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TOWNSHIP APPOINTS NEW POLICE CHIEF

On Tuesday August 9th, the Springfield Township Committee appointed a new Police Chief, Springfield resident John Cook. The Police Department has been without a Chief since March 31, 2010 when the prior Chief, appointed in 1986, retired.

Chief Cook has been the Officer in Charge of the 42 member Springfield Police Department since December 2010. Cook, previously a Captain, with twenty three years of service with the department, has a long list of accomplishments and an impressive resume. John joined the Springfield Police in January of 1989. He served as a Patrol Officer reaching first class status and becoming a field training officer for new officers and served in that position through December 2000. He was then assigned to the Detective Bureau where he served the township through May 2006 when he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, a position he held until being promoted to Captain in the Fall of 2010.

Cook had been the head firearms instructor, the Department instructor for Active Shooter Patrol Response, a certified Drug Recognition Expert, and a co-team leader of an assault team element for the Union County Emergency Response Team,



*With His Children Holding The Bible.
Chief John Cook Is Sworn In As Springfield's Police
Chief By Public Safety Director Richard Rosell*

ERT/SWAT team, being a founding member of the Unit in 1993.

John attended Kean University, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He has attended several Executive Management level courses and will be pursuing his Master's through the Master's of Administrative Science program at Fairleigh Dickinson University as well as attending the West Point Command and Leadership Program. John has received numerous service awards from the department along with letters of recognition from other agencies during his career.

Chief Cook believes that police officers have a unique opportunity, by virtue of their wearing a uniform, to make positive changes in the people they encounter and that they should strive in setting a good first impression when interacting with the community and the public at large. He also believes in the Department working "in partnership with the community", as written in the Department's Mission Statement, to continually build better relationships between the police and all who reside and/or work in the community.

John has four children, Vincent, Marissa, Cheyenna, and Morgan ranging from 6 to 18 years of age.

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Message from the Mayor

I am pleased to announce the appointment of John Cook as Chief of Police. Mr. Cook has worked in the Springfield Police Department over 20 years. He has advised the Township Committee on police matters and helped us to transition from our former Chief. Since November 2010, he has served as officer in charge.

We look forward to working with Chief Cook and wish him all the best.

Mayor Hugh Keffer



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NETWORKING EVENT

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce ("SPCC") had another successful networking BIG EVENT at Sofia's restaurant on July 20th. Over 40 people attended and extra tables had to be brought out to accommodate extra guests. The purpose of these events is to encourage busi-

ness people to develop long standing relationships with other business people and to bring value and service to their clients. Our major sponsor was Advance Realty (www.advancerealtyUSA.com) from Springfield. Sophia's restaurant helped cater the event and Stew Leonard's provided wine to us at their cost. The price for this great event was \$5 for chamber members and \$10 for future members. If you are a chamber member you not only get a discount at these events (and those of other affiliated chambers of commerce), but you also get an discount when advertising in our newspaper. Any new business in town needs to place an ad in our paper to reach everyone know there here! Shown in the picture at right (from the left side) is Rick Pavoni, Sophia's restaurant owner, Mike Scalera, Networking chairman, and Elliot Merkin, Chamber secretary and networking coordinator.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

1st four Tuesdays of the month at 7:30

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in
Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 8 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

LOCAL HISTORY *by Guest Columnist: Travis Whitehead*

*William Stites letter of response dated June 8, 1825 To J. L. Edwards Esq, Trenton, NJ
Presented in two parts.....*

D Sir,
Your favor of the 28th was thankfully received and it is with reluctance that I again trouble you on the subject therein contained. Nothing but a sense of duty could have compelled me to interest myself in favour of the persons whose pensions I learn with serious regret have been suspended – No one perhaps is more unwilling than myself to see the funds of the General Government lavished or bestowed upon unworthy objects or to see Men who are able to support themselves maintained idly at the Public expense; but my dear Sir the cases before us I am perfectly satisfied are of a different character. I live in the Town of Springfield in the County of Essex and am well acquainted with Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Vreeland and am partially so with M Lacy. As to the pecuniary circumstances of Mr. Whitehead I can say unqualifiably that he is poor, has been reduced to the necessity of taking

the benefit of the insolvent law of our State about two years since, has raised a large family of Children altogether I think thirteen in number two of which however are lads and are yet home with him and need schooling in order to qualify them to become good members of Society and without the aid which he has thankfully rec'd from his Country I am satisfied he is unable to give them schooling or decently to maintain himself and family. Mr. Whitehead for a Man of his age is healthy and able to do a tolerable days work, but he has a cancer on the side of his neck which I have no doubt will in a short time terminate his existence -- with Mr. Vreeland I have been acquainted from my childhood, he has ever been since my knowledge of him very industriously engaged to provide for himself and family a living – his business was what we call a huckster and from my first recollections of him until the last eight or ten years he drove his own wagon and had two horses, then one and as age and poverty advanced after him he was at last deprived of his own horse and wagon and obliged to abandon his trips to New York which was once regular and some times profitable, now it is but

seldom that he manages to make a trip to Newark or Elizabeth Town with a small load and a hired horse and wagon the proceeds of which must now be so small to need another means of livelihood (if I may even call it) of the old man is (and my sympathies have often been called into exercise at the sight) on public days at blessings? & to go with his basket on his arm selling boiled eggs, sugar candies & I do not mean to be understood that this is unusual with him but that it is his consistent practice. You will please to pardon me for this account of his manner of getting his living my object is that you may be able to judge of the probable truth or untruth of the allegations of the Memorialist to the War department. It is true that M.V. has a small house and a lot attached to it on which he lives and has the use of I suspect without paying rent for it and no doubt will continue to enjoy it until his death but I never before heard the suggestion made until I read your communication that it had been placed in the hands of his Son as a cover & pretense, I will not contradict it for to me it is new, but cannot believe it and be that as it may with or without it he is poor. It's value consists in making for him and his family a Domicile and furnishes no means or next to none of making a living –

...to be continued

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - 7 PM

There will be two face to face “community conversations” on Environmental Justice taking place at the Springfield Free Public Library. The first will be on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 P.M. The film *Crude: The Real Price of Oil* will be shown that night. An official selection at the Sundance Film Festival, it provides an inside look at the infamous \$27 billion “Amazon Chernobyl” case. The plaintiffs claim that Texaco – which merged with Chevron in 2001 – spent three decades systematically contaminating one of the most bio-diverse regions on earth, poisoning the water air, and land. The plaintiffs allege that the pollution has created a “death zone” in an area the size of Rhode Island, resulting in increased rates of cancer, leukemia, birth defects, and a multiplicity of other health problems.

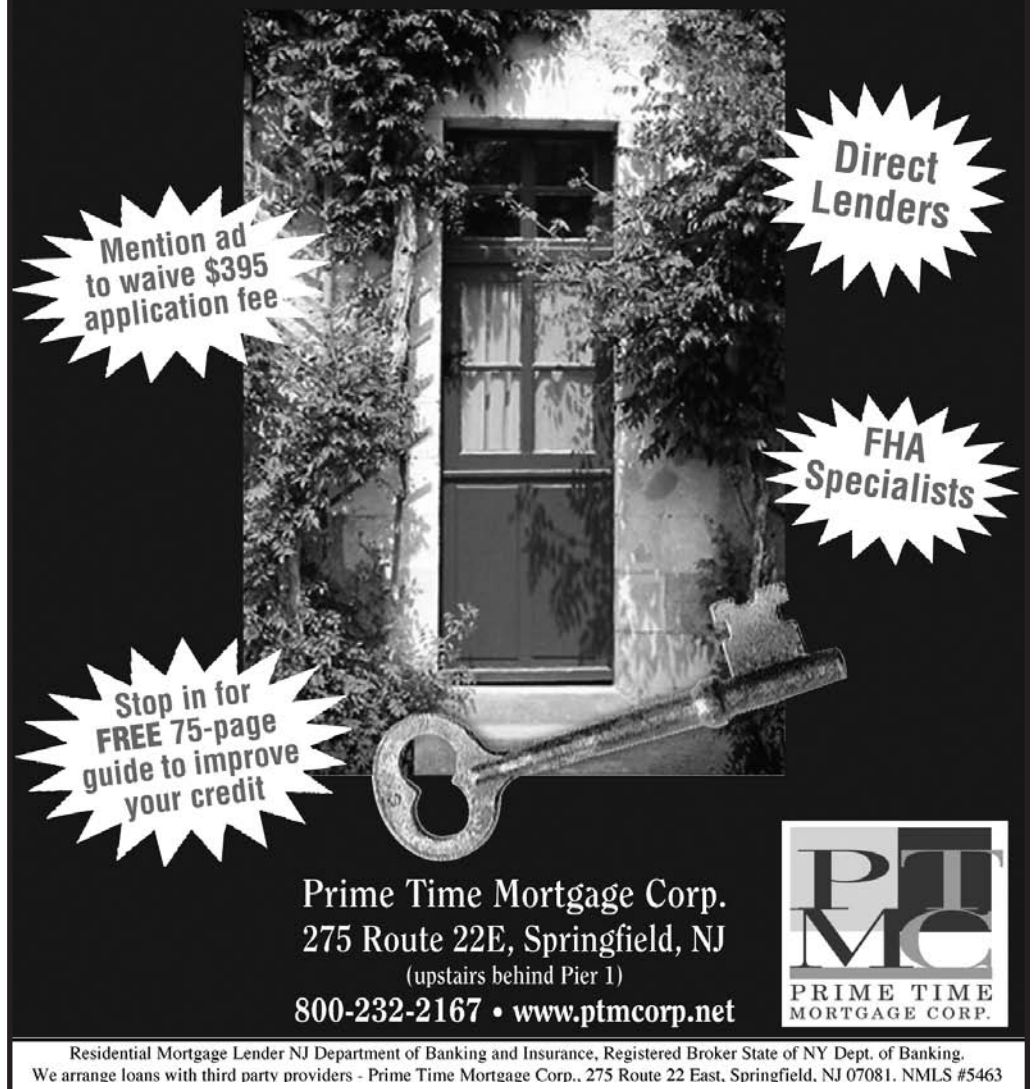
Following the screening, a discussion will be led by Sarah Walk, Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in English and Environmental Studies and Sustainability at Drew University.

The second will be a Scholar led reading and discussion that will take place on September 22nd at 7:00 P.M. Four reading selections will be drawn from *American Earth: Environmental Writing Since Thoreau*, one of the most important works in the environmental movement. Facilitator Sarah Ward will lead a discussion on the topic of Toxins in the Human Environment.

Attendees will receive a reading packet at the time of registration. Registration is required. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For additional information, call 973-376-4930.

This screening was made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

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INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK APPOINTS NEW BRANCH MANAGER IN SPRINGFIELD

Springfield, New Jersey (July 1, 2011) – Investors Savings Bank has named Daniel Murphy to the position of Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of its Springfield office, located on Mountain Avenue.

Mr. Murphy, who joined the bank in 2009, previously held branch management positions at Sovereign Bank, and served in various roles at Independence Community Bank. Mr. Murphy cites the bank's commitment to top-quality customer service among his reasons for accepting the new position.

"To work with a bank that is so focused on providing value for its customers is an exciting opportunity," he said.

A Tinton Falls resident, Mr. Murphy is very active in community affairs, serving as Board President of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce. His other affiliations include the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Springfield, Union County College Foundation, and Crimestoppers of Union County.

"Daniel Murphy shares the bank's commitment to giving back to the communities it serves, as evidenced by his civic involvement," said Investors Savings Bank President and CEO Kevin Cummings. "This dedication will serve him well in this new leadership role."

ABOUT INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK

Investors Savings Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With \$9 billion in assets and a network of over 80 retail branches, Investors delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors' consumer banking services include complete deposit products, online banking, home equity loans and lines of credit and a full array of mortgage loans.

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The 2011 Springfield Farmer's Market is now open and located at Dayton High School parking lot on Mountain Ave. It will be open every Monday from noon to 6:00 pm; rain or shine. On September 12 through October 31 the Market will be at Ruby Park off of Caldwell Place.

The 2011 market features more farmers and purveyors with a variety of products, including a variety of produce, specialty items from returning favourites and newcomers.

Returning to the market this year is Alstede Farms with a large selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and baked goods. New to the market this year is Country Stand Farm, Fontanarosa's Gourmet Foods, Defcon Sauces, Picklelicious and Kraukus Deli.

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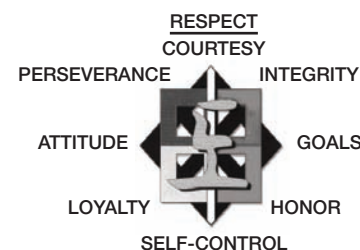
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JULY 1ST – SEPTEMBER 5TH
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY &
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LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

SAT Math Prep Classes for incoming high school Juniors and Seniors:

Tues Aug 16 • Wed Aug 17 • Thurs Aug 18
 @ 2:00- 4:00 pm

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Tuesday, August 23rd, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Wednesday, Sep. 14th, 7:00 pm
Lecture: “Supersize Your Memory”
 with Mark Zacharia

Monday, Sep. 19th, 7:00 pm
Lecture: “Create a photo book or photo
calendar” sponsored by Mack Camera.
 Registration Required, Limited To 20.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Our Super Summer continues@ Your Library with our traditional Summer Reading Club for grades Kindergarten thru 4 with Treasure Chest prizes for reading books, and Grades 5 and up with our famous Video Snack Pack for logging in those reading hours! There is still time to participate in the Summer Reading Club! Sign up in Youth Services

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am
 (ages baby through pre-school):
 Thurs 8/18 • Thurs 8/25 • Wed 8/31

Monday evenings at 7pm
Moonlight Storytime, all ages

Tuesdays @ 11 am
Storycraft with Nicole, ages 3 to 7

Rick Riordan fans—Don’t miss this!

The Percy Jackson Book Club:
Monday August 29 thru Friday Sept. 1
from 10am ‘till 12noon. We will discuss the book vs. the movie, play Percy Jackson Jeopardy, write a letter to the author (!) draw mythological characters. On Friday Sept 1st we’ll watch the movie and enjoy refreshments.

Thursday, Aug. 25th & Sep. 8th, 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group led by Zella Geltman

Monday, Sep. 12th, 7:00 pm
Current Events Discussion Group, “How to be an Informed Voter” with guest Ziad Shehady

Thursday, Sep. 15th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group.
 The Gospel according to Mark.

FILMS

Teen/Tween Choice Movies Tuesdays @ 2pm
 Show up and choose what movie to view on the Big Screen!

Kid’s Choice Movies Fridays @ 11am
 Show up and choose what movie to view on the Big Screen!

Wednesday, Sep. 7th, 12:00 pm
Lunchtime Video: Glimpses of the World
Trade Center in Film, 1975 – 2001.
 Robert Redford stars.

Thursday, Sep. 8th, 7:00 pm
Film Discussion: Crude: The Real Price of
Oil. Discussion led by Sarah Wald.

Monday, Sep. 19th, 12:00 pm
Lunchtime Video: Glimpses of the World
Trade Center in Film, 1975 – 2001.
 Christopher Reeve as Clark Kent.

COMPUTER TRAINING

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY MORNINGS,
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Monday, Sep. 12th, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Job Readiness Computer Training Class:
 Windows by the UC College Industry Business Institute. First of four sessions. Must Register For All Four. Limited To 10.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.
SCRABBLE - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Wednesday, Sep. 7th, 7:00 pm
Scrabble – Special make-up session.

Last chance to sign up for 4 Free Karate Sessions, sponsored by USA Karate Fitness, Mountain Ave.

The free sessions take place on **Wednesdays August 10-, 17, 24** as follows: Pee Wee Karate ages 2 to 5 @ 11am for 20 mins; Junior Karate, ages 6 to 11 @ 11:30 for 30 mins. Must register!

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 ages 6 to 11 @ 10am-11am

Monday, August 22nd & Sep. 12th, 10:00 am
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Lunch With the Mathematician—Weds @ 11:15 – 12:30 for the Middle School Math
Whiz who is bored in class—join this program for some brilliant fun! Bring a sandwich and we’ll offer chips and a drink. Please register! Essay Competition grades 5 to 8. Write an essay on an assigned topic and you could be the winner of a prize!

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY: FRIENDS BOOK SALE

“Members/only” will be allowed on Friday August 12th, to preview and buy any item. Membership may be purchased at the door. The hours for the preview will be from 9: AM to Noon. During that afternoon, from Noon to 8 PM the public will be welcomed. Saturday, August 13th, the sale hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM. On Sunday, August 14th, the hours will be from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. when we will have a “fill a bag” day, where each bag will be only \$5.00. This is an annual event and all are welcome.

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The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of morning foursomes available for this year's tournament to be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 908-522-1772. Detailed Information on the outing is available at www.springfieldmayorsday.com. Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE INTRODUCES BID BUDGET

The Springfield Township Committee introduced through Resolution the first budget submitted by the Springfield Community Partnership, Springfield's newly formed Business Improvement District Budget, for the remainder of 2011.

A BID assessment is a fee that a commercial property owner, located in the BID, pays to support the operations of the BID. The sum of all the individual assessments that property owners pay comprises the total yearly assessment of the BID, and underwrites the annual operating expenses.

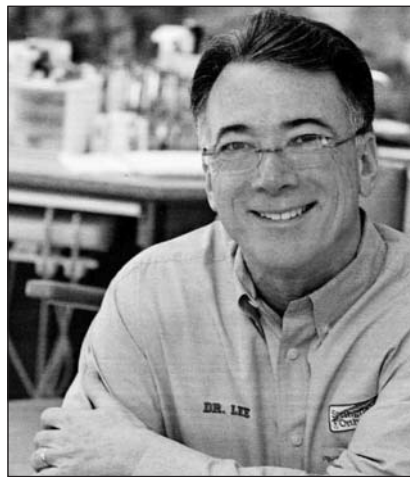
The Board of Directors submitted a budget that will follow the goals put forth in the Strategic Plan. The Board is committed to improving the quality of doing business in Springfield for property owners, businesses and residents by making Springfield a self-sustaining, attractive, business destination for consumers and to secure a clean, pleasant shopping/dining/professional environment.

The budget includes monies for maintenance of the sidewalks in the business districts, providing a façade and sign program and for streetscape improvements.

A marketing committee will seek ways to help drive consumers to Springfield businesses and help property owners fill their vacancies with quality tenants.

The second and final reading of the budget will be in early September.

TOP DOC HONORS AT SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONTICS



Springfield Orthodontics is proud to announce that Dr. Lee Kaswiner has been selected by New Jersey Monthly magazine as one of the top dentists/orthodontists in New Jersey. He was nominated for this honor by his peers from nine dental specialties. He is proud to be selected for his outstanding reputation and commitment to superior work in the field of orthodontics.

Drs. Kaswiner and Handsman provide excellent, state-of-the-art patient care while making orthodontics fun. Dr. Kaswiner has been practicing orthodontics for over 28 years and is Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He completed his postdoctoral training at New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Handsman

completed his postdoctoral training at SUNY Stony Brook and has been practicing since 2002. He is an attending orthodontist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

At Springfield Orthodontics our mission is to provide the highest quality orthodontic treatment available anywhere for both children and adults. Our personalized hands-on-treatment is designed to achieve lasting results. We don't believe in mass production, "conveyer belt" treatment. Each individual is important to us. The office is friendly, warm and family oriented.

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Dr. Lee and Dr. Brett, as they are affectionately known, are premier providers of Invisalign, completing over 450 cases. They are in the top 3% of providers in the United States.

We are involved in the Springfield community in many ways. We support many of the teams and school functions, Dr. Lee is a past president of the Rotary Club, we give a scholarship to a graduating senior, and we sponsor a field trip for the fourth graders at Caldwell school.

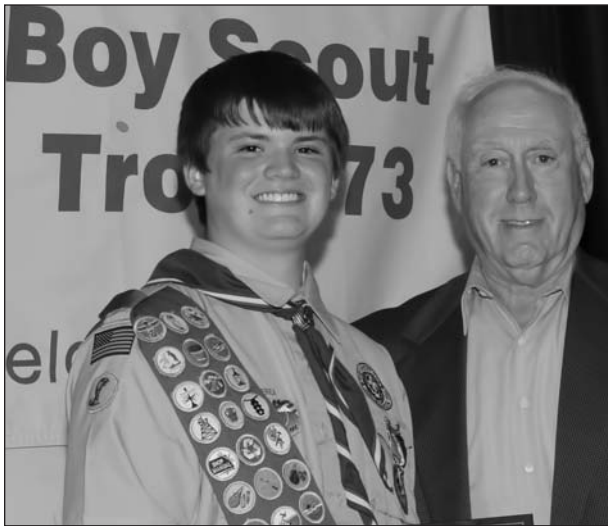
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SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF HADASSAH SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011, 12 noon, at the Springfield Public Library.

The featured speaker is Star Ledger reporter Ted Sherman. Along with Josh Margolin, a fellow reporter, Mr. Sherman has written a shocking account of an unlikely, inter-laced, money-laundering scheme entitled The Jersey Sting. Much of this information has never before been reported in the media. This book unravels the fascinating untold details of what has been called the largest corruption scandal in New Jersey's history. The dynamic case surrounds wealthy, tight-knit communities in both New York and New Jersey where suspects are accused of shuffling tens of millions of dollars through charitable organizations headed by rabbis and public officials.

The public is invited to attend. Since a light lunch will be provided, non-Hadassah members are asked to register by calling Lorraine S. Seidel at 973.376.5067 or via email at lrse@aol.com.



Stephen Joseph Jurczak, Jr. Together with Elliot Merkin
Chamber Of Commerce Secretary

STEPHEN JOSEPH JURCZAK, JR. ATTAINS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

An Eagle Court of Honor was conducted on July 7th to honor Stephen Joseph Jurczak, Jr., who attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Less than 4% of all Boy Scouts achieve this rank nation-wide. In addition to the 37 merit badges earned, Stephen's Eagle project benefited the Cannon Ball House, home to the Springfield Historical Society. The project consisted of installing a lucite display door in the Military Room, create an antique farm tool display, and catalog more than 1200 volumes from its library into digital and printed format. The project required more than 200 volunteer hours. This catalog facilitates historic and genealogical research.

The eldest son of Steve and Linda Jurczak, Stephen was recognized by Springfield B.S.A. Troop 73 and Patriots' Path Council, B.S.A., the Springfield Historical Society, the American Legion, VFW/Jewish War Veterans, the Springfield-Hillside Elks and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. A Proclamation from the Township of Springfield was read and presented by Mayor Hugh Keffer. Additionally, the Troop presented Stephen with the traditional album filled with letters of congratulations from political, educational and industrial leaders throughout the nation.

Stephen has now applied to become an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 73, and intends to support the troop when on break from college. A 2011 graduate of the Union County Magnet High School, Stephen will be attending Rowan University this fall as a Chemical Engineering major. Stephen is the grandson of Sylvia and Joseph Jurczak of Mountainside, and Janice and Jerry Bongiovanni of Springfield.

For more information about Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73, visit www.scoutlander.com, click on the directory, scroll down to the New Jersey section and select the Troop 73 link. For information about younger scouting, you can also select the Cub Scout Pack 73 link.

TDAP VACCINE RECOMMENDED FOR ADULTS HAVING CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFANTS

Did you know the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends adults, who anticipate having close contact with an infant less than a year old, receive the Tdap vaccine?

Did you know that because Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is highly contagious, if infected, you could easily spread it to your grandchildren? Every year, deaths of children due to Pertussis are reported to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Children ages 3 months and younger accounted for the majority of these deaths. For information and to make an appointment to receive Tdap call: Westfield Regional Health Department at (908)789-4070

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

The Westfield Regional Health Department and Overlook Hospital are sponsoring health education and screenings at the Westfield Municipal Building located at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield, New Jersey. A cholesterol screening will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) screening will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 10:00am-12:00pm. There is no charge and pre registration is required. A copy of results will be issued to each participant. For more information please contact Customer Service Community Health Department Overlook Hospital at 1-800-247-9580 or 908-789-4070 extension 4074, hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD SEMI-ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad has kicked off its semi-annual fund drive with a letter to all residents of the town. Twice a year, members of the squad reach out to the community seeking donations, which are used to directly fund the all-volunteer emergency services and rescue organization.

At this time, all residents should have received an envelope containing a donation card. Please consider making a donation if you have not done so already.

"We understand that now more than ever we are reaching out and asking for money during difficult times for many," said Fred Ostry a member of the squad. "We depend on the generosity of our friends and neighbors to purchase supplies, maintain our ambulances, and to continue providing professional EMS services free of charge to the community."

The organization provides EMS and rescue services to the community on a 24-hour basis. Dedicated members volunteer their time for training and for responding to calls, which range from minor cuts to serious injuries. They do so, day or night, and often at the expense of time with their families.

Members responded to approximately 1,800 calls in 2010 and devoted more than 30,000 hours volunteering to answer calls and train to assure residents get the best possible care.

Residents can find information on donating to the organization or becoming a member at <http://springfieldfas.org/> or by calling the squad's non-emergency number, 973-908-8EMS.

"The cost of providing these services, like everything, continues to increase year-to-year, meaning we depend more on the community now than ever," said Squad president Barry Gallant "Every donation, no matter the size, helps."

MEMBERS OF UNION COUNTY SWAT TEAM DISPLAY EQUIPMENT TO THE PUBLIC AT NATION NIGHT OUT HELD ON AUGUST 2 AT MEISEL FIELD



JDHS PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL QUARTER 4/ 2011

Sean Berkowitz, Gabrielle Defronzo, Senem Ayse Donuk, Alison Gutkin, Alexandra M Hopkins, Ashley Polukord, Jennifer E Quagliato, Kimberly Connie Rego, Blina Abdullahu, Kelly D Baldwin, Brett Michael Biebelberg, Benjamin Lawrence Castor, Zack Kadish, Summer Jade Klarfeld, Emily Ann Locke, Tara Staci Strober, Benjamin Jacques Chabanon, Catherine B Coleman, Lindsey Gaon, Charles Melman, Shannon Carol Meyer, Nicole Paya, Frances Marie San George, David Gary Yabonsky, Sabrina Ann Bibbo, Andrew Delia, Ariel Kalati, Naomi Karlin, Bethany A Ralston, Dana Torovezky,

JDHS HONOR ROLL QUARTER 4/ 2011

Kathleen Arias, Giulia Arpino, Peter Gerard Bianco, Kendall Blayne Bohannon, Alessandra Marialuisa Cicchino, Nicholas Robert Conte, Alexandra Ann Diamond, Thomas William DiDonato, Jacqueline Brooke Gallant, Jackie Genovese, Genna Brooke Gincel, Paige Gleason, Blair Alyssa Godfrey, Chuanwei Hsu, Lauren Kerr, Eric Shawn Ross Kerstein, Kevin Murnin Kirk, Jesse Krumholz, Jacqueline Ruth Loeshelle, Taylor McQueen, Matthew Neubauer, Chinenye D Ofodike, Priteshi H Patel, Kenneth Marques Pereira, Martyne Ponce, Nicholas Anthony Pulice, Gabrielle Pypiak, Stacey Nicole Roth, Remy Faith Schneier, Emily Stein, Dmitry Suvorov, Thomas Michael Venezia, Kirsten Nicole Vogt, Max Zeigerman, Lamiaa Helmy Abdelaziz, Sean Arpino, Thomas Athan, Jesse Benzell, Cara Maria Bibbo, Eytan Raul Boclin, Tyler Bujnowski, Zachery Corey, Leah Cunningham, Robert DiDonato, Danielle DiFiore, Michael

Patrick Disko, John Paul Ferreira, Jack Gerard Finnegan, Jessica Friedman, Sabrina S Ghanny, Lais Pereira Ghiraldeli, Max Grossman, Zachary D Haliczzer, Nico Izzi, Timothee Joseph Charles, Kristin Blair Kelley, Ross Konesky, Jennifer Kuczynski, Courtney Lam, Anna Lies, Kaylin Mahoney, Alexa Rae McCaffrey, Rachel L Miller, Christina Montesano, Kelli Murray, Maya Nisani, Akshar H Patel, Josph Policastro, Mario L Rocha, Jake Harris Rudolph, Jeffrey Todd Sablosky, Ned Salkovitch, Scott Reid Sandler, Ashly Seby, Casey Sheehy, Andrew Sussman, Natalie Zavis, Catherine Rodrigues Araujo, Teresa Arpino, Andrew George Batallas, Charles Robert Bohannon, Salvatore Francesco Butera, Jessica Condon, Katelyn Condon, Robert Thomas Dobler, Tara Marie Don, Jacquelyn Esposito, Ilyssa Frank, Lea Marie Ginefra, Alexandra Julia Golden, Joshua Gutkin, Elyssa Hannah Kerstein, Margit Tamar Landa, Stephen J Lynn, Justine V Mejia, Michael Sandford, Maia Stoicovici, Rachel Usdin, Austin Alfano, Ashley N Amos, Nicole Athan, Lauren Ashley Bell, Michael Jared Bornstein, David Cacciatore, Tyler Jonathan Citrin, Zoe Shira Cook-Nadel, Devin Damast, Angelica Dawidczyk, Marissa Marie Demartino, Ryan Patrick Di Maria, Amanda Dworkin, Thomas Feld, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Melissa Gamboa, Jeremy Glennon, David Hampton Harris, Alejandra Henao, Eli Hockstein, Jason Richard Hoehn, Diane Ljeoma Ibe, Gianna Izzi, Brandon Kolton, Marissa Lyna, Alec D Marcantonio, Taylor R Miller, Sammy Mostafa, Nilu Nixon, Meaghan O'Brien, Casey Ryan Olohan, Jamie Alyssa Paolino, Soniya Sailesh Patel, Reese Utz Petersen, Suzanne Marie Petrilli, Francesca Petruzzella, Alexandru Popescu, Daniel Porras, Justine Quow, Ricci Brooke Rajoppi, Cristina Marie Rodriguez, Jessica Rose Rothbard, Bailey Jay Rudolph, Kyle Schmidt, Erica Tracy Schneider, Amber Noelle Sealy, Leslie Seby, Andrew Jacob Shanes, Lyndsey R Shulman, Carolyn Esther Singer, Richard William Strobel, Michael Bryan Wang

IMPROV 4 KIDS, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

We are pleased to invite the entire Springfield community to Improv 4 Kids, a live interactive musical comedy show on Sunday September 18th, 2011 at 10:30 am. The event will take place in the social hall of Congregation Israel of Springfield, 339 Mountain Ave., and will feature an action-packed performance geared for children ages K-8 and adults alike. They are bringing their great comedic style and sense of family entertainment straight from their stage in New York to ours in Springfield! This incredible Off-Broadway show has played over 1000 performances at the Laugh Factory in Times Square and the New York Improv. This amazing opportunity is not to be missed and is a great way to kick off the new school year!!! Food will be available for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for special door prizes. All proceeds from the event will benefit Mikvah Yisroel of Springfield located at 42 Center St in Springfield. Admission to the event is \$10 per child and \$7 per adult. Children under two are admitted free of charge! For more information please contact improvforkids@gmail.com or call 908-692-8610. You can also visit the comedy troupe's website www.improv4kids.com for a sense of what the show is all about. We look forward to seeing the community at large come out and have a great time!



Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

Fire Safety for College

Every year college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. There are several causes for these fires; however, most are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

In cases where fire fatalities occurred on college campuses, alcohol was often a factor. There is a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In more than 50% of adult fire fatalities, victims were under the influence at the time of the fire. Excessive alcohol consumption often impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts. Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses, closely followed by careless smoking and arson.

Many factors contribute to the problem of dormitory housing fires

- Improper use of 9-1-1 notification systems delays emergency response.
- Student apathy is prevalent. Many are unaware that fire is a risk or threat in the environment.
- Evacuation efforts are hindered since fire alarms are often ignored.
- Building evacuations are delayed due to lack of preparation and preplanning.
- Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early detection of fires.
- Misuse of cooking appliances, overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords increase the risk of fires.

Safety Precautions

- Provide students with a program for fire safety and prevention.
- Teach students how to properly notify the fire department using the 9-1-1 system.
- Install smoke alarms in every dormitory room and every level of housing facilities.
- Maintain and regularly test smoke alarms and fire alarm systems. Replace smoke alarm batteries every semester.
- Regularly inspect rooms and buildings for fire hazards. Ask your local fire department for assistance.
- Inspect exit doors and windows and make sure they are working properly.
- Create and update detailed floor plans of buildings, and make them available to emergency personnel, resident advisors and students.
- Conduct fire drills and practice escape routes and evacuation plans. Urge students to take each alarm seriously.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and make sure extension cords are used properly.
- Learn to properly use and maintain heating and cooking appliances.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD RAISED \$8,250.00

SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY: The Rotary Club of Springfield raised \$8,250.00 from its July 4th 50/50 Raffle of which \$4,125.00 went to 5 winners. First place went to Mrs. Ellen Rabb, who donated \$400.00 to Rotary International's Polio Plus project and the remainder of her winnings to Mt. Sinia Medical Center, New York for pancreatic cancer research. Second place to Quinn Muluhill, third Place to Phil Medina of Springfield,

Fourth Place to David Golush of Westfield and Fifth Place to Dr. Bob Eidus of Cranford.

The July 4th Raffle is just one of many fundraiser's that is run by the Springfield club. Other projects are the Clean Water Project, shelters, international books for kids, gift baskets and many other community programs. The Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket and participated in the day. For more information about joining Rotary, please call Mel Kevoe, President of the Springfield Rotary at 973-769-9649.

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 Arianna Griffith, Kristina Boettcher, Elena Matarazzo, Jessica Pica, Kayla Balke

THE SPRINGFIELD STORM 10U GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM COMES IN 1ST PLACE AGAIN

The Springfield Storm 10U girls softball team took home 1st place for the second year in a row in the Parkway Invitational Softball League, National East division. They finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 10-0 and went on to beat Chatham in the championship game for the 1st place win.



BUCKLEY'S BOYS OF SUMMER BRING HOME VICTORY

July 28, 2011. The new 11u team(Buckley) struggled in the beginning of their season. This was a new group of ball players, where many have not played Minutemen baseball before. They all put in their hard work and sweat at practices and gave it their all. Not yet understanding what Coach Scott Steinman was teaching them. The team learned what to do, why to do it and how to do it. After several close games and some long games, the team saw what had to be done. They began making plays and stopped making mistakes. They were able to get themselves into the play-offs and face teams that beat them before. Getting that second chance.

The first of the playoffs was at home against Branchburg, in one of their many HOT games. Minutemen took that game with a score of 8-4. The semi-finals were next in Basking Ridge. The team showed up to Basking Ridge with a goal and put that game to bed with a score of 13-4, Springfield. Next stop was the Championship game against our neighboring town of Summit. This was the last challenge before victory. The team knew that there was no goal that they couldn't achieve.

The game ended 8-4 Springfield ...WAY TO GO TEAM!!!

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