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CHAMBER MEETING **THURSDAY JANUARY 24, 2013**

8:30 am - 9:30 am Emergency Management Office Top Floor of the Fire House In the Joseph Pepe III Memorial Training Room 200 Mountain Ave.

Members and nonmembers are invited to Chamber meetings. Free coffee and donuts are served.

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STANDING ROOM ONLY AT THE 2013 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP **COMMITTEE ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 1, 2013**



2013 Township Committee, I to r Ziad Andrew Shehady, Deputy Mayor Richard Huber, Mayor David Amlen, David Barnett, Margaret Bandrowski



It was standing room only at the January 1, 2013 Springfield Township Committee meeting. Each year the Township appoints committee members who were elected in the preceding November election. 2013 sees the makeup of the Committee change from three Republicans and two Democrats in 2012 to four Democrats and one Republican. Committee Members Jerry Fernandez and Marc Krauss's appointments expired on December 31 and their seats were filled by David Barnett and Margaret Bandrowski, who join existing committee members David Amlen, Richard Huber and Ziad Andrew Shehady. The Committee then elects a "chairperson" or Mayor from among their ranks. This year, David Amlen was sworn in as Mayor and Richard Huber as



Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski sworn in by the Honorable Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, while her nephew Cameron Prince holds the bible.



Committeeman David Barnett sworn in by the Honorable Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, while his wife Lori Barnett holds the bible.

Deputy Mayor.

This year the election was a close one, with only four votes separating Margaret Bandrowski from Jerry Fernandez and a challenge to the election process has been brought by the Republicans. By the time the next edition of the Patriot is out, this challenge should have been heard in court. With the swearing in of the new committee members, dozens of other appointments were made, including, but not limited to Neil Dworkin as Township Attorney, Arthur Elias of Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. as Township Engineer, as well as Planning and Zoning Board members and various other working boards, their attorneys, and committees.



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Ziad Shehady Richard Huber David Barnett Margaret Bandrowski

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Message from the Mayor



As we start the New Year, we have a chance to view past issues from a fresh perspective. During the most recent election, the issue of forming a charter commission to study our government, and if necessary, make recommendations for changes was approved. One of the issues raised during the election concerned the idea of directly electing the mayor. Many residents are surprised by the way the mayor is chosen. In order to debunk the greatest myth, here it is:

it is quite similar to the way in which many European countries elect their leaders. The voters decide which party controls the governing body, and the governing body, through simple majority process designates the chairman of the governing body. In our town, you elect five committeemen. The committeemen then decide who will lead the committee. Then you have your mayor. This year, that is me.

I want everyone to know truly what an honor and a privilege this is. To be fair, your governing body is made up of five elected individuals. This talented group of people, along with the many amazing township employees makes this a truly wonderful place to live, work, and raise children.

Now for your basic civics course about Springfield and its township committee and the way responsibilities are delineated. There exist five sub-committees within the township committee. These sub committees specialize in finance, public safety, administration, public affairs, and public works. All five members of the governing body, in addition to serving on the township committee, also serve the town as chairman of one sub-committee, and as a member of another sub-committee. One of the first jobs charged to the mayor (chairman of the township committee) is the designation of which elected members will serve the town on which different sub-committees. It is not always an easy decision (as has been the case in many years past), and inevitably results in one or more members of the committee feeling that they drew the short straw. This is not the case, and once egos have mended, the governing body is able to proceed with the tasks charged to us as your elected representatives.

Once again, many thanks for this great honor. As in years past, all members of the township committee are available to the public. The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: this year, every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses: David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us, Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us, David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us, Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us, and Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us, or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday January 7, Tuesday January 8 and Tuesday January 22 at 7:30 p.m. Please check Township website for more details. Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers 2nd Floor, Town Hall

> PLANNING BOARD 1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 4th Wednesday, 7:30

4th Wednesday, 7:30 **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m. All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.-Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VELOPMENT REVIEW3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



TELL US WHAT YOU WANT.... AND YOU DID!!!

Over 900 of you told us and we are presenting the results!!!

The Springfield BID invites you to join us to hear

The JGSC Group present the results of this Marketing/Retail Study

When: Monday, January 14, 2013
7:00pm
Where: Firehouse, 200 Mountain Ave.
Joseph Pepe III Training Room

Please RSVP that you are attending to: springfieldnjbid@gmail.com or 973-740-8815

HOMELAND DEFENSE IS NOT NEW TO US!!!

JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE

For more than 45 years, the Springfield Auxiliary Police have served as an immediately available source of manpower to augment the services of the Springfield Police Department during special events and emergencies.

Auxiliary Officers are required to perform a minimum of eight hours per month of training patrols. Training Patrols are performed in one of our fully equipped Auxiliary Police patrol cars.

You can make a difference! You can help protect your family, community and neighbors by joining the Auxiliary Police. To learn more about the Springfield Auxiliary Police please fill in the application form on Page 4. You may contact us at oemcoordinator @springfield-nj.us or 973-467-3388. Please visit our website at www.springfield-nj.us/oem. Be a positive force in our Township's security and safety.

The Springfield Auxiliary Police is a division of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. The members of the Auxiliary Police are required to satisfactorily complete the New Jersey State Police Training Program. Our training includes a law enforcement curriculum covering such items as; criminal law, traffic control, preservation of evidence, arrest and seizure laws, first aid and CPR, hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction awareness, personal safety and the use of firearms. Auxiliary Officers are provided with all uniforms and equipment required to perform police work.

THE BID AT WORK FACEBOOK.COM/SPRINGFIELDNEWJERSEY WWW.SPRINGFIELDBID.COM

BID Annual Report for 2012

Last year was a busy year for the BID and we want you to know what we did and how much we accomplished.

This was our start up year. We developed our logo and web site so we can communicate to the public our mission and plan to help the Springfield business district become a destination location for consumers.

We Incorporated and drew up Bylaws for the organization. We applied and received 501c3 Tax Status from the IRS so we can apply for Grants.

We hired the JGSC Group to do a market/retail analysis of the town to help guide us in making decisions of where we need to focus our attention and what we need to do to help retain our existing businesses and to attract new businesses. These findings are ready to be presented to our stakeholders and to the public. We will be making this presentation on Monday, January 14, 7:00pm at the Firehouse, 200 Mountain Ave. in the Joseph Pepe III Training Room. We invite you to join us to hear the results of this analysis. The goal of the BID is to use the information to develop a plan for moving forward on improving the economic development of our business districts. Please mark your calendar; we are looking forward to seeing you there.

The BID believes that a large part of our mission is to help small business compete and be successful in these tough times. To this end we hired Mytown Marketing to develop cooperative advertising/marketing promotions to help drive business and teach our business owners how to use social media.

Mytown Marketing held four promotions throughout the year including:

"Savor Springfield", "Fall for All" and the "Holiday Savings" promotion.

Many businesses participated in these promotions and were thrilled with the results. Mytown Marketing also created the BID's Facebook.com/springfieldnj page. On this page we promoted local businesses, events and held contests to bring more people to our page and to our businesses.

The BID has worked with the Township Boards and departments to help make Springfield a "friendlier" place to do business. We were invited to participate on a committee with Planning Board to make getting permits for signage and development more efficient. We will continue to work with the building department and Planning/Zoning Boards to help make it more attractive for businesses to open and invest in Springfield.

The BID has worked with the Town to facilitate redevelopment in the Downtown. We partnered with the Town and contributed monies toward studies needed to receive a Flood Waiver from the Department of Environmental Protection so we can begin to encourage investment and rebuilding of the downtown. We hired experts in redevelopment to resurrect the redevelopment ordinance created years ago and begin the process towards implementation. Mc-Manimon, Scottland and Bauer, Redevelopment Attorneys, have begun meeting with property owners to get their input into this process. In 2013 the BID will continue to drive redevelopment and with the Township work on driving investment into the downtown.

For 2013 we are planning to work on the following:

- Forge positive relationships with Village officials, Village politicians, local newspapers, non-profits, cultural establishments
- Begin to create a business friendly atmosphere
 - Review existing codes
 - Work with Planning & Zoning Boards, Building Department
- Develop and implement a maintenance plan
- Develop and implement Design Criteria for the three business areas of town.
- Create incentives for investment into façade improvements
- · Do Parking Study
- Develop a Way Finding Sign System
- Facilitate Reinvestment of Morris Ave. (Downtown Area)

The Volunteers serving on the BID Board are property owners, business owners and residents dedicated to the success of the mission of the BID.

Have a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Board of Directors, Springfield Community Partnership

Care about Springfield?

Join the Springfield CERT Team



The Community Emergency Response Team program teaches disaster preparedness and response skills. We encourage diverse talents and accept flexible commitments.

To find out more about CERT and how you can help Springfield, contact the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. Supply your name, address, phone and number, and email address.

Springfield Office of Emergency Management 200 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081



Phone: 973-467-3388

Email: oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

To help your family, to help your neighborhood, and to help your town, join CERT.



Mayor Shehady, Rich Huber and David Amlen of the Township Committee present plaques to fellow committee members Jerry Fernandez and Marc Krauss for their service to the Township serving as Committee members.



Members of the Springfield Elks pose in front of "Santa's Workshop (Dr. Gary Hecht's office) where they delivered a carload of toys for the Toys for Springfield Kid's Campaign.

SPRINGFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS NEW SERVICES AND NEW WEBPAGE FOR 2013

New information and links are now uploaded onto the Health Department page of the Springfield web site which all residents can access at http://springfield-nj.us/departments/healthdepartment.html. The most exciting feature of the webpage is "Public Health TV" which offers informative videos directly on the home page. Some of the topics featured on this electronic TV station are: allergies, childhood obesity, sun protection, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, emergency preparedness and many more. Brief overviews and local information on other health concerns such as heating tips, storm follow-up and a listing of upcoming programs are included on the site with helpful links to more in depth information.

Additionally, the Springfield Health Department web page now has a "hot link" to the Madison Health Department site where residents can find complimentary information on the Department's current health programs and issues of concern to the public. These include flu shots, bed bug, emergency preparation advice and the re-emergence of whooping cough. We encourage residents to visit the site and learn more about the resources available to everyone in the community. Direct contact information for all health department staff is also posted on both web sites.

The Health Department has also planned some interesting programs for 2013 including interactive presentations on "Sun Protection" and "Flu and Hand washing" for Township employees, food handlers courses for local restaurants and other food establishments and senior programs aimed at helping people stay strong and healthy. We are very excited to be providing services for Springfield and look forward to meeting residents as we begin work in the community.

A Group for New Moms and Babies at TBAY: Birth -8 months
Thursdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14
9:30am-10:45 am
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
60 Temple Drive, Springfield
Facilitated by
Beth Sandweiss, MSW

Come together with a small, supportive group of women to share experiences, gather resources, ask questions, and bring more calm to the adjustment of motherhood. Form a warm, informative, and friendly community of moms. Coffee and snacks are provided. For more information contact Bethsandweiss@verizon.net

Topics Include: Helping your baby get to sleep so you can too, establishing eating and sleeping patterns, calming your crying baby, fostering attachment, learning how to relax and enjoy the moment and sorting through "the experts" advice.

I'M READY TO HELP MY COMMUNITY

Take the First Step by Completing this Preliminary Application and Mailing it to:

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

200 Mountain Avenue

Springfield, NJ 07081

(Please Print)

Name:	
Telepnone:	
Email Address:	
Previous Experience/Training:	
Previous Experience/Training: Military	Amateur Radio License
Applicants to the Auxiliary Police must be 18 years old and 0 Previous Experience/Training: Military Police Specialized Training	Amateur Radio License



Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

Regardless of the economic conditions that exist in our society there will always be those individuals who will commit various types of thefts of opportunity such as shoplifting, break-ins to motor vehicles and burglaries to houses or businesses. Both residents and merchants should be aware of some very simple techniques that can prevent their homes or businesses from being targeted by thieves.

Home owners must remember that a closed window is not a locked window as burglars will initially walk around a house to see if a door has been inadvertently left unlocked or if a window was closed but not locked by the homeowner. Whether you leave your house for the entire day or just an hour...always lock all doors and windows. Homeowners do not usually lock second story windows believing they are not accessible to a thief but in some cases a burglar will use lawn furniture or storage bins in the rear yard to be able to reach a higher window or a lower roof in order to open an unlocked upper floor window.

While the best deterrent to either commercial or residential burglaries is an alarm system there are other things that can be done to prevent a burglary. Homes with dogs as pets are least favored by most thieves who do not want to encounter a potentially unfriendly dog within the house and to this point, homeowners with or without a dog will buy and post a "beware of dog" sign on their property as an added deterrent.

At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime. Exterior sensor lights and interior lights on a timer will make it appear as if your home is occupied at night when you are away. Many burglars will first ring the doorbell of a house they believe is unoccupied to see if anyone is at home because burglars too know all about lights on timers. To easily thwart this you should always leave the light on in a bathroom on a second floor of your house. Bathroom windows are easy to distinguish from other larger second floor windows and a burglar not seeing anyone answer the door after the bell was rung may lead the burglar to believe the resident is in the bathroom and could not hear the bell. Most burglars do not want to confront residents and this uncertainty will usually result in their passing up on breaking into your home. Likewise any external lighting at businesses limits the ability for burglars to covertly be able to work on trying to pry open a window or a door.

Homeowners on vacation should make sure to stop mail or newspaper deliveries and not have any empty garbage or recycling cans left out in front of house as these are signs the residents are away. Again, motion sensor and timer lights will give the appearance that you

are home each night. If your home will not have any cars left in the driveway see if a neighbor, a relative or friend can park a car in your driveway so the home looks occupied.

Businesses with cash registers should have the register drawer left in the open position when the business is closed as the main focus of any retail burglary is to take the money in the register drawer. An open drawer, whether empty or containing a small amount of money, will save a business an added expense of having to replace an entire cash register.

As the price of gold and silver have never been so high this has resulted in house burglars going directly to master bedrooms to seek out and steal gold and silver jewelry and this is usually found both in jewelry boxes atop the dressers or stored inside of dresser drawers. Jewelry, especially items not worn on a regular basis, should be kept in a secure location that is not located within the master bedroom as burglars only spend a matter of minutes inside of a house and usually only search the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry. A common technique is to quickly pull out and dump the contents of dresser drawers to look for and retrieve any jewelry or cash and to look under the bed and in the closets of a master bedroom for any small metal security type lock box. These boxes, of which many are fireproof, are commonly used by residents to store money, jewelry, small handguns and many types of important documents ranging from passports to deeds. You must not leave this box anywhere in the master bedroom where it can be easily found as a burglar will always believe that this locked box will have something of value in it and as the box is portable the burglar will merely carry it off and break into it later on. The best locations to store these boxes containing your important papers is either atop a high shelf in your basement or in your attic as burglars never have the time or desire to search these

Motor vehicles when parked, even in your driveway overnight, should have all of the doors locked and the windows fully closed. Eliminate visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units on dash board or a pocketbook, a computer case or a cellular phone on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in. The overwhelming majority of thefts from cars parked overnight in residential driveways in Springfield had the thief merely going from driveway to driveway checking to see if the doors on a parked car were left unlocked.

The best deterrent to these types of property crimes is for residents who see anything or anyone they deem to be suspicious to immediately contact the police department and to relay the activity they observed so police officers can investigate the situation. Each year your police department is able to apprehend persons engaged in burglaries and thefts due to the alert observations of residents who see something suspicious and called the police. Many times residents will say that they "do not want to bother" the police on reporting something that may turn out to be nothing but this is no bother to your police department as the police rely on this type of cooperation to help stop these crimes before they occur.

CENTER BANCORP, INC. ANNOUNCES WALGREENS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY WITH ARC PROPERTIES, INC. IN SPRINGFIELD, NJ



(l to r) Michael McGrover, Union Center National Bank, Bill Boylan, UCNB, Pat Paolella, Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair, Scott Seidel, Vice Chairman, Business Improvement District, Ziad Andrew Shehady, Mayor, Robert Ambrosi, CEO ARC Properties, Marc Perul, President ARC Properties, Arthur Wein, COO Arc Properties

UNION, N.J., December 20, 2012 – Center Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNBC), parent company of Union Center National Bank ("UCNB" or the "Bank"), announced today the ground breaking ceremony of a new Walgreens (the "Property) located at the three-way signalized intersection of Morris, Meisel, and Maple Avenues in Springfield, New Jersey. The Property is a more than 13,000 square foot freestanding retail facility 100% leased to Walgreens Co. for a term of 25 years. The total project financing is valued at about \$8 million according to William J. Boylan, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending, at Union Center National Bank in Union, NJ.

"ARC Properties, Inc. is proud to break ground here in Springfield with our 27th Walgreens in the State of New Jersey and Union Center National Bank has been a great lender providing us capital for those expansion plans," said Robert Ambrosi, Chairman and CEO of ARC Properties, Inc., of Clifton, NJ. ARC Properties, Inc. was formed 25 years ago by Robert J. Ambrosi and Marc Perel and has been responsible for the development and acquisition of more than 300 properties with an aggregate value in excess of \$3 billion

Walgreens, a Fortune 100 Company operating 8,030 drug stores in 50 states in the US and Puerto Rico, as of October 31, 2012, is the nation's largest drug store retailer. "We are excited that Walgreens has chosen to make Springfield the home of one of its newest locations. Economic revitalization of our community is a priority and the groundbreaking represents a remarkable partnership between Walgreens, Union Center National Bank and the Township of Springfield that opens opportunities for job creation and expanded downtown redevelopment," said Township of Springfield Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady. The Township of Springfield, NJ, was incorporated in 1794, and has approximately 16,000 residents.



Brody and his mom, Kristin, shop at the E.V. Walton Holiday Boutique



Kindergartener, Sara, decides what to purchase at the E.V. Walton Holiday Boutique



Kristy and son, Jack, at the E.V. Walton Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast. Corn muffins, Turkey and applesauce were some of the goodies served.



Liv, Kindergarten, checks out the goods for sale at the E.V. Walton Holiday Boutique



Sammy and Nate show off their Native American costumes at the E.V. Walton Thanksgiving Feast.

SOCCER CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL WITH THIRD ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Members of the Soccer Club of Springfield visited Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside yesterday to deliver presents and spread holiday cheer. Over thirty players players ranging from age 5 to 14 from the junior, recreation and travel programs of the Soccer Club of Springfield delivered hundreds of toys, games, electronic devices and gift cards to the patients of the hospital. After delivering the presents, the Soccer Club players got a tour of the hospital, including stops at the therapy pool, playground and gym. The staff and patients were very appreciative of the Club's donation and will be giving the items to the children for the holidays, birthdays and as rewards for various achievements throughout the year. A special thank you to to all of the soccer families who donated their time and money to the hospital during this holiday season.



Soccer Club of Springfield players show Vivian Concepcion of Children's Specialized Hospital some of the games they are donating.

HONOR ROLL JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL - Q1/2012-2013

Grade 12

Doa'a H Abdelaziz, Summer Abdelaziz, Teresa Arpino, Rita Basak, Ashley Carr, Sara Channaoui, Jared Winzle Clayton, Catherine B Coleman, Ariana Christine Conte, Matthew Cypcar, Matthew Ryan Disko, Tara Marie Don, Ilyssa Frank, Heather Kristen Fritzen, Alexandra Julia Golden, Nathaniel Gozlan, Joshua Gutkin, Herlide Michelle Joseph, Adam A Kennedy, Elyssa Hannah Kerstein, Thomas Daniel Kirk, Margit Tamar Landa, Jordan Lee Levy, Michaela MacLean Loesberg, Charles Melman, Joelle Rae Menza, Breanne Catherine Mooney, Raquel Gabrielle Nese, Brendan James O'Reilly, Carlos Perez, Isaiah Rogers, Thomas A Rymer, Michael Paul Sandford, Jessica Danielle Sirotkin, Brandon Joseph Ulizio, David Gary Yablonsky, Nicole Tara Yellin

Grade 11

Austin Alfano, Nicole Athan, Lauren Ashley Bell, Sabrina Ann Bibbo, Michael Jared Bornstein, Angelica Marie Braxton, Tyler Jonathan Citrin, Ethan Stanley Crasto, Devin Damast, Nicole Dash, Angelica Dawidczyk, Andrew Delia, Marissa Marie Demartino, Deyoung Don, Amanda Dworkin, Ryan Fitzpatrick,
Jayna Gathers, Nicole Marie Grafanakis, Gregory
Herman, Jason Richard Hoehn, Joseph Pasquale Iuliano,
Gianna Izzi, Naomi Karlin, Brandon Kolton, Betty Levi,
Daniel Micolta, Taylor R Miller, Sammy Esam Mostafa,
Vincent Anthony Nagy, Jaclyn Ann Nardone, Nilu
Nixon, Meaghan O'Brien, Kyle Ostenfeld, Jamie Alyssa
Paolino, Nicholas Pek, Reese Utz Petersen, Suzanne
Marie Petrilli, Ricci Brooke Rajoppi, Nancy N Rocha,
Jessica Rose Rothbard, Bailey Jay Rudolph, Andrew
Joseph Sack, Armando Salvadore, Andrew Jacob
Shanes, Erkan B Sidar, Julia E Singer, Zane S Smith,
Menatolla Soliman, Richard William Strobel, Claudio
Sutera, Tal Torovezky, Michael Bryan Wang

Grade 10

Charles Michael Bachman, Jacques Oswald Blondet, Brendan Luis Burke, Sebastian Calvo, Jericho Chaikin, Matthew William Cieri, Mallory Clinton, Michaela Delviscovo, Randi Dorman, Patrick Thomas Drummond, Pauline Elizabeth Drummond, Laila Yovanna Fernandez, James Arthur Finnegan, Jared Gaon, Caroline Haskins, Mia Sara Herrel, Sarah Michaels Jordan, Hailey Alexandra Kaplan, Stephen Andrew Keffer, Rachel Konesky, Conner Chase Krumholz, Jacob Lowy, Michelle Martins, Jacqueline Mattoon, Jacquelyn Bianca Nese, Kishan Dilip Patel, Melissa Catherine Pearl, Michael James Pisauro, Julia Rechner, Leah Rousso, Raheel Shah, Joseph Sonza, Benjamin Steel, Rachel Marin Trinker, Kevin Wheat

Grade 9

Isabella B Barilla, Matthew David Barrasso, Dyesha Simmone Best, Rachel Leslie Blau, Olivia Jeanne Cacciatore, Megan Carrie, Conlin Chen-Powell, Marissa Chusid, Hailey Clinton, Ariadna Cordova, Charisse De Los Santos, Julianne Delia, Danielle Jenna Doren, Jacob Ehrlich, Elizabeth Giambattista, Noah Edward Goldberg, Ronald Peter Hoelzel, Amy Lauren Hom, Jesse Klarfeld, Daniel Kolton, Tyler Craig Koref, Dana Taylor Majewski, Jordan Mattoon, Amy Lynn Mc Laughlin, Drew Evan Meyerhardt, Erik Mortensen, Gregory Murphy, Priscille Ann-Melissa Myrthil, Devin O'Brien, Christine Jessica Podberezniak, Stephanie Nicole Ranieri, Johanna Christina Roman, Victoria M Salguero, Kevin Thomas Schweikert, Isabel Serrano, Katherine Ann Shanks, Jolene Frances Sinclair, Diana N Suita, Ariela Vega, Christina Zavis

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL - Q1/2012/2013

Grade 12

Andrew George Batallas, Michael Borkenstein, Benjamin Jacques Chabanon, Lindsey Blake Gaon, Nicole Paya, Frances Marie San George, Matthew Seale, Dawn Wilkenfeld

Grade 11

Ariel Kalati

Grade 10

Margaret A Hopkins, Josh Kadish, Andrew Walter Lashuk

Grade 9

Angela Arpino, Zachary Freeman, Timothy Saunders Golden, Vernon Chanliecco Videna, Neli Vorobyov

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

On December 20, 2012, Saint James the Apostle School held its Honors Presentation and Breakfast for students achieving honors for the First Trimester. Congratulations to the students who made the Honor Roll for the First Trimester:

FIRST HONORS

Grade 8 - Madison Jones

Grade 5 – Luke Bernstein, Rianna Cordeiro,

Mikaela Criscuolo, Alexandra Gaston, John McElroy, Kyle Roethlin, Christina Tillinghast

Grade 4 - Jacob Cordeiro, Samuel Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz **SECOND HONORS**

Grade 8 - Jack Burgess, Megan Duffy, Victoria Gainey, Jonathan Garzon, Emma Moxley, Mikaela Robes, Kieran Roy, Ingrid Veloso

Grade 7 – Lucia Alaimo, Arthur Anigbogu, Ian Ellmer, Sherilynn Garcia, Camille Martinez, Gabriella Musico, Thea Stratman-Olibrice

Grade 6 - Kevin Duffy, Nicole Ellerbrock, Kendall Ellmer, Tyler Kwinta, Daniel Malave, James McElroy, Carl Sanciangco

Grade 5 - Deraje Agbaosi, John Anigbogu,
Jocelyn Duallo, Grace Fischer, Kayla Flowers,
David Gbadamosi, Keaton Lissinna, Rachelle Montilus,
Michael Speckhart, Matthew Wightman, Madison Wright
Grade 4 – Eleanor Agress, Joseph Cangiano,
Jason Chacon, Patricia Falar, Gianna Melegh,
Adelina Pinho, Alexandra Pinho, Daniella Rosero
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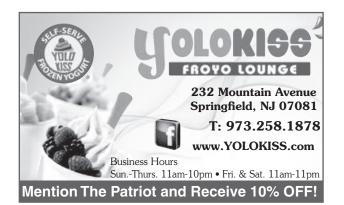
Grade 8 – Stephanie Daniels, Marinna Kwinta, Bryana Lissinna, Reuben Montilus, Juston White Grade 7 – Alyssa Carbonell, Michael Diamente Grade 6 - Natalie Dombroski, Maura Duffy, Hannah Makasare, Elisa Neri, Shane Williamson Grade 5 – Julianna Gore, Brian Gutierrez, Alexander Prescott, Najlaa Williams, Grade 4 – Ryan Fischer, Andre Lissinna, Chad Lohier, Isabella Robledo, Sean Valente

FEMA policies for Private Property Demolition Removal (PPDR) and Demolition of Private Structures:

· FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.13 - Debris Removal from Private Property: http://www.fema.gov/9500-series-policy-publications/952313-debris-removal-private-property

Definitions.

- 1. Disaster-generated debris: Any material, including trees, branches, personal property and building material on public or private property that is directly deposited by the disaster.
- 2. Improved property: Any structure, facility, or equipment that was built, constructed, or manufactured. Examples include houses, sheds, car ports, pools, and gazebos. Land used for agricultural purposes is not improved property (44 CFR 206.221(d)).
- 3. Legal responsibility: A statute, formally adopted State or local code, or ordinance that gives local government officials responsibility to enter private property to remove debris or to perform work to remove an immediate threat (44 CFR 206.223(a)(3), 44 CFR 206.221(c), and 44 CFR 206.225(a)(3)).
- 4. Private property: Land and structures, to include contents within the structures, built on land that is owned by non-governmental entities (44 CFR 206.224(b)).
- 5. Private road: Any non-public road for which a subdivision of the State is not legally responsible to maintain. Private roads include roads owned and maintained by homeowners associations, including gated communities, and roads for which no entity has claimed responsibility. Local police, fire, and emergency medical entities may use these roads to provide services to the community (44 CFR 206.224(b)).
- · FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.4 Demolition of Private Structures: http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-9500-series-policy-publications/95234-demolition-private-structures



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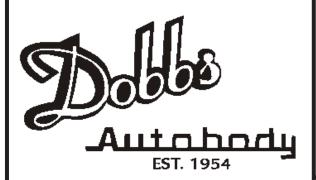
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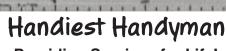
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Ariel's Storycraft (most) Fridays @ 4pm a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Storytime Yoga with Miss Pam Friday January 11 and 25, February 8 @ 10:30am ages 2 to 5

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver.
Thursday Jan 10, Sat Jan 12, Tues Jan 14,
Wed Jan 23, Sat Jan 26 @ 10:30

Save the date! Sunday Feb 24 @ 2pm Fit4Kids ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Thursday Feb 7 and Thursday Feb 28 Art4Kids ages 5 to 8. Kids can get creative with local artist Paula Gerber.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 10th, 2:00 pm Film Screening & Discussion with the filmmaker Teju Prasad. Not a Feather, But a Dot, a documentary film on the Indian-American community.

LECTURES

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm How to Expunge Your Criminal Record in NJ presented by Lavern Ballard, Legal Station

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, January 17th, 10:15 am Great Books Discussion Group

Thursdays, January 24th & February 14th Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman 10:15 am

Monday, February 4th, 7:00 pm Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell

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

Thursday, February 7th, 7:00 pmReally Good Book Discussion Group - State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

FILMS

Tuesday, January 22 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series- MORE "DID YOU MISS THESE? series Last year's offbeat comedy hit about two 12-year olds who fall in love and run away into the New England woods, turning their peaceful island community upside down. The "adults" in the story include Bill Murray, Bruce Willis, Frances McDormand and Edward Norton.

Monday, February 4 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series - MORE "DID YOU MISS THESE?" series. Last year's hit movie from the Batman trilogy. Actor Christian Bale prowls the night as the Caped Crusader, fighting crime and corruption. Also starring Anne Hathaway and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Thursday, January 17th, 7:30 pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, January 23rd, 7:00 pm Special Scrabble make-up session

Monday, January 28th & February 11th Knits Wits Knitting Group 10:00 am

Every Wednesday February 6th – April 10th FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program – BY APPOINTMENT 9:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm Chess club

Every Friday thru March, 12:30 pm Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday & Thursday, One-to-One Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

LIBRARY DATABASES FOR KIDS

Are you ready? We now have 62 Interactive books for kids! Zowee! Go to www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com and logon as sfpl p/w library

Selections range from early readers (Big Boats, Big Rollercoasters, Big Dinosaurs) to Graphic Novels (Jack and the Beanstalk, Hercules, Thumbelina) to Folktales and Fables for that First Grade reading requirement. A First Grader last year brought his tablet to school with his eBook, instead of checking out a regular book from the library! Words are highlighted as the stories are read, enabling students to

get the right pronunciation for the words. That is a big help when reading Jason and the Golden Fleece!

On the library website www.sfplnj.org look for the blue World Book Web link...on the homepage or the Kids page. Use your library card to login. The link leads to 2 wonderful databases:

- 1.) Early World of Learning for preschoolers to Grade 3. This includes Trek's Travels with stories, puzzles and sorting games (we also have Trek books in the library!), Welcome to Reading (read, play or watch on multiple levels) and Know It: Learn Fun Facts.
- 2.) Craft Corner for kids and adults! Get instructions and images for building complete crafts by inputting the age range of the crafters, materials on hand, specific holiday, costs as well as time involved. Ingenious!

NOT A FEATHER BUT A DOT

On Sunday, February 10th, 2013 at 2 pm the Springfield Free Public Library will host a screening and discussion of a 60 minute documentary film by the filmmaker Teju Prasad, "Not a Feather, but a Dot". The documentary examines the history, perceptions and evolution of the Indian-American community. The film begins by identifying and deconstructing the existing stereotypes surrounding the community then shows a side of the South Asian community not often seen in the mainstream. Finally, the film offers a different experiential model beyond the "melting pot" theory of immigrant experience in the United States of America.

Teju Prasad is an independent filmmaker, whose primary interest lies in documentary and short form storytelling. He's been involved in documentary and short films since 2004, and "Not a Feather, but a Dot" is his second documentary film. Mr. Prasad will be present at the screening to answer questions and discuss the film.

This program is free and everyone is welcome. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For additional information, call 973-376-4930.



DANIEL B. STEIN INDUCTED NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On December 5, 2012, Daniel B. Stein (shown in photo) and Amelie Heurteux and Tracy Levi (not in photo) all from Springfield, were inducted into the National Honor Society chapter at the Union County Academy for Information Technology on the UCVTS campus in Scotch Plains, NJ.



Fire Chief's Column Chief James Sanford

Fire Department 2012 Run Totals

The 2012 Fire Department run totals were 14% lower than 2011, but 6% higher than the five year average. However, the total fires were 3% higher. First Responder Medical Calls were 20% lower than 2011, but 4% higher than the five year average. False Alarms were 14% lower, which can be attributed to improved fire prevention inspections. Firefighter injuries declined 28%.

Total 2012 Incidents - 1,630

Residential Fires – 8 Commercial Fires – 1 Vehicle Fires – 8 Brush Fires – 9 Other Fires – 4 First Responder Medical – 594 False Alarms – 349 Mutual Aid Given – 40 Hazardous Materials – 96 Hazardous Conditions – 113 Service Calls – 401

Civilian Fire Injuries - 0 Civilian Fire Deaths - 0 Firefighter Injuries - 8 Firefighter Deaths - 0

Some notable incidents in 2012: Engine 3 and Foam Tender responded to a gasoline tanker fire in Elizabeth. The Foam Tender supplied foam concentrate and maintained a foam blanket for vapor suppression. Engine 3 responded to a residence for a medical service call for a person overcome by furniture stripper fumes; the patient went into cardiac arrest; Engine 3 and Springfield First Aid Squad performed CPR with defibrillation; the patient was revived; a Firefighter was also affected by the fumes and he was treated and released. Engine 3 responded to an apartment for a medical service call; the patient went into cardiac arrest; the patient was revived by Engine 3, Springfield First Aid Squad and Paramedics. All units responded to an attic fire in a residence; the fire was located in the attic area above the kitchen. All units responded to a structure fire at a residence; the fire started on the exterior and extended into the structure: the fire was contained to the exterior walls on the 1st and 2nd floors. All units responded to a building fire in a residence; the fire was contained to the second floor bathroom and the attic area above. All units responded for a vehicle into the building; Engine 3 arrived, evacuated the building and secured the utilities. Elizabeth Fire Department responded to shore the structure. Responded to 69 incidents during Hurricane Sandy and its residual effects; the most

notable incident types were power lines downed, tree downed onto structures and

unsafe conditions with makeshift heating, cooking and generator use. All units responded to a residential apartment over a business for a building fire; the resident tried to extinguish a fire without notifying the Fire Department; later that evening, a hidden fire erupted inside the wall.

In 2012, Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Life Hazard Use inspection activity met the NJ Division of Fire Safety requirement for providing a yearly periodic inspection to all LHUs. The Non-Life Hazard Inspection program has completed its first full year and has increased these annual inspections by 75%.

All residents are reminded that the Springfield Fire Department will continue looking to reduce risk through collaborative efforts and community support. Have a fire-safe 2013.

Total 2012 Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Inspections - 2,082

Life Hazard Uses – 157
Initial Inspections - 162
Re-Inspections - 278
Certificates of Compliance - 111
Non-Life Hazard Uses- 725
Initial Inspections - 702
Re-Inspections - 579
Certificates of Compliance - 640
Complaints Investigated - 150
Permits Issued - 54



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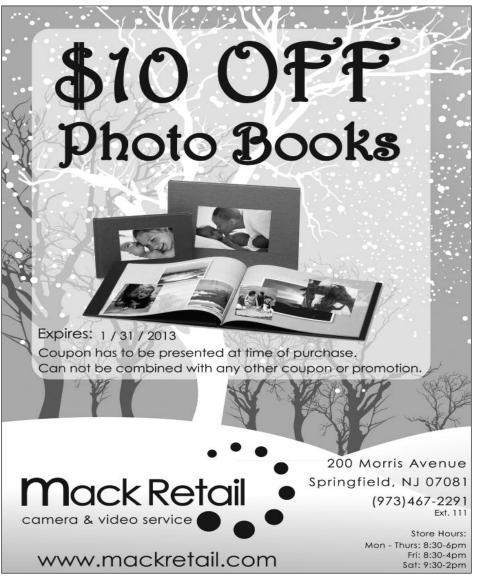
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2013 COLLECTION SERVICES FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CHANGES

The current contracts for garbage and recycling collection services ended December 31, 2012. The Township advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new collections services effective January 2013. The RFPs were advertised in October 2012 and were received back to the Township on December 4. Five eligible bids were received for garbage and recycling collection services.

On December 18, 2012 the Township Committee reviewed several solid waste and recycling options for 2013. After careful review, the Township Committee agreed to the following:

- Garbage collection will be once per week. If your garbage was picked up Monday and Thursday, your garbage collection day will be Thursday. If your garbage collection day was Tuesday and Friday, your garbage collection day will be Friday. This will start Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1, 2013, respectively.
- Bulk garbage pick-up will remain at 4 times per year: March 20-21, June 12-13, September 18-19 and December 11-12. Your bulk day will fall on the respective day in the previous bullet.
- Collection of garbage and recyclables in public parks and public containers in retail areas will now be collected by Regional Industries, LLC, a private hauler, thereby freeing up DPW workers to focus on their core operations.
- Recycling will be made easier by changing to "single-stream" recycling collection, allowing for recyclable bottles, cans, plastic containers and recyclable mixed paper to be co-mingled together into a single waste stream.
- Recycling will be increased from every other week to once a week, on Wednesday.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission will be helping the Township with education and outreach of the services and dates listed above.

Updated information and holiday pick is on the Township home page: http://www.springfield-nj.us/index.php?page=home and the DPW's home page: http://www.springfield-nj.us/departments/department-of-public-works.html. Frequent updates will be available on the Springfield Patch.

Anthony Cancro Township Administrator Township of Springfield 100 Mountain Ave Springfield, NJ 07081-1729



TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

Madison Wright, a 5th grader at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield, thought it would be very nice to give a sheltered animal a Christmas present this Christmas, so she organized a pet products collection in her class. In the spirit of giving, her classmates donated cans of pet food, biscuits and various toys. Madison delivered the items to the Union Township Animal Shelter in Union, NJ, just in time for Christmas.

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Materials Accepted for Single Stream Recycling

Mixed Paper/Cardboard
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Plastics
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Food & Beverage Containers

Soda & Beverage Cans

Pots & Pans



Food & Beverage Container

Plastics
Soda & Drink Bottles
Plastic Cups & Plates
Wide-mouth Containers
such as peanut butter,
mayonaise, etc.
Prescription Bottles

Basically, anything that we recycle now can be recycled single stream

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR SINGLE STREAM

The inclusion of prohibited items will result in recycling not being collected

- mirrors, windows, auto glass
- light bulbs (any type)
- ceramics, dishware or pyrex
- any type of electronics
- batteries of any kind
- paint, pesticides
- styrofoam
- needles, syringes, etc.
- vhs, cassettes
- appliances
- motor oil, anti-freeze, including their

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING MAKES RECYCLING EASY AND CONVENIENT

While most of you have been recycling for quite some time now, single-stream recycling might be a new concept.

JUST ONE BIN IS USED FOR ALL RECYCLABLES

By using one bin for all recyclables the ease and convenience of recycling is increased. All of the sorting that you did in the past will now be done by the recycling company. This means that more people will participate and more resources will be saved. We're making recycling easier for you.

Single-stream recycling offers more efficient collections. In the past the haulers normally had to run two recycling routes. Now they will just run one. This decreases the costly part of the recycling program as well as decreases the pollution from the vehicles.

One of the concerns about single-stream recycling is that one bin encourages people to put more than recyclables in it. That's why we need YOU— our educated conscientious recyclers to help make this new recycling method a success.

We ask that you continue to do your part to empty and rinse all of your containers to keep food contamination out of your bin. Please use the DPW's chart on what can be recycled. Perhaps post the allowable recycling materials in your house near your bins to make the process easier for you, your family and your guests. If your neighbors are confused, help them.

Other communities have found that 50-70% of their waste has been diverted from landfills in part by switching to single-stream recycling. Some notable cities include Denver, Tucson, Philadelphia and Dallas. Trash collection will now be once a week. If you tend to have a lot of trash, take a look and see how much of that can be recycled. You might just surprise yourself.

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