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Message from the Mayor

Happy June Springfield!

So much happening around town this month. Springfield had its 3rd Annual LGBTQ Pride Day. It is always one of my favorite events to participate in. Lots of caring, friendship, laughter, and genuine love for our fellow neighbors. I am so thankful that Committeewoman Erica DuBois and Recreation Director Adam Lieb were able to put this super successful event together in 2019. Stop by the Chisholm Center and check out our Rainbow Driveway. It brings smiles just looking at it. Also this month we have our first Juneteenth Flag raising at the Chisholm Center. As I write this, President Biden has just made Juneteenth a recognized federal Holiday. We have such an outstanding community that is very much blended in race, ethnicity and culture. This will be an exciting event as we have a guest performance by the Essex-Union County Marching band.

Our Committee recently had a special public meeting on the sale of Cannabis within Springfield. We were all in agreement that a retail store would be ok on the Route 22 corridor but we were 3-2 against it being within the Mountain Ave and Morris Ave area. Stay tuned for more information on this matter. We have until August 21st to enact an ordinance for this.

We have recently added our Business Administrator’s report on the Township website. Please take a minute to find it and look it over, Our BA John Bussiculo has a wealth of knowledge on all of our township projects and does an outstanding job of keeping all facets running smoothly. This report answers all the questions you will have on current and future in town projects.

Please remember, there are numerous groups that use the words Springfield in their title. Unless it comes specifically from the Township of Springfield, it is not organized or set in motion by the Township. We do, though, provide whatever is needed to ensure the safety of all our residents.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fourth of July fireworks Display at Meisel Field. Get your chairs and blankets ready. This is going to be a great show with what I believe will be the biggest turnout in years. Please see the flyer in this issue for details on page 10.

Peace and Love to all,

Chris Weber, Mayor

MEMORIAL DAY 2021

By Gerry Gebauer

Measured by the number of people in attendance at Veterans Park and the many more that lined Mountain Avenue the Memorial Day celebration in Springfield was a huge success. The ceremony was ably hosted by Geri Kazimar with assistance from Linda Donnelly, Township Clerk. There was a threat of rain, but mother nature would not dare get Geri’s white hat wet. Linda Donnelly introduced the Township Committee with Mayor Chris Weber reading the Memorial Day Proclamation. Mayor Weber revealed his personal connection with the Memorial Day because his father, a Vietnam Veteran, died at an early age from exposure to Agent Orange.

Gerry Gebauer, Commander of Post 228 American Legion thanked everyone on behalf of all veterans for remembering our fallen comrades. Gerry also thanked the Hometown Heroes Committee, for putting up the banners with the likeness of our town’s veterans both living and deceased.

Sanford Drucks was introduced as this year’s Grand Marshall. Sanford is a Vietnam Era veteran who has given many years of service to veteran’s organizations and to the Boy Scout Troop in Springfield and our neighboring towns. In years past Sanford has spent Memorial Day weekend at the Jewish Conclave where he volunteered to prepare meals for some 300 Boy Scouts and families.

The parade that followed the ceremony had veterans marching to the applause of the onlookers. Many fancy cars participated in the parade. There were also various youth sports teams, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts marching. Veterans who could not march were provide transportation in a Jitney Bus. The Jonathan Dayton Band was a highlight with their playing at the ceremony and in the parade.

The festivities culminated at the High School where hot dogs and drinks were distributed by the Springfield/Hillside Elks Lodge.

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JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BIG FUN! SING WITH PATRICIA SHIH!

Join the Springfield Free Public Library as we host award winning singer songwriter Patricia Shih live in concert on the Town Hall lawn Thursday, June 24th at 7:00 PM!

Patricia’s engaging, spirited concert will have the whole family singing and dancing along. She makes sure her audience is totally involved, letting them be the star of the show! This concert will be full of fun and giggles! Perfect for everyone ages 4-94!

Please feel free to bring a blanket and chairs to sit on, as they will not be provided by the library. For questions, please email or call Children’s Librarian Brie Mintz at bmintz@sfplnj.org, (973) 376-4930 x232.

See page 13 for additional library programs.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Please check on the Township’s website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 22 and July 13, 2021 at 7 pm
PLANNING BOARD
1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building
BOARD OF HEALTH
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD
Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
RECREATION COUNCIL
Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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SCREAM TRUCK

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On Monday April 19th we returned to the scene of the Scream! Scream Truck that is. Mayor Weber and Chamber Co-Chair Mike Scalera climbed into the truck and headed towards the Town Hall escorted by Chamber Co-Chair Scott Seidel and the Auxiliary Police. Stopping at the Mayor's house, neighbors were treated to some ice cream, then off we went to Town Hall. At Town Hall employees and a few passersby sampled the ice cream.

Then back to 30 Hillside Avenue to their headquarters for the Ribbon Cutting and a small celebration with their employees, family, friends and customers.

To recap, this is a new business concept where you sign up at www.screamtruck.com, then they text you when the truck is coming to your Springfield neighborhood. Simply "Reply Y" to their text, place your soft serve ice cream order online and they prepare it right in front of your house later that day. Founded by long-time New Jersey resident Eric Murphy, they also do private parties with fully customized LED TV screens, custom menus and any type of music from their on-board sound system. Check out their website at www.screamtruck.com to book your next special event!



Mike Scalera and Mayor Weber Climb Aboard

Church and Cannon Chapter National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

invites the community to its annual commemoration observing the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield
June 23, 2021 — 7:00 PM
Weather permitting
Battle Ground Cemetery
39 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ
(across from the Municipal/Library parking lot)
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Family, Friends & Customers of Scream Truck

SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER BENEFITS DAYTON COACH



(l to r) Fred Scott, Faith Scott, Pamela de la Llave, Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois, and Springfield Girls Softball Inc. President Jen Cataldo.

Photo by Adam Lieb

The "Dueling for Dels" softball fundraiser was held on Sunday morning, June 6, 2021, at the Jonathan Dayton High School athletic complex. Co-sponsored by Springfield Girls Softball Inc., Jonathan Dayton High School Softball, and the Springfield Recreation Department, the event raised close to \$1,000 for Pamela de la Llave -- Jonathan Dayton High School girl's softball team head coach and Springfield teacher-- who was diagnosed with breast cancer. The fundraiser included a skills clinic and skills competition for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade, which was led by David Rennie -- James Caldwell Elementary School Principal and Jonathan Dayton High School girl's basketball team head coach -- and high school softball players. It also featured a for-fun softball game between volunteer softball coaches including Mayor Chris Weber and Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois, as well as a scrimmage between the two 12U Storm summer softball teams. The organizers would like to thank the Springfield Fire Department for donating ice, Kosher Bagel Supreme for donating bagels, and Charley and Joey Badalamenti of Glendale Pizzeria for donating pizza. Jen Cataldo, Springfield Girls Softball Inc. President, commented, "I am so proud of the Springfield community for coming out to support Coach Dels, who has been an inspiration to our players on and off the field. I appreciate everyone's help and financial support to make this day possible."

NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC

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On Wednesday, May 26th, the Neighborhood Clinic opened for business in Springfield.

Your NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC is a direct primary care clinic. Their mission is to promote the health and well-being of their patients by providing high-quality primary care services. Your Neighborhood Clinic is committed to providing exceptional services that are patient-centered and collaborative. They focus on you as an individual and work with you to achieve your healthcare goals.

When asked what a direct primary care clinic was, the owner provided this answer:

"A Direct Primary Care, or DPC, is an alternative payment and practice model for primary care services. Simply put, we do not accept insurance which allows us to focus on you the patient and avoid all the practice constraints and red tape that come with insurance. No hoops to jump. You pay a monthly membership fee which gives you access to great primary healthcare services."

There is more information on their website as well: <https://yn-clinic.com/>

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VETERANS CORNER.....By Gerry Gebauer

Memorial Day has come and gone and on behalf of all veterans I would like to thank Geri Kazimar, the Township Committee, and all who participated in our towns Memorial Day Ceremony. It was one of the best attended ceremonies we have had in many years. The parade had many participants, and the onlookers applauded every one of them. The JDHS Band keeps getting better every year and a welcome site is that the band seems to have more members. I want to give a shout out to the Hometown Heroes Committee for putting up the banners with the likeness of our town's veterans both living and deceased. I should also thank the DPW since I am sure they hung up the banners. In the weeks leading up to Memorial Day you may have noticed members of Post 228 American Legion handing our poppies at various locations in town. Thank you to those who donated to help veterans. I can assure you that we pass those donations on to numerous veteran's organizations.

GIRL SCOUTS MARK VETERANS' GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY



(l to r) Abbey Hochreiner, Ella Bertolotti, Christy Barone, Ava Bertolotti, Veteran Gerry Gebauer, Lisa Capodice, Elaina Evers, Samantha Lipkin and Madison Capodice.

Springfield Girl Scouts helped to mark Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

The Girls represent 3 different troops and placed flags on veteran graves in the 3 cemeteries in town.

RECREATION HOSTS ZOOM LECTURE ON NEW YORK CITY SKYSCRAPERS



A virtual audience of Springfield senior citizens learned about "NYC Skyscrapers: 1870-1931" from lecturer and photographer Kevin Woyce on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Woyce's talk used "original photographs and historic images...[to] tell the stories of New York's greatest skyscrapers, from the 1890 New York World building to the Woolworth, Chrysler, and Empire State buildings of the early 1930s." Woyce shared "how and why these landmarks were built, and introduce[d] the architects and businessmen whose visions shaped the world-famous skyline." This was the final Zoom presentation of the monthly series that began in January 2021 -- provided by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Senior Citizens Club -- designed to reach residents not yet comfortable with in-person group settings. For information on future senior citizen programs at the Chisholm Community Center and local bus destinations, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

MENLO PARK MALL BUS TRIP ATTRACTS SENIOR CITIZENS

Springfield senior citizens spent the afternoon of May 20, 2021, at the Menlo Park Mall shopping and dining, on a bus trip sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. Bus trips are chaperoned and follow COVID-19 protocols. To join the next bus trip to Downtown Westfield on Friday, June 25, 2021, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



COMMENDATION AWARDS

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At the June 11th Township Committee meeting, eighteen Springfield Police Officers received commendation awards. Due to space limitations in our print edition, Police Chief John Cook's comments on each Officer are listed on our website at: <https://www.springfieldpatriot.com/news/2021/06/12/police-commendation-awards>.

Of note are three Officers who received the "Medal of Honor", Corporal Marc McBratney, Investigator Luis Brito and Officer Frank Cunha.

Chief Cook commented: "On July 8, 2020, Corporal Marc McBratney and Officers Luis Brito and Frank Cunha were detailed to a residence on report of a Domestic Violence incident in progress.

Upon their arrival they encountered a male subject who had barricaded himself inside of the home and refused to come out after several verbal requests from the officers to do so.

After several minutes the subject exited a rear door and began walking towards the officers. The male then lifted his shirt and displayed that he had a black handgun in the waistband of his shorts.

He then began to yell at the officers several times to shoot him. The subject then reached for the handgun and began to remove it from his waistband and the officers began to draw their weapons. Upon seeing the officers' actions, the subject threw the weapon on the ground in front of himself.

The subject then attempted to flee from the officers and Corporal McBratney was able to get a hold of him leading to a physical altercation as he resisted arrest during which officers were injured.

The subject was subdued and placed into custody.

The handgun was later identified as a pellet gun which was an identical replica of a S&W automatic handgun.

The actions of Corporal McBratney and Officers Brito and Cunha, in displaying great composure and professionalism when faced with a believed to be life or death circumstance of an offender drawing a handgun towards officers, is an extreme credit to not only themselves, but to the Department and the Township and they are certainly deserving of this Medal of Honor."

The following is the full list of the commendations received by the Officers.

Sergeant Esteves	Honorable Service and Meritorious Service (Two Times)
Sergeant Schmidt	Life Saving
Sergeant Weinstock	Meritorious Service
Corporal McBratney	Medal of Honor
Corporal Kahora	Meritorious Service
Investigator Patrick	Honorable Service
Investigator Brito	Medal of Honor and Meritorious Service (Two Times)
Officer Cunha	Medal of Honor
Officer Trotman	Meritorious Service and Life Saving
Officer Laurencelle	Meritorious Service
Officer Agrelo	Meritorious Service
Officer Quinlan	Meritorious Service
Officer Parra	Meritorious Service
Officer Loria	Meritorious Service
Officer Alves	Meritorious Service
Officer Nolan	Life Saving
Officer DiParisi	Meritorious Service
Officer Lopez	Honorable Service

SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT FARMER'S MARKET AND COPPOLA'S ON BUS TRIP



Senior citizens ventured out on a bus trip to the Central Farmer's Market and enjoyed lunch at Coppola's -- both in New Providence -- on Friday, May 14, 2021. The trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver (pictured, left), and followed COVID-19 protocols. To join future trips such as Downtown Westfield, Pier Village in Long Branch, or Charlie Brown's in Scotch Plains, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

SENIOR CITIZENS JULY MEETING TO FEATURE TOWNSHIP UPDATE AND RX BOX

by Margaret Bandrowski



Police Chief John Cook

The Springfield Senior Citizens Club has happily resumed in-person meetings at the Chisholm Community Center! The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29th, at 11:00 am. At the June meeting, our senior citizens enjoyed a live concert by the DTs (formerly known as Dave & Tom) and in July we will return to an informational meeting at which Township officials will bring everyone up to date on municipal issues. Mike Scalera of the Business Improvement District (BID) will cover redevelopment projects. Mayor Chris Weber and Township Administrator John Bussicula will be available to answer any questions, and representatives of the Police Department, Fire Department, and First Aid Squad will also be in attendance. The travelling Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box will also be on hand for safe, anonymous disposal of expired medications. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required by contacting the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227. The calendar of activities for senior citizens may be found at the Chisholm Community Center and on the Springfield Recreation Department website (www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec).



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PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

A Springfield Tradition

In the spring of 1978, Springfield Mayor Bill Cieri received a phone call from the volunteer committee that had been running the Springfield Fireworks. The committee, a non-profit corporation made up of 13 residents, had been running the Township's fireworks for 30 years. They told him they were getting up in years and had decided it was time to step aside. With July 4th on the horizon, Bill had a problem. He approached this reporter, then the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, and asked if I would be willing to temporarily run the 1978 fireworks while he looked for a new committee. Unbeknownst to the "new" committee, most of the other Township Departments had already turned Bill down! So, with the help of then Auxiliary Police Chief Harold Liebeskind and Emergency Management volunteer Marty Manes and then OEM Radio Officer Scott Seidel, the new "committee" began its work.

At a Township Committee meeting in May of that year, the new committee received thanks from the Township for their decision. The Springfield Leader, the local paper at the time, ran a story that week entitled "The Men Who Saved the 4th". As they say, the rest is history.

For the last 42 years, Scott Seidel and I, as co-chairmen of the July 4th celebration, have expanded the day's festivities. Initially just fireworks, over time, other activities were added. Food, rides, a petting zoo and a trackless train came along. In the early days, local bands provided music for the crowd leading up to the fireworks at dusk. Then twelve years ago, in a big step forward, professional bands and artists, many who had #1 hits were contracted to perform. 60's and 70's groups such as The 1910 Fruitgum Company, The Buckingham, The Hollies, John Ford Coley, The Toys, Ron Dante of the Archies and others came to Springfield to entertain the crowd.

Sadly, in 2020, like most other activities, Springfield was forced to cancel the fireworks. However, on July 4th 2021, Springfield's July 4th celebration will resume with much of the usual activities. Food Trucks, a trackless train, rides for the kids, a petting zoo and a concert by The 1910 Fruitgum Company are all back. The event opens at 5PM. It is free to all.



OFFICERS PROMOTED

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Speaking about the Officers at the meeting and in an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Chief John Cook made the following comments:

"In June of 2015 Officer Schmidt had forwarded a letter of interest and his resume to me but there were no openings at the time. The letter and resume were very impressive and a few months later in December of 2015 we were able to interview Matt which led to me making him an offer of employment.

Matt has several years of volunteer service as an EMT and as a firefighter. He also has several years of experience of being a communications officer which benefited him greatly when he became a police officer for another agency for several years and is a benefit now as he is becoming a supervisor. He also remains a certified EMT.

Matt's previous experience that he has brought to our team has him looked to by others as a seasoned officer and his performance certainly reflects that."

"Officer Ercan Sidar started with the Springfield Police Department as a Class Two Special Officer in December of 2012. Prior to that he was a member of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, a unit his late father served in from 2005 until his untimely passing in 2011.

The position for a Class II Officer had become available a month after Ercan had graduated as an Auxiliary and he was eager to progress to this position. After only two months of having finished the auxiliary police academy training, in July 2011 Ercan went back into the Academy again for another five months of Class II training, entering only a few days after his Father's passing.

Ercan graduated from the Class II training in December of 2011 and worked for our Department until December of 2012 at which time he was hired as a Probationary Officer to fill a vacancy."

"In December of 2014, I was in need to hire two officers, one for a vacancy and another for an upcoming resignation. There were two candidates in the Union County Police Academy at the time who I felt would be great assets to our Department. I was able to get one of the two a few weeks before graduation but had to continue arguing my point for the need of a second officer until the day of graduation and I was given the approval to make a conditional offer about 90 minutes before the ceremony was to start.

With an offer of employment letter in my jacket pocket I rushed to the graduation ceremony and got there just in time to see that all of the recruits were already lined up to proceed into the building.

I had to sit through the entire graduation knowing that Cadet Greg Weinstock was sitting out there with his fellow cadets, most of whom had jobs with various agencies, all the while having an offer for him sitting in my pocket that he was not aware of.

After dismissal I finally saw Greg with his family and walked up to them congratulating him on his graduating the academy and now officially being a Police Officer.

He was excited, I'm sure, to have graduated but was also not quite as excited as his colleagues as again, most of them had commitments to police agencies.

At that time it was very rewarding for me to be able to take that letter from my pocket and tell him that it was an offer of employment and see the look, not only on his face but also of his family who were present, light up in an instant!

Greg has been one of our department's Field Training Officers and has been assigned him to the County's Emergency Response Team since February of 2020."

Chief Cook finished up by thanking all of the family members, friends, and colleagues of all of the new sergeants who had shown up at the meeting in support.

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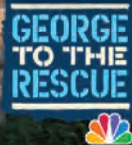


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PRIDE MONTH



Mayor Chris Weber



Union County Commissioner Chair Al Mirabella



Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation



Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation

KELLER WILLIAMS MID-TOWN DIRECT CELEBRATES RED DAY



Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct, located on Mountain Avenue in Springfield just celebrated their annual day of Service, RED Day (Renew, Energize, Donate). This year, they supported Isaiah House, a shelter in East Orange, collecting over \$12,000 in donations and bringing carloads of much needed items they requested, including cleaning supplies, oven mitts, quarters for laundry, postage stamps and more!

Cynthia Apicella, KW MTD Agent and Springfield resident shared, "I was thrilled to be part of Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct's RED Day event. Each year, we take the time to push the pause button on our businesses and daily lives to help a really worthy cause and I feel that this so important. I was certainly proud to support the Isaiah House as they help so many individuals with their shelter and other vital programs.

Keller Williams is proud of their agents and grateful to this community, their family, friends and clients for their support of this very special place.

MEMORIAL DAY 2021

Photos by Marcelo Montagna and Frank Applegate



SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH



Photos by Erin McNany

The Township of Springfield celebrated Pride Month with a rainbow flag raising and rainbow crosswalk dedication at the Chisholm Community Center on Monday, June 14. The event included DJ music; informational tables by the Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs and Elvira Chaush New York Life Insurance; Front & Center for Performing Arts performance; greetings by Mayor Chris Weber, Union County Commissioner Chairman Al Mirabella, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, and Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly; student remarks by Jonathan Dayton High School seniors Abigail M. and Sara S.; children's crafts; and rainbow ice pops. Mayor Chris Weber commented: "I am beyond thrilled about all the support given to our LGBTQ community today. So many people are finally able to live the lives they were meant to live and that is just so wonderful."

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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times may have noticed an increase in motor vehicle violation enforcement by the Springfield Police Department. This not only coincides with the rise in vehicular and pedestrian traffic the summer season brings, but also the police department's involvement in local and nationwide enforcement campaigns such as "Click it or Ticket", "Cops in Crosswalks," and "U Text, U Drive, U Pay." Some of these "crackdowns" offer state and federal grant assistance which supplements the cost for extra officers to participate in these efforts, so we can maintain a full force of regular on-duty officers at all times.

Since the law changed over 10 years ago, motorists must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk. Everyone is reminded that there are many intersections on heavily trafficked roadways that are not controlled by traffic signals, so it is vital that motorists be aware of pedestrians and come to a complete stop when approaching an intersection with crossing pedestrians. As part of the "Cops in Crosswalks" enforcement program, plainclothes officers pose as pedestrians while crossing at various intersections throughout the township, and motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrians" will be stopped by uniformed officers and issued a summons for this violation. Police officers will specifically target the busiest intersections throughout the township where there have been past incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by automobiles, which also include intersections where pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed.

For many years now, NJ law has mandated all occupants of a motor vehicle must wear seat belts. The law also mandates proper restraint systems must be used for children and infants while riding in a vehicle. As part of the "Click it or Ticket" program, plainclothes or covert officers act as "lookouts" at intersections and other busy areas throughout the township and report seat belt violations to uniformed officers who are waiting down the road to stop these motorists and issue summonses.

As part of the "U Text, U Drive, U Pay" enforcement, officers will monitor traffic specifically looking for motorists who operate their vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation, or who are observed to be text messaging while driving. For several years in a row, distracted driving continues to be the leading cause of fatal crashes in NJ, with cellphone use/texting being a top distraction.

In addition to these campaigns, our officers continue to aggressively enforce motor vehicle violations which contribute to a high number of traffic incidents.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE SPONSORS



The 2020-2021 season of the Springfield Recreation Department's men's street hockey league recently concluded. Volunteer coordinator Ken Harter presented commemorative hockey sticks to the four league sponsors: Smilow Family Dentistry, A & J Pereira Electrical Contracting, Scotty's Pub & Comedy Cove, and Butnick & Levenson LLP, Attorneys at Law. For information on playing in the 2021-2022 season or becoming a sponsor, please contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

VOLUNTEERS TEND TO SENIOR CITIZEN GARDEN



(l to r) Dora Vaynberg, Patricia Martin, and Louis Cantagallo.

The senior citizen garden located at the Chisholm Community Center continues to bloom with bountiful crops thanks to the efforts of volunteers. Planted in the expanded garden plots are flowers and vegetables that are enjoyed by senior citizens who frequent the building. A comfortable seating area and rain barrel are adjacent to the garden. For more information on senior citizen programs or to volunteer at the garden, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION RECOGNIZED BY NEW JERSEY RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION



Adam (pictured, second from left), was joined by his department staff (from left) Chris Calimano, Recreation Program Coordinator; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; and Christopher Petrucelli, former Recreation Program Coordinator.

Adam Lieb, Springfield's Director of Recreation since 2014, received the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) Association Service Award at the organization's annual awards dinner on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, held at the Summit Family Aquatic Center. The award recognizes a member who reflects high professional values and has rendered contribution through outstanding service to the profession, distinctive service to the association, and/or conspicuous service to their constituency, on a national, state, or local level. Adam's award was introduced by David Guida, NJRPA Awards Program Chairman; and was presented by Leonard



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Some of us will be starting up their barbeque grill for the season. Here are some tips to keep your barbeque fun and safe.

Each year, fire departments nationally respond to nearly 8,000 grill fires. Nearly 3,000 of those fires spread to a nearby structure – usually the house. Grill fires cause an annual average of 10 deaths, 120 reported injuries, and \$80 million in direct property damage. In half of the grill-related home fires, 86% of the time the fire started when either the flammable or combustible gas or liquid propane caught fire.

One-third of the structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch, which is why for people living in multiple residential properties (multi-family homes, apartments and condominiums), open flame cooking devices are prohibited for use on balconies. Portable LP-gas grills are not to be stored indoors or within 5 feet of combustible portions of the building.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 5 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Keep, matches, lighters, and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.

- Use long barbeque mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect the chef from heat and flames when cooking.

- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

If your grill does catch fire, turn off the gas, do not pour water (or any other liquid!) on a grease fire, keep the lid closed to deprive the fire of oxygen, and call the fire department. We'll do our best to save your barbeque.

Celluro, Jr., NJRPA President.

For the past two years, Adam has served as the NJRPA Aquatics Section Chairman and a member of the NJRPA Board of Trustees. In the elected volunteer role, Adam coordinates professional development, networking, and certification opportunities; participates in meetings with state and local stakeholders; promotes aquatics safety and drowning prevention; and communicates aquatics news with members throughout New Jersey. In 2020, he co-edited "COVID-19 Aquatics Considerations for Planning" -- NJRPA's 20-page guidance document on opening aquatics facilities during the pandemic.

"It's an honor to be recognized by NJRPA," Adam said. "When I was brand new to the recreation profession, I did not have a lot of time to volunteer. I'm really glad that all these years later I have been able to give something back to NJRPA, especially during a challenging time for recreation and aquatics professionals. I'm thankful to my department staff, as well as municipal colleagues, township residents, and my family, for supporting the work I've done."

About the NJRPA Awards Program The purpose of the NJRPA Awards Program is to honor and identify dedicated leaders, employees, and volunteers in the field of parks and recreation, and to recognize the state's outstanding parks and recreation agencies for excellence in programming, publicity, and facility design. The NJRPA Awards Program focuses state and local attention on the achievement of parks and recreation agencies, recognizes the continuing efforts of staff and volunteers, and acknowledges support extended by member agencies.

About NJRPA NJRPA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting parks and recreation; enhancing the professional development of its members; advocating sound policy and stewardship related to parks, recreation, resource management, and leisure services; and increasing awareness of the value of play and preservation of the environment to interested citizens and the public.

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POLICE CHIEF'S COLUMN

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These include speeding, improper use of marked turning lanes at intersections, careless or aggressive driving, and failure to stop/yield violations. Some of this enforcement targets specific areas of Springfield where traffic issues have been identified. Whenever the police department receives complaints about traffic concerns, traffic studies are conducted first to determine the extent of the problem. The information gathered in these studies helps us to develop enforcement strategies and determine if other forms of traffic remediation are necessary.

Police officers know better than most about the tragic consequences resulting from accidents caused by inattentive or careless drivers. Through increased and visible traffic enforcement, accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented. With the rise in traffic congestion during summer months, and with more children being out and about, it is vital that motorists use common sense and caution while driving. I wish all readers of my Springfield Patriot Times column a very safe and happy summer.



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SPRINGFIELD'S COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC A BIG SUCCESS

On Friday, May 21 and June 11, Springfield's Office of Emergency Management, Springfield Public Schools and Rite Aid Pharmacy held their first COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Jonathan Dayton High School for individuals 12 years of age or older. The Pfizer vaccine was administered in two doses and the clinic was held between 3 & 7 PM each day.

Springfield Mayor Chris Weber noted, "I was there both days and observed the clinic running smoothly and efficiently". Apu Mullick, OEM Deputy Coordinator and Springfield EMS Chief noted "This was a collaboration between the Township, Board of Education and Rite Aid. We administered 175 first and second doses and this helps us on our way to eliminating COVID-19 in our community. Board of Education personnel, OEM CERT and Auxiliary Police volunteers all pitched in as well to make this a successful event."



The Rite Aid Teams



The Volunteer Team



Signing in

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue 973-376-4930

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

ZOOM INTO SUMMER READING 2021!

The Springfield Free Public Library invites all Springfield parents to attend its first ever preview of the library's summer reading club, along with an introduction to some of the great events for kids and teens that will take place this summer. The meeting will be held via zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 16. Preregistration is not required to attend the meeting.

The presentation will include:

An introduction to our Youth Services team, including Children's Librarian Brie Mintz, Teen Librarian Alice Chunn, and our new Assistant Library Director Tammy Shaw who brings to our library many years of experience working as a children's librarian;

Instructions for registering for this year's summer reading club;

Information about how prizes will be awarded;

Brief descriptions of the exciting special events that the library is offering this summer; and

The library's practices and protocols that continue to emphasize safety and well-being as we approach coming back to a "new normal."

"We know that it can be tough for people – and especially the parents of young kids – to come out at night so that's why we've scheduled this event to take place via Zoom," says Library Director, Dale Spindel. "We are looking forward to an interesting summer full of fun and excitement and hope to see many patrons at the virtual introduction to Summer Reading on June 16."

The link to attend this meeting is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89361336428>

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International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89361336428>

CALDWELL SCHOOL STUDENT HENRIK GOODWIN REPLENISHES THE FISH TANK AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Something definitely seemed fishy as Springfield Library Director watched fourth grader Henrik Goodwin walk through the library, on his way to the children's room, carrying two large plastic bags containing water and fish.



Only then did she remember that Henrik, a budding fish enthusiast, had promised children's librarian Brie Mintz that he would replenish the dwindling supply of fish currently taking laps around the children's room fish tank. Accompanied by his father, Seth Goodwin, Henrik carefully introduced several black mollies, zebra danios, two gouramis and a yoyo loach to the fish tank where they can all now be seen swimming around in their new home.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. For more information about the library, visit www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

2021 SUMMER READING

The Springfield Free Public Library will host summer reading virtually via READsquared, an online platform that allows Springfield residents to log their reading, earn points, and enter for a chance to win the grand prize raffle drawing! Program begins Thursday, June 17 and ends on August 14. To register and learn more, visit <http://springfieldlibrary.read-squared.com/>. You can also register at the library by speaking with a librarian in the Youth Services department. Those who register on or before July 6 will receive a voucher for a free ice cream with Scream Truck when it makes a visit to the library from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, July 10. Children and teens may register for the reading program after July 6; however, anyone registering after July 6 will not receive a voucher for free ice cream and may not participate in the Scream Truck event on July 10.

Children's Summer Reading Program: open to Springfield residents entering Pre-K through 5th grade, ages 3-10. Grand prize raffle includes a Catapult Making Kit, Dinosaur Toy Painting Kit, DIY Magic Bouncy Balls Kit, Sew Mini Treats Craft Kit, Clay Charms Craft Kit, and 2 Admission Tickets to Crayola Experience (Easton, PA).

Teen Summer Reading Program: open to Springfield residents entering grades 6th through 12th, ages 11-18. The grand prize raffle includes a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card, \$20 Target gift card, \$20 Cheesecake Factory gift card, and two Admission Tickets to Adventure Aquarium (Camden, NJ).

Upcoming Special Events:

Patricia Shih Live in Concert: Outdoor family music on Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 pm, to be held on the Town Hall lawn. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, or other outdoor seating.

Scream Truck vouchers for one free ice cream on Saturday, July 10, between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. To participate, children ages 3-10 years and teens 11-18 years must register for summer reading and pick up the voucher at the library no later than Tuesday, July 6. Those who register after July 6 are not eligible to receive a voucher for free ice cream. Touch-A-Truck: Outdoor event with the Springfield rescue squad, fire department, and police department on August 11 from 5 to 7 pm, rain date August 18. To learn more about upcoming programs, visit www.sfplnj.org. Crafts for ages 8-10 will be held every other Monday at 6 pm, crafts for ages 3-8 every Wednesday at 10:30 am, and storytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am. Teen programs will usually be on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3:30 pm.

MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

(photo by Kim Cieri)



On Thursday evening, June 11th, Jonathan Dayton High School held their annual Senior Awards Ceremony. While the ceremony was in person for students, presenters were not in the auditorium. The photo shows the recipients of the SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP who are listed below. The full program and list of all awards and scholarships is available online at: <https://www.springfieldpatriot.com/news/2021/06/14/jonathan-dayton-high-school-2021-senior-awards-program>

SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Babatunde Ajayi	Kaya Mahy
Jordan Berkowitz	Abigail Malino
Ava Bertolotti	Emma Mohabir
Kaden Cobbs	Juliana Monticello
Ryan Disko	Irene Nguyen
Christopher Engelbart	Adelina Pinho
Aiden Forys	Nikita Saha
Jordan Frei	Ryan Sickinger
Jeremy Greiss	Sara Spinner
Abbey Hochreiner	Samantha Tempkin
Quentin Kennedy	Sarah Zarembor

BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Jordan Berkowitz	Ryan Disko	Aiden Forys
Jordan Frei	Jeremy Greiss	Ryan Sickinger

O'REILLY ELECTED TO AQUATICS SECTION OF STATE ASSOCIATION



Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, has been elected Member-at-Large of the Aquatics Section of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA). The two-year term begins this month. The Aquatics Section provides resources to aquatics professionals operating swimming pools, aquatics amusement facilities, and waterfronts in New Jersey's communities. Its mission is to provide education, networking, resources, and certification to pool operators to ensure healthy, efficient, successful, and vibrant aquatic facilities. O'Reilly earned his Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license from the National Swimming Pool Foundation in 2018, and his Pool Director certification from Making Waves Swim School in 2020. He has previously worked in several capacities at the Springfield Community Pool, including maintenance, lifeguard, and assistant manager. O'Reilly has also taught swimming lessons with Starfish Aquatic Club. In addition to NJRPA, O'Reilly is a member of Union County Recreation and Park Association.

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES - JUNE/JULY 2021 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, June 22 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Wednesday, June 23 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, June 24 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am
 Friday, June 25 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 11:00 am,
 Bus trip to Westfield @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
 Monday, June 28 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Wednesday, June 30 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, July 1 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am
 Friday, July 2 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 1:00 pm
 Tuesday, July 6 - "Conversations" discussion group with
 Lori Barnett, LCSW @ 1:00 pm (RSVP)
 Wednesday, July 7 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, July 8 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am
 Friday, July 9 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, July 12 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am,
 Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, July 13 - Exercise class with Liz @ 10:30 am
 Wednesday, July 14 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, July 15 - Bus trip to Long Branch @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Friday, July 16 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 1:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Summer 2021 @ Chisholm

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Co-Ed - Rising 5th-12th graders (ages 8-17) **JUNE 28-JULY 2 1:00-4:00 pm**
 - registration -

fashionfirstworkshops.com/events/summer-2021-fashion-camp-springfield-high-tea-week

HAWAIIAN FASHION WEEK

Break out the hula skirts and put on your flower leis! It's time for a Hawaiian fashion week!

Co-Ed - Rising 3rd-5th graders (ages 8-10) **JULY 12-16 1:00-4:00 pm**
 - registration -

<https://www.fashionfirstworkshops.com/events/summer-2021-fashion-camp-springfield-hawaiian-fashion-week>

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 registration kiddieskaleidoscope.com



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 RISING 2ND-4TH GRADERS **JULY 6-9 (NO CAMP MONDAY JULY 5TH) 1:00-4:00 pm**

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RISING 4TH-7TH GRADERS **AUGUST 16-20 1:00-4:00 pm**

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(Ages 5-11) **AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3 9:00 am-12:00 pm**



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<https://springfield-jr-dawgs.sportngin.com/register/form/967456654>

Township fees:

<https://register.comcommunitypass.net/springfield>

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League fees, officials, loaned equipment and helmet, game apparel, hand sanitizer and wipes, Meisel Avenue Park practice lights, on-field game trainers, Tip of the Spear training

DOES NOT INCLUDE

Personal protective equipment (face mask), gloves, footwear, awards dinner

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Copies of birth certificate and most recent report card

REFUNDS

100% refund of both fees will be provided until Friday, August 13, 2021. After this date, 75% refund of Jr. Dawgs fees will be provided until Friday, August 27, 2021. In the event of a season interruption or cancellation, every effort will be made to return unspent funds, but this is not guaranteed.

DEADLINE

Registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020. After this date, subject to team availability.

COVID-19

We are following preventive measures outlined in our COVID-19 Program Preparation Plan, as required by the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

All volunteer coaches must attend a Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. coach clinic, and must pass a confidential criminal background check with fingerprints, per Springfield Recreation Department and Township of Springfield regulations. Please sign up via online registration.

Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com

Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

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Springfield Recreation 2021

All programs adhere to COVID-19 State and CDC guidelines. Visit our website for more program information.

TENNIS

ALL CLASSES HELD AT IRWIN PARK TENNIS COURTS



SUMMER CAMPS MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Aug 30th- Sep 3rd: 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Ages 5 -14)

SUMMER CLASSES

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FoundationTennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 5 - 8)

Foundation Tennis: 6:00-6:50 pm (Ages 8 -10)

Foundation Tennis: 7:00-7:50 pm (Ages 11-14)

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION SUMMER 2021

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8 Week Session SATURDAYS

JUNE 26 -
AUGUST 21

Registration Fee
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Parent & Me Squirts: (Ages 2-3) 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Senior Soccer Squirts: (Ages 5-6) 11:00 am - 11:50 am

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

BOYS & GIRLS
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YEARS OLDS

T-BALL SQUIRTS

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

8 Week Session TUESDAYS

JUNE 29 -
AUGUST 18

Registration Fee
\$162

T-ball Squirts: (Ages 3-4) 4 pm - 4:50 pm

T-ball Squirts: (Ages 4-5) 5:00 pm - 5:50 pm

Senior T-ball Squirts: (Ages 5-6) 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

**AGES
3 - 6
ALL
ABILITY
LEVELS**

Visit USsportsInstitute.com for full camp and class descriptions

LIMITED SPACE

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

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(866) 345 BALL

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading

FALL 2021 • GRADES 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield and Millburn schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2021.
- 1-2 practices per week. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Multiple grades may be combined into a squad, if necessary, based on enrollment.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.



REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



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

SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL - SEE PAGE 8



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

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

Bus runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.

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