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THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2014**8:30 am - 9:30 am**
Emergency**Management Office**
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AUXILIARY POLICE NAME "OFFICER OF THE YEAR"

On January 23, 2014 the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual holiday party and awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. A first for the Auxiliary, the venue was well received by all attendees and made for a very special evening. Service pins were presented to members for each five years of service to the unit. Topping the list were Corporal Ronnie Minitsky with 46 years of service, Lt. Jeff Katz with 45 years and Scott Seidel with 35 years in the Auxiliary Police (both having served longer terms overall with Emergency Management), and Officer Gary Butler with 29 years, Chief Angelo Palumbo 22 years, Lt. Ken Rygiel and Officer Art Haliczar 18 years, Officer Joe Teixeira 15 years, Lt. Howard Apsan 13 years and Sergeant Robert Abraham 5 years. Each officer received a framed certificate and a pin to wear on their Uniforms. The Harold H. Liebsekind Auxiliary Police of the Year Award was presented to Sergeant Dave Root acknowledging not only his several hundred hours of duty during the year, but also for his assistance in working on the Auxiliary Police Patrol Vehicles, creating a new Auxiliary Police Logo and designing the new layout for the Auxiliary Police vehicles. Mayor Richard Huber was present and addressed the group thanking and praising them for their volunteer efforts. Chief John Cook of the Springfield Police Department complimented the officers on their devotion to duty and professionalism. OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel presented Sergeant Root with his plaque bearing the new Auxiliary Police logo. Seidel noted, "It makes me proud to be able to say I am a part of this organization. In 2013, the Auxiliary put in almost 2,300 hours of volunteer duty for the Township consisting of routine training patrols, court duty, special events, emergencies and of course our "flagship" event, the Fourth of July celebration. Almost 10% of our annual hours were performed on the Fourth. On the Fourth, everyone would like to be with their families, but for the Auxiliary Police, as well as the many other Emergency Management and CERT Volunteers, it means spending time away from their families to make sure the Township runs a safe and secure event. These are truly special people."



(l to r) Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, Sergeant Dave Root, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo and Springfield Police Chief John P. Cook

FIRST AID SQUAD SWEARS IN 2014 OFFICERS



(l to r) Stu Maslow, House Committee; Matthew Raymond, Supply Sgt.; Jeffrey Shanes, Training Officer; Richard Raymond, Second Lieutenant; Shane Ronan, First Lieutenant; Apu, Captain Zachary Sandman, Treasurer; Amy Rossomando, Corresponding Secretary; Jill Siletski, Secretary; Ken Siletski, Vice President; Elizabeth J. Fritzen, President; Richard Huber, Mayor

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JOE VOORHEES

SPRINGFIELD OEM CONDUCTS SHELTER TRAINING CLASS

During Tropical Storm Sandy the Township Office of Emergency Management operated a shelter for almost two weeks. During that time it became evident that a cadre of trained shelter operators would be needed by the Township were it to once again operate a local Shelter. Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz commented "When there is a regional or statewide disaster or need for mass sheltering, the Red Cross tends to operate 'regional' shelters, and is unable to come in and run a shelter in each town that may want one. Their resources are stretched as thin as everyone else in that type of scenario. It became apparent during sandy that we would need to train our



Red Cross Instructors (standing) Cythina K. McConnel and Bruce Rights instructing the class at the Emergency Operating Center at Springfield Emergency Management.

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Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone is off to a wonderful start to this New Year. First let me start by saying I am honored to serve this wonderful town as mayor for the 2014 year. Mother Nature has made for a very difficult month. With that I would like to thank Ken Homlish, our Superintendent of Public Works, and his staff for their excellent work in clearing the snow and ice from our roads and sidewalks. Also, a special thanks to Police Chief John Cook and his staff, and Fire Chief James Sanford and his staff for keeping our town safe.

Many of us are upset of the recent problems we have been experiencing with our mail delivery. I have spoken several times to both the United States Postal Service and to Leonard Lance's office and they have assured me that they are working to fix the problems.

Unfortunately for us, the United States Postal service is a federal agency; therefore we have no jurisdiction over them. If you continue to experience problems, please email me at richard.huber@springfield-nj.us.

Our Recreation Department has been hard at work over the last few months. Recently our new Senior Center opened at the Chisolm Recreation Center. Also all of the Recreation Department Offices have moved there as well. They have been experiencing some problems with the phone lines, so please let the phone ring 5 times before hanging up. Verizon has assured us that these problems will be fixed in the very near future. The community has been undergoing some major renovations this offseason. The inside of the pool has been sand blasted and repainted, the concrete around the pool has been fixed and a new filter system is being installed.

We are also mourning the loss of former Springfield Mayor Phillip Kurnos. Mr. Kurnos served as the mayor of Springfield from 1991 through 1993. Some of his many accomplishments were organizing the 1993 United States Open held at Baltusrol Golf Club and his work in building the Springfield Basketball program. Mr. Kurnos positively impacted many lives here in Springfield. There are many different areas where residents can become involved. If you would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Town Hall at (973) 912-2200. Remember, together WE ALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Richard Huber, Mayor 2014

- With the recent changes to the Springfield Patch, resulting in less focus on Springfield, the
- Patriot Times will endeavor to add updated information to its website, www.springfield
- patriot.com. To do this we will need your help as we are an all volunteer operation. Please
- email news stories for the webpage to info@springfieldpatriotonline.com. We can not take
- any anonymous submissions so please include contact information so we may verify content.
- Also, no letters to the Editor or other subjective commentary will be used. Examples of
- information we could post on the website, but does not make it in the printed edition might
- be photos and scores for school athletic events, school closings or temporary road closings
- etc. We will give this a try and see if we can make it work. Publishing the paper monthly is
- a huge project so we will see what can be done to help keep Springfield informed.
- We welcome your help and assistance in procuring news and information for us.
- The Patriot Times is YOUR paper. Help us to serve you better!

We at the Patriot Times wish Liz Alterman of the Springfield Patch well.
We understand that she will not longer be working in our area on the Patch.
We have always worked well with her and are sorry to see her leave.

Scott, John & Pat, Editorial Staff

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, February 10th, Workshop, 7:30 pm,
at the Fire Department

Tuesday, February 11th, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall
Tuesday, February 25th, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall

All municipal offices closed on Monday, February 17th,
for Presidents' Day!

PLANNING BOARD 1st Wednesday, pm

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 4th Wednesday, 7:30 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 pm

All of the above meet at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

THE BID AT WORK

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FEBRUARY UPDATE



The BID Board of Directors for 2014 Officers

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Roberto Camacho, Investors Bank
Mike Scalera, State Farm Insurance
Scott Seidel, Cardinal Land Properties, Inc.
Kevin Vitale, Baltusrol Golf Club
Dana Zuber, Jack Zuber, DDS
David Barnett, Committee Liaison
Beth Lippman, Executive Director/Consultant

MARKETING

The BID is planning an exciting marketing program for our businesses this year.
“Meet our Professionals” Video
Weekly Facebook “Promoted Posts”
Quarterly Networking events
Spring Fling
Savor Springfield
Fall For All
Holiday Coupons

Concerts on Morris Avenue will return this summer. Stay tuned for dates and times.



We are continuing to improve the Springfield App and get it out to the public.

We are developing a directory of BID businesses that will be mailed to all residents of Springfield. This will be a handy tool when seeking local resources.

VISUAL IMPROVEMENT

The BID is working on plans to design and install Welcome to Springfield, Directional,

Trailblazing and Parking signs. Our goal is to have them installed by late spring.

We will be hiring a Landscape Architect to begin developing plans to improve the streetscape on Mountain Avenue. We are hoping to begin the first phase in the fall of 2014.

Together North Jersey will be presenting their final plan and recommendations in March. This plan will coincide with the Redevelopment Plan for Morris Ave. The Township has hired a planner to begin working on this Redevelopment Plan. A lot of great things are happening in town!

As you can see, we are very busy working to make Springfield the premier place to shop, dine and do business!

Springfield Community Partnership (BID)

Calendar 2014

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month, 8:30 am

February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16
July 15	

*Meetings are held at the Investors Bank
207 Morris Ave.*

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE JANUARY 2014

At the January 1, 2014 re-organization meeting, both Richard Huber and Jerry Fernandez were sworn in as Township Committeemen for three year terms; in addition, Richard Huber was selected by the Committee as Mayor for the year 2014, and David Barnett was chosen as Deputy Mayor. Appointments to various Sub-committees were announced. New appointments to township boards and positions were also announced and those appointees were sworn in as well. The meeting was followed by a jam-packed bipartisan reception at the new Senior Center at the Chisholm Community Center.

On January 13 the first workshop meeting was held at the Firehouse. Reports were presented by all Township Department heads and there was opportunity for discussion by the Township Committee members and the public. Topics discussed included the plans for the Municipal Pool and also issues surrounding the Township's television station. The Committee designated these two areas as priority matters to be examined during 2014.

At the first regular session of the year, held on January 14, announcements were made regarding the Free Rabies Clinic and dog and cat license renewals among other events, including a Proclamation designating January 11 as the annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Mayor Huber also swore in the officers and new members of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad for the new year, who were praised and thanked for the

important work they do for the residents of Springfield. Routine business matters were also dealt with. Included was the issuing of a contract for certain planning services for downtown redevelopment and the authorization for the hiring of a new fireman to fill the vacancy made by the impending retirement of a captain. The new fireman will be at entry level, resulting in considerable savings to the Township, with a new captain to be decided on in the future. There were several items covered in the public discussion portion of the meeting.

At the regular session of January 28, a number of routine ordinances were passed and payroll and invoices for the preceding two weeks were approved. There were no new ordinances. The energy auction scheduled for this date has been postponed until possibly March due to unfavorable conditions inflating prices (this is the program which would benefit residents; the township has a program in place for the municipal energy costs).

PLEASE NOTE: *The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. The Workshop meeting is held monthly in the Firehouse on the Monday preceding the first Executive session of the month. Executive sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Municipal Building. Both meetings are at 7:30.*

SHELTER TRAINING CLASS

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own people to be able to become more proficient at operating a shelter." Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel noted, "Our CERT team basically stepped in and operated the shelter during Sandy with no formal training. They did an amazing job with the assistance of the Springfield First Aid Squad, Police and Auxiliary Police Departments and many other Township residents who came to help. Deputy Coordinator Schultz and I attended the shelter class with the CERT team and I believe it was very informative and actually validated many of the actions the CERT team took in operating the shelter on their own. Ten CERT team members, two members of the Auxiliary Police and a member of the Springfield First Aid Squad took the class."

Care about Springfield? Join the Springfield CERT Team

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 oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

INFLUENZA UPDATE

The Springfield Board of Health and the New Jersey Department of Health would like to remind all healthcare providers to encourage all patients 6 months of age and older who have not yet received an influenza vaccine this season to be vaccinated against influenza. Annual influenza vaccination is the best tool for prevention of influenza and its complications.

As of week ending January 11, 2014, NJDOH is reporting high levels of influenza in the state. Information collected from hospitals, laboratories, schools and long term care facilities indicate these levels are highest in the Northwest, Northeast, and Central West regions of the state. The Central East and Southern regions are reporting moderate activity. Similar to national reports, NJDOH is seeing a predominance of pH1N1 with a majority of these cases occurring in children under 4 years of age and persons 20 to 54 years of age.

So far in the United States this season, 61.6% of the reported hospitalizations have been in people 18 to 64 years old. The CDC reports a total of 10 influenza-related pediatric deaths for the 2013-2014 season at this time. To date, no pediatric influenza deaths have been reported to NJDOH.

LOOKING FOR CANCER SCREENING PROVIDERS

The Union County NJCEED (New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection) Program is looking for clinicians interested in becoming participating cancer screening providers in the Program. NJCEED program provides free breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancer screening and diagnostic services to those who qualify. Clinicians participating in the Program would provide clinical breast examinations, pelvic exams, Pap tests, DREs, FOBTs kits and draw blood for PSA tests and their services would be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis at Medicare rates. When indicated, further diagnostic tests such as mammograms, surgical consults, needle biopsies and breast ultrasounds are also provided free of charge on a referral basis to other participating providers. Those eligible for free services at a participating clinician's medical practice must have incomes at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level, be uninsured or underinsured and meet age requirements such as age 40 to 64 for breast and cervical cancer screenings, and age 50 to 64 for colorectal and prostate cancer screenings. Younger adults are also eligible for the Program if they meet the income and insurance requirements and also have conditions that place them at a higher risk for developing breast, cervical, colorectal or prostate cancer. The NJCEED Program is a locally administered New

Jersey Department of Health funded Program that seeks to increase the awareness of each person's risk for breast, cervical, prostate and/or colorectal cancer and to encourage persons to use screening services for early detection and more effective treatment. For additional information please contact Paul Fernandez at 908-451-5945.

GIVE US A SHOUT WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

The Township government is always looking for ways to be more effective in our operations and better serve our residents, at the lowest possible cost. Getting your feedback is one way we can be responsive to your concerns and suggestions. While we cannot guarantee we can satisfy all your requests, we still would like to hear from you. Tell us your suggestions, advice and what is important to you. Give us a shout at suggestions@springfield-nj.us

TOWN WIDE ENERGY AUCTION POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

Back in September 2013 the Township Committee approved the purchase of less expensive electricity through an auction process under a state law called Energy Aggregation. The Township hired Jersey Energy Group (JEG) to act as an energy aggregator to establish an energy aggregation program to purchase electricity for residential and non-residential customers town wide in Springfield. Over the past several months JEG held Town Hall meetings, and all the necessary state approval have been obtained.

On January 28, 2014 an on-line reverse auction was to be held to select a third party energy provider for the Township. However, at the request of JEG it was recommended the Township postpone the auction until sometime in March. The recent extreme weather experienced across the country has had tremendous effect on the price of natural gas, which has increased approximately 30% in the last two weeks. This move has caused the energy forward power price for a 12 month term to increase by more than 7.5%. As a result of this market volatility, two suppliers have decided to pull their bids for the Springfield auction. According to JEG, "given the recent price rise as well as the absence of such a strong competitor in the marketplace, the Township of Springfield should postpone its scheduled reverse auction for electric supply until early to mid-March".

Updates regarding the status of the auction will be posted on the Township's website, FB and on the Springfield Patch.

PAY YOUR FEBRUARY PROPERTY TAXES ON-LINE!

To make it easier for residents and property owners, you can pay your 1st quarter, February property taxes on-line.

The Township of Springfield is offering the option to pay your property taxes conveniently on-line through Visa or MasterCard credit cards or checking account ACH Payment (e-Check).

Using a credit card or an ACH payment is optional. It is intended as another option for paying your property taxes that may be more convenient than mailing or waiting on-line to pay your taxes at Town Hall. On-line payment using ACH payment (bank debit) is free.

There is a credit card service charge. The fee that is charged is the cost that is passed onto the Township from the credit card provider/merchant and therefore must be passed onto the taxpayer. The Township doesn't make money on this service charge.

Look for the logo on the right side of Township web site at <http://springfield-nj.us>.

SNOW PLOWING AND SHOVELING ETIQUETTE - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Know which way the wind (and snow) blows. The first step in successful snow blowing is to blow snow with the wind, never against it. While this sounds simple, implementing this will ensure that you don't have to keep re-doing the same areas over and over. This direction may change often during a session, even during the same pass, so constantly adjust your approach accordingly. Never blow snow into the street.

Once you have a handle on the wind, plan in advance where the snow will be piled up. Consider that the snow will need to be piled in the same areas each snowfall, so it may get very high over time. This height can present safety and security issues, so care needs to be taken to avoid making a mound of problems.

- Take into account your and your neighbors' need to see street traffic when piling snow at the end of your driveway. It may be necessary to divert piles to other parts of the yard to prevent sight obstruction.

- Be careful about piling snow against your house. Piling snow high against your home's foundation may lead to flooding problems when it starts to melt.

- Take weight of the pile into consideration if piling large amounts of snow on structures.

- Be mindful not to blow snow directly at buildings, vehicles, or into the street because the snow blower may pick up and throw rocks and other debris, as well as DPW having to re-plow your street again.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Chief of Police John Cook would like all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times to be aware of the following suggestions for winter driving safety.

Winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended as thieves can easily drive off with it especially if you leave your vehicle running when you stop to pick up coffee or a newspaper during your commute. It only takes seconds to drive off with your car.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid any freeze-up to the gas line.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Do not use a hand held cell phone to talk or text while driving and during times of bad weather limit external distractions so you can concentrate on road conditions.
- Use caution on roadways that have expansive overpasses. Treated road surfaces may be dry from the salting and the sun but some surfaces under an overpass may not receive sunlight and a driver can encounter icy road conditions on what may otherwise be a dry roadway.

Tips for long-distance winter trips:

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a reputable repair facility.
- Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times.
- Pack a cellular telephone with your local emergency telephone numbers, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.
- If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and be come lost.
- Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
- If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Tips for driving in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to



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stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have some where you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.



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Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just the holiday season. Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by calling 973-467-3388 or mailing a check.

You will be contacted promptly. All requests for donations and assistance will be kept strictly confidential.

CENTER BANCORP, INC. AND CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC. TO MERGE, CREATING

New Jersey's Premier Community Bank Combined Company to be Named ConnectOne Bancorp with \$3 Billion in Assets Center Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNBC, or "Center") and ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNOB, or "ConnectOne") jointly announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement to merge, in a transaction valued at \$243 million, based on the closing price of Center common stock on January 17, 2014. Based on financial results as of December 31, 2013, the combined company will have approximately \$3.0 billion in total assets, \$2.3 billion in total deposits and \$2.1 billion in total loans with 24 branch locations across northern New Jersey. On a pro forma basis, the combined bank will be the fourth largest New Jersey headquartered banking institution in the markets it serves and will be focused on serving middle market commercial businesses in some of the most affluent counties in the state.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, which has been approved by both companies' boards of directors, ConnectOne shareholders will receive a fixed exchange ratio of 2.6 shares of Center common stock for each share of ConnectOne common stock. Upon closing, Center shareholders will own approximately 54% of the combined company's stock, while ConnectOne shareholders will own approximately 46%. The merger is expected to generate fully phased-in annual cost savings of approximately \$7.0 million or approximately 14% of the expected combined expense. The merger is expected to be accretive to both Center's and ConnectOne's earnings per share in 2015, excluding the impact of potential revenue enhancement opportunities. Additionally, it is anticipated that the combined company's capital ratios will remain well in excess of regulatory minimums and that the combined company will have sufficient capital to continue its growth strategy. "We are excited to announce the combination of two high performing New Jersey community banks," said Frank Sorrentino, ConnectOne's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Both banks have a demonstrated track record of strong financial performance, exceptional customer services and commitment to the communities that we serve. We believe together, with our increased scale, expanded geographic footprint and investments in technology, we are well positioned to serve the marketplace and continue to be the bank of choice for middle market commercial businesses." Anthony C. Weagley, Center's President & Chief Executive Officer said, "This merger creates value for the shareholders, customers and employees of both companies, while continuing to be an important contributor to the communities in which we operate. The compatible cultures of our two organizations make this partnership a natural fit. We are excited about our combined growth prospects and believe we are well positioned in the marketplace to continue our industry leading growth." The combined company's leadership team will be assembled from both organizations with ConnectOne's Frank Sorrentino serving as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President and Center Bancorp's Anthony C. Weagley.



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CITIZEN INQUIRY SYSTEM MAKES IT EASY TO REPORT A SERVICE REQUEST

Please remember to use the new citizen service request management system to report any concerns or issues that you need to report. Citizens expect a certain level of services and this new method is an easy, on-line way of informing the Town knows of your service request needs.

The web-based software tool is intended to allow Township officials to better manage citizen service request, increasing efficiency and shortening the response time. By using the system, Township officials will be able to quickly accept service requests and route them directly to the department responsible for resolving the issue.

Each entry is automatically assigned a tracking number and instantly routed via e-mail to the department responsible for handling the service request. Citizens can elect to be notified each time they submit a new request.

The Township is always looking for better ways to resolve issues for residents and businesses in an efficient and effective manner. Information will only be used to offer better services and improve staff efficiency. The program is sponsored by Investors Bank of Springfield, NJ.

To submit a citizen service request, look for the logo below on the Township home page at <http://springfield-nj.us>



THE MORRIS AVENUE VISION PLAN NEARING COMPLETION

A presentation of the final report for the Together North Jersey Morris Avenue Vision Plan will be presented on March 11, 2014 at a Town Hall meeting.

The Morris Avenue Vision Plan is being developed, as a result of the Township receiving a grant, to create a "walkable downtown" for Springfield, which generally includes the Township's redevelopment area as well as commercially used or zoned lands along Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue. The project is being conducted in conjunction with the Township's ongoing redevelopment plan process and will result in recommendations that mitigate the auto-oriented nature of the area, improve bus stop locations and amenities, promote mixed use development in the downtown, improve environmental conditions, and manage parking. The Plan will build upon the market analysis and retail assessment previously commissioned by the Springfield Business Improvement District.

The Morris Avenue Vision Plan has five project goals: 1. Creating a walkable and bike friendly downtown that is attractive to the residents, visitors and businesses; 2. Providing safe and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities; 3. Optimizing the locations of NJT bus routes and stops; 4. Ensuring an adequate supply of efficient and convenient parking locations; 5. Mitigating future flooding.

There will be a presentation by the consultants on March 11, 2014 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, second floor, prior to the Township Committee meeting. All residents and interested parties are welcome to attend.

PRESIDENTIAL OPEN HOUSE AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE (CBH)

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on Sunday, February 16th from 2 to 4 pm. In honor of it being Presidents' Day weekend, a letter that George Washington wrote from Springfield during the Revolutionary War will be exhibited. Re-enactors from the Third Brigade of the American Revolution will be present and showing their respect for "the Father of Our Country," by standing guard over the letter.

In addition to the Washington letter, there are other examples of penmanship on display at the Cannon Ball House. These will include a letter signed by President Herbert Hoover and the continuing Civil War correspondence of Wellington Briant. To pursue these letters and see other artifacts on exhibit, join us one day shy of Presidents' Day at the Cannon Ball House.

Hours: Sunday, February 16th from 2 to 4.
Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

Note: We will not be open
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with caregiver, on selected mornings @ 10:30 am:

Tuesday Feb 4	Thursday Feb 6
Thursday Feb 13	Saturday Feb 15
Friday Feb 21	Tuesday Feb 25
Friday Feb 28	

Friday Storycraft Drop in @ 4pm in February,
for ages 3 to 7. A story and a simple craft.

**Wednesday Board Game Bonanza Drop in @ 3:45
to 5:00 pm** All ages, preschoolers with caregivers
especially welcome to play Candy Land, Scrabble
Junior, Chutes and Ladders, Sorry!, UNO, CONNECT
4 and more!

Wii Games are back! Wednesdays at 4:00-6:00 pm
boys and girls ages 6 to 11.

**Let's Play Chess! For Kids ages 6 to 11. Games @
4:00 to 5:00 pm.** Meet new friends over this challeng-
ing and fun game. Students should be able to play in-
dependently.

Math Homework Help Wednesday afternoons
from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Please bring your homework
and textbook.

Djembe Drum Circle @ 2:00 pm
Sunday February 16. A family program for teens
and adults. Children must be age 9 and up to attend.

FEMA SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council.

The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. Additionally, the youth leaders have the opportunity to complete a self-selected youth preparedness project and to share their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions and questions regarding youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national youth preparedness organizations. Once selected, members serve on the Council for one year, with the option to

extend for an additional year, if formally requested by FEMA.

Council activities and projects center around five key areas of engagement: Programs, Partnerships, Events, Public Speaking/Outreach and Publishing. Members represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and share information with their communities. They also meet with FEMA on a regular basis to provide ongoing input on strategies, initiatives and projects throughout the duration of their term.

Any individual between the ages of 12 and 17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply to serve on the Youth Preparedness Council. Individuals who applied last year are highly encouraged to apply again. Adults working with youth and/or community preparedness are

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays, February 21st, 12:30 pm
Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon.

Sunday, February 16th, 2:00 pm
Celebrating Black History Month:
West African Drum Djembe Drum Circle
led by Richard Reiter.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursdays, February 27th and March 13th
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman
10:15 am

Thursday, February 20th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion – Bible: "The Book of Job".

Sunday, February 23rd, 2:00 pm
Authors' visit: Saloma Furlong will discuss her new
book "Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to
Two Worlds".

Wednesday, March 5th, 7:00 pm
"Topics of Interest" with Bobby Fewell.

Thursday, March 6th, 7:00 pm (Really Good)
Book Discussion – "Once We Were Brothers" by
Ronald Balson.

Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 pm
Visit from Rosie Genova, author of the recently
released mystery novel "Murder and Marinara".

FILMS

Tuesday, February 18th, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film - SCIENCE FICTION
CLASSICS: Star-studded cast in writer/director's
Michael Crichton's tale of a futuristic adult-themed
amusement park where the robots run amok. 1973.

Monday, March 3rd, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film - SCIENCE FICTION
CLASSICS: Steven Spielberg's epic adventure of or-
dinary people having otherworldly experiences and
trying to contact alien intelligence. 1977.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

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

Wednesday, February 19th
Makeup date for Monday, Feb. 17.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

Every Wednesday, February 5th – April 9th
FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

INSTRUCTION

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

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MEETING FEBRUARY 27

Springfield Hadassah will hold an open meeting on Thursday, February 27, 12:30 pm at the Springfield Public Library. Springfield Committeewoman and Historical Society Chairperson Margaret Bandrowski will be the featured speaker. Ms. Bandrowski's presentation is entitled, "And now for something completely different..."

Her program will deal with how the Civil War experiences of local hero Edward Wade and Dover native Wellington Bryant differed. One man's story has a tragic ending. The other man had a more positive experience. Featured during the program will be selections from the letters exchanged by the soldiers and their respective families with accounts of their activities and attitudes during their military service from 1861 to 1864. These letters open windows into the lives of human beings who fought, suffered, and survived the war between the States as well as the families who waited for them at home.

A mini lunch will be served. The public is invited and non Hadassah members who plan to attend are urged to contact Lorraine Seidel at lorraineseidel@gmail.com or 973-376-5067 to make reservations.

encouraged to share the application with youth who might be interested in applying.

Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form and two letters of recommendation. Specific information about completing and submitting the application and attachments can be found in the application instructions. All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than February 24, 2014, 11:59 p.m. EST in order to be eligible. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2014.

*For more information about the Youth
Preparedness Council and to access the
application materials, please visit
<http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>*

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8 week session beginning Friday January 31st through Friday March 21st (every Friday for 8 weeks)
Minimum 6 kids to run this program

This running program, suitable for ages 8-14, (coed) will feature how to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young athletes or children who would like to improve their speed and fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques are also covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Classes that featured endurance running.

Will meet every Friday 4:30-5:15 pm, location Chisholm Community Center (in gym)
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$50

Register at Springfield Recreation, Chisholm Community Center
100 S. Springfield Ave.; 973-912-2226
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm or mail in form to above address
Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us with any questions

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ANY HEALTH OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS _____
Our child has been examined by a physician, and to the best of our knowledge is physically fit to participate in a recreation program. Permission is hereby granted to engage in this activity. The Township of Springfield, employees, or coaches will not be liable for any injury incurred from practices or games.

Parent's Authorization _____

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TryCAN is a collaboration of several communities offering an array of recreation programs for youth with special needs or those who need special accommodation. No nonresident fees are involved and all are welcome! You do not have to be a Springfield Resident to take part in any TryCan program!

Springfield Recreation Department is happy to announce we have collaborated with TryCan to offer our youth with special needs the ability to play sports. We are offering a 7 week basketball program.

Chisholm Community Center

Beginning Tuesday February 4th - Tuesday March 18th

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

How to sign up please mail, or stop by the address below.

\$50 check made payable to the Township of Springfield
Springfield Recreation
Chisholm Community Center
100 S. Springfield Ave.; 973-912-2226
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm or mail in form to above address
Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us with any questions

Try Can program 2014 (Winter session)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ANY HEALTH OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS _____
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Parent's Authorization _____

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Springfield Recreation SPRING LACROSSE

Does your child want to try a fun, high energy sport? Come and have them join the Springfield Lacrosse team! Put a check in the box that you are registering for and get ready to have fun! Practices will start March 1st. Practice fields TBD.

☐ K/1st grade clinic for BOYS and GIRLS will be Sundays 9:30-10:30

☐ 2nd/ 3rd grade BOYS practice days will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 and Saturday 9-10:30

☐ 4th/5th grade BOYS practice days will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 and Fridays 6:00-7:30

☐ 6th/7th grade BOYS practice days will be Thursdays 6:00-7:30 and Saturday 9:30-11:00

- Fee \$50.00 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)
- Fee \$120 made payable to Springfield Lacrosse Association
 - Late payment after February 1st will be \$135
 - This fee includes \$25 membership to US Lacrosse – insures kids and coaches along with 6 free Lacrosse magazines for the children.

Register at Sara Bailey Civic Center • 30 Church Mall; Springfield NJ 07081
Any questions please email Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us
Please visit our website at www.springfieldlaxnj.com for additional information regarding equipment and to see pictures of our last year season!

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ANY HEALTH OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS _____
Our child has been examined by a physician, and to the best of our knowledge is physically fit to participate in a recreation program. Permission is hereby granted to engage in this activity. The Township of Springfield, employees, or coaches will not be liable for any injury incurred from practices or games.

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Springfield Recreation Department Girls Softball Program 2014 Grades 1-9

Register at the Springfield Recreation Department:
Sarah Bailey Civic Center 30 Church Mall (973) 912- 2226
After January 10 you may register at the
Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Avenue
Monday- Friday 8am- 4pmInstructional League: grades 1 & 2
Lower League: grades 3, 4 & 5(depending on registration-possible joint league w/Mountainside Softball)
Upper League: grades 6–9 (9th graders not playing high school ball)

Register by January 31, 2014

2014 Girls Softball Registration

Name _____ D.O.B. _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact & Phone _____

Any Health or Physical Limitations _____
Our child has been examined by a physician and to the best of our knowledge is physically fit to participate in this activity. Permission is hereby granted to engage in this sport. The Township of Springfield, employees, coaches, and volunteers will not be liable for any injury incurred from practices or games. I give permission for my child's photograph to be taken and used for any type of publications for local newspapers or Township publications.

I understand that all persons (players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators) attending a sports event for all Springfield Recreation programs must comply with the NJ law PL 2002, Chapter 74-C.5:17, Code of Conduct Policy. Supervisors of all Recreation programs may ban the presence of any person who fails to comply with the code and violators may also be banned from subsequent sports events. Designated supervisors may also call for police assistance if needed. All persons are encouraged to refrain from engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any player, coach, official, parent, and/or spectator and also must refrain from initiating any fight or scuffle with any person. All persons are encouraged to refrain from taunting and/or using profane language or gestures. All persons are encouraged to practice good sportsmanship, which includes cheering for your team and respecting the efforts of opponents.

Parent/Guardian Authorization _____ Date _____

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TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM GATHERS FOR A "MITZVAH MORNING"



Members and friends of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, gathered for a "Mitzvah Morning" on Saturday, January 4, to make sandwiches and lunch bags for the needy. The synagogue partners annually with BRIDGES, a non-profit outreach in Summit that works with the homeless. Temple volunteers also helped to distribute lunch bags and other necessities.

UNION, CRANFORD AND SPRINGFIELD CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HOLD HUGE NETWORKING EVENT



Members of the Union, Cranford and Springfield Chambers recently gathered for a football-themed networking event and party at AVE Residential in Union that drew more than 80 attendees. Shown are (l-r) Cecil Cates, Senior VP, Union Chamber; Vincent Spada, Treasurer, Cranford Chamber; Sal Dovi, President, Union Chamber; Elliot Merkin, VP Membership/Networking Coordinator, Springfield Chamber; Mike Scalera, Networking Chairman, Springfield Chamber; Jim Masterson, Executive Director, Union Chamber; and Eugene Mitchell, Board Member, Union Chamber.

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce ("SPCC") holds networking events every two months to allow business members to meet and to develop relationships with other business members to help brand themselves and their businesses. Members of the SPCC receive a discount not only at our networking events, but also at events sponsored by our other affiliated Chambers of Commerce (such as the Union, Cranford, Kenilworth, Westfield, and several other Chambers of Commerce). Additionally, our members will also receive a discount for any advertisements placed in the Springfield Patriot Times newspaper that we publish monthly (the only official town newspaper that goes out to over 7,000 residences and businesses in Springfield). For only \$100 per year dues, everyone should consider joining the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce.

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- 1. Pole Number: for example - JC 1234 SF (on the pole, approximately 6 ft. up the pole, usually facing the street)
- 2. Street or closest house number – for example – 100 Mountain Ave
- 3. Closest Street – for example – Wabeno Ave
- 4. Nearest landmark - for example – Patriot Park
- 5. Describe problem: Light is not on at night; OR light stays on during the day, OR light is flickering/dim

Please complete this information and e-mail it to: streetlightproblems@Springfield-nj.us or fax to 973.912.2277, mail or drop off to: Town Hall, 100 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ 07061 ATT: Street Light Problem Survey

Your name and contact information would be helpful in case we have to contact you.

If you would like to submit the information to JCP&L directly, go to the

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As of January 1, 2014, the State has completed its 10-month FEMA-funded effort to remove Superstorm Sandy debris from the State's waterways. As part of this project, State contractors removed: 106,353 cubic yards (CY) of debris from the waters of the State, including 195 vessels/vehicles; 160,000 CY of sediment from 27 severely impacted marinas, and 323,214 CY of sediment from backbay "overwash" areas. We appreciate the assistance, cooperation and support of New Jersey's municipalities, counties, residents, businesses and other interested parties.

Debris and sediment removed from State waters under this project was limited by FEMA requirements: (i.e., the debris was Sandy-related and it had to be removed to eliminate an immediate threat to life, public health and safety, and/or to ensure the economic recovery of the community at large). In addition, it was specific to State waters and property within the storm surge, and precluded efforts in waters or wildlife areas owned or maintained by the federal government. Finally, it did not address sediment in the State's navigation channels. However, it's important to note that while the waterway debris removal project coordinated by DEP is now complete, other related efforts are continuing to address these remaining Sandy-related debris issues.

For more information on efforts to remove debris from the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, contact Virginia Rettig at 609-652-1665<tel:609-652-1665> or virginia_rettig@fws.gov<mailto:virginia_rettig@fws.gov>. More info about the Refuge is available from these sites:

- www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/>
- www.facebook.com/ForsytheNWR<<http://www.facebook.com/ForsytheNWR>>

For more information on efforts to address sediment in the State's navigation channels, contact John Case at 609-530-2015 or mail to john.case@dot.state.nj.us

As of January 17, 2014, the email resource waterwaydebris@dep.state.nj.us will no longer be active. As always, if you know of an environmental concern, please report it directly to the DEP Hotline @ 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337) Navigational concerns should be reported to the local station of the State Police's Marine Services Bureau www.njsp.org/maritime.

ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECOGNITION DAY



About twenty residents attended the annual observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20th at the Municipal Building. Organized by the Township Interfaith Council, the group was lead by Rabbi Mark Mallik of Temple Beth Ahm in prayer at the beginning and at the conclusion of the service. A proclamation from the Union County Freeholders was presented by Springfield resident and Freeholder Bruce Bergen. Township Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski read a proclamation from the Township Committee

honoring Dr. King and declaring the day an annual day of recognition within the Township.

The attendees sat in a circle and each one voiced their own personal thoughts and experiences of the Civil Rights movement led by Dr. King and of the importance of his work and his inspiration in their own lives. The consensus was that although we have come a very long way in America, there is still much to do, and the committment of every individual is essential to continue the work begun by Martin Luther King, Jr.

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High Flying Evening: Cub Scouts from Pack 73 and Girl Scouts from Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Troops in town spent an evening work with the organization Hobby Quest for a fun night of airplane fun learning how to create a launcher and what angles are best to fly the planes..



Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

Burn Awareness Week

February 2nd to 8th

Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment. They may result in lifelong scarring and even death. Prevention of scalds is always preferable to treatment and can be accomplished through simple changes in behavior and the home environment.

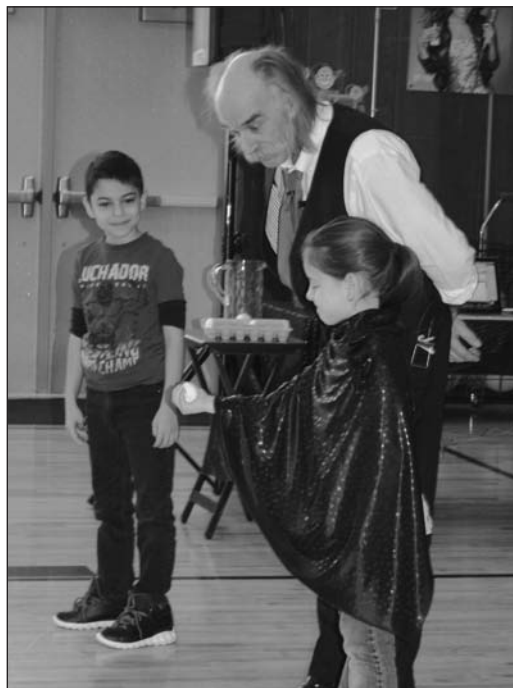
For Burn Awareness Week 2014, the American Burn Association and the Springfield Fire Department is providing information relating to scald burns for our *Patriot Times* readers.

Although anyone can sustain a scald burn, certain people are more likely to be scalded --- infants, young children, older adults and people with disabilities. These high-risk groups are also more likely to require hospitalization, suffer complications and experience a difficult recovery. Most burn injuries occur in the person's own home and the vast majority of these injuries could have easily been prevented.

Tap water scalds are often more severe than cooking-related scalds. The American Burn Association recommends the following simple safety tips to decrease the risk to yourself and those you love from tap water scalds.

- Set home water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. An easy method to test this is to allow hot water to run for three to five minutes, then test with a candy, meat or water thermometer. Adjust the water heater and wait a day to let the temperature drop. Re-test and re-adjust Community Fire & Burn Prevention Programs Scald Injury Prevention Campaign as necessary.
- Provide constant adult supervision of young children or anyone who may experience difficulty removing themselves from hot water on their own. Gather all necessary supplies before placing a child in the tub, and keep them within easy reach.
- Fill tub to desired level before getting in. Run cold water first, then add hot. Turn off the hot water first. This can prevent scalding in case someone should fall in while the tub is filling. Mix the water thoroughly and check the temperature by moving your elbow, wrist or hand with spread fingers through the water before allowing someone to get in.
- Install grab bars, shower seats or non-slip flooring in tubs or showers if the person is unsteady or weak.
- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish- or clothes washer while anyone is showering. Install anti-scald or tempering devices. These heat sensitive instruments stop or interrupt the flow of water when the temperature reaches a pre-determined level and prevent hot water that is too hot from coming out of the tap.
- Cooking related scalds are also easy to prevent. Some things you can do to make your home safer from cooking related burns include:
- Establish a "kid zone" out of the traffic path between the stove and sink where children can safely play and still be supervised. Keep young children in high chairs or play yards, a safe distance from counter- or stovetops, hot liquids, hot surfaces or other cooking hazards.
- Cook on back burners when young children are present. Keep all pot handles turned back, away from the stove edge. All appliance cords should be coiled and away from the counter edge. During mealtime, place hot items in the center of the table, at least 10 inches from the table edge. Use non-slip placemats instead of tablecloths if toddlers are present. Never drink or carry hot liquids while carrying or holding a child. Quick motions may cause spilling of the liquid onto the child.

For more information about preventing scald burns, visit www.ameriburn.org.
Please visit the <http://springfieldpatriot.com/> to reference past fire safety articles.
Or follow-us at www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment



Alina Bailao and Ahmed Ali

Mr. Fish, former circus performer, uses his skills to make science fun. During the Phenomenal Physics assembly program, he showed our students amazing tricks using eggs, balloons, bubbles and a table full of dishes. Thank you to our Walton PTA for providing this fun and educational program for our students. All of our students and staff enjoyed it!



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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri
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