frostbite and hypothermia. Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes.

Signs: Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin. Actions: Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad. Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

Signs: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech or drowsiness. Actions: Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide Kills Every Year

WARNING: During New Jersey's 2017 – 2018 heating season, the state's poison control center received approximately 250 calls related to carbon monoxide (CO). Of these, 162 victims were evaluated in emergency departments and many required hospitalization.

Don't be the poison center's next statistic. Exposure to carbon monoxide can produce headaches, sleepiness, fatigue, confusion and irritability at low levels. At higher levels, it can result in nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, impaired vision and coordination, and death. During cold and influenza season, symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can easily be confused with symptoms of viral illnesses like the common cold and the flu.

Prevention and early detection are crucial in preventing poisoning injury and death from carbon monoxide. The sudden shift in frigid weather forces homeowners and landlords to turn on their heating systems earlier than expected; without having them properly serviced beforehand to prevent CO exposure.

Carbon monoxide is called the "Silent Killer" because it is a gas that gives no warning – you can't see it, smell it or taste it. "Don't gamble with your family's health and well-being; CO detectors are a must." Battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors should be put on every level of the home and near every sleeping area. Always check the batteries of both detectors (fire and CO) when changing the clocks twice a year for daylight savings time.

Safety tips to help reduce your risk of carbon monoxide exposure:

1. If you do not have any carbon monoxide detectors, install them right away. If your detectors are old and/or not working properly, replace them immediately.
2. Don't remove the batteries from detectors to use somewhere else. The detector can only save lives if it works.

3. Gas appliances must have adequate ventilation. If need be, keep a window slightly cracked to allow airflow.

4. Open flues when fireplaces are in use. Have chimneys inspected periodically to prevent blockage.

5. Never use the stove to heat your home/apartment.

6. Only use generators outside. Keep them more than 20 feet from both you and your neighbor's home, doors, or windows.

7. Do not bring generators, pressure washers, grills, camp stoves, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, basement, garage, carport, camper, boat cabin, or tent – or even outside near an open window or door.

8. DO NOT cook with charcoal indoors.

9. DO NOT idle a car in a closed garage. Once you pull in, immediately turn off the engine. Be extra careful with "remote start" engines which may be on without your knowledge.

If you suspect a carbon monoxide exposure, take immediate action:

1. If someone is unconscious or unresponsive, get him or her out of the house and call 9-1-1 immediately.

2. Exit the house/building immediately. Do not waste time opening windows. This will delay your escape and cause you to breathe in even more dangerous fumes.

3. Contact your local fire department/energy provider.

4. Call the NJ Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 for immediate medical treatment advice. Do not waste time looking for information on the internet about carbon monoxide poisoning. Call us for fast, free and accurate information.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is serious. If you have questions or concerns about carbon monoxide or suspect CO exposure, call the medical professionals at the NJ Poison Control Center. If someone is unconscious, not breathing, hard to wake up, or seizing, call 9-1-1 immediately. Poison control centers are a great resource for information and emergencies. Call, text, or chat with a health professional for free, 24/7. Save the Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222, in your phone today to be prepared for what may happen tomorrow, (www.njpies.org).

Help is Just a Phone Call Away!

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PATRIOT PROFILES
Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield
By John Cottage Sr.



Kenneth Gruskin, Principal (left) and Joel Shulman, Principal of Architecture, at SPEEDVEGAS in Las Vegas, a project where Gruskin Group provided experience design, architecture and branding services. SPEEDVEGAS has become one of the top destinations for visitors.

MEET KEN GRUSKIN

Ken Gruskin founded Gruskin GroupTM in 1986 and has over 35 years of design and architecture experience. He is one of 11 architects licensed in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Ken serves a wide range of clients in the commercial (including specialty retail, restaurant, entertainment, real estate, and medical); corporate (telecommunications, financial and pharmaceutical); educational; governmental and non-profit industries. Gruskin Group and its in-house agency, Gruskin Creative, is an award-winning firm located on Morris Ave in Springfield. Originally located on Morris Ave in Hillside and then Morris Ave in Union, Ken moved his operation to Springfield in 2003. He is a big believer in the Springfield community. Over the years, Gruskin has done work for many members of the Springfield community including the Springfield First Aid Squad, Rider Insurance, Congregation Israel, and Springfield Town Hall. For the past five years, Springfield has benefitted from Ken's experience and expertise, as well as his

prior work as the President of Millburn's Special Improvement District Board, and as a Board member of Springfield's Business Improvement District (BID). Along with the other Board members and led by Beth Lippman, the BID has made significant progress over the last few years in the daunting task of redeveloping the downtown area along Morris Ave. We reached out to BID Co-Chairs Scott Seidel and Mike Scalera and they said that Ken is an integral part of the BID, his expertise in design and planning as well as his history with a similar group in Millburn has been invaluable. When we finally had a plan for the "Gomes" project approved but were a year or two away from demolition, Ken came up with a plan to do "window wraps" on the existing buildings to show what was coming — it was well received and made a difference in letting everyone know that progress was being made. Ken observed that, historically, in the past several decades, many small NJ downtowns such as Springfield's downtown had become 'pass through' areas rather than a destination where people can slow down, eat, shop and spend some time. Towns now are focused on 'placemaking' to attract the public which is key to the success of Springfield's downtown revitalization. Also, as the retail marketplace continues to undergo changes, Ken believes that attracting retailers who offer unique products and 'retail as a service' is the key for downtowns to compete with the Amazons of the world. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Ken said "Originally, I was attracted to the area for its convenience of access to all modes of transportation (airport, trains, highways, and even Morris Avenue?) from which to run our nationally based business. Along the way, I discovered and became a part of Springfield's wonderful community, a place where we're proud to call home, roll up our sleeves, get involved and help Springfield reinvent its future".

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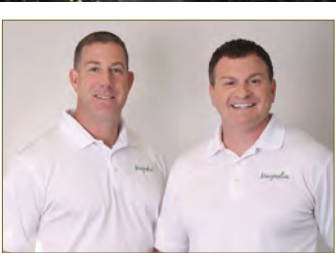
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Tuesday March 1, 2022 • 1:00 - 7:00 PM
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

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Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

**SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS
VISIT FARMERS MARKET**



A busload of Springfield senior citizens grabbed fresh groceries at Central Farmers Market and lunch at Coppola's Ristorante in New Providence in January. Join the Springfield Recreation Department on future bus trips by contacting Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

Springfield First Aid Squad Life Saving Tips

HOW TO DO CPR

*Courtesy of FEMA Region 2 By Daniel Gunduz,
National Preparedness Intern*

Learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) may educate and inform many on how to potentially save a life. Each year, there are an estimated 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest incidents. Over 70% of cardiac arrests occur in homes. CPR, if performed immediately and correctly, may double, or even triple the likelihood of survival for a cardiac arrest victim. It is the willingness and knowledge of bystanders which often ends up saving a life.

The brain is very sensitive to oxygen deprivation. In most cases when an individual becomes unconscious, it is due to direct lack of oxygen to the brain. Chest compressions push oxygen-rich blood out of the heart and to the brain. If you see an individual unconscious, shake his/her shoulder and ask loudly "are you okay?". If there is no response ask another bystander, if available, to call 911. Begin chest compressions immediately.

Instructions to properly perform CPR chest compressions:

- Put the person on his or her back.
- Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders.
- Place the lower palm of your hand over the center of the person's chest, between the nipples.
- Place your other hand on top of the first hand. Keep your elbows straight and position your shoulders directly above your hands (if it is a small child, do not use both hands)
- Push straight down on the chest. Push down between 2 and 2.4 inches (1.5 inches if it is a baby)
- Push hard at a rate of 100 to 120 compressions a minute
- Do not stop until emergency personnel arrive

Chest compressions require no specialized equipment and may be done almost anywhere at any time. CPR is a useful lifesaving technique which may be utilized in many different scenarios from a heart attack to near drowning incidents. Becoming CPR certified will provide the skills and knowledge necessary to help until first responders arrive.

Additional CPR and first aid training/information may be found here:

[https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/
national-preparedness/training#individuals](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/training#individuals)

TWO STEPS TO STAYING ALIVE

WITH HANDS-ONLY™ CPR

1

Call 9-1-1

2

Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of Staying' Alive by the Bee Gees

Hustle to heart.org/handsonlycpr to watch a 60-second video to learn how to save a life.

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - Spring 2022

SPRING BREAK CAMP

CAMP HELD AT CHISHOLM PARK

APRIL 11-15 • 9AM - 12PM

MULTI SPORTS CAMP
Participants will enjoy 8 different sports throughout the week learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. This camp is outdoor only with no indoor location available. NJ Department of Health, CDC & local covid guidelines will be followed.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$179



CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

AGES 5-11, ALL ABILITY LEVELS
Visit USsportsInstitute.com for full camp and class descriptions

LIMITED SPACE

REGISTRATION
Online or by phone. Register soon as these classes typically sell out!

USsportsInstitute.com
(866) 345 BALL

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL RETURNS TO CHISHOLM



The Springfield Recreation Department offered local girls the opportunity to enhance their volleyball skills this winter. Former Seton Hall University player Kimberly Nunes coached weekly clinics at the Chisholm Community Center to 7th-12th grade girls. For more information contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

BOARD GAMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



Starting in January, senior citizens have a monthly opportunity to play classic board games or trivia, and have dessert or lunch, at the Chisholm Community Center. The program is open to residents ages 55+, as well as non-residents who are members of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club. Games include TV trivia, Checkers, Rummikub, Dominoes, Sorry, Taboo, Scrabble, and puzzles. Pictured above: Games and dessert on Thursday, February 3. The next game day is Thursday, March 10 from 12:30-2:30 pm (TV trivia). Contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - Spring 2022

MULTI SPORTS CLASSES

HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

APRIL 24 - JUNE 19 • SUNDAY'S - 8 SESSIONS

Participants will play Soccer, Lacrosse, T-ball and more throughout the program. A fun and exciting way to introduce your child to sports. Sessions will be 50 mins and follow State CDC and local covid guidelines.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$170

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

AGES 2 - 6 ALL ABILITY LEVELS
Visit USsportsInstitute.com for full camp and class descriptions

REGISTRATION
Online or by phone. Register soon as these classes typically sell out!

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FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 at least one day prior to your transportation request. This service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain senior citizen bus trips.

Bus runs Monday - Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, February 14 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:00 pm
Tuesday, February 15 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, February 16 - Bingo @ 12:00 pm (treats sponsored by Arbor Terrace Mountainside)
Thursday, February 17 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Bradley & Son Funeral Homes program and lunch @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
Friday, February 18 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm
Tuesday, February 22 - Computer training with Linda @ 10:00 am, Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, February 23 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, bus trip to Famous Dave's BBQ @ 11:30 am (RSVP)
Thursday, February 24 - Senior Citizens Club meeting featuring Black History Month observance and lunch @ 11:30 am (RSVP required by February 18)
Friday, February 25 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm
Monday, February 28 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:00 pm
Tuesday, March 1 - Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 2 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:00 pm (treats sponsored by Arbor Terrace Mountainside)
Thursday, March 3 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
Friday, March 4 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm
Monday, March 7 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:00 pm
Tuesday, March 8 - Computer training with Linda @ 10:00 am, Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 9 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Bingo @ 12:00 pm
Thursday, March 10 - TV trivia, prizes, & snacks @ 12:30-2:30 pm (RSVP)
Friday, March 11 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm

RUNNING CLUB SPRING 2022 - GRADES K-9

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SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE



**SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081
SPRING 2022 REGISTRATION***



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at www.springfieldnjbaseballleague.com

SPRINGFIELD BASEBALL will continue to play with neighboring towns at the Minor and Major Levels. Minor and Major League games typically take place during the week, allowing for Spring Travel to be played on the weekend. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

DIVISIONS:	GRADES:
A & AA LEAGUES (Clinics)	Pre-K (age 4 as of 5/1/2022) & Kindergarten
AAA LEAGUES	1st & 2nd Grade
MINOR LEAGUE	3rd & 4th Grade
MAJOR LEAGUE	5th & 6th Grade
PONY LEAGUE	7th & 8th Grade

PLEASE NOTE:

- Springfield NJ Baseball League Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players to appropriate divisions to address player welfare and competitive balance.
- In order to participate in Spring and Summer Travel Baseball, players must also register to play Recreation Baseball.

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION COMPLETED AND PAYMENT RECEIVED BY:	ALL LEAGUES
FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022	\$175
AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2022	\$175 (Requires board approval and subject to available roster positions)

TRYCAN KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>

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Sweet Samantha 7 Weeks of "RELAX & PAINT" Late Winter 2022



Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

AGES 7-14 Join Samantha for 7 weeks Painting Fun! We will be creating step by step a variety of awesome acrylic painted creations! We will be working on 4 X 6" canvas boards for each class and every child will have their own mini easel to work on. Children will learn techniques about texture, color & more! We will be listening to relaxing music while creating beautiful art inspired by the photos below... No prior art experience needed!

All Children will be spaced 3 Ft or more and will only be working with their own materials. Masks will be worn during class.

All supplies included. Class will take place at the Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081 **\$210 per 7 Week Session** – TUESDAYS 4:30-5:30 pm Class will begin the week of February 24 and will run consecutive Contact Samantha to register samlynn9@aol.com Please include the name/age of your child Venmo payment is best and can be sent to @sweet-samantha

www.sweet-samantha.com

SAMANTHA IS A 2 X FOOD NETWORK COMPETITOR ON "CAKE WARS" & "SWEET GENIUS!" HER CAKES HAVE BEEN IN MANY MAGAZINES, ARTICLES AND PRINT! SHE LOVES TO SHARE HER TALENTS OF BAKING AND DECORATING BY TEACHING CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS, PARTIES AND PRIVATE LESSONS! In addition to being "Sweet Samantha" she is also a trained Art Therapist and Artist and is excited to RELAX AND PAINT!

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Fridays: March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 2022

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Cost: \$115

Kiddies Junior Robotics — Grades K-2 Ready - Set - Code!

By entering into our "Tinker Lab", young children will be exposed to robotics in a fun, hands-on way. Children will be introduced to the coding, programming and designing of real, age-appropriate robots understanding the basics of algorithms while building language and math skills as we work with sequencing, estimation and problem solving - all while having fun!

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Fridays: March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 2022

6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Cost: \$115

Please Register at: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com



STEM Programs - Spring 2022

LEGO® Robotics and Coding - Adventures



Grades 1 - 3

**Thursdays
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Dates: - 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26

This fun, interactive program will introduce students to coding and robotics using the LEGO® Education Robotics Construction Sets. Children will learn basic programming skills, simple engineering concepts, and the names of the robotic components. They will work in teams of 2 on guided projects building models, attaching sensors and motors, and using a computer to program the model's behavior. Children will gain confidence and understanding as they build and code their robot.

\$160/student
Limited space, 8 students max

Location
Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Ave. Springfield

Register online at:
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GIRL'S SOFTBALL SPRING 2022 - GRADES Pre-K - 9

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Senior Citizen* Recreation Bus Trip to
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Lunch and a Show!

Thursday, March 24, 2022



*INCLUDES ROUND TRIP, SENIOR CITIZEN BUS TRANSPORTATION.
BUS LEAVES CHISHOLM AT 10:00 AM
BUS RETURNS TO CHISHOLM AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 PM

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INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING AT CHISHOLM?

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



SUMMIT AREA YMCA ANNOUNCES SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL MEMBERSHIP AND CAMP REGISTRATION - EARLY BIRD PRICING THROUGH FEBRUARY 28!

Summer in Springfield begins in three short months! The Summit Area YMCA -- operator of the Springfield Community Pool -- has opened pool membership and camp registration online at <https://www.thesay.org/scp>. Early Bird Pricing is available through Monday, February 28, 2022. To save \$50 on pool membership, use promo code SCP2022. To save \$15 on camp registration, use promo code EBP2022. Details on pool membership categories for residents and non-residents, senior citizens, and teens -- as well as full day camp, half day camp, pre-camp care, and post-camp care -- can be found at <https://www.thesay.org/scp>. Coming soon: Swim team, swim lessons, and more! The Township of Springfield is looking forward to another safe and enjoyable summer at the Springfield Community Pool in partnership with the Summit Area YMCA! Questions? Contact the Summit Area YMCA at (908) 273-3330 or use the contact form at <https://www.thesay.org/Our-Locations#contact>.



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- Aquatic Exercise Classes
- Competitive Swim
 - Lap Swim
- Social Events
- Summer Camp
- Swim Lessons
- and more!

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - Spring 2022

SOCCER SQUIRTS

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

8 WEEK SESSION

SATURDAY'S

Registration Fee
\$170

SATURDAYS • Apr 23 - Jun 18 (8 weeks).

Soccer Squirts: (Ages 3-4) 8:30am - 9:20am
 Parent & Me Squirts: (Ages 2-3) 9:30am - 10:20am
 Soccer Squirts: (Ages 4-5) 10:30am - 11:20am
 Senior Soccer Squirts: (Ages 5-6) 11:30am - 12:20pm

All programs will follow NJ DOH, CDC and local Covid guidelines

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

BOYS & GIRLS

All Abilities:
2 to 6 years olds

LIMITED SPACE

REGISTRATION
Online or by phone. Register soon as these classes typically sell out!

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SUMMER 2022 INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

Positions Available:

- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Group Leader
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Counselor
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Substitute Counselor



- All new staff members must be at least 15 years old by Saturday, June 4th.
- Chisholm Playground Camp is held on weekdays 8:30 am-12:30 pm, from Monday, June 20th- Friday, August 12th. There is no camp on Monday, July 4th.
- Staff is paid hourly only for the hours they work.
- Camp staff members (other than substitutes) must be available to work the entire 8 week session.
- Do not schedule vacations or other extended leaves during camp.
- Attendance is mandatory at staff orientation and family meet-and-greet.
- First Aid/CPR/AED certification and other training may be required of some/all staff members.
- Working papers are required for all staff members under 18 years old.
- Criminal background checks are required for staff members 18 years old or older.
- Chisholm Playground Camp takes place both indoors and outdoors, including one morning per week at the Springfield Community Pool, which involves being in the pool.
- The information above is subject to change.

APPLY ONLINE AT:

<http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment>

You may be contacted for an in-person interview in Spring 2022.

The online application deadline is Friday, February 25, 2022.

WINTER CONDITIONING CONCLUDES SEASON



The Springfield Recreation Department's popular Winter Conditioning program at the Chisholm Community Center ends this month. Coach Mike Czech kept local children active this winter by teaching injury prevention, stretching techniques, agility drills, and indoor running. For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

SPRINGFIELD TENNIS

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ALL CLASSES HELD AT IRWIN PARK TENNIS COURTS

WEEKLY CLASSES • APRIL - JUNE 2022

SPRING CLASSES THURSDAYS, 4/21 • 6/9

Tennis Squirts: 4:00-4:50pm (Ages 3-5)
 Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50pm (Ages 5-8)
 Foundation Tennis: 6:00-6:50pm (Ages 8-11)
 Development Tennis: 7:00-7:50pm (Ages 11-14)

SUNDAYS, 4/24 • 6/19

Squirts Tennis: 9:00-9:50am (Ages 3-5)
 Foundation Tennis: 10:00-10:50am (Ages 5-8)
 Foundation Tennis: 11:00-11:50pm (Ages 8-11)
 Foundation Tennis: 12:00-12:50pm (Ages 11-14)

REGISTRATION FEE
\$170

AGES 3-14
All Abilities Levels

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Professional Coaches
- Dri-Fit T-Shirt for every player
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

LIMITED SPACE

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LACROSSE CLINICS PRE K-1ST SPRING '22

SUNDAYS 10:00 - 11:00 am

Starting April 17

Chisholm Park



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