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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,  
Last month, the Township Committee voted unanimously in favor of adopting the 2022 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget. The \$36,362,575 budget presents only a \$216,103 increase from the year before. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to explain the budget process.

At the beginning of every year, the Finance Sub-Committee works with the Township Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the department heads to set the Township’s priorities. They map out a vision for the upcoming year and begin work on determining a budget for the Township’s 17,000 plus residents.

This year’s Sub-Committee was, once again, comprised of myself and Deputy Mayor Chris Weber. We established our objective to form a fiscally responsible and fair budget. We sought to limit tax increases for township residents, reduce the township’s long-term debt, while continuing to maintain the township’s high-quality services.

It is important to remember, your tax bill reflects the collection of taxes for multiple entities. The township remits payment to Union County and Springfield Public Schools. The Township Committee has no say over the budget processes for those entities. The County portion accounts for nearly 18 percent of your tax bill and the Public Schools accounts for a little over 50 percent.

The Township Committee has control only over the municipal portion of your tax bill, which accounts for a little over 30 percent. That means approximately 30 cents of every dollar paid goes toward providing the township’s services.

For the 2022 Fiscal Year, the municipal portion of your tax bill will reflect an increase of \$35 for an average household. This modest tax increase is a result of the township’s revenues returning to near pre-pandemic levels, a decrease in delinquent taxes and prudent financial decisions that resulted in a healthy surplus.

I believe our budget maintains our township’s quality services, invests in our future and is fiscally responsible.

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

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

MEMORIAL DAY

A large crowd gathered at Veterans Park and lined Mountain Avenue for the Annual Memorial Day celebration in Springfield. The ceremony was hosted by Geri Ann Kazimar and Linda Donnelly, Township Clerk. Linda Donnelly introduced the Township Committee with Mayor Alexander Keiser reading the Memorial Day Proclamation. Gerry Gebauer, Commander of American Legion Continental Post #228 thanked everyone on behalf of all veterans for remembering our fallen comrades and introduced Sam Furner as the 2022 Grand Marshall. A World War II veteran, Mr. Furner has given many years of service to veterans organizations. The parade followed the ceremony with veterans marching to the applause of the onlookers. Also marching were various youth sports teams and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Veterans who could not march were provided transportation on the Kean Trolleys. Classic cars participated in the parade as well as Police, Fire EMS and OEM vehicles. 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 donated by the Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge.

(additional photos on page 8)

PRIDE MONTH

Under cloudy skies and light rain, the Township of Springfield celebrated Pride Month with a spirited event at the Chisholm Community Center on Wednesday, June 1. The 4th annual program included a rainbow flag raising; DJ music by Summit Soundz; informational tables by Halo Roasters,

Elvira Chaush New York Life Insurance, WellCare, and Planned Parenthood; performances by Front & Center for Performing Arts and Jonathan Dayton High School band, choir, and advanced dance; greetings and proclamation by Mayor Alex Keiser; remarks by Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois, Union County Commissioner Chair Rebecca Williams, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, and Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly; student remarks by Jonathan Dayton High School senior and GSA club president Alyssa S.; children's crafts; and rainbow ice pops.

When interviewed by the Patriot Times, Lieb commented “I want to thank my Township colleagues, sponsors, and members of the community for your planning help, set up, participation, attendance, and support of the 4th annual Pride Month event in Springfield. Celebrating Springfield’s diversity and promoting LGBTQ+ inclusion is a community effort and it was a pleasure to witness such an energetic evening. I wish everyone a happy Pride Month!”

(additional photos on page 8)

COMMUNITY VIGIL

On Tuesday, May 31st a Community Vigil was held on the lawn of Town Hall. It was held to honor the victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and the victims in Buffalo, New York. Speakers included Mayor Alex Keiser, Pastor Madelynne Lindsey, Rabbi Adrienne Rubin, Rabbi Renee Edelman, Committeeman Chris Capodice, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED, and Deacon Hugh Keffer.

(additional photo on page 8)

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesdays, June 14, 28 and July 23 (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

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## POLICE UNITY RIDE



Officer Robert Quinlan



Officer Quinlan makes a tracing of Patrolman Joseph Richard Roessner's name from the memorial. Patrolman Roessner died in the line of duty in Springfield in 1962.

The Police Unity Tour was founded in 1997 by Officer Patrick Montuore of the Florham Park, NJ Police Department. The idea was simple, Pat wanted to help raise money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial by gathering together several law enforcement officers and riding their police mountain bikes from New Jersey to the site of the Memorial in Washington, DC. Since then it has grown into an annual event that has delivered over five million dollars to the Memorial Fund, making it the largest private and/or corporate sponsor of the Memorial! The Police Unity Tour is proud to be one of the largest sponsors for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). The Memorial was founded in 1983 by members of the United States Congress who wanted to recognize the services and sacrifices of all law enforcement officers who have ever died in the line of duty. The Memorial is located at Judiciary Square in Washington DC and covers three acres of land. It was dedicated in 1991 and honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. To date, there are more than 16,500 names of officers inscribed randomly on the Memorial.

The Police Unity Tour is a non-profit organization that has grown from one chapter with a few members to eight chapters with over 750 members.

Our motto, "We Ride for Those Who Died", has special meaning to our riders and support team staff. We hold in our hearts the memory of every Law Enforcement Officer who has given their all and paid with the ultimate sacrifice to their community and our nation.

## SPRINGFIELD ELKS INITIATE NEW MEMBERS FOR 2022



On Sunday, May 22nd the Springfield Elks Lodge #2004 Officers performed our 1st initiation of the new Elk year 2022-2023. They welcomed 5 new members and initiated another 2 members that were brought in during Covid with just the obligation.

John Kretchmer, Leading Knight; Jolie Marrin, Chaplain; John Drescher, Inner Guard; Geri Ann Kazimar, Exalted Ruler; Cathy Guarino, Esquire; Joan Kukan; Sandra Lyna, Lecturing Knight; Carmen Lombardi; Sean Drennan; John Ward, Loyal Knight; Alexis Kievning, Mark Heinze; Ted O'Connel, Tiler; Jackie Morgan and John Lobello, new members.

## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

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## TWO HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR

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Deputy Mayor Chris Weber, Police Chief John Cook, Lieutenant Ryan Westover, Township Committeeman Chris Capodice, and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel

On Friday, May 13th, Springfield Police Lieutenant Ryan Westover, along with nineteen other Police and Firefighters from Union County, received the Two Hundred Club of Union County's Medal of Valor Award. Formed in 1968, The Two Hundred Club of Union County has recognized the achievements of uniformed Police Officers, Firefighters and State Troopers. The Club is comprised of residents and business people in Union County and throughout New Jersey who care about the welfare of the men and women who put their lives on the line every day for our protection. In addition to awarding Twenty Medal of Valor Awards each year, the Club provides financial assistance to families of uniformed protectors throughout the County who have given their lives in the line of duty. The Club also administers a scholarship program as well, this year giving out four \$5,000 scholarships.

Police Chief John Cook introduced Lieutenant Westover and provided this brief account of his actions resulting in the presentation of this award.

On March 11, 2021 at approximately 7:00 am, Lieutenant Westover was traveling north on the Garden State Parkway. As he was approaching the area of Old Bridge, he observed that traffic was slowing and quickly noticed dark smoke rising ahead. As he approached the scene, he could see that a minivan had gone off of the roadway, onto the center median, and had struck a tree head-on causing the vehicle to catch fire.

Lieutenant Westover immediately pulled over and ran to the scene at which two New Jersey State Troopers had also arrived. One Trooper was attempting to put out the fire while the second was attempting to pry open the driver's door. Upon gaining entry through another door, Lieutenant Westover joined the second Trooper inside the vehicle. They attempted to remove the driver, who had been pinned in the driver's seat, and was seriously injured.

The flames in the engine compartment were visible and they were starting to approach the main passenger compartment. The Trooper and Lieutenant Westover were finally able to extract the driver from the vehicle and get her to a safe and secure location.

Lieutenant Westover received the Two Hundred Club Medal of Valor for going above and beyond the call of duty and risk his safety to help save this woman's life.

Information on the Two Hundred Club of Union County and the other awards presented that day as well as the Scholarships can be found at : [www.UC200Club.org](http://www.UC200Club.org).



Judah Krauss (l) and David Penna (r), FMG 7th Grader, assisted the Springfield American Legion Continental Post 228 by placing flags at the graves of Veterans from the American Revolution through WWII in the Presbyterian and Methodist Cemeteries on Church Mall for Memorial Day 2022.



## SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & GREEN TEAM HOST A WORKSHOP



On Sunday, May 22, the Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team hosted a rain barrel workshop at the Chisholm Community Center. Led by Cassidy Attannasio, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador, residents made their own rain barrels. The barrels were donated by Ocean Spray and the Springfield DPW provided some needed supplies. One of the barrels will be installed in the Springfield Community Garden to replace an older damaged barrel. The remainder went home with workshop participants to install in their yards for a total cost of about \$6.00 per barrel. Alyson Weber Miller, chair of the Springfield EC, explained that rain barrels, "are wonderful for communities that flood because they help capture runoff water from house roofs. Then, the water can be saved and used for gardening, lawns and filling bird baths."



## HUDSON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY TO PERFORM HAMLET ON TOWN HALL FRONT LAWN AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21

The Springfield Free Public Library is delighted to bring back the Hudson Shakespeare Company for a performance of Hamlet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21.

Set in medieval Denmark, the show stars Zach Hendrickson as the angst ridden prince who is directed by the ghost of his father to avenge his father's murder at the hands of Hamlet's uncle Claudius, played by Jon Ciccarelli. As relationships between the main characters shift, Hamlet turn not only from his mother, Gertrude, played by Noelle Faire, but also from Ophelia, his romantic partner, played by Emily Glaser. This performance, featuring six actors playing multiple roles, is briskly paced and runs for 1 hour and 55 minutes.

This performance is free and open to all members of the general public. Those planning to attend should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets as no other seating will be provided.

To balance out the tragedy of Hamlet, the Hudson Shakespeare Company will return to Springfield at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12 for a performance of the comedy "Much Ado About Nothing."

More information about the Hudson Shakespeare Company can be found at [www.hudsonshakespeare.com](http://www.hudsonshakespeare.com). For additional information about the performances on June 21 and July 12, please contact Library Director Dale Spindel at [dspindel@sfplnj.org](mailto:dspindel@sfplnj.org)



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## RIDE FROM THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE



The Police donated a ride with the police during a PTA basket raffle event. This years winner was Francesca DiGioia who was driven to school by Officer Frank Cunha, Officer Brian Trotman, Officer John Laurencelle, and Officer Hope Arthur

## VETERANS CORNER.....By Gerry Gebauer

The members of American Legion Post 228 Springfield would like to thank all the folks who came out to celebrate Memorial Day with us. We like to thank the township for sponsoring the event, the Home Town Heroes Committee for the banners that are hung each year and certainly the DPW for putting them up. We also thank all the citizens who generously contributed to our annual pooppy distribution. The money raised is used for veterans causes such as homeless veterans, Lyons Hospital and the American Legion Emergency Fund. A special thanks to Geri Kazimar and Linda Donnelly for hosting the event.



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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.

### LIONS CLUB SCHOLARS NIGHT



*The students in the picture in alphabetical order are: Emily Agostinelli, Noam Brooks, Natalyah Cadiche, Cassandra Cadillo, Lindsey Cornelison, James Garcia, Kennedy Kwinta, Maxwell Levy, Kevin Lora, Thomas Lucas, Spyridon Mazis, Sophia Mirto, Gianna Nagy, Adriana Nguyen, Brady Rosenstock, Zachary Silverstein, Braeh Simon, Elijah Smith, Megan Vesey, Kaya Waltzer. The Lions in the picture are: Michael Golden, Ed Shaffery and Don Dauser.*

The Springfield Lions Club, a member club of Lions Club International, held a Scholars Night Dinner at Marco Polo in Summit, New Jersey on May 11, 2022. Each year, this dinner honors the top twenty students from Jonathan Dayton High School.

In addition to the current Lions Club members, other invited guests included the Superintendent of Springfield Schools, Rachel Goldberg, and Jonathan Dayton High School Principal, Dr. Norman Francis, who is also a member of the Springfield Lions Club.

The top 20 students were introduced with a brief summary of their school activities, their selected college, and their anticipated career path. Each student was presented with a certificate from the Springfield Lions Club and a one hundred dollar check. The Lions also awarded \$6,000 in Named Scholarships at the Jonathan Dayton Senior Night.

### NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, ELECTED THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2022-2025



*2022-2025 Executive Board of the Church and Cannon Chapter, NSDAR from left to right: Lisa Heher, Chaplain; Nancy Donhauser, Vice Regent; Heather Sanford, Regent; Bonnie Morrison, Historian; Barbara Pierson, Treasurer; not pictured, Connie Billy, Registrar*

The members of the Church and Cannon Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, have elected their Executive Board for the 2022-2025 term. In addition, the chapter is proud to announce that their member, Linda Jurczak will be installed as the New Jersey State Vice Regent in a ceremony in Washington DC at the end of June.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, service organization for women who trace their ancestry to a soldier or patriot of the Revolutionary War. The organization is open to all women, ages 18 and older, regardless of race, creed, or national origin. The mission of the DAR is historic preservation, education, and patriotism. If you are interested in joining, please email: candcdar@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to meet a member, the DAR will be holding a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Springfield on June 23rd at 7 pm at the Battle Ground Cemetery at 39 Mountain Ave. Following the ceremony, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution will be holding a second wreath laying at the statue of the Continental Soldier in front of the Presbyterian Church on Morris Ave. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the library's museum.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Officer Brian Trotman and Officer Hope Arthur present the THE SPRINGFIELD POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Local 76 Civic Association, "The Spirit of 76 Scholarship" to Megan Vesey



Elliot Merkin, Chamber VP, presents the SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP to Elijah Smith, Alyssa Serrano and (not in photo Mathew Knee)

On Thursday evening, June 2nd, Jonathan Dayton High School held their annual Senior Awards Ceremony. For the first time since 2019 both presenters and students were present in the Auditorium together.

The full program and list of all awards and scholarships is available online at: <https://www.springfieldschools.com/Content2/1412>. The photos on page one show the recipients of the SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.

The following seniors received the BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP. The following seniors received the BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.

Emily Agostinelli  
Noam Brooks  
Natalyah Cadiche  
Cassandra Cadillo  
James Garcia  
Julia Goldman  
Maxwell Levy

Kevin Lora  
Thomas Lucas  
Spyridon Mazis  
Sophia Mirto  
Gianna Nagy  
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Megan Vesey  
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Scott Seidel,

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Summer is here, often bringing excessive heat and thunderstorms that can produce dangerous lightning, damaging winds and flooding. Severe storms can increase the risk for power outages.

Being prepared can help minimize any potential challenges that occur should a storm impact electric service. JCP&L recommends these tips to be prepared for anything Mother Nature might have in store this season:

### PREPARE FOR OUTAGES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN

- Keep a flashlight, portable radio and fresh batteries in a familiar location.
- Stock a supply of bottled water and foods that do not require cooking. Don't forget a can opener!
- Prepare a first-aid kit and gather prescription medications and other personal health items.
- Make sure cell phones and tablets are fully charged. Keep a car charger or battery-charging pack handy so you can easily charge devices during an outage.
- Have a hard-wired telephone available to report an emergency. A plain, hard-wired phone can operate on power delivered through the phone line. Do NOT talk on a hard-wired telephone during a storm – telephone lines can conduct electricity, too.
- In the event of prolonged storm-related outages (24 hours or greater), JCP&L coordinates with local grocery stores to have free ice and water available for customers impacted by disruptions to their electric service. A list of participating stores is available on the JCP&L website and social media platforms when this program is open.

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In the event of an emergency, Union County Emergency Services can identify the affected area and send a message that describes the situation and may recommend the protective actions residents should take. The Emergency Alert system will automatically call out to all land-line and opt-in telephone numbers within the affected geographic area and deliver the recorded message once a voice is heard. If your phone line is busy, the system will attempt to redial the number three times to make contact. If an answering machine picks up the call, the emergency message will be left on the machine.

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This notification service provides a system to share emergency information with our citizens, but registration will not guarantee notification of any specific event. You are still encouraged to visit our website and to stay tuned to local news channels and radio stations during a community crisis.

## SPRINGFIELD REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE RALLY - MAY 14



Mayor Alex Keiser



Wendy Jones

A Reproductive Justice Rally was held in the Township of Springfield on Saturday, May 14 in front of the Municipal Building. Over 30 people participated.

Sponsored by the Springfield Unity Project (SUP) and CACP (Citizens Against Corporate Personhood), the rally was organized by Wendy Jones to

speaking out for reproductive justice in response to Supreme Court Justice Alito's leaked draft overturning Roe v. Wade, the 1973 law that made abortion legal nationwide.

According to Jones, the court expects to release the final version at the end of June or the beginning of July, nearly half the states have already passed laws limiting or outlawing abortion in anticipation of the change.

The rally began with women's stories about both legal and illegal abortions. Krystal Sital, writer, activist, and SUP member, spoke about her 2016 abortion to end a Cesarean scar ectopic pregnancy, which threatened her life.

Ann Gilson and Wendy Jones, members of CACP (Citizens Against Corporate Personhood), read excerpts from the autobiography "Billie Jean King," and "Alice Walker: a life" by Evelyn C. White describing the abortions of the tennis champion and activist Billie Jean King and the writer and activist Alice Walker, respectively.

After a parody sung to the tune of the Supremes' "Stop in the Name of Love": "We're not going back in time/ our bodies belong to us," Jones and Gilson read statistics from the Guttmacher Institute. The research revealed that pregnant people of color, poor women, and rural women would be most harmed by the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Mayor Keiser emphasized the importance of voting. Jones urged rally participants to remember that although "the struggle continues, we will prevail."

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MEMORIAL DAY

Photos By Stephanie Weiss



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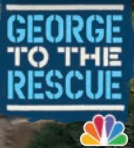


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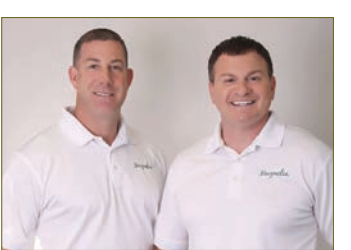


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## MAYOR KEISER PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP



Springfield resident, Kaya Waltzer won a \$1,000 scholarship from the League of Municipalities. Kaya was one of three statewide first place winners in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities-Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship.

Her essay beat out competition from across the state and will be published in the New Jersey Municipalities magazine later this year.

Her check was presented on June 2nd at the Annual Senior Awards at Jonathan Dayton High School.

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**973-376-4930**

*Check our website for updates*

**REALLY GOOD BOOK  
DISCUSSION: WEST WITH  
GIRAFFES THURSDAY,  
JUNE 23, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. to discuss Lynda Rutledge's, *West With Giraffes*.

It's 1938. World-weary Americans long for wonder and find it in two giraffes who survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. They're driven cross-country to reach the San Diego Zoo in this tale.

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. New members are welcome! To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org).

**IN-PERSON CHAIR YOGA  
RETURNS TO SPRINGFIELD  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

Starting this June, Springfield Free Public Library will resume in-person Chair Yoga. Each class offers the benefits of traditional yoga with guided relaxation, breath work, seated stretching/poses and standing stretching/poses. These will be taught by our popular yoga instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. Sessions meet at 12:30 PM on the following dates:

July 8th, 15th, and 29th

Patrons who would like to attend remotely may do so. Contact the adult services department at [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org) for Zoom credentials.

This program is made possible by an extremely generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Participation is free, and all are welcome.

## PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

*By John Cottage Sr.*



On May 9th, Bonnie Lafazan became the Springfield Public Library's new Assistant Director. Bonnie is a lifelong learner and educator, library advocate for patrons and fellow librarians, and library manager, bringing over two decades of experience as a lawyer, adjunct professor, and librarian. For the past 13 years, Bonnie has served as Berkeley College's Woodbridge Campus Library Director and most recently served as Berkeley College's Interim Library Director, where she was responsible for overseeing in-person and online library services, collection and resources, information literacy instruction, and library programming.

With a J.D. from the New England School of Law, Bonnie began her career as a contracts and licensing attorney at several entertainment companies in New York City. During this time, she was also a curriculum developer and an Online Adjunct Professor of Communications Law and Internet Law, where she taught and developed online courses at New York University and the University of Maryland.

Bonnie is also an active member of the New Jersey library community, serving on several committees and leadership positions within NJLA, VALE and LibraryLinkNJ. Bonnie was President of NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ from 2018-2019 and Board President of LibraryLinkNJ from 2021-2022. She also has served as an Advisory Board member for the Rutgers School of Communication and Information. Bonnie is the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Service Award, granted by the New Jersey Library Association's College and University Section/Association of College and Research Libraries-New Jersey chapter (NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ), and will be presented with the award at the NJLA Conference in June. Bonnie is also a published author and presents at library conferences locally and nationally, focusing on creative library programming, digital literacy, and community engagement, therefore she understands the unique challenges, as well as trends and services reshaping NJ libraries and their communities.

As a Springfield resident for 14 years, Bonnie already has a stake in our community. Her 2 sons attend Springfield schools, she is a PTA volunteer, a Board Member for Springfield Unity Project (SUP) and administers a highly resourceful "Moms" Facebook group.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Bonnie said "I look forward to bringing a positive and progressive energy to the Springfield community. My goal is to help position the library as a place not just for its diverse collection of books, but also as a thriving community destination to participate in lifelong learning, programming, free access to technology, information and resources for all ages".

## DENYCE YANNAZZONE

(continued from front page)

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Denyce noted she has been active in the Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Technical Assistants for the past 12 years and have been the Treasurer and Vice President for the past seven years.

She noted: "At our meetings we usually choose a newer topic in our field. The board members take turns on doing the research and present it to our fellow members to keep our Association current and uniform in the execution of permitting and inspection.

One of the contributions that I am most proud of is the instituting of a system that will allow us to have all our records scanned in an approved manner by the state to our server so we can eliminate a software middleman. Scanning directly to the server also allows departments such as engineering and zoning that often have a need for our records to readily access them from their desktop.

I have achieved this by first creating a folder for every property by listing them by lot and block. Our copier has OCR capability so we can scan each permit into the folder using the permit number. The OCR feature allows different search methods so whatever we needed could be found. This was a slow process.

We found a company that can scan huge amounts of data in half the time and use our system of lots and blocks. They scan and deliver the data to us on a hard drive which we load onto the server, keep as a backup and the company also keeps a backup. We are able to fund this endeavor through a trust account set we set up several years ago for penalties collected.

This firm also destroys the records in accordance with the state mandates. We are well on our way to clearing out over 40 years worth of paper permits at no cost to the taxpayer. "Denyce Yannazzone has been named as the 2022 Technical Assistant of the Year by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs. She was chosen for her outstanding contributions and support in the areas of code enforcement. She was honored by her association and by the Department of Community Affairs at an awards luncheon held during the Building Safety Conference of New Jersey on May 4th, 2022, at Hard Rock in Atlantic City.

## BONNIE LAFAZAN LIBRARY'S NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

## TWO PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED BY MAYOR ALEXANDER KEISER

Photos by Linda Donnelly



*Samantha Schornstein and her parents  
with Mayor Alexander Keiser*



*First Aid Squad Chief Apu Mullick and Mayor Keiser*

At the May 24th Township Committee Meeting, Girl Scout Samantha Schornstein of Springfield was recognized for successfully completing all requirements for the Girl Scout's highest rank – The Gold Award.

Samantha's Gold Award project focused on the concept of nature and mental health and she created a meditation garden, a bridge, and a labyrinth (a walking meditation) in a local park, as well as created a pamphlet with resources and information about nature and mental health. Mayor Alexander Keiser recognized and congratulated her with a Township resolution acknowledging her achievement. Mayor Keiser also proclaimed May 16-22 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK as well as well as declaring May 18, 2022 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) DAY. EMS Chief Apu Mullick was on hand to accept both Proclamations on behalf of the Springfield First Aid Squad.



# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## NEW IRWIN PARK PLAYGROUND UNVEILED



Irwin Park has a brand new playground now that demolition, site preparation, and installation concluded last month. The project on Adams Terrace -- which began a year ago with the expansion of the playground's footprint -- features two large and modern climbing structures in fresh, bright colors with interactive playground elements. The existing swingset remains. Added features include: rope wall, rain and jet panels, luge and viper slides, shaded roofs, arch bridge, odyssey climbing posts, and more. The project was funded in late-2021 by the Township of Springfield with a matching grant by the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund. Ben Shaffer Recreation and Corby Associates built the playground with BCI Burke equipment. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

## SPRINGFIELD TENNIS

In association with: SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
ALL CLASSES HELD AT IRWIN PARK TENNIS COURTS

EASTERN

**WEEKLY CLASSES • JULY - AUGUST 2022**

**SUMMER CLASSES**  
THURSDAYS, 7/7 • 8/11

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

**SUMMER CAMP**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8/29 • 9/2  
Tennis Camp: 9:00-12:00pm (Ages 5-14)

REGISTRATION  
FEE  
**\$170**

**AGES 3-14**  
All Abilities Levels

Visit our website for more program information.

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

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

**LIMITED SPACE**

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

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(866) 345 BALL

### FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

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

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

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

## Empowering Kids through Magic Camp

Ages 8-12

- Enhance Social Skills
- Build Confidence
- Develop Creativity & Critical Thinking Skills
- New Tricks Every Day

Make New Friends, Play Games, Perform in a Magic Show, Have Fun!

**Keep: A Professional Magic Kit, Magic Folders, and More**

- **Course:** Discover the Curiosities of Magic Blue Wand - Learn how to move a block with your mind, make a monkey appear, operate a time machine, and more.
- **Dates:** Mon- Fri June 20-24, 2022.
- **Time:** 1pm-4pm
- **Location:** Chisholm Community Center
- **Fee:** \$190 - (Includes magic kit that's yours to keep - \$50 value)

We are offering children enrolled in half-day Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own lunch)

Spaces sell out quickly. Register now to guarantee your space:  
[AcademyofAmazement.com/Springfield](https://AcademyofAmazement.com/Springfield)

# TRYCAN

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>

## RELAX & UNWIND THIS SUMMER

AT THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

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## SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES JUNE/JULY 2022

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, June 14 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,  
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 15 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am,  
"Healthy Brain Aging & Lifestyles" program @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Thursday, June 16 - Springfield Senior Citizens Club meeting and bagels,  
featuring "Flavian The Mind Reader" @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, June 17 - Chisholm closed in observance of Juneteenth  
Monday, June 20 - Bingo @ 11:45 am  
Tuesday, June 21 - Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 22 - Bingo @ 11:45 am (treats sponsored by  
Arbor Terrace Mountainside)  
Thursday, June 23 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am,  
"Medicare Facts" speaker @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)  
Friday, June 24 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,  
Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-3:00 pm  
Monday, June 27 - Bingo @ 11:45 am  
Tuesday, June 28 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,  
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 29 - Bingo @ 11:45 am  
Thursday, June 30 - Bus trip to Resorts Casino,  
Atlantic City @ 8:00 am (advance payment required)  
Friday, July 1 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,  
Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-3:00 pm  
Monday, July 4 - Chisholm closed in observance of Independence Day  
Tuesday, July 5 - Mahjong @ 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, July 6 - Bingo @ 11:45 am  
Thursday, July 7 - Bus trip to Central Farmer's Market and  
Zita's Ice Cream, New Providence @ 11:00 am (RSVP)  
Friday, July 8 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,  
Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-3:00 pm

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## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - SUMMER 2022 MULTI SPORTS CAMP

AUGUST  
15 - 19

9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTRATION FEE

**\$179**

Participants will enjoy 8 different sports throughout the week learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. This camp is outdoor only with no indoor location available. NJ Department of Health, CDC & local covid guidelines will be followed. For more information on how the program will operate please visit [USsportsInstitute.com](http://USsportsInstitute.com)

### CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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

AGES 5 - 11  
ALL ABILITY  
LEVELS

Visit  
[USsportsInstitute.com](http://USsportsInstitute.com)  
for full camp and  
class descriptions

LIMITED  
SPACE

### REGISTRATION

Online or by phone. Register soon  
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## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION SUMMER 2022 SOCCER CAMP

AUG 22 - 26  
9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTRATION FEE

**\$179**

This camp will focus on ball skills, turns and moves. All participants will have a great time learning new techniques while participating in lots of fun challenges. This camp is outdoor only with no indoor location available. CDC & NJ Department of Health guidelines will be followed. For more information on how the program will operate please visit [USsportsInstitute.com](http://USsportsInstitute.com)

### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

BOYS &  
GIRLS

All Abilities:  
5 to 11  
years olds

LIMITED  
SPACE

### REGISTRATION

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Season 7/11/22 through 8/22/22

Register Online: [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com)  
or Call: (908) 212-3200

[www.facebook.com/i9sports](https://www.facebook.com/i9sports)

{Ages 5-7 5 - 6:15 pm}

{Ages 8-10 6:30 - 7:45 pm}

i9 Sports and Springfield Recreation have partnered to give you a Flag Football experience like no other! We will play a 7/week season under the lights on Monday evenings in the summer.

### INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING AT CHISHOLM?

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





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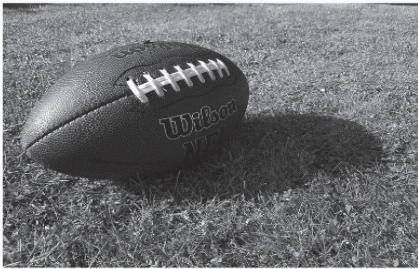


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## YOUTH FOOTBALL FALL 2022 - GRADES 3-8

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and

<https://springfield-jr-dawgs.sportngin.com/register/form/882606485>



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## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - Summer 2022 MULTI SPORTS CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK JULY 5 - AUGUST 9 • TUESDAY - 6 SESSIONS

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

Multi Sports Squirts,  
Age 3-4: 4:00 pm

Multi Sports Squirts,  
Age 4-5: 5:00 pm

Senior Multi Sports Squirts,  
Age 5-6: 6:00 pm

### CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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

REGISTRATION  
FEE  
**\$130**



AGES 3 - 6 ALL ABILITY LEVELS

Visit [USsportsInstitute.com](https://USsportsInstitute.com) for full camp and class descriptions

LIMITED  
SPACE

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## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - Summer 2022 SOCCER SQUIRTS CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK



6 WEEK  
SESSION

SATURDAY'S

Registration Fee  
**\$130**

SATURDAYS - Summer • July 9 - August 13 (6 weeks).

Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 - 8:30am - 9:20am

Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2-3 - 9:30am - 10:20am

Soccer Squirts: Ages 4-5 - 10:30am - 11:20am

Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages 5-6 - 11:30am - 12:20pm

All programs adhere to Covid-19 state & CDC guidelines

### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

BOYS &  
GIRLS

All Abilities:  
2 to 6  
years olds

LIMITED  
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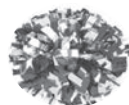


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## Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading

FALL 2022 • GRADES 3-8

- Open to rising 3rd-8th grade residents of or students in Springfield and Millburn schools.
- 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 one Jr. Dawgs football team.
- Grades may be combined into one cheerleading squad. Enrollment is limited to 30 cheerleaders.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.



Online Registration and Details:  
**REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/SPRINGFIELD**

## SUMMER FASHION SEWING CAMPS 2022

Fashion First  
Workshops

at Springfield Recreation

High Tea Week

June 27-July 1

1:00-4:00pm

Ages: 7-9

India Week

August 1-5

1:00-4:00pm

Ages: 9+

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or 908-578-8561

100 S Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081

\* We are offering children enrolled in the half-day  
Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised  
lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own  
lunch)\*





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- Eye contact
- Learning to share and what not to share (aka germs)
- Party and play date manners
- Life skills: learning to help around the house
- Magic words: saying please, thank you, you're welcome, etc.

### Let's Eat

- Mealtime/table manners
- Setting the table and cleaning up
- How to hold a fork correctly
- How to sit and behave at the table
- How to set a table and help clean up

Play Games, Make projects, Make fun healthy snacks, Build Confidence, Have FUN!

**Dates:** August 8th-12th **Time:** 12:30-3:00

**Location:** Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave.

**Springfield, NJ Fee:** \$250 Classes will close at 12 students.

Register now to guarantee your space,

**To register:** Contact Sherri Fishman –

Social Code For Kids at: sherri@socialcodeforkids.com

For details on Birthday Parties and Scouting Workshops

go to: www.socialcodeforkids.com

**Co-hosted by: SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## SUMMER ENRICHMENT

CAMP Ages 5-10

### HEALTHY

### EATING/MANNERS

Children will learn healthy eating habits and make kid-friendly healthy snacks weekly.



## Bus Trip to Resorts Casino Thursday, June 30, 2022

\$45 per person

**Payment due by Thursday, June 23, 2022**

Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 8:00 am

Bus will depart Resorts Casino at approximately 6:00 pm

**Register online with a credit card at:** <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

**Or make checks payable to:** Springfield Recreation Department

**Return form and check to:** Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack, \$18 slot play (photo ID required)

**Questions:** (973) 912-2227 or ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us

**Bus Trip to Resorts Casino Thursday, June 30, 2022 (one form per person)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Need bus to/from Chisholm? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to Springfield Recreation Department for \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Police Chief's Column

for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P. Cook

With the summer months here, school sessions done, vacations taking place, etc., readers of the Patriot Times are reminded that more and more of us, especially our children, are out and about on bicycles.

I encourage parents to spend a few minutes with their children to explain and emphasize the importance of safe bicycle riding, before letting them pedal away with their friends.

In New Jersey, bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same laws as motorists. Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic signals. Bicyclists should never attempt stunts or tricks, ride with more people on the bike than for what it was designed, "hitch" rides by holding onto moving vehicles, weave in and out of traffic or between cars, ride against the flow of traffic, or ride at night without proper lights and/or reflectors.

NJ law mandates that all cyclists under the age of 17 years (including children strapped in attached child-seats) must wear an approved, properly fitting helmet, but it is recommended for all cyclists to use one to protect themselves. This also applies to persons skating, skateboarding, roller blading, etc.

Wearing a helmet is the single most important safety measure to follow when bicycling, skateboarding, or roller blading, especially for children and young adults. Each year, many cyclists and skaters are injured or killed in crashes – many of which do not even involve other vehicles. Head injuries are the most common

reported injury, and are the most common cause of death resulting from these accidents. They are also the most preventable, since the use of a proper-fitting helmet offers excellent protection against head injuries.

Bicycles should be routinely inspected and maintained to ensure that they are in good working order and should be sized properly for the rider. The tires/wheels, brakes, chain, reflectors, lights, and seat height should be checked before every use to help prevent malfunction. Cyclists should also be alert and wear bright reflective clothing (especially if cycling at night or early morning).

In an effort to keep our children safe, Springfield police officers will be more aggressively enforcing the NJ helmet laws, and will be monitoring bicycle riding activity for other unsafe behavior. Violations can result in the child being warned of the offense, and the parent or guardian of the child being issued a citation.

Preventable injuries, or worse, have been a growing concern in most communities so please speak to your children not only about the importance of wearing a helmet for safety reasons, but the laws requiring them to wear a helmet and operate their bicycles properly.

A final note, as stated last month, parents are also reminded that their children should not be permitted to play on public roads, even on quiet cul-de-sacs or side streets. Public roads are intended for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic only, and should never be utilized for children's games or other activities.

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## CELEBRATE THE RAHWAY RIVER!

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**RAHWAY RIVER FEST**  
CELEBRATE TODAY FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

**SATURDAY JUNE 25**  
2:30PM to 8:30PM

**SUNDAY JUNE 26**  
11AM to 5PM

**This event is free!**

- Live music!
- Food & refreshments
- Family friendly activities
- Exhibitors & presenters
- Trailside Nature & Science Center
- Native plant vendor
- Repair cafe
- Reusable bag giveaway
- Beer tent

Join the Rahway River Watershed Association for a weekend of festivities celebrating the Rahway River. Rahway RiverFest 2022 delves into Sustainability and how living a balanced life can help to make the Earth a healthy place for all living things to thrive. We will explore how we can impact the future in ways that ensure generations to come will inherit a world worth living in.

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Location: RRWA Watershed Learning Center at Lower Essex Street Park, 337 East Milton Ave. Rahway Park along Essex Street or in Rahway City Hall Plaza parking lot across the river.

Check the Rahway River Watershed Association facebook page and website for information.

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- ~ SCIENCE EXPLORATION
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100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081

#### Half-Day Weeks

July 11th - 15th	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$175 per week
July 18th - 22nd	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$175 per week

#### Full Day Weeks

August 15th - 19th	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week
August 22nd - 26th	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week
August 29th - September 2nd	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week

We are offering children enrolled in the half-day Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own lunch) — children will then be escorted to the *Kiddies Kaleidoscope* afternoon mini-camp courtesy of *Kiddies Kaleidoscope*!!

For registration please visit: [www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com](http://www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com)

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## SUMMER 2022 STEM CAMP



**LEGO® Robotics and Coding - Amazing Engineers Camp**  
Incoming grades 2 - 4  
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This fun and interactive camp focuses on coding and robotics as it introduces children to the engineering design process using LEGO® Spike Essential Education Robotics Construction Sets. The young engineers will work in teams of 2 on guided projects as they define problems, brainstorm solutions, and test and refine their LEGO prototypes to improve their ideas. This camp will help develop their problem-solving and team-building skills as they find solutions to meet the needs of others. Children will gain confidence and understanding as they build and explore their construction projects.

Cost: \$295 per Camper  
Max 8 Campers



Location: Chisholm Community Ctr., 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield  
Register online at: [builtbyme.com/summerspringfieldnj](http://builtbyme.com/summerspringfieldnj)



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# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

**JULY 25-28, 2022  
MON-THURS  
CHISHOLM GYM**

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Springfield, NJ 07081

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Use sponsor code: 70915

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