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THURSDAY
APRIL 24, 2014

8:30 am - 9:30 am
Emergency
Management Office
Top Floor of the Fire House
In the Joseph Pepe III
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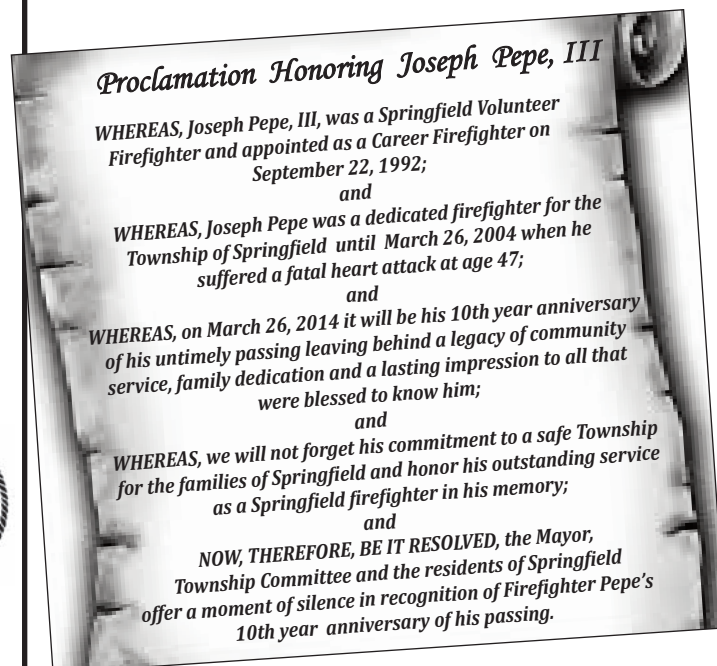
MEET AND GREET OF BID PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNERS AT THE BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB



(l to r) Mayor Richard Huber; Kevin Vitale, General Manager & COO of Baltusrol; Beth Lippman, BID Executive Director; Mike Scalera, BID Chairman; David Barnett, Deputy Mayor; Scott Seidel, BID Co-chair; and Township Committeeman Ziad Shehady.

The Business Improvement District conducted a meet and greet of BID property and business owners at the Baltusrol Golf Club on Wednesday, March 26. About thirty interested parties, township officials and BID Board members were in attendance. BID Board Chairman Mike Scalera briefly addressed the group explaining the progress the BID has made and what the future holds for Springfield Business Development. Mike explained the two redevelopment projects coming to fruition and the BID's other strategies, inviting and encouraging input from the business community. Mike thanked Baltusrol for their role in hosting the event as well.

TOWNSHIP PASSES RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF JOSEPH PEPE III



SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE PUT NEW VEHICLE IN SERVICE



Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator and Auxiliary Police Captain Wally Schultz put their newest vehicle in service.

The Auxiliary Police just took delivery of their 2014 Chevy Tahoe Police package SUV, which was delivered two weeks ago to Emergency Management. They have just finished installing radios and emergency equipment and having the vehicle lettered. According to Schultz, "This replaces a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicle which no longer suited our needs. The Crown Vic was rear wheel drive and could not be used in snow and ice storms. As we are an emergency response unit, having one of our three vehicles unavailable during an emergency did present problems. Now we have three full size, all-wheel drive SUVs." Chief Palumbo noted, "This new vehicle will help the Auxiliary respond to emergencies and be better prepared to assist the Police Department in all types of inclement weather. We had our monthly meeting the night we put the car in service, and all the members were delighted to see this vehicle enter service. Auxiliary Sergeant Robert Abraham took the car out for the first tour on April 2." According to OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, "The vehicle bears the unit's new Auxiliary Police patch designed by Auxiliary Sergeant David Root, who assisted in having the new vehicle lettered. Over the next few weeks, our other two SUVs will be re-lettered to match the new car."



The Township Committee passed a Resolution recognizing the tenth anniversary of the the passing of Joseph Pepe, III, a career Springfield firefighter who suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in a charity basketball tournament at the Caldwell school on the night of March 26, 2004. Many of Springfield's bravest were in attendance at the committee meeting to witness the passing of the Resolution. Mayor Huber presented Fire Chief Sanford with a copy of the Resolution at the meeting. The training room at the firehouse where we hold our Chamber of Commerce meetings is named in his honor as well.

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Construction Office	973-912-2220
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Engineering Department	973-912-2219
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Public Works Department	973-912-8483/2225
Recreation Department.....	973-912-2227
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Message from the Mayor

As I sit back and look at my first three months serving as Mayor, I am happy with what we have accomplished but far from satisfied. Right from the start we were faced with the first of several snowstorms this winter. Ken Homlish, the Director of Public Works and our entire Public Works Department deserve a big "Thank You" from all of us, for the tremendous work they did this winter. The Township Committee has been hard at work trying to improve every aspect of our town. The Community Pool has been undergoing significant upgrades, and additions to our public safety departments have been made, adding one police officer and one fire department member. Also, at our March 11 meeting the Springfield Business Improvement District unveiled their preliminary plans for the revitalization of our downtown.

We also said good-bye to Fire Captain Dave Maas and Police Sergeant Steve Holyfield as they retired from their respective departments. Also, the town mourned the loss of former Mayor Philip Kurnos. At our March 25 meeting we read a resolution marking the 10-year anniversary of the passing of Firefighter Joe Pepe. Anyone who knew Joe knew how much the Township of Springfield meant to him. On March 14 a fire spread throughout a house on Battle Hill Avenue. Fast action taken by the Springfield Fire Department enabled them to rescue a pet dog and turtle. We ask anyone who can help this family make contributions to Springfield Hope c/o Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

The Township Meeting, which will be held on April 8, will be the 220th anniversary since the first town meeting. The town council also announced that on June 21 and September 13 we will be holding a town wide garage sale. All residents who wish to participate in this town wide event will need to register with the town clerk and the fee will be waived. We selected these dates as they are prior to our next bulk pick up. As we move towards the spring keep on eye open for pamphlet outlining our recreation offering for the summer. Once again if you have any concerns, please contact me at Richard.huber@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2014



PATRIOT EDITORS MEET TO DISCUSS APRIL ISSUE

Kristen Oaks, our new copy editor, meets with Scott Seidel and John Cottage, Sr. with a copy of the March Patriot Times. Scott noted, "We have talked to Kristen on the phone and by email but never had the opportunity to meet. We invited her to our March Chamber of Commerce meeting so we could talk in person ." Kristen is excited about her new role as the copy editor of the newspaper and is pleased to be able to help out the town.

Wednesday, April 9 is the last day to file Party Declaration Forms to change political party affiliation for the June Primary.

Tuesday, May 13 is the last day to register to vote for the June Primary Election. The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 8 pm

Tuesday, May 27 is the last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot for the June Primary Election.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, April 7, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department
Tuesday, April 8, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall
Tuesday, April 22, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm

BOARD OF HEALTH 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 pm
All of the above meet at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

SAGE VOLUNTEERS DELIVER MEALS



Springfield Township Committee Member Ziad Shehady and Meals On Wheels volunteer Gabriela Alexander of Summit delivered meals to senior residents of Springfield on Friday, March 21. They participated during Community Champions Week in the Meals On Wheels Association of America's "March For Meals" campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. On a daily basis, SAGE volunteers deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex and Morris Counties. For more information on the program, call 908-273-5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



During the week of March 17, in conjunction with the "Community Champions Week" for the March For Meals campaign, New Providence Police Chief Anthony Buccelli, Springfield Police Chief John Cook, and Summit Police Chief Robert Week pitched in by delivering meals to seniors in their communities. SAGE Eldercare in Summit coordinates meal deliveries to older adults in parts of Union, Essex and Morris counties through Meals On Wheels Association of America.

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH ANNUAL HADASSAH HOLOCAUST MEETING

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 12:30 pm at the Springfield Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. Miriam Gershwin, a Holocaust survivor and long-time Springfield resident, is in charge of the meeting.

This year, the speaker will be Janet Ettelman, a Union resident, who was born in Mannheim, Germany and left that country at the age of ten. She will share her childhood memories of what led to Kristalnacht and the horrors that followed in Nazi Germany. The meeting will also include a moving candle lighting service memorializing the 6 million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. Individuals who are planning to attend but are not Springfield Hadassah members are urged to contact Lorraine Seidel at lorraineseidel@gmail.com or 973-376-5067.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE WORK WITH HOMELAND SECURITY TO MAKE NARCOTICS ARREST

In February 2014, the Springfield Police Department was contacted by agents of the U.S. Customs & Border Protection reporting their discovery of multiple packages of anabolic steroids being sent to a home in Springfield through the U.S. Mail. The packages were being shipped from an address in the Republic of Moldova, a country located in Eastern Europe. Springfield police detectives arranged to deliver the packages along with the assistance of agents from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The packages were delivered to the resident by an undercover detective posing as a delivery person and on 03/07/2014 the resident, William Prokos age 35 of South Maple Avenue, was arrested by Springfield police and charged with multiple narcotics offenses.

Prokos was taken into custody by Springfield police detectives after signing for the packages that were addressed to him and a total of fifty-five (55) separate vials of steroids were seized. According to U.S. Customs the vials contained steroids with an estimated "street" value in excess of \$6,000. Anabolic steroids are a Schedule III narcotics and require a valid prescription in the State of New Jersey.

Prokos was charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Hypodermic Needles, and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance within 500 feet of a Public Park. The park in question being the Trivett Park located between South Maple Avenue and Colonial Terrace. The case is awaiting presentation to the Union County Grand Jury in the Union County Superior Court in Elizabeth NJ.

According to Police Chief John Cook, "This cooperation between federal and local police agencies demonstrates that persons cannot go half way across the globe in order to engage in criminal activity in violation of the law in order to escape detection and this operation demonstrates that the Springfield Police Department will take all appropriate action to address complaints of suspect drug dealing anywhere in Springfield and especially in areas close to parks and playgrounds utilized by children."



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WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

Women due for a gynecological check-up are invited to sign up for an appointment with the Madison Health Department. The check-ups are open to all women who live in Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, and Springfield, including nannies and other household employees and those without health insurance coverage. Regular check-ups are an important part of staying healthy.

The screening will be held at the Madison Health Department located in the Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison on Monday, May 12 starting at 9:30 am. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext.1 beginning on April 17. A \$25.00 fee may apply if a Pap test is indicated.

This comprehensive check-up for women will include manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks, and education on the technique of monthly breast self-examination for each participant. Dr. Rohini Jobanputra will determine with each woman if a Pap test is advisable for her.

Healthy habits for women in addition to annual check-ups include engaging in physical activity most days of the week, eating a nutritious diet that includes lots of fruits and vegetables, and avoiding high risk behaviors like smoking and not wearing a seatbelt. Women are often the caregivers for their spouses, children, and parents and forget to focus on their own health. Research shows that when women take care of themselves, the health of their family improves. When women take even the simplest steps to improve their health, the results can be significant and everyone will benefit.

The Madison Health Department encourages women to sign up for the screening and also to pass the word along to other resident women who may not know about this service. Call the Madison Health Dept. (973-593-3079 ext.1) for an appointment for yourself or a loved one. Participants should have their physician's name and address ready when they call.

TOWNSHIP STARTING STREET PAVING PROJECTS

The Township Committee approved funding for street improvements to pave eleven roads throughout the Township. Road improvements include paving, drainage, and curb installation, where necessary. Work has started on the following roads:

- Warwick Circle
- Bryant Ave – on or about March 31 through April 4
- Park Lane - on or about April 4 through April 18
- Chimney Ridge/Rolling Rock on or about - April 2 through April 25

Design work is being done now for the following roads and paving will occur later in the year:

- Redwood Road (from #17 to South Gate)
- Lyons Place
- Battle Hill Avenue
- Hawthorne Avenue
- Crest Place
- Short Hills Avenue (Morris Avenue to Tulip Road)
- Remer Avenue (Mountain Avenue to Wentz Avenue)

All streets will get advance notice from the Township by the CodeRed calling system and by the contractor selected to do the work. We will also post notifications

on our website and on the Township Facebook page. Any questions on paving should be directed to the Springfield Engineering Department at 973-912-2219.

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FOR RAIN GARDENS

The Township received a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey, funded through PSE&G to fund a creative project, in cooperation with Rutgers University (Rutgers) to build up to six rain gardens to absorb runoff from rooftops, sidewalks, parking lots and streets. The goal is to utilize these rain gardens as educational tools to encourage residents, commercial property owners and developers to put them in on their own properties. Compared to a patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground. Rain gardens mimic natural hydrology by infiltrating and evapotranspiring runoff and act as versatile feature that can be installed in most unpaved spaces.

The Township's goal is to promote rain gardens with residents and commercial property owners of Springfield so that they will adopt this best practice on their own properties. This project is part of a larger watershed wide effort started in 2013 called the 1000 Rain Gardens Project (<https://www.facebook.com/1000RainGardensProject>) sponsored by the Rahway River Stormwater Advisory Board. Municipalities throughout the watershed, including Springfield, have committed to installing 1000 rain gardens in an effort to reduce stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces and control flooding. The 1000 Rain Garden Project already has enormous momentum. Springfield has been a leader in the effort currently assisting the Rahway River Watershed Association in finding rain garden champions and coordinating watershed-wide municipal trainings on rain garden planning and installation, which will occurred in February and March, 2014.

In addition, this project will be used as a citizen education/engagement project to build awareness about native plants, species diversity, stormwater management, and habitat restoration so that citizens and commercial property owners have local examples to turn to when looking to improve their own residential environments.

Three of the rain garden projects will be planned and designed as demonstrations.

For at least one of the proposed rain gardens a design process will be developed that includes students from the Environmental Club at Jonathan Dayton High School (JDHS), guided by science teacher and Environmental Club advisor Bryan Davison. Through education and collaborative design sessions with students, Rutgers professors will develop a replicable process for the design and implementation of rain gardens by students. Students will learn how to identify potential sites, evaluate native soils for infiltration, create preliminary grading and layout plans, and learn how to install plant materials. This process will be published on the Township website and Rutgers sites to facilitate its use and adoption by other schools. Rutgers professors will be available for

consultation with towns interested in replicating the design process.

A unique partnership has been formed with the Springfield Environmental Commission, Springfield Green Team, Rutgers the Springfield Board of Education (in conjunction with the JDHS Environmental Club and science teacher Bryan Davison) and the Springfield Free Public Library. In addition, the Springfield Township Committee created a Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee, who will be part of the grant focus to ensure actions that are taken in the Township do not exacerbate stormwater runoff and flooding. Finally, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 2 has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Township. All of these partners will be our Rain Garden Team (see attachment A, Rain Garden Team/Partners).

A planning meeting will occur in April with all the partners to start the implementation process.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG – TIME TO CLEAN YOUR YARDS!

Starting April 1 through April 30, the Springfield Department of Works (DPW) will pick up yard waste including: leaves, brush, vegetation and grass clippings. All material must be in paper bags or garbage containers – NO PLASTIC BAGS.

Bagged or material in garbage containers should be put to the curb and DPW will pick up. Residents can also call DPW at 973-912-2224 or 8483 and let them know location of material that needs to be picked up.

Spring is also a good time to check outside your home and cleanup or make needed repairs. Some areas to check and get a jump on your tasks:

- * Replace damaged, rusted or broken storm doors and assembly hardware.
- * Replace broken doorbell buttons and outside electrical outlet covers.
- * Clean all gutters and downspouts on the house to ensure they are not blocked with debris.
- * Fix or replace draperies, shades or blinds that are torn, faded or broken.
- * Replace ripped screens, cracked windows and door glass.
- * Remove shovels, empty/broken pots, fertilizer soil bags and broken rusted garden ornaments from planted beds.
- * Remove empty pots, dead plants, stems, flowers and weeds and cleanup patio areas.
- * Store bikes, toys, basketball stands and lawn furniture inside when not in use.
- * Remove dog waste from your yard and common areas.

----Care about Springfield?---- Join the Springfield CERT Team

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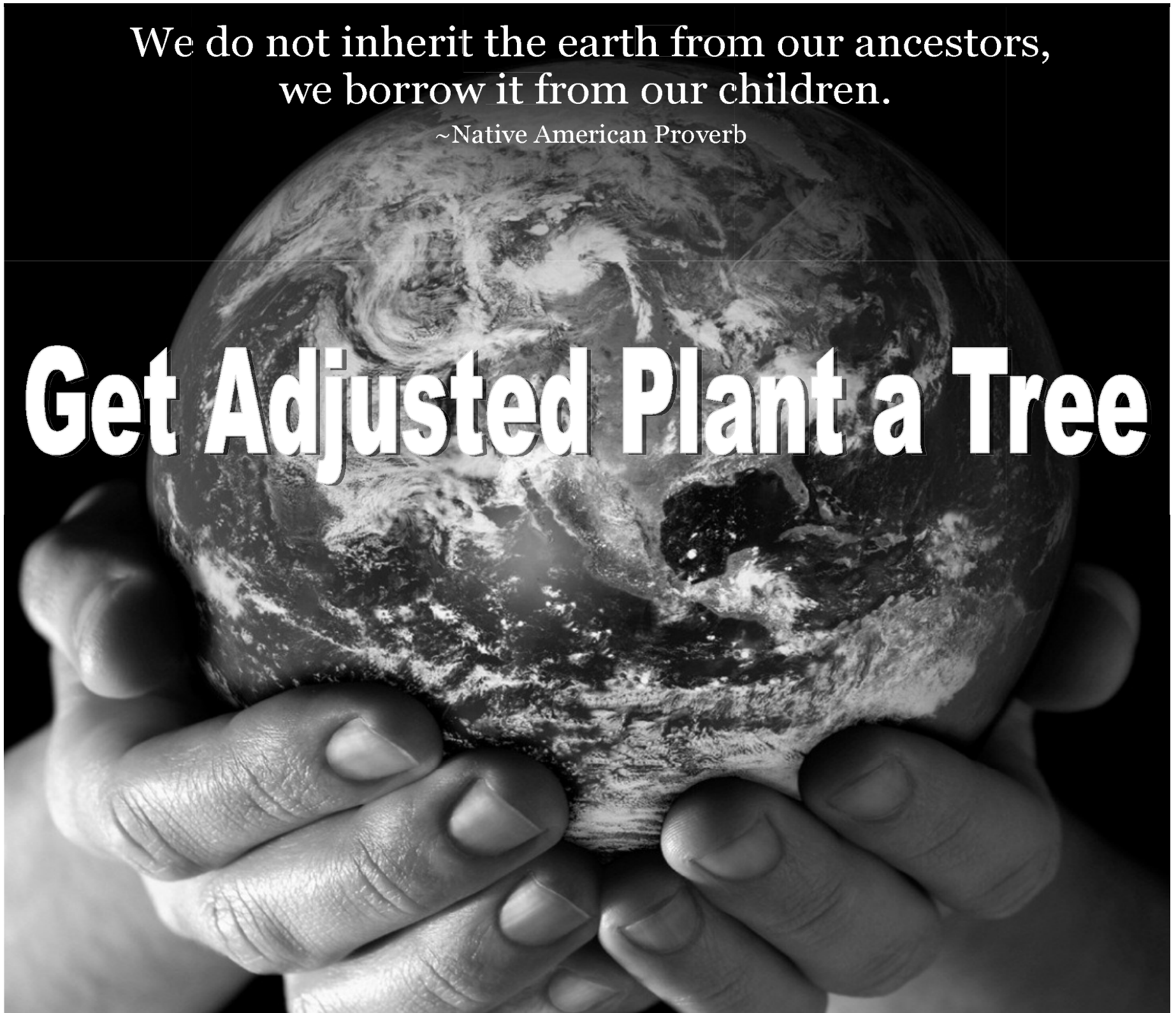
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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

All recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times, especially homeowners are advised that during the spring and summer months various types of con artists come into New Jersey and other northeastern states and target residents, usually senior citizens or the elderly. These criminal groups are referred to as "travelers" as they travel throughout the country committing any of a series of fraud schemes that can range from attempting to receive payment for home repairs that are not done or are done in a substandard fashion to attempting to con their way into a house to steal money or jewelry.

HOME REPAIR SCAMS

The homeowner is solicited at their house by persons claiming to be working in the area on driveway paving and they offer to repair or replace the victim's driveway with the left over materials they have. The scam is where the fraudsters will either do limited cosmetic work by filling in cracks and they will then spray some type of mixture of black paint and oil to make it appear that the driveway was repaved. No contracts are used and the actors will usually request payment in cash or a check made payable to cash. In some cases the checks will be altered to a higher amount when cashed by the suspects.

Homeowners, especially persons who recently purchased a house, will be solicited either by phone or at their door by persons claiming to represent some type of chimney cleaning service where the victim will be told that the prior homeowner had an annual contract to have the chimney inspected and/or cleaned. The inspection fee is always a small amount of money usually under \$50.00. If the homeowner agrees to have the chimney inspected problems will always be found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace, that victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the victim agrees to having the repairs made, they cannot see if anything was done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed.

UTILITY IMPOSTER SCAMS

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in basement, or gas or electric and in some cases they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company they pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house and utility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection.

HOMEOWNER DISTRACTION SCAMS

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into the rear yard in the hopes the victim leaves the front door open or they will attempt to con their way into the home so that one actor can go to bedrooms to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor's yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object in the rear yard. Once they lure a victim into the rear yard they use cell phones to communicate between the male(s) in the rear yard and the actor who enters the house. Other plays have females asking for help in catching their runaway cat that is supposedly in the victim's rear yard.

The cons to enter the house usually consist of actors claiming to be selling something door to door, taking some type of survey to looking for an address on the street. Actor will ask for drink of water or to look at a phone book or ask for a pen and paper in order to leave a note for a neighbor. Once they can get into the house they will try to steer the victim into the kitchen while another suspect goes to the bedrooms.

Do not open your door to strangers or persons claiming to be utility workers who are at your house for some type of inspection, especially if you did not set up the inspection or were informed of it in advance by the utility company. The legitimate employee not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent. Police officers will immediately respond to your residence if you call about a suspicious person or doubt the legitimacy of a utility company worker. If you believe a person at your house is attempting to commit one of these types of crimes, contact the police immediately via 9-1-1 or (973) 376-0400.

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ESL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT OCEAN LIFE



Students in the ESL (English as a Second Language) Program at Walton and Caldwell Schools in Springfield have been learning about Ocean Life. Here they are photographed with the colorful murals they created about life in the ocean. They enjoyed working cooperatively to create these beautiful seascapes. The English Language Learners have been building vocabulary as they learned about whales, sea horses, jellyfish, dolphins, sharks, and many other ocean animals. They read books or did research using the Internet to gather information on this topic. Art, technology, music, science, and social studies are incorporated into language instruction in Springfield's ESL Program. Students who enter the program generally speak no English. With consistent ESL instruction, students gain proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. They develop confidence in a supportive environment as they gain proficiency in English.

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2010 C300 4MATIC® \$29,490 VIN #AR121576, Stk #P2334, sport, navi, P1 pkg, multi-media, Mars red/almond, 37,745 mi.	2014 GLK350..... \$46,490 VIN #EG187137, Stk #P2609, P1 pkg, 20" whls, multi-media, navi, silver/black, 8,174 mi.
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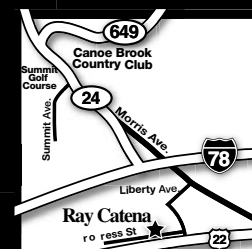
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SUNDAY 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Let's Play Chess! For Kids ages 6 to 11. **Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.** Meet new friends over this challenging and fun game. Students should be able to play independently. *Not held during school vacation.*

Math Homework Help Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Please bring your homework and textbook. *Not held during school vacation*

Board Game Bonanza! Mondays from 3:45 – 5:00 Bring your big sister, your little brother, and your friends to play fun board games for all ages. Pre-schoolers especially welcome with caregiver: CandyLand, Connect4, Chutes & Ladders, Sorry!, UNO, Junior Scrabble and more!

Storycraft Fridays from 4pm. A story and a fun craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. *Not held during school vacation.*

Mother Goose Group For babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Tuesdays April 1, 8, 22, 29; Wednesdays April 16, 23, 30; Friday April 25; Saturdays April 12, 19, 26**

Origamania! Tuesdays from 3:45 – 4:45 We'll open up the origami craft books and supply plenty of paper. Leave your origami to decorate the library or take it home.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH!

Check out a poetry book in April from the Youth Services department and get a prize! *(while supplies last)*

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS SEEK DONATIONS FOR ATTIC TREASURES SALE AND ANNOUNCES COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Donations of new and like-new items, such as housewares, small appliances and electronics, and fashion accessories (handbags, wallets, jewelry, etc.) are being sought by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library for its Attic Treasures Sale in May. No clothing please. Donations may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk during regular library hours beginning on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Here is your chance to donate those duplicate and unused gifts and purchases stored away for a worthy cause. Holiday gifts that just aren't for you may be just the thing for someone else.

Money raised by the Friends is used to help library fund various programs, materials, and services.

The Treasures Sale will be held at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 1 - 3 from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be a preview sale on Thursday, April 30 from noon to

Poetry Without Paper Mondays April 7, 21, 28 from 3:45 to 4:45 In the Youth Services Room for all grades. Create visual poetry from word magnets and book spines. All poems will be photographed and displayed during April!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 18th, 12:30 pm Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon. (May dates to be announced)

Thursday, April 24th, 7:00 pm Gretna Wilkinson – Poetry reading.

Thursday, May 1st thru Sunday May 4th Friends of the Library Attic Treasures Sale. Hours: Thu., Fri., Sat. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00-4:00 pm.

Monday, May 5th, 7:00 pm “Created Equal” – presentation by Elise Boddie, JD.

Wednesday, May 7th, 6:30 pm “Created Equal” – Documentary & discussion, “The Abolitionists”.

Wednesday, May 14th, 6:30 pm “Created Equal” – Documentary & discussion, “Slavery by Another Name”.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, April 17th, 10:15 am Great Books Discussion – “Caesar and Cleopatra” by George Bernard Shaw.

Thursdays, April 24th & May 8th, 10:15 am Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman

Wednesday, May 7th, 7:00 pm “Topics of Interest” with Bobby Fewell.

Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 pm (Really Good) Book Discussion – “Dear Life: Stories” by Alice Munro.

Thursday, May 15th, 10:15 am Great Books Discussion – “The City of God” by St. Augustine.

2 pm for members of the Friends. The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

The Friends will also be participating in a special Fundraising Shopping Day at the Westfield Lord & Taylor store on Tuesday, April 29, 9-11 am. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now at the Library's Circulation Desk. Your ticket will entitle you to exclusive savings that morning. Ask at the Library for more information.

Also, watch for details and SAVE THE DATE for a very special Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18 at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Rt. 22 West in Springfield.

The Friends Annual Book Sale is coming August 4 - 7, and donations for the sale will be collected at the Library beginning on July 19.

You are invited to join the Springfield Library Friends; membership starts at \$10.

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

FILMS

Thursday, April 17th, 1:00 pm & 6:45 pm International Film – “Amour”, 2012, in French with English subtitles.

Monday, April 28th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THIS SERIES: Tense adventure drama about a man (Robert Redford) who must fight for survival after being lost at sea.

Monday, May 12th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THIS SERIES: Black comedy with Jason Sudeikas as small time pot dealer who tries to create a fake family for a business trip he has to take.

Thursday, May 15th, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm – “International Film – “Fill the Void”, 2012, in Hebrew with English subtitles.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2 & 4 Monday, 10:00 am Knits Wits Knitting Group

Every Monday at 7:00 pm Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday/Thursday One-To-One Computer Training By Appointment 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OFFER 5 PART SERIES ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN MAY

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to announce that it will be offering a five part series of programs based around the theme “Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle.” The programming will commence at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 5, with a lecture by the library's guest scholar, Elise Boddie, an associate professor at Rutgers School of Law/Newark. Prior to coming to Rutgers, Professor Boddie was the director of litigation for the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. (LDF) and oversaw the LDF's advocacy in several major Supreme Court and appellate cases. Professor Boddie received her BA cum laude from Yale and her JD cum laude from Harvard and also earned a Master's degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

As part of the series, the library will also be screening four documentaries pertaining to the American civil rights struggle on the following schedule: May 7, The Abolitionists; May 14, Slavery by Another Name, about the extreme abuses that former slaves endured in the aftermath of the Civil War; May 21, The Loving Story, about the landmark 1967 Supreme Court decision that legalized interracial marriage; and May 28, Freedom Riders. Due to the length of the film, the showing of The Abolitionists will begin at 6:30 pm; screenings of the remaining three documentaries will begin at 7:00 pm. At the conclusion of each film, the audience is invited to stay to participate in an informal discussion. Professor Boddie will return to the library on May 14 to lead the discussion pertaining to Slavery by Another Name.

This program series is being made possible by a grant from The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Created Equal is a national film project by The National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is free and open to all members of the general public and, complementary light refreshments will be served.

BE SAFE WITH PESTICIDES



Have you noticed these signs on your own lawn or on our neighbor lawns? The little yellow signs state the following: **CAUTION-Pesticide Application-Keep children and pets off the area.** If the pesticides applied to the lawns are not safe for our children or pets to play on, shouldn't we worry that these pesticides are going into our groundwater and our environment?

Pesticides in the environment are a concern because:

- Synthetic pesticides can cause cancer, learning disabilities, asthma, birth defects and reproductive problems
 - Children face higher risks than adults from synthetic pesticides because they are developing
 - Synthetic pesticides leach into water supplies
- As spring approaches the Springfield Environmental Commission would like to take a moment to advise our neighbors on safer alternatives for you and for your landscapers to use!! Natural alternatives don't have to cost more than synthetic pesticides.

Tips and Facts:

1. MAKE SURE YOU ASK YOUR LANDSCAPERS TO USE ORGANIC OR NATURAL MATERIALS, NOT SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES!!!!
2. When buying a product choose natural ones such as milky spore and nematodes.
3. Remember that all pesticides are poison and are considered by the EPA to be hazardous waste. For example, the "Weed" portion of "Weed 'n' Feed" products are pesticides.
4. READ the Labels - Poison, Danger, Warning, and Caution: These words indicate the level of hazard associated with the product in decreasing order of toxicity.
5. Just because a product is registered with the EPA does not mean it is safe!
6. To dispose of pesticide leftovers, read their labels and bring them to the hazardous waste collection center.
7. The empty containers are not recyclable so dispose of them as refuse.
8. A frequent mistake made by many homeowners is to apply unnecessary chemicals.
9. What the turf can't absorb will soon be carried away by rainwater or snow melt, to end up untreated in our regional watershed.
10. Never apply chemicals before it rains.
11. Discover the many benefits of using organic lawn care products and natural alternatives to pesticides, such as a corn gluten product.

Doing it yourself without a landscaper?

Some helpful tips:

1. Fertilize organically twice a year.
2. Mow high (3 inches) and weeds will die naturally.
3. Water wisely- A good deep soaking early in the morning.
4. Re-seed lawn in spring and fall.
5. Use top dressing (a 50/50 mix of compost & top soil).
6. Never apply any product before it rains.

Additional information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.beyondpesticides.org/lawn/factsheets/documents/OrganicFallLawn101.pdf>

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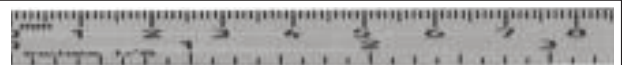


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39TH ANNUAL DINNER "FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH"



On March 19, 2014, two hundred members, honorees and guests feasted on a buffet and dinner by Alpine Caterers at the Crystal Plaza, as Congregation Israel of Springfield (CIS) celebrated its 39th Annual Dinner with a journal honoring notable hard working members. The dinner committee was again chaired by Danielle Pepper and Roberta Ostrow.

The evening's program, coordinated by previous honoree, Shelley Stengler, was kicked off by Co-President Melvin Ostrow. The year's dinner was marked by the attendance of many of the younger couples who have recently moved to Springfield and joined CIS. The congregation celebrated the addition of 17 'future members' this past year.

The Congregation has added numerous youth oriented programs under the direction of its dynamic full time youth directors Rifka and 'Taco' Miretzky.

Dinner honorees included:

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodman
Tobias Gordon
Dolores Greenfield
Rabbi and Mrs. Uzi Beer
Eitan Adler

Rabbi Israel E. Turner Memorial Award
Edward Konigsberg Memorial Award
Aishet Chayil (Woman of Valor) Award
Young Leadership Award
Joseph Tammam Memorial Youth
Community Service Scholarship Award

Congregation Israel is the oldest orthodox synagogue in NJ, tracing its roots to Congregation Shomrei Shabbos founded in Newark in 1882. The current synagogue relocated to Springfield in 1973. Its spiritual leader is Rabbi Chaim Marcus.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AT THE SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER, 100 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE. (unless otherwise noted) MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

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Interested in getting out at night? Do you want to get some exercise?
Come join the Women's Summer Softball League!

Women's softball runs June to end of August
Games take place during the week in the evening; Must be 21 and over
Please contact Jen Cataldo at jencataldo@verizon.net to be placed on a team
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$25
(fee includes team shirt)

CARDIO TENNIS

WHERE:
Irwin Tennis Courts
199 Irwin Street
This program is for adults
ages 18+

WHEN:
Tuesday April 8th - Thursday
May 15th
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.



Would you like to try something new to change up your workout? Try Cardio Tennis with Barbara! This class is set to music and involves constant ball movement, ladder climbing and rhythmic movement! Grab your friends and come enjoy a fun time and a great cardio workout!

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Please contact Danielle McLeer at
Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us with any questions

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Saturday April 19 in Chisholm Park

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Who will find the GOLDEN Eggs this year?

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The sixth grade class at Temple
Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield,
recently made quilts for
Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org),
a non-profit organization that provides
homemade blankets to children in need.
The students created the quilts
as a tzedakah project to
help children who are sick.



YOUTH TENNIS



The Springfield Recreation is pleased to have partnered with the
USTA and BCB Tennis Academy (Barbara Forbes coach) to bring a fun
atmosphere for the youth of Springfield! There will be tournaments at the
end of the 6 week session with medals!

WHERE: Irwin Tennis Courts; 199 Irwin Street

WHEN: Beginning week of April 7th through May 17th

Tuesday
Pre-K am session
9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Pre-K pm session
1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

Pre-K session will be
held at Chisholm Community
Center in the gym

Thursday
K-2 grades
3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

3rd/4th grade
4:30 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

5th-8th grade
5:30 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.

Saturday
Kindergarten
9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

1st/2nd grade
10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

3rd/4th grade
12:30 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.
5th - 8th grade
1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS
CALL 973-912-2226

FUNDRAISING SHOPPING MORNING AT THE WESTFIELD LORD & TAYLOR STORE APRIL 29, 2014 9-11 am

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library are joining with the Westfield Lord & Taylor store to sponsor a special shopping morning on Tuesday, April 29 from 9 to 11 am. Tickets for the event cost \$5 each and are available for sale at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in Springfield. Bring your ticket with you on April 29th to the Lord & Taylor store, 609 North Ave., in Westfield to be eligible for special sales that morning. Drop your ticket stub in the designated box at the store that morning to enter the Springfield Public Library for a chance to win the Attendance Sweepstakes.

All money raised through the Friends' tickets sale goes to helping the library with programs, materials, and services.

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD (CIS) HOSTS FUN-PACKED PURIM CARNIVAL



Hundreds of children from across Union County flocked to CIS last month for a Purim Carnival replete with games of skill and refreshments. Children from two to twelve participated.

The carnival was held in the recently renovated social hall. Many thanks to Youth Directors Kevin and Rifka Miretzky, as well as to the multi-talented Josh Stern who fabricated many of the games.

Purim commemorates the retelling of the story in the biblical Book of Esther. The text was chanted Saturday evening by sexton Samuel Alexander. Sam provided a dramatic rendition, vocalizing the parts of each of the main characters [Mordechai, Esther, Haman and King Ahasuerus] in an apt tone. The reading was followed by a costume parade and a dessert collation.

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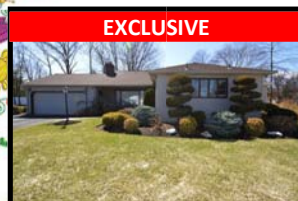
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- MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/17)
7:00PM: COMMUNION TENEBRAE
- GOOD FRIDAY (4/18) - 12NOON-3PM: SANCTUARY
OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION
- EASTER SUNDAY (4/20) 7:30AM: SUNRISE SERVICE
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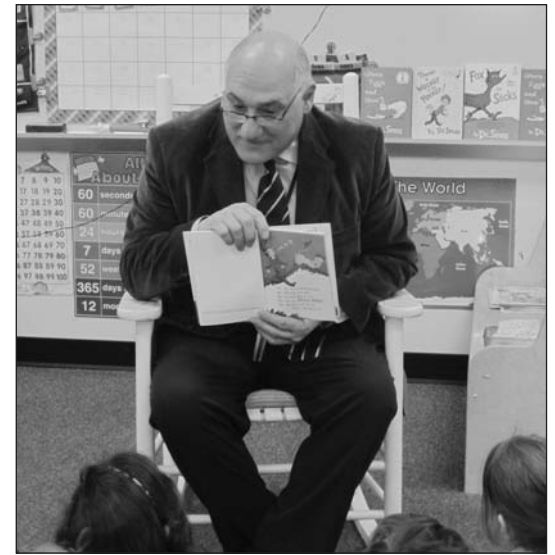


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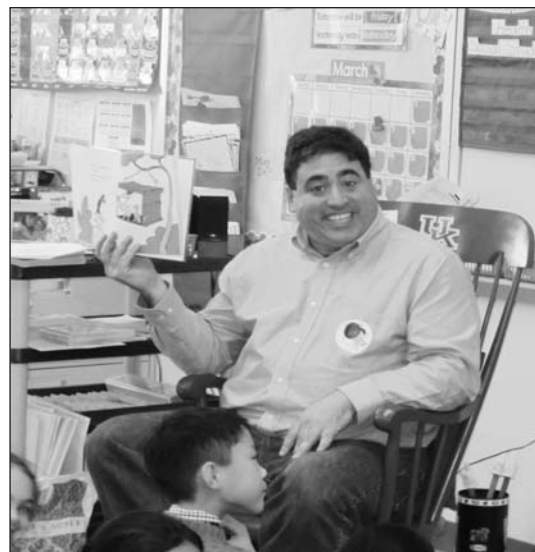
We had wonderful readers come to visit Walton School for Read Across America week.



Mayor Huber read to the students for Read Across America week.



Mr. Davino read to various classes at Walton. The kids loved him. One student said to him, "You have a nice voice!"



Dr. Hecht from Hecht Family Chiropractic read to our 2nd graders.



Mrs. Newman read to some classes on this special day. She dresses up as Cat in the Hat annually!



Kindergarten Teachers, Mrs. Gallo, Mrs. Perone and Mrs. Berger with their students on Mixed Up Monday.



Here is Jack on Wacky Wednesday. Looks like he came out of the dryer that way! Dr. Hung read to all the first grade classes.

The Historic First Presbyterian Church Of Springfield Has Many Seasonal Events Planned

All events are open to the community. On Palm Sunday, April 13, the Cherub and Adult Choirs will sing together during the 10:15 am Worship Service with Palms distributed. On Maundy Thursday, the community is invited to attend our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at 7 pm. On Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open for individual prayer and meditation from 12 Noon to 3 pm. The Easter Sunday schedule includes a 7:30 am Sunrise Service, 9am Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast - for registered children at the Parish House, at 10:15 am all will enjoy a Festival Service with special music and brass. Each service on Easter is followed by a light breakfast. On May 13, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a "Mansions on the Delaware" bus trip. Tour three mansions with a guide and dine in a historic inn. Details for all events are available by calling the church office at 973-379-4320.

THE SPRINGFIELD NJ DADS FACEBOOK GROUP

The Springfield NJ Dads Facebook group has been active for over a year with over 170 members and growing. The Dads page was created as a positive response to the Springfield NJ Moms Facebook group.

The Springfield NJ Dads Facebook page serves as a means to share and exchange information, and to network and promote Springfield NJ Dads' businesses. Typical information shared by the members ranges from recommending a good contractor (we try to keep it local) to finding the best car service to Newark airport.

We also strive to support our fellow Springfield Dads who own their own businesses, whether or not they are in Springfield.

Since the group was created, the Springfield NJ Dads have had two Dads Nights Out. In October 2013, we gathered at Moonshine – Modern Supper Club in Millburn, owned by Springfield Dad Victor Delapa. Recently, we gathered at McLynn's in Springfield.

Dads are allowed to share and promote their Facebook business pages, and we maintain a Springfield NJ Dads business directory on the page to support our fellow dads.

In order to be a Springfield NJ Dad, you must reside, work, or own a business in Springfield, and you must be a father (step-father or full-time father figure); the age of your children doesn't matter.

If you are a Springfield NJ Dad and would like to join, please go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/springfieldnjdads/>.

Congratulations to our Saint James the Apostle School students who made the Honor Roll for the Second Trimester:

First Honors		
Grade 8	Ian Ellmer	Grade 6 Alexandra Gaston, John McElroy
Grade 7	Daniel Malave	Rachelle Montilus, Kyle Roethlin
Grade 6	Christina Tillinghast	Kenneth Taylor, Madison Wright
Grade 5	Jacob Cordeiro, Patricia Falar	Grade 5 Sophia Almeida, Zakilya Brown
Grade 4	Samuel Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz	Joseph Cangiano
	Sophia Ilagan, Kennedy Kwinta	Jason Chacon, Ryan Fischer
		Andre Lissinna, Gianna Melegh
		Nicholas Musico, Adelina Pinho
		Alexandra Pinho, Justine Ternier
Second Honors		
Grade 8	Lucia Alaimo, Arthur Anigbogu	Grade 4 Jonathan Malave, Goda Pocius
	Alyssa Carbonell	Grace Roethlin, Steven Rotolo
	Sherilynn Garcia	Braeh Simon, Ethan Veloso
	Camille Martinez	
	Gabriella Music	
	Thea Stratman-Olbrice	
Grade 7	Idalisia Agbaosi, Kevin Duffy	Grade 7 Robert Dubon, Maura Duffy
	Kendall Ellmer, Tyler Kwinta	Cassandra Garcia
	James McElroy, Elisa Neri	Christina Gbadamosi
	Carl Sanciango	Grade 6 Michael Speckhart
Grade 6	Deraje Agbaosi, Luke Bernstein	Grade 5 Thomas Burgess
	Rianna Cordeiro	Isabella Robledo
	Mikaela Criscuolo	Daniella Rosero
	Jocelyn Duallo, Grace Fischer	Grade 4 Nicholas Battista
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SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS WIN PRIZES

The Union County Dental Society sponsored a county wide poster contest in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month. All fourth graders throughout the entire Union County public school system were invited to participate in this poster contest using this year's theme "Join the Super Smile Team." The posters were judged by art teachers and school nurses for their creativity, use of the theme and artistic content. One boy and one girl were selected as winners from each school. All winning posters were then judged by the co-chairmen of Children's Dental Health month: Dr. Douglas Chester, a dentist in Union; Dr. Glenn Rosivack, a pediatric dentist in Union; and Dr. Lee Kaswiner, an orthodontist in Springfield.

A gala celebration was held at Costa Del Sol Restaurant where the children presented their posters and received ribbons and gift certificates as prizes. Two children from each school that participated were selected as winners from their individual schools. Spyros Mazis and Sofia Salcfas from Caldwell School and Emma Silva and Christopher Tiu from Sandmeier School were winners. One boy's poster and one girl's poster were selected as the grand prize winners and they each received \$100 gift cards to Sports Authority. More than 2,500 students participated throughout the county and 38 prize winners were present to receive their ribbons and gift certificates. More than 150 people attended the awards ceremony.

Drs. Kaswiner, Rosivack and Chester have been chairmen of Children's Dental Health Month in Union County for over 25 years and they, along with others from the Union County Dental Society, volunteer their time and effort to help educate youth about dental health. In the past twenty-five years, more than 60,000 children have participated.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

9-Volt Battery Safety

We use 9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care. The problem is 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit and enough heat to start a fire.

It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting. Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

In cooperation with the NFPA, the Springfield Fire Department offers the following recommendations for the storage and disposal of 9-volt batteries:

- Storage: Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects. Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around. 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

- Disposal: According to the New Jersey Dry Cell Battery Management Act, household battery compositions are less hazardous and can be thrown away with regular trash. To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape to prevent contact with metal objects in the trash.

As of January 1, 2010, many municipalities in Union County will no longer accept batteries either at their recycling centers or with the curbside collection of recyclables. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at participating retail locations including the following: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless. To find a retail collection site, use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

FIRE AT 15 BATTLE HILL AVENUE

On March 13, 2014 at 6:54 pm, the Springfield Fire Department dispatched all units to a reported building fire at 15 Battle Hill Avenue. The first engine company arrived and reported a two-story wood frame single family residence with fire showing from a first floor window. The residents were not home when the fire started.

Springfield Engine 4 began an interior fire attack and requested a second alarm. Deputy Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo arrived and assumed command. Springfield was assisted on the second alarm assignment by Union, Millburn, Summit and Westfield Fire Departments. Springfield First Aid Squad and the Union County EMS Task Force provided rehabilitation support to the firefighters.

The fire was confined to the first floor with heat and smoke damage to the second floor. The fire was placed under control at 7:29 pm. There were no reported injuries to firefighters or residents. The Union County Fire Investigation Task Force is investigating the cause of fire which appears to be accidental. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with Springfield HOPE assisted the residents with relocation, and the Springfield Auxiliary Police and Police Department were on scene to assist with traffic control.

CHILD SAFETY FAIR

Join us on April 18 and 19 at the Autoland Toyota Scion Chrysler Jeep Dodge auto dealership for free FBI quality digital fingerprint and photographs from one of the top child safety programs in the country! The Keeping Kids Safe Project will take a child's fingerprints and send them home with parents. Parents can use the record to turn directly over to authorities anywhere in the world to instantly aid in an investigation. There will also be community organizations present to provide safety information for families.

The Child Safety Fair will take place on Friday, April 18th from 3 pm – 7 pm and Saturday, April 19th from 11 am – 5 pm. Autoland Toyota Scion Chrysler Jeep Dodge is located at 170 Rt 22 East Springfield. If you have any questions, you can contact Danielle at Danielle@sipkids.com or call 319-233-0248.



**WEICHERT, REALTORS' SHORT HILLS ASSOCIATE EARNS FIVE-STAR RATING
BY NEW JERSEY MONTHLY MAGAZINE**

SHORT HILLS, N.J. – March, 2014 – Dominick Prevete, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced that Sales Associate Pamela Webb was named a FIVE STAR Real Estate Agent by New Jersey Monthly Magazine and Five Star Professional, an independent provider of localized research on the performance of service professionals.

"For the third consecutive year Pam has been honored with this prestigious and richly-deserved award," said Prevete. "I've long known that Pam exemplifies two of the most valued qualities in the real estate industry - dedication and a strong work ethic – so it's no surprise that she is so highly regarded by the industry. In fact, in addition to this recognition, she was also recognized by the New Jersey Association of REALTORS with a Gold Circle of Excellence award and earned membership into Weichert's President's Club which places her among the top Weichert associates."

Five Star Professionals surveyed New Jersey residents who purchased a home over \$150,000 within a 12-month period, and 1,000 New Jersey Monthly subscribers. An additional 250 surveys were sent to mortgage and title companies to help judge the agents' technical skills and knowledge.

Recipients of the survey were asked to evaluate agents based upon nine factors, and only real estate agents with whom they knew through personal experience. The factors included customer service, communication, ability to find the right home, integrity, negotiation skills, the marketing of the home, knowledge of the market, closing preparation and their overall satisfaction with the agent. Based off the survey's findings, the final list of 2014 New Jersey Five Star Real Estate Agents is a select group, representing less than 2% of real estate agents in the area.

"This is truly an honor to be recognized publicly by the citizens of New Jersey and my industry peers," said Webb. "I take the real estate industry and my dedication to my clients, very seriously. To have my commitment recognized and be honored with this special award is a privilege."

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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri
Residents of Springfield, NJ



My name is Richie and I have to tell you I am a big fan of trucks! Having the pleasure of owning a trucking company, hauling cars enables me to not only test drive my favorite vehicles, but to buy them too! I have visited Autoland twice in the past two years and purchased two cars from them. I had a smooth deal not once, but twice! When I purchased my '12 Toyota Rock Edition Tundra from Autoland, I was probably a salesman's worst nightmare - I wanted it all and within days it was all there! Autoland even came to my house and hand delivered special mats, rain guards, and all the rest of the goodies I wanted. I could not have been served any better!

- Richie, Springfield NJ

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