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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2016

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WALLY SCHULTZ RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM TOWNSHIP



Photo by John Cottage, Jr.

(l to r) Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz and Mayor Jerry Fernandez

At the September 13 meeting of the Township Committee, Mayor Jerry Fernandez surprised Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz with a Proclamation recognizing his dedication to his position with Emergency Management. The Mayor and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel presented Wally with a Plaque acknowledging his dedication in serving the community. Seidel noted, "If Wally knew we were going to do this, he probably would not show up at the meeting! He shuns public recognition and just enjoys his work with the Auxiliary Police and Emergency Management. His wife Helen and mother Joan were also present, as were members of the Auxiliary Police and OEM CERT volunteers. They were all part of the surprise." When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Wally commented, "Very surprised. It was a well kept secret and very appreciated," which is a long speech for Wally!

SPRINGFIELD CARNIVAL & CAR SHOW BEST IN SHOW AWARD



Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman (left) presents the Chambers Choice Trophy together with Bobby Abraham, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival Chairman (right) to Rich Margeton (second from left) for his 1953 Mercury. George Withers, of G-Wiz Entertainment, Car Show Organizer second from right.

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SPRINGFIELD-HILLSIDE ELKS LODGE #2004 MAKES \$2000 DONATION TO TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS



Photo by John Cottage, Jr.

(l to r) Springfield Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, 1st Lieutenant Jeremy Salow from the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, Lou Allen, Exalted Ruler of Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge #2004, Springfield HOPE Trustees Police Chief John Cook and Scott Seidel.

At the September 13th meeting of the Township Committee, Lou Allen, Exalted Ruler of Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge #2004, presented five Springfield organizations with a check for \$400 each. Donations were made to the Springfield Police Department, Fire Department, Auxiliary Police, Springfield Hope, and Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad. Lou commented that they enjoy giving back to the community by making these donations to these important organizations in the Township.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANTS



Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen, from Springfield, joined Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski in presenting a Union County Public Library Grant to Springfield Library Director Dale Spindel and Library Board Members Shelley Stangler and Cheryl Mullman. This was part of the county's second annual library grant program, which distributed funds to support children's services at public libraries all across the county.

LARGEST CROWD EVER ATTENDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STREET FAIR

KUDOS TO THE Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce for the best Springfield Street Fair ever. Under the leadership of Bobby and Gennifer Abraham, the fair offered something for people of all ages. Each year the fair offers something new and innovative. This year's treat was rides for people of all ages. Although the weather looked threatening, it never did rain, attendance was better than ever and lively background music helped to energize the crowd.

Great rides for kids and adults alike, tasty food, township information—including potential candidates for the two vacant seats on the Township Committee, a fabulous vintage car show offering hotly contested prizes and many vendors offering tempting wares.

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,



With the official end of Summer and Fall beginning, what better way to start the new season than with our Annual Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Carnival and Car Show, a tradition that was started a few years ago and continues to grow better and better every year. The cars were amazing. The food was outstanding, and the addition of more things for the children was very successful. I would like to thank the Chamber, and especially Bobby Abraham and Gennifer Abraham, for all the time and effort they give to make this event successful. Knowing everyone involved in this event, I am sure that the day after it ended they were busy working on next year's event already. The Town of Springfield thanks you as well.

As you drive up Mountain Avenue, you can see the 1st stage of our streetscape, which is near completion. It is a great job by the Business Improvement District (BID). We hope to continue with 2 more areas as soon as their budget allows. The BID will continue to help find new ways to help develop our town, as well as helping business grow in Springfield.

Our sidewalk program continues to be a success. We are entering our 6 Zone out of 10. This is a program that has our town repairing sidewalks that were damaged by town trees. Many people have signed after the deadline; those houses will be worked on once all the zones are covered.

Join us for our Halloween Party at Chisholm. Sunday, October 30th from 12-2 pm. In addition, this year we will be adding a Photo Booth and Pirate Magician and a Monster Mash concert. It is a great way to let the kids have fun in a safe family event.

Again, if anyone has any questions, please reach out to me at 908-868-0898.

Thank you

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

CHIEF COOK ATTENDS THE 514TH AIR MOBILITY WING EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY/BOSSLIFT



Over the past few years, Chief John Cook and Captain Pat McLaughlin have gained an excellent working relationship with members of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, or ESGR, which was established by the Department of Defense in 1972 to promote cooperation, support and understanding between Guard and Reserve Service members and their civilian employers.

The Springfield Police Department was recognized in December of 2015 by the ESGR with an official Statement of Support.

Earlier this year the State Chair for ESGR, Don Tretola, invited the Chief and Captain to upcoming Bosslift programs that are run from time to time. These events

show employers what their employees who are in the Guard or Reserve go through on a deployment.

Chief Cook attended the 514th Air Mobility Wing Employer Appreciation Day/Bosslift at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on September 17th with other NJ employers who have Guard/Reserve employees. Along with a tour of the base and special operations that most people do not get to see, he flew aboard a McDonnell Douglas KC-10 Extender which is one of the few jet aircraft in the world configured to haul military cargo, conduct aerial refueling missions and transport personnel at the same time. The Chief got to observe, first-hand, refueling missions with other KC-10s over the east coast.

Captain McLaughlin will have his opportunity early next Spring!

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 13 at 7 pm

Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm

Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

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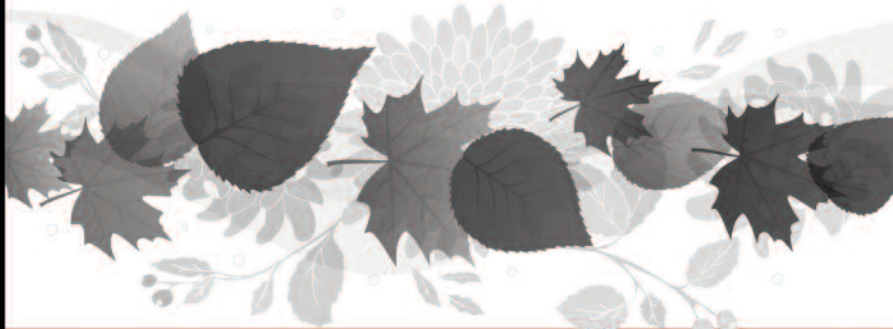


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POLICE VISIT SENIOR LUNCHEON FOR PROJECT MEDICINE DROP



(l-r): Recreation Department Program Coordinator Sara Keffer, Springfield Police Captain Patrick McLaughlin, Club Member Bernard Ruff, and Chief John Cook.

On Thursday, September 22, the Springfield Police Department held Project Medicine Drop Take-Back Day at the birthday bash luncheon of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club at the Chisholm Community Center. A mobile drop box was available for club members to safely dispose of their expired, unused, and excess prescription drugs. A permanent box is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week inside the Police Department entrance at Town Hall.

INFLUENZA VACCINATION FOR SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS

Seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations will be administered to Springfield residents aged 18 and older on Tuesday, October 25 from 10:00 - 11:00 am at the Springfield Senior Housing, 350 Independence Way and at Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Avenue that same day from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. An evening clinic will also offer vaccines to residents on Tuesday, November 1 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Chisholm Community Center. No appointments are necessary for any of the clinics. The vaccinations are free to seniors with a Medicare Part B card; there will be a \$10.00 charge for all others. All are reminded to wear short sleeves if possible when they come for their flu shot. This service is offered by the Springfield Township Board of Health and the Madison Health Department.

The 2016-2017 flu vaccine offers protection against four virus strains most likely to cause illness this coming season: A/California (H1N1), A/Hong Kong, B/Phuket and B/Brisbane. It takes up to two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop and protection may last for up to one year. Any questions may be directed to the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079 ext.9.

COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Coordinator
oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

Here are a few tips about Hurricane Preparedness from FEMA

What to do after a Hurricane:

- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
 - If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
 - Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
 - Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately.
 - Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
 - Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
 - Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
 - Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
 - Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
 - Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
 - Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- If you have neighbors who may need assistance, check on them once your situation has stabilized.

Remember flood waters may be contaminated. When sewers overflow they mix with flood waters---so stay out of the flood water when possible and clean up after being exposed to flood waters if it occurs.

Stay informed! Sign up for Code Red and Union County First Alert

<http://springfield-nj.us/services/springfield-codedred/>

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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

As this month includes Halloween, motorists on this day should be wary of children in residential areas trick or treating as those not escorted by a parent may sometimes run back and forth across streets while going house to house. Children have the potential of crossing streets in mid block and can dart out from between parked cars. It is imperative that adults accompanying children have them adhere to the safe and proper way to cross streets. Motorists in the residential areas should drive at an extremely slow and cautious manner in order to look out for unescorted children who may run into and carelessly cross a roadway.

Street safety is of utmost importance not only during Halloween trick or treating but all year long. Parents should remember and they should make their children fully aware of the fact that the roadways are for use by vehicles and not areas for children to play upon. In many residential areas parents allow portable basketball hoops to be placed in the street in front of their homes which requires children to be in the street to use them. In other residential areas parents believe that by sitting in lawn chairs in the street or by the placement of signs or pylon cones in the street by their homes that this will somehow make it safe for children to be playing in the street. These measures do not ensure the safety of children, while appearing to condone this dangerous activity. The roadways are for vehicles and are not play areas for children as sometimes these supposed safety obstructions may actually confuse a driver or divert a driver's attention while driving through a residential area. Just as drivers must be cautious in residential areas, children must learn and practice street safety on Halloween and all year long.

Parents should make sure that Halloween costumes, especially ones with any type of mask or facial covering, do not limit a child's ability to walk properly or to see ahead and all around them. The costumes should either contain a reflective type of material or should have some type of reflective clothing attachment. Children should carry a flashlight and or a glow-stick after dusk for added illumination.

Some Halloween costumes may contain materials that can easily catch on fire or, if exposed to heat or an open flame, can actually melt. Residents who expect children coming to their door should refrain from having external decorations that are illuminated by the use of a lit candle, especially any decorations at your front door or along the path to your front door that children would walk on. Glow sticks should replace lit candles in a carved pumpkin as this is much safer and still lights up the pumpkin.

Household pets may become unnerved by the added tumult caused by children coming to your door and door bells being rung. Care should be used by homeowners to make sure that animals are kept in a secure area so they cannot bolt out the front door when it is opened. Also, remember to secure the candy treats in your home so your pets cannot get at them as many types of Halloween treats can be poisonous if eaten by cats and dogs.

Young children should be accompanied by responsible adults when going door to door. If older children go out with no adults they should only go out in groups and never go alone. Under no circumstances should any child ever enter into the house of a stranger. Please instruct your children to eat nothing that they receive during their door to door trick or treating until it has been brought home and you have thoroughly inspected all treats. Any suspected signs of possible tampering should be reported to the police department immediately. On any treats where the packaging is ripped, punctured or in an unsealed condition you should use the old adage of.....when in doubt, throw it out.

For added safety, there will be increased police patrols in the residential areas on both the night of Halloween and the night before with the latter intended to deter those persons who go out to create mischief or commit acts of vandalism. Police officers will be out in both marked police vehicles as well as unmarked cars. For safety reasons all of the officers in the unmarked police vehicles will also be in police uniform. By simply knowing and following these suggested safety tips you can help in Halloween being both a fun and safe holiday experience for our children.

FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE (CBH)

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will again be part of Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend on the 15th and 16th of October. This Springfield landmark dates from the 18th century and its name derives from a cannon ball that lodged in the structure during the Revolutionary War. Visitors to the house can view this missile and other artifacts from the battle of Springfield.

For the Four Centuries weekend, there will be Revolutionary War re-enactors present to provide an insight into what it was like to fight in the battle of Springfield. The re-enactors will only be at the Historic Cannon Ball House on Saturday, October 15. On view both days will be a special exhibit about the history of the Baltusrol Golf Club. The exhibit will trace how the farmland of one Baltus Roll became the golf course, which recently hosted the PGA Championship. So tee up at the Historic Cannon Ball House for Four Centuries in a Weekend. Hours are Saturday, October 15, 10 to 5 and Sunday, October 16, noon to 4. For more info, call (973) 376 4784.

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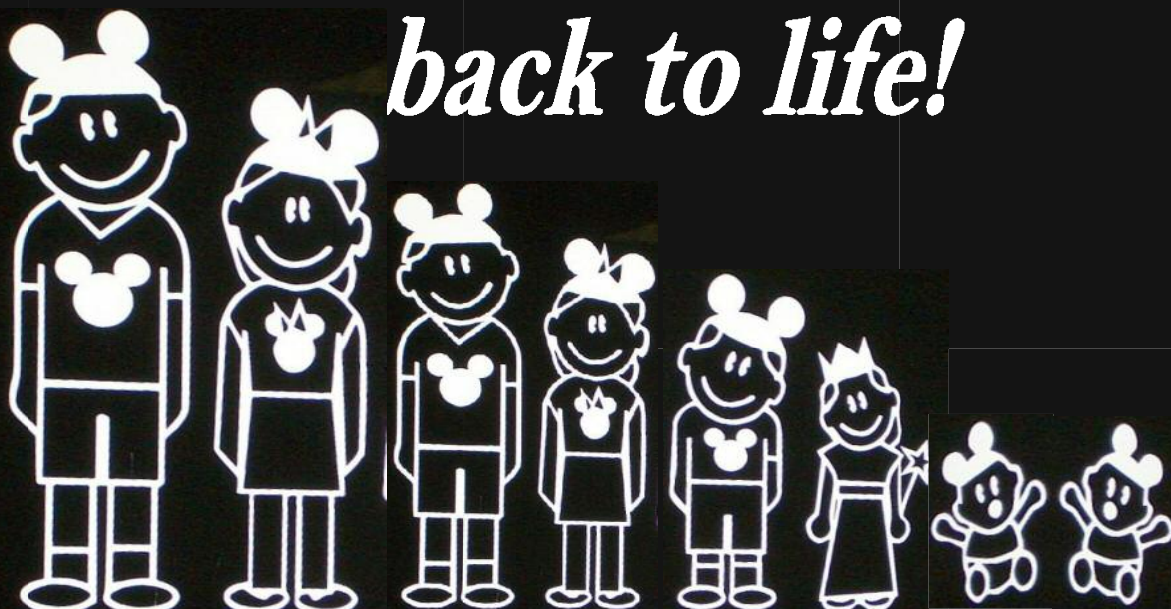
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OPERATION REBOUND NJ RACING TEAM RIDES TO WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER



On September 9th, the Operation Rebound NJ Racing Team rode in a bike relay to Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Ann Marie Silla, a Springfield resident who has Multiple Sclerosis, is the newest addition to the Operation Rebound NJ Racing Team. Operation Rebound is the premier sports and fitness program for American military personnel, veterans and first responders with physical challenges. Ann Marie graciously donated a chair lift for the racing team therapy room located in Union, New Jersey. On Thursday, August 4th, Union Police Sergeant Michael Boll, Springfield Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady, and Springfield Auxiliary Officer Sara Abraham, all members of the Operation Rebound NJ Racing Team, presented Ann Marie with a specialized recumbent bike and a Club Metro Gym membership for training to get her started.

The team visited our wounded soldiers and gave out sporting goods gift cards as well as hosted a comedy show for our heroes. Anyone wishing to make a donation or having any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sergeant Boll by emailing mboll@uniontownship.com or calling 973-332-1556.

LARGEST CROWD EVER

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As with every Springfield event, edible refreshments were readily available at fair prices.

The Springfield Department of Public Works, Fire & Police Departments, Springfield Rotary, First Aid Squad, Emergency Management and CERT Team all pitched in to help make this an extremely successful, fun and safe event. We would like to thank our sponsors who help make this event a huge success. It would not be possible to hold the festival without their support and donations.

With the generous donation from Lucas Wolf of Wolf Premier Properties we were able to add the carnival rides, Black Ops inflatable, NASCAR race track and much more. The Springfield Rotary Club handled the wrist band sales and did a fantastic job, selling over 350 wristbands.

We thank our long time supporter Stew Leonard's along with The Springfield Business Improvement District for their continued commitment to the town and this event.

We thank Autoland for their sponsorship of the car show and comic book themed characters which is always a thrill for young and old alike.

A wonderful venue for meeting old friends and making new ones, we anxiously look forward to next year's event which will be held on Sunday October 1, 2017. The Abrahams are working on adding even more to the show!



Temple Sha'arey Shalom's, Springfield, Religious School recently conducted a Shofar Factory for the school's K -- 2 Holiday Haverim and third grade. Each child made their own shofar. Pictured: Ella Marcus and Olivia Whitken, both of Springfield, learn all about the shofar and Rosh Hashana.



Members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, Renaissance enjoy a presentation about the Borscht Belt given by Marty Schneit at their 21st annual paid up brunch on September 18, 2016.



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SPRINGFIELD CARNIVAL & CAR SHOW



Mayor Jerry Fernandez (left) presents the Trophy for his car show choice to Greg Kowalczyk (center) for his 1955 Chevy. Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman on right.



Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman (left) presents the Best in Show Trophy together with Bobby Abraham, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival Chairman (right) to Armando Rodriguez (second from left) for his 2014 Toyota Siena. George Withers, of G-Wiz Entertainment, Car show organizer second from right.



Eric and Linda Deutchman receive Trophy's from George Withers, of G-Wiz Entertainment, Car show organizer for having a Top 20 car and Councils Choice for their 1963 Plymouth Valiant and 1966 Dodge Dart respectively.



Bobby Abraham, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival Chairman (right) presents Best Motorcycle Trophy to Noah Keppler together with George Withers, of G-Wiz Entertainment (center)



J. Reyes takes home three trophys, Top 20, Best Paint and Best color.



Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman (left) presents the Chambers Choice Trophy together with Bobby Abraham, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Festival Chairman (right) to Sal Apuzzio (second from left) for "Best Motor", a Trophy he has won in past years as well for his 1971 Chevelle SS. George Withers, of G-Wiz Entertainment, Car show organizer second from right.



Sam Mardini, Assistant Township Engineer and Alyson Miller, chairperson of the Environmental Commission.



SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



Six of our Emergency Management CERT Team members volunteered at Springfield's September 11th memorial ceremony and had the honor of standing with the Auxiliary Police and professional responders as a bell was rung. Then Craig Abrams and Jim Bonacorda carried the wreath to the Adler-Heltibridle Memorial Community Park where it remains on view.



COMMUNITY WIDE SERVICE DAY



Volunteers from St James Parish mulched Veteran's park as part of a community wide service day. In addition to making the park look great the township also benefits from their assistance by maintaining our status as a Tree City USA and an Approved Community Forestry Program Community.

**THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR
THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION IS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH. THE TOWNSHIP
CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8 PM**

SPRINGFIELD CARNIVAL & CAR SHOW



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SARA KEFFER AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to welcome its new program coordinator, Sara Keffer. Sara is a familiar face at the Chisholm Community Center, having served as an assistant in the office and youth wing since March. Sara's role will focus primarily on senior citizen programming, as well as youth and adult sports and leisure activities. A long-time Springfield resident, Sara graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation Administration from Kean University. Sara has also worked as an assistant at the Springfield Free Public Library.

Fall 2016 CO-ED RUNNING Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

Our popular running program at Meisel Avenue Park with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Springfield running program, children learn to run faster over short distances. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered, as well as an introduction to endurance running. The program is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of six children are required for the program. In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

Session 2: Mondays from November 7th-December 12th
Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$60 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction, shirt, and water bottle

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
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Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227
Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

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Payment due on the first day of class via Check payable to LillySprouts. Class will close at 12 students.
Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com 908-499-0270



SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Please call (973) 912-2227
between 8:00-9:00 am
on the morning of your
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Bus service is unavailable on
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days of certain bus trips.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades
What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff
Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)
Time: 2:30 - 8:00 pm (school year)
How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID
Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us
Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation
www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

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

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Sands Casino

Casino, Restaurants, Outlet Shopping

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am
Bus will depart the Sands Casino at approximately 4:00 pm

\$25 – Springfield residents and Senior Citizens Club members
\$35 – non-residents and non-club members

Payment due by Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department
Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack, \$20 slot free play (photo ID required), \$5 food coupon. **Questions:** (973) 912-2227

Bus Trip to Sands Casino – Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (one form per person)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Need bus to Chisholm? Yes ____ No ____ (We are unable to transport you home.)

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

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

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ADULT BOOT CAMP FALL 2016



FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED
TUESDAYS, 7PM-8PM
THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM



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During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 9th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

All participants are encouraged to bring a set of 5-10 pound weights and a yoga mat to each class.

To register please go to: <http://bootcampwf.com/bcwf-srd/>
 Or fill out the attached registration form and return to the Springfield Recreation Department.

Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program.
 Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Cost is: 12 classes @
 \$189 per person.
 6 classes @
 \$109 per person.
 Please contact
 BootCampWF
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 (973) 912-2227
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www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Questions?
 Contact Heather Re,
 Assistant Recreation Director,
heather.re@springfield-nj.us

Springfield Recreation Department Halloween Spooktacular

Sunday, October 30, 2016 • 12 - 2 PM

Chisholm Community Center

100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

EVENTS OF THE DAY

11:30 am – Doors open for costume contest pre-registration.

12:00-12:30 pm – Chamber of Commerce
 Costume Contest – Prizes awarded at 12:30 pm.

Monster Mash Halloween Concert – at 1:00 pm

12:00-2:00 pm – We will be having a strolling pirate magician as well as an animal balloonist doing magic tricks and making balloon animals. We will also have a craft table with fun Halloween themed crafts, a photo booth, temporary tattoos, and other ghoulish activities!

TRUNK-OR-TREATS IN SPRINGFIELD

Saturday, October 15th @ 2:00-5:00 pm

at Caldwell Elementary School

Sunday, October 30th @ 4:00-6:00 pm

at Sandmeier Elementary School



EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY:

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Register today:

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- Weekly Classes & Schools Out Camps
- Look Out for our New Program Levels

Camp & Class Details:

- Ages 2 to 14
- All Abilities. Boys & Girls
- Daytime & Evening Classes
- Spring Break Camps

FALL WEEKLY CLASSES

(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)

Dates: September 17 to October 29

Location(s): Chisholm Recreation Center

Price: \$139

PARENT & ME-SPORTS: With a little help, children play up to 6 sports

Ages: 2-3 yrs

Dates: Saturday's: September 17 to October 29

Times: 2:30pm-3:15pm

TOTAL SPORTS SQUITS:

T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more!

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Dates: Saturday's: September 17 to October 29

Times: 3:30pm 4:30pm

ADULT WEEKLY CLASSES

(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)

CARDIO TENNIS: Burn calories in a fun and social atmosphere.

Ages: Adult (18yrs 80yrs)

Dates: Saturdays September 17 to October 29

Time(s): 3:30pm 4:30pm

Location(s): Irwin Park Tennis Courts

Price: \$145

ADULT TENNIS:

Rallying, serving, volleying and match play

Ages: Adult (18yrs 80yrs)

Dates: Saturdays September 17 to October 29

Time(s): 4:30pm 5:30pm

Location(s): Irwin Park Tennis Courts

Price: \$145

SCHOOL'S OUT FALL CAMPS!

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs

Dates: October 12th

Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm

Location(s): Chisholm Park

Price: \$65

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5 to 11 yrs

Dates: November 8th, 10th & 11th

Time & Days: 8:30am to 2pm

Location(s): Chisholm Park

Price: Starting from \$65



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this fall (ages 6-11).

More information and online registration is available at:
<http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.



SENIORS VISIT HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

On Wednesday, September 28th, a full bus of close to 50 senior citizens visited the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ, for lunch and a performance of "Squabbles." The bus trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld (not pictured).

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Holiday Celebration



2016



Wednesday, December 7th @ 5:00-8:00 pm

(rain/snow date Thursday, December 8th)

Town Hall Lawn, North and South Trivett Avenues

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOYS TRAVEL Basketball Registration 2016-2017 4th*, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Teams

Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Basketball Association will sponsor five Minutemen travel teams for boys enrolled in a Springfield school in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, for the 2016-2017 season. *Please note: If your son is in 3rd grade and wants to try out, he may do so for the 4th grade team.

Travel basketball requires a very high level of commitment, including 2-3 practices weekly and/or games. Playing time may be mandated by the league, however if not, playing time is earned by the boys and in practice with their attitudes and their abilities.

GIRLS TRAVEL Basketball Registration 2016-2017 6th*, 7th, and 8th Grade Teams

Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Basketball Association will sponsor three Nettes travel teams for girls enrolled in a Springfield school grades 6, 7, and 8, for the 2016-2017 season. *Please note: If your daughter is in 5th grade and wants to try out, she may do so for the 6th grade team.

Travel basketball requires a very high level of commitment, including 2-3 practices weekly and/or games. Playing time may be mandated by the league, however if not, playing time is earned by the girls in practice with their attitudes and their abilities.

PRACTICES 2-3 PRACTICES PER WEEK. PRACTICE TIMES AND DAYS VARY PER TEAM.

Fees: Total = \$185 (additional fundraising may also be required)

1) \$60 (checks payable to Township of Springfield or pay online at <https://register.communitypass.net/Springfield>)

**2) \$125 (make check payable to Springfield Basketball Association)
\$3 convenience fee charged per transaction when using a credit card**

Questions? Email heather.re@springfield-nj.us or call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

For more info and to register on-line go to www.springfield-nj.us/recreation



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL

LEAGUE PLAY 2016-2017 BOYS & GIRLS: GRADES 3-8

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for all children from Pre-K through 8th grades, and consists of clinic play for our younger children (Pre-K-2nd grades), recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades). League Play is divided into boys-only and girls-only teams, and registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-8 who attend a Springfield school.

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 21, 2016

Fees: • \$60 payable to "Township of Springfield"

• \$50 payable to "Springfield Basketball Association". This payment must be dropped off or mailed to the Springfield Recreation Department at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

• Includes: jersey, shorts, game officials, time clock operators, coaching instruction, pre-season skills training, equipment

CLINIC PLAY 2017 Pre-K – 2nd Grades

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for all children from Pre-K through 8th grades, and consists of clinic play for our younger children (Pre-K-2nd grades), recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades).

You are registering your child for CLINIC PLAY, a series of weekly Sunday clinics that are open to children in Springfield schools in Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grades to teach skills, bring awareness, and to have fun through the game of basketball. Pre-K clinics include some non-basketball skills.

Clinic Play: Clinics are held on Sundays from January 8, 2017, to March 5, 2017, in the Boys Gym at FMG Middle School. Clinics are not held on January 15th, and February 19th. The clinic schedule includes one extra day in case of snow. There will be no make-up dates.

Registration Deadline: MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016 (or until each time slot fills up)

Fees: • \$60 payable to Township of Springfield

• 1st & 2nd graders must also submit an additional check payment of \$20 payable to Springfield Basketball Association. This payment must be dropped off or mailed to the Springfield Recreation Department at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

• Fees include: t-shirt (Pre-K-K), jersey (1st-2nd), junior basketball (distributed on last day), coaching instruction

Three ways to register.

1) Online with a credit card: <https://register.communitypass.net/Springfield>

2) In person with a credit card, cash, check, or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

3) By mail with a check or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older.

Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2016 - AUGUST 2017

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday October 23 @ 2:00pm World Music Family Concert with Daria. Sing along with Daria as she plays her guitar to favorite songs from around the world, including La Bamba, La Cucaracha, and Kumbayah. We'll be celebrating the season! Come @1:30 pm to make a monster rattle, and wear your Halloween costume! Adults, join in the fun and wear a costume

Pre-school children, babies and infants now have an opportunity to participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This is a grass roots program individual to each library. Register your baby at the Youth Services Desk and get your child's first log. After each log of 100 books the child will be awarded a small prize. Participants must be residents of Springfield, and library card-holders.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while in our bright Children's Room!
Wednesday October 19, Friday October 21, Saturday October 22, Tuesday October 25.

Little Monsters Halloween Bop Friday October 28 @ 10:30. Our Little Monsters grow up so quickly! Dress up for Hallowe'en—we'll have stories and songs and a parade around the library.

Campfire Stories 7 pm Thursdays October 13, 20 and 27. Join Ms. Kathy around a cozy campfire for great stories and a sweet treat! Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy. One of our most popular programs for kids of all ages!

Wii Games for ages 6 to 11 – Wednesdays @ 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Drop in. Ages 9 and under need to have a parent present in the library.

Fall Craft for ages 4 to 8 Monday Oct 17 @ 4pm. Fridays October 21, 28.

'A Good Story and a Bookmark' Mondays @ 7pm for Grades 1, 2 and 3 only. Parents must remain in the library. We'll listen to an in-depth story and create a craft.

TEENS AND TWEENS

Grades 6 and up If you enjoy your library, here is a chance to get involved and make a difference! As part

of the Teen Advisory Group you'll have an opportunity to create programs for teens, help out with kids programs and earn volunteer service hours for doing so. Email Alice @ achunn@sfplnj.org or stop by the Youth Services desk. **October 17 at 6:00-7:00pm.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 9 thru November 3

Art show: Watercolors by Sam Caponegro.

November 7 thru December 8

Art show: Paintings by Cheryl Rosen.

Sunday, October 16, 2:00 pm

Concert: Singer/songwriter Denise Marsa accompanied by pianist Brendan Littlefield.

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 pm

Indian Cooking Class. Cooking Paneer Butter Masala (caution: contains cashew nuts)

Friday, October 21, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga

Sunday, October 30, 2:00 pm

Family friendly theatrical production presented by members of the Hudson Shakespeare Company about two high school students who encounter the ghosts of Edgar Allan Poe, Poe's wife and Poe's publisher.

LECTURES

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 pm

"Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me" - presented by Lisa DiSciullo, Certified PEP Trainer and Parents Educator.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, October 27 and November 10

Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am.

Thursdays, October 20 and November 3 & 17

Short Story class. 7:00 pm.

Thursday, October 20, 10:00 am

Great Books: "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam/Rabbi Ben Ezra" by Edward Fitzgerald (trans.)/Robert Browning.

Thursday, November 3, 7:00 pm

Really Good Book discussion: "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr.

FILMS

Monday, October 24, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film Series: "The Martian", 2015.

Thursday, November 10, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

International Film: "Dough", 2015.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm -8:45 pm Mahjong Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

INSTRUCTION

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

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

Every Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Mahjong class.

Every Monday, 7:00 pm Canasta Instructions.

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

The Springfield Free Public Library will be celebrating its Friends of the Library group, October 16-22, 2016 as part of the 11th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week. The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library were established in 1967 and have raised over half a million dollars for the library to date. The organization will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on August 17, 2017. Currently over 125 community members contribute annually to the Friends, and a number of these contributors actively volunteer their time to assist the group with fundraising efforts that include the annual used book sale held every summer and the annual vintage jewelry sale held every fall. More active members are always needed to carry on these various fund raising efforts. Memberships start at \$10. Membership applications are available at the library and on the library's web site. To contact the Friends directly, you may email them at friendssfpl66mt.aol.com. The next membership meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 1 pm in the library's meeting room at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

"The library has always played such an important role in my life and in my family's life," said Friends president Vera Stier. "I truly enjoy being able to give something back – and being an active member of this group is very rewarding." Other Trustees of the organization are Doris Ruff, Mara Friedman, Sally Rice, and Ellen Bloom.

Many patrons may be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends. These include materials and programs for children and adults such as the Summer Reading Club for children, Chair Yoga for adults, "Wowbrary", the library's weekly email newsletter, and museum passes for the whole family. Please visit the library web site at www.sfplnj.org and its Facebook page to learn more about the library's activities, and to find out how to become a member of the Friends.

JEWISH SENIORS OF SPRINGFIELD OFFERS FREE LECTURE ON BECOMING AN EDUCATED HEALTH CARE CONSUMER

Jewish Seniors of Springfield will offer a lecture on Becoming an Educated Health Care Consumer on Monday, November 14, at 1:30 pm. More and more, people are experiencing difficulty and frustration when accessing health services. Deciding how to proceed can be among the most important decisions we ever make.

Come and learn about choosing doctors and other practitioners, understanding how health care insurance works, getting the most out of your appointment, and much more.

Speakers are Jackie Herzlinger, RN and Andrea Cook Nadel, RN. They serve the Congregational Nursing Program in Springfield.

Everyone is invited. Admission is free. The lecture will be at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, which is at 78 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield. For more information, call the temple at (973) 379-5387.

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LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM



Mark Samuel Ross, Esq. Addresses the B'nai B'rith International Leadership Forum

B'nai B'rith Leaders from the Tri-State Region joined other B'nai B'rith Leaders from around the globe to attend the B'nai B'rith Annual Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in mid-September. Mark Samuel Ross, Esq., of Springfield, Tri-State Region President and member of the B'nai B'rith International Executive Committee represented the Tri-State Region. The Forum, held from September 10-12 in Washington, D.C. heard from many experts, academics and fellow leaders on various topics including the current state of international affairs affecting Jews and the State of Israel, the U.S. election, and the State of the organization. Mark Ross led a discussion on "sharing-the-wealth fundraising" and local programming to raise B'nai B'rith's profile and service to the local community. The weekend conference concluded with a special diplomatic luncheon with Ron Dermer, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the U.S. and Ramon Gil-Casares, Ambassador of Spain to the U.S., both of whom addressed the increasing relationship between Spain and Israel.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Safety tips remain a hot topic with fire rescue personnel, especially with the National Fire Protection Association's annual Fire Prevention Week, which, this year, is October 9 through 15, 2016.

The History of Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Commemorating a conflagration

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you have heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The 'Moo' Myth

Like any good story, the "case of the cow" has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she had been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow was not to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "**Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,**" represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. Read more from NFPA Journal.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Springfield Fire Department will get a jump on Fire Prevention Week, with presentations among classrooms throughout the Township of Springfield. During the month of October the Springfield Firefighters look forward to conducting pumper visits/assemblies for Pre K classes through 3rd grade.

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH CANDIDATES FORUM OCTOBER 27, 2016

Sponsored By Springfield Patriot Chamber Of Commerce

The Annual Springfield Hadassah Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and presented by Springfield Hadassah will take place in the Museum Room of the Springfield Public Library on October 27 at 11:00 am. The program will be moderated by Patrick Paoletta, Executive Vice President emeritus of Kearny Bank.

Four candidates will be competing for the two open seats for the three year terms on the Springfield Township Committee. Springfield Committeeman and former Mayor Richard Huber and Erica DuBois are the Democratic Candidates. Victoria Saracino and Kristen Labazzo are the Republican Candidates.

Attendees are urged to come with short, non-personal, pertinent questions for both candidates(or designee). Questions can be written beforehand or at the meeting on question blanks that will be supplied along with pens. Questions will then be submitted to the event coordinator.

A light lunch will follow. Non Hadassah and Non Chamber members who plan to attend are urged to contact Lorraine S. Seidel at lorrainesseidel@gmail.com or 973.376.5067 so as to assure adequate seating and refreshments.

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- Richie, Springfield NJ



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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri,
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