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JANUARY 26, 2017

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Some new features are coming to The Patriot Times in 2017. We have been publishing since 2008 and have always had a website, www.springfieldpatriot.com. We have simply not had the time to do both the monthly print issue and online real time news each month. In order to offer more information to the public, the Patriot Times is now seeking a "website" Editor. As you may know, every past issue of the Patriot is posted online as well as some articles that miss the print date, but are still timely, and we want to get the word out. The Township has always posted the meeting agendas and other timely information with us online as well. More Township information posts will be forthcoming in 2017.

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TOWNSHIP SWEARS IN NEW POLICE OFFICER



(l to r) Grandmother Mary, mother Sue, Officer Zimmerman, Mayor Jerry Fernandez and Police Chief John Cook.

Officer Stephen Zimmerman was sworn in at the December 13th Township Committee meeting. He is Springfield's latest addition to its Police Force. Officer Zimmerman graduated from the Essex County College Public Safety Academy in December.

FMBA DONATES TO SPRINGFIELD HOPE



(l to r) Springfield HOPE Trustees Chief of Police John Cook, Scott Seidel, Dr. Gary Hecht and Fire Captain Marc Corea

In December, the Springfield FMBA Local 57 donated \$250 to Springfield HOPE. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Fire Captain Marc Corea said, "We enjoy helping out people in need, it's what we do, and to be able to make a donation to Springfield HOPE which in turn will use the funds to help those in need in Springfield is what we are all about."

SPRINGFIELD RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

At the Township of Springfield's Re-organization meeting held on January 3, two new Township Committee members were sworn into office. Richard Huber and Erica DuBois were administered the Oath of Office by Union County Freeholder Chair Bruce H. Bergen.

Senator Tom Kean then administered the Oath of Office to Diane Stampoulos, making her the "Chair of the Township Committee", or Mayor as it is more commonly referred.

The Committee then elected Maria Vassallo as Deputy Mayor. A list of working committees, appointments and resolutions followed. The full list is available online at springfieldpatriot.com.

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ADVANCE AUTO PARTS GRAND OPENING



(l to r) Steve Johnson Commercial manager, Santa, Tony Yorke General manager, John Pingatore District manager, Gerri Ann Bujnowski Committeewoman, John Cook Police Chief, Elliot Merkin Chamber Vice President, Mike Scalera Springfield Business Improvement District Chairman

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Senator Tom Kean administers the Oath of Office to Mayor Diane Stampoulos while her children Nicholas and Olivia hold the bible.



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Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the Township Committee, happy new year! Thank you to all who attended the annual Township re-organization meeting on January 3. I want to thank my family and friends for their continued love and support.

Congratulations to Richard Huber and Erica Dubois on their election to the Township Committee. I'm honored to have been selected as the Chair by my colleagues. I'm looking forward to serving the Township of Springfield as its new mayor. We are all eager to work hard on behalf of all residents and businesses in town to make our community a better place in which to live and work.

To serve as your Mayor is a great privilege, and one that I do not take lightly. Having served on the Revenue & Finance sub-committee last year, I am well-versed in the details of the budget and I understand the implications of the budget on property taxes. This year, I will be working with the new chair of the sub-committee, Committeewomen Geri Bujnowski, to develop a fiscally responsible budget and one that is forward-looking with a debt reduction plan so that we can ensure the future of Springfield is sound. There are a number of ways in which we have seen revenue decrease (through numerous tax appeals) and expenses increase (health benefits, utilities, pension payments, etc.). This year, we are beginning the process earlier. We are aiming to have the budget introduced in March and adopted in April. The public is invited to participate in the process and hear from each department head directly about their budget requests. There will be a daytime session at 2 pm on Tuesday, March 14 and an evening session at 6 pm on Tuesday, March 14.

This year, we are making a push to improve the use of technology in government to enhance services offered and make interaction with Town Hall more convenient over the internet. Our municipal website is also undergoing a renovation – it will still be functional during the change. Visit the website www.springfield-nj.us and navigate to the Department of Public Works page to download your copy of the new bulletin which provides key dates and information about spring cleaning, vegetative waste disposal, leaf collection, curbside collection for trash, recycling, and bulk waste, disposal information for special items like Christmas trees, hazardous waste, electronics, and more. Finally, be on the lookout for more information about the question on the 2017 election ballot asking residents if they would like to establish a Charter Study Commission to examine our form of government.

As your elected representatives, we are available to you. We can be contacted by emailing Township Committee@springfield-nj.us, calling 973-912-2234, or visiting us in Town Hall at our regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

FREE RABIES CLINIC & 2017 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

Saturday, January 14, 2017 8:30 A.M. – Noon / Springfield Chisholm Center Church Mall

All cats/dogs six months and over must be licensed. Licenses may be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, Monday through Friday 8 am to 3:30 pm, or by mail, addressed to:

Township of Springfield ~ Attn: Kristin Ragland, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081

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\$15.00 non spayed/non neutered - \$1.00 late fee per month or a portion thereof

****Late fees will be added as of February 1, 2017****

No license will be issued without proof of rabies vaccination. If your animal's rabies vaccination expires prior to October of the licensing period, the animal must be revaccinated prior to issuance of a new license (as per "state of new jersey, department of health," 609-588-3121). Proof of spay/neuter required for reduced fee.

****If you no longer have a DOG/CAT please call us at 973-912-2285**. Anyone owning, keeping, or harboring any unlicensed cat/dog of licensing age will be subject to summons and fine. There will be no exceptions.**

CANNON BALL HOUSE DEBUT OF RESTORED GEORGE WASHINGTON LETTER

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on Sunday, February 19 from two to four. In honor of it being Presidents' Day weekend, two samples of presidential penmanship will be displayed. One is a piece of correspondence from Herbert Hoover, while the other is a letter signed by George Washington. This letter was composed when Washington was encamped in Springfield during the Revolutionary War. Courtesy of some generous benefactors, the Washington Letter has recently undergone conservation and reframing. This open house will be the first time since its restoration that this document will be on display to the public. Also on view this weekend will be a new exhibit relating to World War I. This year marks the centennial anniversary of America's entry into this global conflict. On display will be different artifacts relating to WWI and their connections to Springfield. So join us one day shy of President's Day for a notable chapter in the history of the Cannon Ball House. Hours: Sunday, February 19 from 2 to 4. Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Note: We will not be open Presidents' Day itself. For more information call (973) 376 4784.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesdays, January 10 and 24, 7 pm
Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, 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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**DEBRA W. LEVINE
JOINS
BRACH EICHLER LLC**

Springfield resident Debra W. Levine has joined the health law practice of Brach Eichler LLC as counsel. She previously served as deputy attorney general in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and as assistant section chief of the Counseling Section of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

**SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S
CHORUS PERFORMS AT THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



The Springfield Community Children's Chorus performs at the November 21 Springfield Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, held at Temple Sha'arey Shalom in honor of its 60th anniversary. Clergy representing many houses of worship in the town participated in this moving service. Over 200 people attended. Food donations were accepted for the Community Food Bank and cash donations for the Springfield First Aid Squad.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

HOW TO REACT TO A CAR FIRE

When driving, you should never smell smoke and/or the acrid smell of burning wires. Smoke does not necessarily mean that the car is on fire, but it should always be treated seriously. Drive directly to the shoulder of the road and turn off the ignition.

According to the American Automobile Association and the National Fire Protection Association, there are nearly 300,000 car fires annually in the United States, resulting in more than 500 deaths. The leading cause of these fires was poor vehicle maintenance.

Here is some advice to prevent a fire and avoid problems with your car. Include a check of the fuel system during your regular maintenance. Electrical and fuel system problems are the primary causes of car fires. An early indication of a problem is an electrical fuse that blows more than once. The source of the tripped fuse could be either a faulty component or a wiring problem. Next, check for oil leaks and always use a funnel when adding oil. Oil spilled on a hot exhaust manifold can cause a fire.

Another source of fires is the catalytic converter. This is the cylindrical unit located in the exhaust system found before the muffler. Catalytic converters can become so hot they can ignite dried grass or leaves directly under the parked vehicle. Never park on dried grass or leaves.

Your first action, if you suspect that your car is on fire, should be to pull over immediately and turn off the engine. As you drive, the forward motion of the vehicle will force air into the engine compartment which feeds oxygen to the fire. It is best to stop in an area away from buildings and people, if you have that option. Burning plastics and other materials can produce toxic gases; therefore it is best not to expose yourself or bystanders.

Modern cars usually have an electric fuel pump; and by turning off the ignition, you will have stopped the flow of fuel to the fire. Next, get yourself and passengers out of the car and close the doors behind you. Closed doors and windows may limit the spread of fire by reducing the amount of oxygen available.

While explosions from car fires are rare (the most common is the bursting of a burning tire), you should stand clear of the area – especially avoiding the front and rear of the vehicle. Vehicles with slow impact bumpers are equipped with gas shock absorbers that, under intense heat, can explode and turn into lethal projectiles.

That's a lot to remember, so in summary, if smoke is billowing out of your car, pull over, turn off the ignition, get everyone out of the vehicle and call for help.

**TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM, SPRINGFIELD,
BROTHERHOOD PRE-CHANUKAH**



Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, religious school kids enjoy holiday crafts at the Temple Brotherhood's annual Pre-Chanukah Party. About 100 temple members, both adults and children, enjoyed a happy time, with food and fun for everyone, sponsored by the Brotherhood.

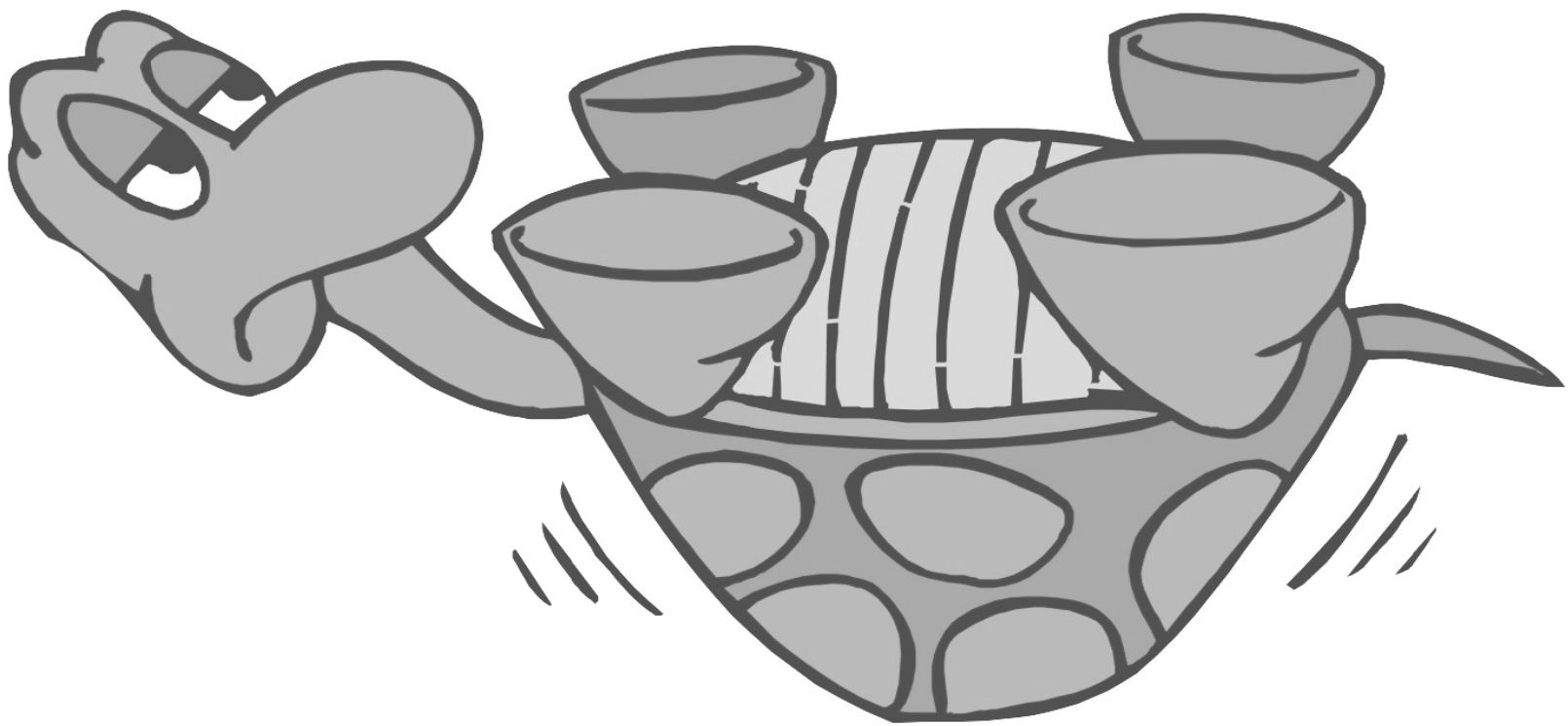
**TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM HOLDS
CHANUKA "FUNRAISER" AT BARNES
AND NOBLE, SPRINGFIELD**



Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, recently held its annual Chanuka "Funraiser" at Barnes and Noble. Religious school students and KeSHeT teens led a spirited Chanukah sing-along and presentation along with Israeli emissary Noach Korin, teachers and Cantor Amy Daniels.

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UNION COUNTY HOMELESS VIGIL IN SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Linda M. Flores-Tober, Executive Director, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Pastor J. David Knecht, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Geleen Donovan, Family Promise Union County and Debbie Ann Anderson, HomeFirst.

On December 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., a group of non-profit agencies and interfaith congregations gathered at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield for a Homeless Memorial Vigil.

This event was chosen as a time to remember all homeless people who died during the past year due to their lack of shelter or care.

Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Family Promise of Union County, HomeFirst, Monarch Housing and the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council organized this event and Holy Cross Lutheran Church is hosted this interfaith Vigil. The Vigil included a reading of the names of those who died during the past year, music and interfaith readings.

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS

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Advance Auto Parts is pleased to open its first store in Springfield, New Jersey. The store is located at 130 Route 22 and is supported by Team Members, led by General Manager Tony Yorke. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 9 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 7 pm In the Holiday spirit, Santa joined in to help and food was on hand for the festivities at the grand opening.

At Advance, customers will find a wide range of the highest quality parts from recognized national brands including the exclusive Carquest® brand products, which are manufactured to meet the needs of professional installers. Products are also available online at AdvanceAutoParts.com and can be picked up at this location or any Advance store locations within 30 minutes. Commercial customers can have parts delivered to their business.

Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times, both township residents and business owners alike, take a few moments to read over these suggested tips on how to prevent your becoming a victim of a crime in this New Year. Although there is no fool proof way to guarantee that a crime is not committed against you, these are a few simple tips to help protect you, your family, your property and personal identity information.

- Whether you leave your home for a day or only an hour remember to make sure to lock all doors and windows. Most house burglaries are commonly referred to as “break-ins”, but burglars routinely walk around your home trying all doors and windows to see if one was inadvertently left unlocked so they do not have to break into your home. Remember that a closed window is not a locked window.

- Remember to always lock your car when parked in your driveway overnight and make sure the windows are closed. Cars in driveways become a frequent target of thieves who merely walk about residential areas late at night where they simply try door handles to find unlocked cars that they then rummage through.

- Never leave valuables inside of your car overnight in your driveway. Every year residents have their cars burglarized, either by leaving it unlocked or by forced entry into it. Residents report the theft of cellular phones, wallets, handbags, laptop computers or tablets, digital cameras and other valuables.

- Consider installing motion sensor lights around your home as an added deterrent.

- Be wary of persons at your door soliciting various types of home repair work. Some may do a good job, but many are just looking to con you out of your money.

- You should not walk along the street or through parking lots, to or from your car, while using a smart phone. Your attention is on the phone and not on the thief who will run up to snatch your phone, sometimes by physically assaulting you.

- Remember that whenever you receive a telephone call, an e-mail or a letter that indicates you have won some type of monetary prize, lottery or sweepstake and you are required to pay some type of fee to collect your prize winnings...this is a scam to con you out of money. Legitimate prizes require no payment of any fees.

- Be wary of e-mails you may receive from a bank you have a debit or credit card account with, or a store where you may have used the card where the e-mail is to alert you to possible fraud on your debit or credit card account. Instead of blindly contacting the number listed on the e-mail, contact your bank or the store via the numbers on your debit or credit card. Fraudsters will create very realistic looking e-mails to con you into calling them under the guise of

being your bank or a store in order to extract your full account number and or personal identity information.

- If you receive a telephone call from the IRS saying you need to pay some type of back tax immediately to avoid arrest...this is a scam. If the telephone caller says he or she is a law enforcement officer and you must immediately pay bail for a criminal charge signed against you or you will be arrested...this is a scam. If you receive a call indicating you failed to appear for jury duty and you need to pay a fine immediately or risk being arrested...this is a scam. No law enforcement or governmental agency will call threatening an arrest unless you make some type of payment where the requested payment demanded is to be made by either your debit or credit card account number, your going to a store to purchase a pre paid MoneyPak card, or by sending your payment via a Money Gram or Western Union wire transfer. If you receive any of these types of calls you should look up the telephone number for the supposed agency and contact the IRS or the police agency to verify if the call you received was legitimate. Remember that when an actual reason exists where a warrant will be issued for your arrest the only time you will be afforded an opportunity to pay your bail will be after you're arrested.

- If you receive a call from someone purporting to represent the electric or gas company and you are instructed to make a payment for an overdue bill or your service will be immediately shut off, you should get the information the caller gives you. Then, look up the phone number yourself for the named utility company and contact them to verify if the call you received was legitimate.

- Regularly check your bank and credit card statements and immediately contact your financial institution when you discover any unauthorized charges.

- If you sell anything on line or advertise any type of service or business on line and you receive a check from a purported buyer or customer where the check is made out for more than the agreed upon price...AND...you are requested to wire the overpayment back to the remitter...this is most likely a scam where the check you initially received is counterfeit. Ask your bank to examine the check and if you deposit it, do not send off the supposed overpayment to the remitter until the deposited check has cleared.

- Be wary of telephone calls where you are told a relative, usually reported to be out of state, in a foreign country, or on vacation has been involved in a motor vehicle accident or has been arrested and you are asked to wire money bail, hospital bills, or to pay damages. Nowadays thieves will obtain names and other information for your relatives off of social media sites such as FaceBook to use when calling you. If you receive such a call, merely get all of the contact information from the caller and hang up. Immediately call your relative who is supposedly on vacation in order to verify that the call you received is a scam.

These are just a few simple tips on how to prevent some of the more prevalent crimes and scams that some township residents unfortunately fall victim to every year. If you are in doubt of a suspicious call or person contact the police department so we may assist you.

FREE ONLINE ADVERTISING!!!

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The Website Editor, like all positions at the Patriot Times, is a volunteer post. All the staff working on this paper are volunteers and the Chamber of Commerce provides the newspaper to the residents and businesses of Springfield as a public service. It's not run as a for profit business. If you are interested in helping out and posting stories online, please contact us at info@springfieldpatriot.com.

Also, at the November Chamber of Commerce meeting, Assistant Editor John Cottage, Sr. mentioned a new series of articles we would be featuring starting in 2017. The first in the series, featuring The Springfield Lions Club, appears in this issue. It must have been a good idea because another on-line only publication immediately starting running around town and doing the same thing! Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!! Only the Patriot Times can boast over 7,300 readers in Springfield!

Beginning this month, we will also be offering free online advertising to our loyal print advertisers who regularly take a 1/2 page or larger ad in the paper every month. We hope to expand that to all of our print advertisers. Of course, every issue, complete with all ads, is available online for your reference.

The look of the website will change a little and be more up-to-date. We will also email you when we post a new story online if you sign up for that service. Just visit the website now, and on the right hand side of the page, fill out your email address in the "subscribe here" box. That's all you need to do--every time we update the webpage, you'll get an email. You can opt out anytime you want. Each email you get will include that option. We don't intend to use this as an advertising tool or to promote anything--just to let you know when a new story is posted. The Patriot Times is YOUR newspaper--keep sending us your news and articles--we are here for you!

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS DRIVE A SUCCESS - 7TH YEAR

Springfield HOPE is once again glad to close out our annual TOY drive. Ongoing since 2009, we have provided holiday gifts to hundreds of local children, removing the financial burden from their parents, freeing money to be used for bills and savings. Amy Roselle, the chief Elf and project organizer said, “We served over 40 families this year, thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Springfield. We are so grateful for all the donations.” The drive begins around Thanksgiving with the placement of toy donation boxes throughout the community. Locations include houses of worship, township offices, public and private schools, and several businesses. The contents are collected and bagged by assistant Elf, Dr. Gary Hecht, a local Chiropractor and Springfield HOPE Trustee. He told the Patriot, “My wife’s minivan goes from being called the FUN BUS, to the NORTH POLE EXPRESS BUS.” The toys are stored until sorting day. Students from Jonathan Dayton High School’s Volunteer club sort the toys by age and gender. Jen Mortensen, the Volunteer club’s advisor, said, “The kids that participated not only worked toward completing their required volunteering hours, but felt part of something so positive for their community.”

Request forms are distributed to local families identified as being in need. They tell the organizers why they should be receiving free toys, the ages and gender of their children, and a convenient pick up time. Bags are filled to the brim with goodies for the children and distributed. When possible, gift cards are given to older children where toys are not as appropriate. Typically, we collect more items than it is possible to distribute locally. A nearby charity is chosen to receive the ‘left-overs’. St. Anne’s soup kitchen and shelter in Newark was the beneficiary this year. Larry, their coordinator, was nearly brought to tears upon the delivery by Scott Seidel, Springfield HOPE trustee several days before Christmas.

**COMMITTEEWOMAN ERICA DUBOIS
TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE**



(l to r) Erica's husband Davin DuBois, standing is daughter Deanna DuBois, and Committeewoman Erica DuBois holding their daughter Delaney DuBois., Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen

**RICHARD HUBER TAKES
HIS OATH OF OFFICE**



(l to r) Rich's son, Ryan Huber, his wife Rachel, Rich's daughter Rita, Rich's wife Ginnie holding the bible, and his grandchildren, Reilly and Reed. Huber commented to the Patriot, "I look forward to continuing to serve the Township and it's residents to the best of my ability".



Toys pictured here that were sorted by students from Jonathan Dayton High School's Volunteer Club. The toys were distributed from the Springfield fire department headquarters.



**MANAGED HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
IN FLORHAM PARK NJ DONATES TO
TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS**



(l to r) Michael Sicilian, President of the Company; Jason Conley, EVP; Joseph Siciliano, VP; Faye Gordon, Receptionist; and Sharyn Callaghan, Office Administrator

**FOR THE 4TH YEAR IN A ROW, THE
EMPLOYEES OF KRA AGENCY PARTNERS, INC.
OF SPRINGFIELD HAVE DONATED TO THE
TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS CAMPAIGN**



**JAMES CALDWELL SCHOOL PRIDE CLUB
RUNS FOOD DRIVE**



The members of the James Caldwell School Pride Club ran a food drive and collected 525 pounds of food to donate to the Community Food Bank for their "Students Change Hunger" program. This more than triples the amount they were able to donate in years past! The Pride Club's goal is to help the school and the community with service projects and activities throughout the school year.

DAYTON SOCCER 2016 SEASON



On December 13th, the Township Committee presented the Jonathan Dayton High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team and Head Coach Felix Fabiano with a Certificate of Merit.

Boys Varsity Soccer Team Head Coach Felix Fabiano commented on their 17-8 record and the 17th straight season with a winning record. Coach Fabiano talked about what a great team this was and how they enjoyed the season and their terrific record.

Roster

Ian Dragowitz 9
Christian Mancini 9
Patrick Machado 9
Wilfried Bai 12
William Hodic 11
Gollin Hunter 9
Jagger Kebea9
Vincent Pulice 10
Scott Maran 11
Derrick Lobo 12
Jared Horowitz 12
Nico Mc Namee 11
Chris Montes 12
Miguel Barros 12
Diogo Barros 11
Elie Kapengut 10
Jordan Wendolowski 11
Mark Gragg 12
Matt kenengiser 2
Bryce Forys 11
Esteban Mena 12
Anthony Nagy 11
Sean Martin 11
Lee Roth 12 (captain)
Nick Ulizio 112 (captain)
Arenea Randriamanana 12 (captain)
Jose' Mejia 12

Managers

Holly Wilson
Lauren Rechner

Head Coach:

Felix Fabiano

Assistant Coaches:

Matt Schachtel, Dan Jamnick

Accomplishments:

Record: 16-8-1-
(17 th straight winning seasons)
last losing record wa in 1999
Reached quarterfinals of the county
First round: Dayton 5- Linden 1
2nd round: Dayton advanced by beating Union Cath on penalty kicks
quarter finals
Dayton lost 1-0 to Westfield
Dayton won the conference with a 6-2 record
Defeated Brearley 2-1 and 2-0
Defeated Cratory 2-1 and 6-0
Defeated New Providence 3-1 and lost 1-0
Defeated Rahway 3-0 and lost 3-2
Outscored the opponents in the conference 24-7
Dayton won the section north 2 group 1
First round: Defeated Becton 5-2
2nd round : Defeated Belvidere 2-1
Semi-final Defeated Roselle Park 1-0
Final : Defeated Glen Ridge 2-1

Individual accomplishments:

Anthony Nagy 11
Scored 27 goals and had 13 assists
Jose Mejia 12
Scored 10 goals (10 games played) and had 7 assists
Derrick Lobo 12
Scored 10 goals and had 10 assists

Next Year Captains:

Jose' Mejia
Bryce Forys

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

Welcome to Patriot Profiles – a new monthly column in the Patriot Times.

This month, we are featuring the Springfield Lion's Club. The club just celebrated their 91st year of serving Springfield and surrounding communities. While it's membership rolls have included many distinguished residents over the years, none are more so than Lion Stan Grossman. Stan, a retired teacher from Jonathan Dayton High School, has been a Lion for 50 years. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Stan talked about his years as a member of the Springfield Lions Club where he served three terms as President as did his wife, the late Ruth Grossman, who served two terms as President and was the Lions first female member. Stan served as a Director on the Board of Lions International from 1999 to 2001. He had the opportunity during that time to speak in 28 different states and numerous foreign countries at various Lion functions. At the completion of his term on the board, he was presented the Ambassador of Good Will Award by the Lions International President from France.



(l to r) Lions John Schaedel, Ed Shaffery, Stan Grossman, Joe Forys, Patty Schaedel, Wally Peterson, April Forys, Bob Hagenbush, Donald Dauser and Rich Huber.

Stan recalled how in 1925, Helen Keller spoke at a Lions convention and asked the Lions to be the 'Knights of the Blind'. Stan has a copy of her speech!*

Ever since then, the Lions have run the 'Eyes for the Needy' program. The Springfield Club regularly collects used eye glasses and provides them to the needy individuals. New Jersey is actually one of 8 states where the program is coordinated. The Springfield Club also collects used hearing aids and provides them to the needy as well.

This past month, the Lions (pictured here) were involved in the Homeless Person's Memorial Day Vigil for Union County which was hosted by Lion and Pastor Dave Knecht at Holy Cross Church in Springfield. Over 100 of the County homeless were fed and the names of the homeless who passed away in 2016 were read. The Lions Club provided refreshments and fellowship after the church service in the fellowship hall. Speaking about the event, Lion President Ed Shaffery commented "helping the homeless and doing the things we do as Lions is not an obligation but an opportunity to serve not only our community but all of mankind".

The Lions meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Marco Polo restaurant in Summit. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, please contact Lion Wally Peterson at 908-337-5176.

**The speech will be posted online in the near future.*

APPLICATIONS TO EXHIBIT ART WORK AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S PALMER MUSEUM CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is currently accepting applications from artists who would like to exhibit their work in the museum during 2017. Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, 10 slides, prints, a CD ROM or computer files representative of the work and a stamped self-addressed envelope that will accommodate the return of submitted samples. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Due to increased use of the museum for library programming, sculpture cannot be

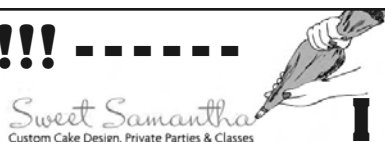
exhibited at this time unless the pieces can be hung on the wall or displayed on wall-mounted shelves, with a limited amount of pedestal space also available.

The application form and library policy pertaining to museum exhibits can be found at the library's website, www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com. For more information, please contact Dale Spindel, Library Director, at 973-376-4930, ext. 227 or at dspindel@springfieldpubliclibrary.com. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue.

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OMG!!!! - - - - -



I MADE THAT!!!

Join Sweet Samantha for an opportunity to tap into your creative self and make truly amazing and useful crafts for everyone to enjoy! Pinterest inspired ideas, coupled with Samantha's fun flair, this class is aimed at tweens and teens (Ages 8 & up) to boost self-confidence with finding new skills!

We will be learning how to use a sewing machine for simple stitch projects, how to make candles, how to incorporate scent and texture into crafts, as well as beautiful packaging for gift giving! Each week, students will complete and take home an awesome project they can feel proud of!!!

- Week 1 - LIPS! Lip Scrub, Lip Balm & Homemade Lip Gloss
- Week 2 - Scented Heat Bags (Sewing machine use!) & Sewn Headbands
- Week 3 - Scented Candle Making & Room Sprays
- Week 4 - DIY Mini Pom Pom Key chains & Awesome Glitter Magnets
- Week 5 - LUSH inspired Bubble Soap, Soap Jellies, & Bath Bombs
- Week 6 - Polymer Jewelry -Tiny Sculpted treats to make Earrings/Charms

**Class meets at the Springfield Chisholm Community Center from 4-5:30pm
100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081**

Class Dates: Mondays 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

Price \$195 - Including all materials to complete projects listed

DECORATING AND BAKING CLASS!

Join Sweet Samantha for an incredible learning experience (Ages 8+) All about Baking and Decorating! 6 Weeks of Hands on projects, including Tsum Tsum character Sculpted Cereal Treats, Zebra Style Mini Cake, Russell Stover Inspired Valentine Candies, Mini Sculpted "Italian Meal" Cupcakes --PLUS Scrath Baking, Candy Making and more!

Each week, students will complete and take home a tasty and fabulous treat!

Tuesday OR Thursday evening sessions available 6 - 7:30 pm, At the Springfield Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

Class Dates: Tuesdays 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 2/28 (* No class Valentine's Day) or
Thursdays 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Price \$195 - Including all materials, tools and recipes

***Contact Samantha for questions and to register at: samlynn9@aol.com
www.sweet-samantha.com 973-445-1620**

BRICKS 4 KIDZ – SPRINGFIELD RECREATION

Bricks 4 Kidz after-school LEGO® enrichment program is coming back to Springfield Recreation with brand new models, starting January 20, 2017.

Come and experience our 6 sessions of "STEM" enrichment program by building exciting models incorporating LEGO® Technic bricks, axles, pulleys, gears, motors, & more. Students will enjoy the "hands-on" fun of model building from concept to completion, using the Bricks 4 Kidz proprietary model plans and kits.

Each week, students will build a different motorized model exploring topics such as Inventions, Life Science, and Technology. Each class begins with a discussion of interesting facts reflecting the model build of the day. In addition, the functions of LEGO® Technic pieces are carefully explained and demonstrated as they are incorporated into each simple machine. The cumulative knowledge and learning experience will enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as foster teamwork. At the end of each session, students are also encouraged to modify the design, unleashing their creativity. The class is fun, exciting and educational.



**Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue**

**For additional information about our program offerings,
please visit our website at bricks4kidz.com/cnj**

**Eugenia Chiang (908) 866-1066 • Kavita Rana (908) 616-0492
echiang@bricks4kidz.com • krana@bricks4kidz.com**

To enroll: go to www.brick4kidz.com/cnj Click on green wheel with "view classes"

**CLASS SCHEDULE:
Grades K-5
Fridays
4:00 – 5:00 pm
6 sessions –
1/20, 1/27, 2/3,
2/10, 2/17, 2/24
Fees: —
\$99 for 6 Sessions**

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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

ADULT BOOT CAMP WINTER 2017



FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED

TUESDAYS, 7PM-8PM

THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM

JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 9

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

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
for pro-rating fee!**

**Chisholm Community
Center 100 South
Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227**

**Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation**

**Questions?
Contact the Springfield
Recreation Department at
(973) 912-2227 or
recreation@springfield-nj.us**

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

GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

Program Details:

- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 3rd-9th grades.
- In our travel league, teams play games against surrounding towns home and away.
- Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.

Practices and Field Information:

- Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
- 3rd-6th grade team practices on Tuesday and Thursday (time to be determined).
- 7th-9th grade team practices on Monday and Thursday (time to be determined).

Three Fees:

- **\$60** – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction).
- Prior to Wednesday, February 15th, take advantage of early-bird discount:
\$80 – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>. Starting on Wednesday, February 15th:
\$100 – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.
- **\$30** – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at <http://www.uslacrosse.org>.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 28th. After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

**Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department,
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081,
or online at BOTH <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> and <http://www.springfieldlaxnj.com>.**

**Registration questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at
sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.**

Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com. For additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures, visit the Lacrosse Club website at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.

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WINTER CONDITIONING Winter 2017 Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. The program demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of eight children are required for the program. No refunds are provided after the program has begun.

Location:
Chisholm Community Center,
2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Weekday: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2:
January 27th-March 3rd

Cost: \$60 per session
(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
training apparel item

Register by mail or in person at the
Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
(\$3 convenience fee is charged per
transaction when using a credit card)

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.

BOYS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

Program Details:

- The program is open to boys in Springfield schools in 2nd-8th grades.
- In our travel league, 4th-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 2nd-3rd graders play fewer games (small-sided), but also play surrounding towns.
- 2nd-8th grade players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
- A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre K-1st graders will be offered. No equipment is required. See separate registration form.

Practices and Field Information:

- Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
- 2nd-3rd grade team practices Monday and Saturday. (Times TBD).
- 4th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. (Subject to change. Times TBD).
- 5th-6th grade team practices Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. (Subject to change. Times TBD).

- 7th grade team has 3-4 practices per week. (Days and times TBD).
- 8th grade team has 3-4 practices per week. (Days and times TBD).

Three Fees:

- **\$60** – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form, or with a credit card online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction).
- Prior to Wednesday, February 15th, take advantage of early-bird discount:
\$150 (4th-8th grade) or **\$75** (2nd-3rd grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>. Starting on Wednesday, February 15th: **\$170** (4th-8th grade) or **\$95** (2nd-3rd grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.
- **\$30** – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at <http://www.uslacrosse.org>.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 28th. After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

Register in-person or by mail at Springfield Recreation Department,
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081,
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Registration questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at
sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Lacrosse questions? Contact the Lacrosse Club at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com.
For additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures, visit the Lacrosse Club website at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION WINTER SPORTS CLASSES 2016-2017 *In association with US Sports Institute*

Register today:

- Winter Registration Open
- Schedules Listed Online
- Weekly Classes & Schools Out Camps
- Look Out for our New Programs

Camp & Class Details:

- Ages 2 to 8
- All Abilities. Boys & Girls
- Daytime & Evening Programs
- School Vacation Camps

Weather: We try not to cancel programs, but sometimes Mother Nature just gets in our way! In this case, please visit our website where we post the most up to date information regarding rain outs, snow or heat advisory cancellations.

Just log onto www.UsSportsInstitute.com,
click the Parents Menu at the top, click Weather Alerts and look for your town and class.

Specific program details can be found online at www.UsSportsInstitute.com

Winter Weekly Classes: January to March

Dates: Saturdays, January 14-March 4 Location: Chisholm Community Center Price: \$159

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football,
soccer & much more! Ages: 3 5 yrs
Times 9:30am 10:30am / 10:30am 11:30am

TOTAL SPORTS-SENIOR SQUIRTS: Play up to 6
different sports! Ages: 5 6 yrs
Times 11:30am 12:30pm

Winter Weekly Classes: January to March

Dates: Mondays, January 16—March 6
Location: Chisholm Community Center
Price: \$159

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: T-Ball, flag-football,
soccer & much more! Ages: 3 5 yrs
Times 4:30pm—5:30pm

PARENT & ME-SPORTS: With a little help, children play up to 6 sports Ages: 2 3 yrs
Times 3:30pm 4:15pm



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>.

Learn to Play Golf at the Chisholm Community Center!!

TGA brings the golf course to you making it convenient and affordable for your child to learn the lifelong sport in a safe and fun environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop golf skills, get active and build self confidence as they advance through our five level program.



TGA Provides:

All Equipment
Education-Based Curriculum
Certified Junior Golf Instructors
Student Handbook
Achievement Awards

Every Class Includes:

Group and 1-on-1 Instruction
Physical Activity & Stretching
Rules & Etiquette Lesson
Educational Concepts (Ex: Math & Science)
Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship & Honesty

Pogram Details:

Dates: Thursdays 01/12/17 - 03/02/17. (8 weeks)
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.
Who: All kids ages 5 - 11. Class max is 15.
Location: Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.
Cost*: \$155/child
*Note: 10% sibling discount

YOU CAN REGISTER ON-LINE BY GOING TO
WWW.UNIONCOUNTY.PLAYTGA.COM
For more information contact Nick Meltzer at
nmeltzer@playtga.com or call (732) 835-8842.

Learn to Play Tennis at the Chisholm Community Center!!

TGA brings the tennis court to you making it convenient and affordable for your child to learn the lifelong sport in a safe and fun environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop tennis skills, get active and build self confidence as they advance through our multi-level program.



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Education-Based Curriculums
Certified Youth Tennis Instructors
Achievement Awards
USTA Youth Membership

Every Class Includes:

Group and 1-on-1 Instruction
Physical Activity & Stretching
Rules & Etiquette Lesson
Educational Concepts (Ex: Math & Science)
Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship & Honesty

Pogram Details:

Dates*: Mondays 01/09/17 - 03/13/17. (8 weeks)
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.
Who: All kids ages 5 - 9. Class max is 16.
Location: Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.
Cost: \$155/child
*Note: No class on 1/16/17 and 2/20/17 due to school holidays.

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HEATHER RE MOVES ON

Heather Re, assistant director of recreation since November 2014, has moved on from Springfield. During her tenure, Heather has helped oversee the re-opening of the Chisholm Community Center following its major renovation; presented the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coach Clinic to hundreds of Springfield coaches and coordinated the volunteer coach criminal background check process; interviewed, trained, and supervised hundreds of young camp and pool employees; helped grow the recreation basketball league and other sports programs; reimagined the Halloween Spooktacular, Spring Fest & Egg Hunt, and Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting; and successfully wrote several grant applications earning the township thousands of dollars. The township is grateful for Heather’s service and we wish her success and fulfillment in her future endeavors.

GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2017
Grades 1-9 Open to Students in Springfield Schools

Instructional League Grades 1-2
Lower League Grades 3-5* Upper League Grades 6-9**
*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA)
**9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball

Two Registration Fees
\$60 — Payable to Township of Springfield \$50 — Payable to Springfield Girls Softball Parents Association. Register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield.

Deadline Friday, February 24th — After, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team

What’s Included Uniform to keep (shirt, pants, visor); medals for 1st-2nd graders; loaned equipment (helmet, catcher’s gear, bats, balls); league fee

What’s Not Included Cleats; end-of-season picnic at pool (separate registration required)

Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE
P.O. BOX 444, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081
SPRING 2017 REGISTRATION • PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at www.leaguelineup.com/sjbl

DIVISIONS FOLLOW BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN AGE ASSIGNMENTS:

A LEAGUE	PRE K, KINDERGARTEN
AA LEAGUE	1st GRADE
AAA LEAGUE	2nd & 3rd GRADE
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	4th GRADE or 10 yrs old as of 4/30/2017
MAJOR LEAGUE	11 - 12 yrs old as of 4/30/2017
PONY LEAGUE	13 - 14 yrs old as of 4/30/2017

PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:

- Pre-Season Clinics will be held for all players, 2nd grade and older (dates TBD). To ensure competitive and balanced teams are created, all players must attend at least one of these free training sessions for skill assessment. Check our website regularly for updates.
- The SNJBL Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players to appropriate divisions to address player welfare and competitive balance.

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION COMPLETED AND PAYMENT RECEIVED BY: ALL LEAGUES	
JANUARY 1, 2017	\$125 (EARLY BIRD FEE!)
MARCH 1, 2017	\$150
AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	\$175 (Requires board approval and subject to available roster positions)

VOLUNTEER MANAGERS AND COACHES NEEDED! NOTE:
All managers/coaches are required to complete Rutgers SAFTEY certification training, submit to a finger-print background check, and be approved by the SNJBL Board of Directors.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL LEAGUE INFORMATION INCLUDING UPCOMING CLINIC DATES, AVAILABLE SAFETY COURSES, DIVISION DETAILS AND RULES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES: WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/SJBL

BACKPACKS FOR LIFE TOILETRY DRIVE

- Thank you for your interest in running a Backpacks For Life Donation Drive! Please see all below instructions and tips for running a successful event!
- Donations must be dropped off at Uncle Bob’s Self Storage Located at 125 Franklin Street in Belleville, NJ. Please contact us when your donations are complete and you would like to schedule a drop off.
- For additional information & scheduling donation drop offs, please contact Alexa at alexa@backpacksforlife.org OR Brett at 862-266-1704.
 - We can also provide flyers, key chains & bracelets as needed to support your event
- Please do not collect multiple items in one package (ex. 10 toothbrushes in one package) as we will not be able to separate these individual backpacks.
- Use bar graphs or progress bars to keep track of your drive, this will also encourage people to donate!
- Set up a donation bin in the location of your choice & post the ‘DONATION FLYER’ on the front of the bin.
- We accept **SHAMPOO, LOTION, CONDITIONER, LIP BALM, TOOTHBRUSH, TISSUES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SOAP BARS, BODY POWDER, HAND SANITIZER, WIPES**
**We also accept female hygiene products. Please collect these in a separate container/bin from your ‘BFL kits’*
- Please place all items into a plastic storage bag as they can leak & spill.
Interested in monetary donations? Monetary Donations Scale–
\$40 – one backpack
\$80 – one backpack filled with toiletries & supplies

Backpacks For Life, Inc. is a tax deductible, 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and 100% of our proceeds go to serving our homeless veterans. Tax ID: 47-1281873

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
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax
recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Co-ed Lacrosse Clinics
Spring 2017 Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade

Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club’s spring clinics!


The instructional clinics are open to Springfield children in Pre-K through 1st grades. No equipment required. Clinics meet on six Sundays at Chisholm Park, from April 2nd-May 14th @ 10:00-11:00 am. No clinic on April 16. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

Two fees: \$60 (Payable to Township of Springfield) \$20 (Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield)
Payments must be made prior to the first clinic. Includes: coaching, t-shirt, loaned stick (if needed), balls.

Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order.
Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
(973) 912-2227
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation recreation@springfield-nj.us

Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at sara.keffer@springfield-nj.us



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
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on the morning of your
transportation need.

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Springfield Free Public Library

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regular MGG schedule:
www.sfplnj.org

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Due to anticipated budgetary constraints, the Springfield Free Public Library will be closed on Sundays, beginning January 1, 2017. The Library Board of Trustees is prepared to reinstate Sunday hours as quickly as possible if sufficient funding becomes available.

Regular library hours from January through
June are scheduled as follows:

Mondays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Tuesdays	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Thursdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Fridays	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturdays	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sundays	Closed

More information about the library can be found
at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

**The Library will be closed January 16th,
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

Our programs are free and open to the public,
no matter what town or county you live in!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

New Year's Brr-Dae Party Saturday Jan 14 @ 3pm
For families with kids Grades K-3. We'll make a
snowman sock doll, have a puppet show, enjoy some
winter songs and have an ice cream social!

Pre-school children, babies and infants may partici-
pate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a grass
roots program individual to each library. Register
your child at the Youth Services Desk and get your first
log. After each completed log of 100 books the child will
be awarded a small prize. Participants must be residents
of Springfield, and library card-holders. Parents may use
an APP to log books!

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! Fri Jan 13,
Saturday Jan 14, Tues Jan 17, Thurs Jan 19, Tues
Jan 24, Thurs Jan 26, Sat Jan 28.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursdays in January. Join
Ms. Kathy around a cozy campfire fire for great sto-
ries 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 pm
- 5:00pm. Drop in. We play Super Smash Bros. Ages 9
and under need to have a parent present in the library.

Math Help continues on Wednesdays @ 4pm with
Mrs Treglio, certified math teacher. Bring your home-
work.

Teens & 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 opportu-
nity 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. January 23 at 6:00-7:00 pm.

Teens & Tweens Craft Thursday Jan 26 @ 3:00 pm.
Grade 5 and up. We're making paper fortune cookies,
just in time to celebrate Chinese New Year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm

Indian Cooking class: Kati Roll. (People with specific
food allergies or sensitivities are advised to be alert
to the ingredients being used by Ms. Jhalani before
consuming this dish.)

Thursday, January 26, 7:00 pm Rain Garden program.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, January 26 & February 9

Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am

Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am

Great Books: "Advantage and Disadvantage of
History for Life" by Friedrich Nietzsche.

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 pm

Really Good Book Discussion: "Man at the Helm"
by Nina Stibbe.

FILMS

Tuesday, January 17, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film – "Red Army", 2014.

Monday, January 30, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film – "Everest" starring Jake Gyllen-
haal, Josh Brolin, 2015.

Monday, February 13, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film – "Pride and Prejudice" starring
Rosamund Pike, Keira Knightly, 2005.

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- 8:45 pm Mahjong Club.

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

Every Monday, 6:30 pm Canasta 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, Phones and more), no appointment necessary.

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



Is there a writer in you? The Springfield Free
Public Library thinks so! Those in Grades 7-12 who
are interested in starting and running a Creative
Writing Club in 2017, please contact the Young
Adult Librarian Alice Chunn at achunn@sfplnj.org.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS TO RESUME IN JANUARY

People who have never played mah jongg before but
are interested in learning the game are invited to
attend a new round of classes being offered by the
Springfield Free Public Library. The classes are
scheduled from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Tuesday after-
noons, beginning on January 3. These classes will be
taught by volunteers and are free and open to all
members of the general public.

People who already know how to play mah jongg
are invited to join the library's mah jongg players
club that meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to
8:45 pm, beginning January 4. Participation in this
group is also free and open to all members of the
general public.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at
66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the
library can be found at [www.springfieldpublicli-
brary.com](http://www.springfieldpublicli-
brary.com).

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER PROGRAM ABOUT BACKYARD RAIN GARDENS

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased
to partner with the Rahway River Watershed
Association to offer a program at 7:00 pm on
Thursday, January 26, by landscape architect Tobiah
Horton on how to create a rain garden in one's own
backyard. In addition to being a specialist with the
Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Horton has designed
rain gardens throughout New Jersey, including the
large one located at Jonathan Dayton High School.
Also speaking will be Marian Glenn, a professor at
Seton Hall University and the president of the
Rahway River Watershed Association.

In addition to being an attractive landscape
feature, rain gardens benefit the environment by
reducing storm water runoff which, in turn, reduces
the risk of localized flooding. People who attend this
workshop will learn what is needed to create a rain
garden on their own property.

This program is free and open to all members of
the general public. The Springfield Free Public
Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More
information about the library can be found at [www.
springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.
springfieldpubliclibrary.com).



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Light sticks were handed out to the children.

PUBLIC CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING HELD DECEMBER 26TH

Springfield's annual Public Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony was held on Monday, December 26, 2016 at Veterans Memorial Park. Several hundred Springfielders attended amongst them members of Springfield's Police and Fire Department & the Township Committee. The event marked the celebration of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, with a public menorah lighting sponsored by the Chabad Jewish Learning Center of Springfield in partnership with Congregation Israel of Springfield.

The event was arranged by the Chabad couple Rabbi Mendy & Aidella Blesofsky of the JLC of Springfield. They thanked all for coming and encouraged the guests to keep the miracle of Chanukah alive today by performing "Mitzvot" & good deeds for others. Mayor Jerry Fernandez wished all a Happy Chanukah. Town Administrator Ziad Shehady was honored to light the Shamash candle & Rabbi Blesofsky made the two blessings over the candles. Following the lighting, Chanukah goodies were served much to the delight of children of all ages. The treats included traditional latkes and donuts, chocolate coins and beverages. The youngest guests also had an opportunity to sing "The Dreidel Song" along with other favorite Chanukah songs. Live music entertained the audience while all enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

The Rabbi thanked Springfield's Emergency management, Springfield auxiliary police the department of Public Works & Springfield Township for their involvement in making the public menorah lighting an inspiring and a memorable evening.



*Rabbi Mendy ascends in a "Bucket" to
light the Menorah*

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL HEADS TO TRENTON TO URGE STATE TO MAKE FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN PRIORITY

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control will be heading to Trenton to meet with DEP Commissioner Robert Martin on December 9 to urge the state to move ahead on the state funding of the Rahway River Flood Mitigation plan including getting to construction in 2017. In a meeting organized by Senator Tom Kean and expected to be attended by Assemblywoman Munoz and Assemblyman Bramnick, the Mayors call for state action is the main topic.

Union Township Mayor Manuel Figueiredo said, "We have been representing our communities to urge the State of New Jersey to begin construction of the Rahway River flood mitigation plan in 2017. As Mayor I have led Union's effort to better protect our residents, and our visit to Trenton to meet with the state DEP Commissioner Robert Martin is to remind him of the state's pledge to follow through on this important effort."

Bolstered by the federal US Army Corps of Engineers draft environmental impact statement that said there are no impacts that can't be mitigated with reasonable actions, the Mayors will be asking that the state fund in first quarter 2017 the Orange Reservoir Dam integrity study to ensure the dam is safe and meets federal standards.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen said, "Over \$100 million of damages were faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene. The Federal and State Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan has significant flood mitigation benefits, including material water elevation reductions from Millburn to Rahway. Known as Alternative 4a, the plan is a revision of one of the 10 alternatives that the US Army Corps and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection evaluated."

Alternative 4a includes modification to the Orange Reservoir, adding two 36-inch outfall pipes permitting the reservoir to be drained two days before a major storm to reduce significantly the water elevation downstream during the major storm event. There will be downstream channel improvements through Cranford with one and one-half mile of channel deepening. Also, there is expected to be lifting or acquisition of numerous properties in the City of Rahway. The plan had the strongest benefit cost ratio as part of the federal process, meaning the project benefits (less flood damages) exceed project costs.

Also expected in the next week is the US Congress is expected to pass and send to the President the Federal Water Resources Act, which authorizes the US Army Corps as a federal priority the acceleration of the Rahway River Watershed Flood Mitigation Plan. US Senate Cory Booker, Senator Robert Menendez, and Congressman Leonard Lance and Congress Donald Payne were instrumental in this legislative action representing in a great way Union and Essex County communities.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control has expressed appreciation for making the plan a priority. Mayor Kalnins said, "We appreciate the efforts of our federal legislators working on our behalf. Now we need the state to take this major step forward and expedite the plan." The Mayors Council includes: Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca; Mayor Manual Figueiredo; Orange Mayor Dwayne Warren; Former Millburn Mayor Robert Tillotson; Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins; Millburn Mayor Ted Bourke; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Springfield Mayor Jerry Fernandez; and Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca.



On Friday night, December 30, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, celebrated A Greek Chanukah, featuring a concert of Middle Eastern music provided by our own Cantor Amy Daniels and her family band: brother Marty Eisenstein on guitar and the cousins: Mikela Eisenstein on bazouki and oud, Jacob Daniels on percussion, and Gabe Daniels on piano. Cantor Daniels is shown at right. The congregation also enjoyed our traditional Chanukah light-in; everyone brought their family menorahs and lit them together as part of the service.



COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator
oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

Union County First Alert has changed providers--If you had signed up previously and did not receive an email to re-register or reselect your preferences, please go to www.ucfirstalert.org and sign up again for alerts to stay informed!

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Don't forget to have a written list of emergency, family, and friends' phone numbers. They may be stored in your phone, but if you didn't get that solar phone charger, you may not be able to turn the phone on and get the numbers.

Winter Safety for Senior Citizens

Did you ever hear a parent tell a child to put on a coat before they catch a cold? That's because just being really cold can make you very sick, and it's not limited to kids. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) says older adults can lose body heat faster—faster than when they were young. A big chill can turn into a dangerous problem before an older person even knows what's happening. NIA has a brochure, Stay Safe in Cold Weather! with tips on how to stay warm when it's cold.

Here are a few of the tips they recommend:

- Set your heat at 68 degrees or higher.
- Dress warmly on cold days even if you are staying in the house.
- Wear loose layers when you go outside on chilly days. Wear a hat, scarf, and gloves.
- Don't stay out in the cold and wind for a long time.
- Talk to your doctor about health problems that may make it harder for you to keep warm.
- Find safe ways to stay active even when it's cold outside.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to check on you if you live alone.

If you think someone has hypothermia, call 911 right away. Cover him or her with a blanket. Don't rub his or her legs or arms.

For tips including keeping warm inside and how to talk with your doctor about staying safe in cold weather, check out the Stay Safe in Cold Weather Booklet from NIA. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/stay-safe-cold-weather/what-hypothermia>

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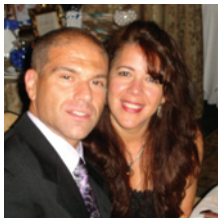


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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri,
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