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Message from the Mayor

Here is the latest news for New Jersey!

Governor announced New Jersey public schools will be closed through at least May 15.

New Jersey's Lockdown Won't End Soon, Says Governor - Don't expect the coronavirus lockdown rules for New Jersey to be lifted until June at the earliest, Gov. Phil Murphy said in a television interview on MSNBC Tuesday night. Murphy said New Jersey will likely be under strict social-distancing orders at least the rest of April and all of May before restrictions might begin to be pulled back and some semblance of normalcy returns to day-to-day living. (nj.com)

No Rule Changes - Gov. Murphy extended deadlines associated with rulemaking for state agencies until 90 days following the end of the public health emergency. The order also allows for rules that would expire during the current public health emergency to be extended until 90 days following the end of the public health emergency.

Record Number of State Residents Are Receiving Unemployment - Though New Jersey saw a noticeable decline in the number of new unemployment claims filed for the week ending Saturday, April 11, a record 429,388 residents are now receiving unemployment benefits, a number that is certain to rise considerably as more claims are processed, the state Labor Department reported today. Last week, 141,420 new unemployment applications were received, or about 73,000 fewer than the week before. Still, more than 718,000 workers have sought jobless benefits since mid-March, the Labor Department reported.

Processing Unemployment Claims Faster - The N.J. Labor Department has made a series of moves – from upgrading computer technology to adding personnel and boosting phone capacity – to get unemployment claims processed faster and customers' questions answered more quickly.

Help for the Self-Employed - Self-employed workers and independent contractors impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for federal assistance.

Family Leave Expands - Gov. Murphy signed legislation (S-2374) to expand the Family Leave Act to cover employees forced to take time off to care for a family member during the COVID-19 outbreak. The program allows for workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid family leave in a 24-month period without losing their jobs.

Nursing Homes - New Jersey has barred 123 nursing homes in the state from taking new residents because those nursing homes lack the ability to isolate patients with the coronavirus as the number of facilities with infected people continues to rise, the state's top health official said. (nj.com)

A Return-To-Work Plan - What will a return to work look like? This much seems increasingly certain: returning to work will be gradual, phased-in, and will vary by factors such as location, sector, business type or size, and the health status of workers. It also will require continued social distancing, expanded use of personal protective equipment, and other counter-measures. This is according to a memo written by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (web links on springfieldpatriot.com)

- Small Business Survival Guide- complete listing of all of the coronavirus resources for small businesses.
- Guides to help understand the federal relief offerings for business:
The Federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL)
The Employee Retention Tax Credit
The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- Other federal relief programs to help small businesses include SBA Debt Relief and SBA Express Bridge Loans.
- The N.J. Economic Development Authority has introduced grants, loans and other relief offerings for New Jersey businesses. Check Springfieldpatriot.com for website link.
- The state's jobs and hiring portal matches employers and candidates. For employers to participate, check Springfieldpatriot.com for website link.
- New Jersey's website for information on all of the state's business resources during the pandemic.
- New Jersey's website for up-to-date information about COVID-19.

To report a scammer or suspected price gouging, alert the N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs at (973) 504-6240 or at <http://njconsumeraffairs.gov>.

The state set up a 24-hour hotline where health care professionals are answering questions about coronavirus. The toll-free number is 1-800-222-1222. From outside the state, call 1-800-962-1253.

Regards.....

Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Due to the COVID-19 situation Meetings may be cancelled or held with public call in only. Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 26 at 7 pm

The following meetings may not be held in April. Check the Township's website springfield-nj.us

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

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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CHAIR YOGA IS BACK AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

--but now you will be able to attend from the comfort of your home until we reopen to the public. Your favorite instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris, will continue to teach her popular biweekly classes every other Friday from 12:30 to 1:15, beginning April 17th via Zoom Meeting. With all of the stress caused by Covid-19, there is no better time for guided meditation combined with breathing and stretching exercises that are done either seated or leaning on a chair. Please send an email to Susan Tegge (stegge@sfplnj.org) and she will forward you the link and include the meeting ID and password. We look forward to "seeing" you! Visit the library's website: www.sfplnj.org and Facebook page for additional information.

SDL PORTAL - Access Building Department Information Online

Springfield has launched SDL Portal, an online hub where residents, businesses and professionals can request inspections & access permit information 24/7.

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For more information and an application visit Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at

www.Springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIRE DEPARTMENT: IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent social distancing policies, the Springfield Fire Department would like to communicate to the public the adjustments in which we will be operating.

Emergency response will not change. Our station is fully staffed and able to respond to any emergencies that the community might face. Our first responders will be instituting enhanced personal protective equipment and procedures such as:

- Maintaining six feet of distance for initial assessment, when possible.
- Donning enhanced PPE on calls of suspected respiratory infection or flu-like symptoms.
- Placing mask on patient, when possible.
- An Isolation and Quarantine Contingency Plan has been established for the safety of Fire Department personnel.

Fire Inspections and Certificate of Smoke Detector Compliance for Home Sales protocols were modified

Altered protocols:

- Home Sale – Smoke Detector Compliance via signed notarized affidavit
- All Fire Protection reports will be reviewed remotely

Springfield Fire Headquarters is closed to the public

- Notices are posted on the front door of Headquarters, directing visitors to call the station to conduct business.
- All personnel, in the Headquarters and office positions, are practicing social distancing.
- Employees are encouraged to maintain the recommended 6-foot distance from one another.
- Conference calls or Zoom sessions are being used in place of in-person meetings.

Springfield Fire Department Headquarters remains operational during normal business hours. In light of the social distancing measures currently in place, please use the following methods to contact headquarters staff:

- SFD Headquarters line: (973) 912-2265

CHEER TO A SPECIAL BOY

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Delano on his 3rd Birthday at Firehouse

however, he got much, much more. On Wednesday, March 25, despite the rain, fire trucks and police vehicles sounded their sirens to honor a special boy. Delano lives with a rare disease called Retinal Cone Dystrophy, which causes decreased visual clarity, a reduced ability to see colors, and increased sensitivity to light; however, his mother noted that "he has such a beautiful outlook on life."

In a video captured of the event, Delano is clearly in awe, and can be heard saying, "Thank you, Mommy." And, to top off the celebration, Delano was greeted (at a distance) by Captain Sal Cocuzza of the Springfield Fire Department.

In a note obtained by the Springfield Patriot Times, Captain Cocuzza expressed his gratitude for being part of Delano's special day. "I'm happy to see Delano enjoyed his birthday during these trying times. We were honored to be part of his day."

Delano's mother, Natalie, also added, "I am so thankful to live in Springfield and thankful for our wonderful Fire and Police Department."

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MOURNS LOSS WHILE HELPING BUSINESSES

By Jesse Broome

The Springfield Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, began with a bittersweet recognition of a community leader, Ronnie Mitnitsky. Mitnitsky served as an auxiliary police officer for an unprecedented 50 years, starting in 1968.

Michael Scalera, Co-Chairman of the Springfield Business Improvement District, remembered Mitnitsky as a "dear friend" and "non-stop" as an active member of the town. Scott Seidel, Coordinator of the Township Office of Emergency Management also acknowledged Mitnitsky's contribution to Springfield and noted that "he was defined by his smiling face and his easygoing demeanor..." Seidel closed by saying that, "special events won't be the same. Rest in peace my friend."

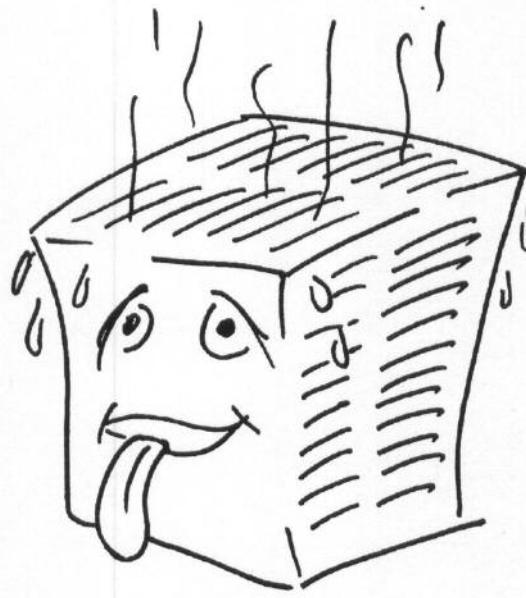
In other business, Beth Lippman and Michael Scalera of the Springfield Community Partnership presented details of the 2020 Budget. Both Lippman and Scalera acknowledged that expenditures might change as businesses come back following the Coronavirus Pandemic. Funding for the Springfield BID is raised through a portion of property taxes from commercial property owners.

Michael Scalera also provided an update on the businesses in town. Scalera noted that local companies are struggling and worried; however, owners and employees are doing what they can to survive. For instance, eateries spend approximately 1-2 hours per day cleaning all aspects of the property (e.g., doorknobs, handrails). In support of the businesses, the Springfield BID ran a gift certificate program in which customers receive a \$25 gift certificate to any Springfield eateries for \$15. (The Springfield BID subsidized \$10 for each gift certificate, which was highly successful.) Each eatery received 50 gift certificates. Seniors also received gift certificates as a donation.

For the Township Administrator's Report, John Bussicula focused on the mandated property revaluation being conducted by Professional Property Appraisal, Inc. (PPA). To date, PPA has completed 32 inspections of vacant land, 47 inspections on exempt properties, 12 exterior inspections of commercial properties, and 881 exterior inspections of residential properties. Exterior inspections are expected to conclude by May 18, 2020. In addition, all Township departments are working close to normal as possible while maintaining remote work and social distancing procedures.

Committeewoman Erica DuBois also mentioned assistance for seniors, which is being spearheaded by the Department of Recreation and the Office of Emergency Management. Volunteers are making phone calls to seniors as well as shopping for necessities.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

The Chisholm Community Center is closed to the public until further notice. The Springfield Recreation Department is also closed to the public, but maintains regular weekday office hours of 8:00 am-6:00 pm for business to be conducted by mail, email, phone, fax, Community Pass online, and a lock-box outside the Chisholm front entrance. There are no in-person business transactions. The afterschool teen program in the Chisholm youth wing is closed during this period. Chisholm is closed to all weekday and weekend activities that had been previously scheduled. Senior citizen programs that has been previously scheduled are canceled or postponed. The senior citizen daily transportation service has been suspended. See page 10 for information on Springfield Helping Seniors, a new temporary program that matches senior citizen residents with community volunteers for limited grocery shopping and prescription pick-ups — all delivered to your doorstep. Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us. Visit us online at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation. Register and pay for programs online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY MESSAGE

We have a little good news for you during this difficult time. Midwest Tape, the parent company of Hoopla, has just announced that they are providing more than 1,000 of Hoopla's top titles FREE to libraries: furthermore, checkouts of any of these titles will not count toward a patron's monthly limit of Hoopla borrows. The Hoopla Bonus Collection will be available to Springfield Free Public Library patrons and can be found at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/8364>. The items in the Hoopla Bonus Collection will be available for free to libraries and patrons through April 20, 2020.

In addition to these titles, Springfield patrons will also continue to have access to Hoopla's full collection of more than 750,000 eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV show, music, comics and more under regular borrowing rules.

So, if you haven't yet checked out Hoopla yet, what are you waiting for? Go to <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> to register as a Hoopla user and start enjoying this incredible resource that you can access with your Springfield Library card.

Can't find your library card or forgot your PIN? Send us an email at questions@sfplnj.org and someone will get back to you with your user ID and PIN within the same day.

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CORPORAL RONNIE MITNITSKY

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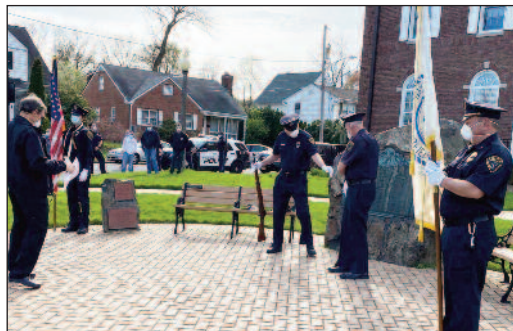
Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Corporal Ronnie Mitnitsky, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo (Photo from 2018)

He probably performed 10,000 hours of volunteer service during that time. He participated in all types of events from routine patrol to emergency call outs to special events and details. If it happened in Springfield, Ronnie was there. He recently retired from the Auxiliary Police but stayed an active volunteer member of Emergency Management until his passing on April 8th, 2020, a victim of COVID 19. We are sure you will recognize his smiling face, warm smile and easy going demeanor which defined Ronnie. Ronnie was 77 years old.

He received numerous commendations in his career, including being named Auxiliary Office of the year in 1998 and receiving a letter congratulating him from then New Jersey Senate President Donald D. Francesco for that honor. He also received a letter commending him for assistance for a traffic accident on Route 22 in 1979 from then Sergeant Jim Hietala of the Springfield Police Department and in 1983 from Police Lieutenant Kennedy for assisting in the apprehension a suspect fleeing a motor vehicle stop after stealing a car in Mountainside.

Street fairs, concerts, fireworks and parades in town will not be the same without Ronnie. Rest in Peace.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR RONNIE MITNITSKY



On Tuesday afternoon, April 14th, a small memorial service was held for Auxiliary Police Officer Ronnie Mitnitsky who passed away on April 8th. Since his family is in Florida and can not travel to New Jersey for an indefinite period of time, a funeral could not be scheduled. The Township wanted to pay its respects to a fallen first responder. All participants observed social distancing and wore masks. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel narrated the memorial service and Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Howard Apsan recited the Mourners Prayer in Hebrew, with Seidel reading an english translation. The Auxiliary Police then fired a rifle salute. Police, Fire, EMS, Auxiliary Police, CERT members and employees and friends gathered for the service.



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EASTER BUNNY HUNTS FOR EGGS AT POOL IN NEW RECREATION VIDEO



On Tuesday, April 14, the Easter Bunny appeared at the Springfield Community Pool and hunted for eggs in a new video recorded for Township children by the Springfield Recreation Department. The 2-minute video, which featured catchy Easter music in the background, came together in the weeks following the cancellation of the Kite Festival and Egg Hunt due to the COVID-19 crisis. Posted at www.facebook.com/springfield-njrec, the video is still available online and has had close to 500 views as of press time. According to Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, "Although we weren't able to present our annual springtime festival prior to the Easter holiday, we wanted to provide the kids with a fun way to find eggs and see the Easter Bunny without leaving the safety of their homes. This was also out of an abundance of caution and to support our first responders during this critical time." Lieb credited Ricci Rajoppi and Chris Calimano, Recreation Program Coordinators; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; and members of the Township Committee for the video's production and idea generation.

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Police Chief's Column

- Chief John P. Cook

To our readers of the Patriot Times,

We are all aware, as a community, as a State, as a Nation, of the drastic changes that have become part of our everyday lives over the last several weeks, and that apparently will have to continue on for an unknown period of time to come.

The First Responders of our Township are dedicated to the careers that we have chosen and therefore are dedicated to serving you, our residents and our businesses.

It is unfortunate that many of our residents are now not receiving paychecks and a majority of our businesses have been closed due to this pandemic.

If you have had the need to contact the Police for any reason, you may have noticed some differences in the way that certain matters are being handled.

Know that although there have been modifications to the manner in which some matters are handled by your police department, these modifications are not only to limit, as best we can, unnecessary exposure of our officers to the virus, but more so to limit our community's unnecessary exposure to our officers who could have been unknowingly compromised while performing their duties.

Officers are still subject to being in the presence of members of the community, and going against the social distancing predicate cannot always be avoided. For the officers to then have to unnecessarily interact with others in our community gives that opportunity, albeit minimal, for needless exposure to you.

The modifications in our methods are not in any way reducing our service to the community as we also continue our goal of keeping our community protected and safe, especially during this time when many structures are unoccupied and there are unfortunately persons who look to capitalize on situations like this to commit crimes.

We appreciate all of the support that we have received from you, the people whom we serve.

Your understanding of how we are handling matters, for the sake of everyone's safety, is also greatly appreciated.

We wish all of you safety and good health, and in some cases, speedy recoveries.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

ED GALANTE SPRINGFIELD TAX ASSESSOR



Ed Galante has been the Tax Assessor in Springfield since 1993. This year will be an especially busy one for Ed as a revaluation is being planned. It has been almost thirty-five (35) years since a revaluation was completed in the Township of Springfield New Jersey.

Real estate taxation law mandates that all real estate be assessed at 100% of market value and there must be equalization among assessments. Accordingly, the Union County Board of Taxation has ordered a revaluation of the Township to be completed and implemented by the 2021 Tax Year.

A revaluation firm, Professional Property Appraisers will be handling the process for the Township. Each property will be physically inspected on the exterior by an experienced field representative. As a result of changes made due to the Coronavirus, no interior inspections will occur at this time. Structural and descriptive details of the property and neighborhood will be noted. The outside measurements of each building will be taken to determine the square footage content of the dwelling or building. This property data will be entered into a computer assisted mass appraisal program and a preliminary value estimate will be established utilizing the Real Property Appraisal Manual of New Jersey. At some time in the near future, property owners that had no interior inspection will be contacted by the revaluation firm to arrange an interior inspection.

When every property in the Township of Springfield has been revalued, you will receive a letter of assessment. Letters will be mailed in the late fall of 2020. You will be given the opportunity to discuss your assessment and review your property description with a representative of the revaluation firm.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Ed Galante said "I want all residents to know that there isn't anything they need to do but to let the revaluation process take place, and the only purpose of a revaluation is to update all property assessments to their current market value so that every taxpayer is assessed fairly and equitably".

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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CO-ED LACROSSE CLINICS

SUMMER 2020 • Pre-K, K, & 1st

Interested in trying a new sport? Join
Springfield Lacrosse Club's Spring clinics!

The instructional clinics are open to Springfield students in Pre-K through 1st grades.
No equipment required. Six Sunday sessions from June 7th to July 12th
@ 10:30-11:30 am, at Chisholm Park.

In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule.
No refunds are provided after May 22nd.

Fee: \$75 Payable to Township of Springfield. Register by mail or in-person with cash,
check, or money order. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. (\$0 processing fee)

Payments must be made prior to the first clinic.
Includes: coaching, loaned stick (if needed), balls, shirt

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue • Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm
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Questions? Contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

RUNNING CLUB

SPRING 2020 • Grades K-8th

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Running Club, 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 Running Club is open to Springfield residents and children in a school in Springfield. A minimum of six children is required. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to reschedule outdoor classes.



Our co-ed Running Club with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

Session 2

Mondays from May 11th-June 22nd, at Meisel Avenue Park
(no class on Monday, May 25th)

Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$80 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)

Includes: Professional coaching instruction, apparel item

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SENIOR CITIZEN GARDEN EXPANDED



Thanks to the construction efforts of Department of Public Works staff members based on the plans of Recreation Department senior citizen garden volunteer coordinator Patricia Martin, the garden at the rear of the Chisholm Community Center was renovated and expanded in early-April. New wood, ledges, pots, and soil were added, and the garden was expanded by more than 30%. Planted in the garden are flowers and vegetables that are enjoyed by senior citizens who frequent the building. For more information on senior citizen programs, contact Ricci Rajoppi, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ricci.rajoppi@springfield-nj.us.

POOL OPENS NEXT MONTH - NEW FACES PREPARE FOR SUMMER



Kianna Montplaisir



Zachary Gollin

The Springfield Community Pool is scheduled to open next month on Memorial Day Weekend! The pool will then be open only on weekends until regular daily operation from Monday, June 22nd through Labor Day on Monday, September 7th. Kianna Montplaisir joins the pool staff as manager. She had previously worked as a pool manager in Montclair for nine summers, and currently works for the West Orange public school system. Kianna will be joined by returning assistant manager Chris Calimano and new assistant manager Zachary Gollin. Zachary is a senior at Hofstra University in New York, majoring in business administration. He has served as a lifeguard at the Springfield Community Pool since 2014. Dawn Wilkenfeld and Erin McNany will return as activities co-directors. The pool activities team is already hard at work planning a full calendar of holiday and special events, contests, float nights, and more! The Springfield Swim Team will be led by head coach Karen Bocian, who is serving her 22nd summer. Pool Day Camp, which begins on Wednesday, June 24th, will be led by returning director David Steinman and returning assistant directors Kevin Schultz and Lindsay Stearns. The snack bar will be operated by returning concessionaire Fred Dellano of Dellano's Food Service. The snack bar will again feature a delicious menu of cheese steaks, grilled chicken sandwiches and salad, Italian hot dogs, grilled cheese, BLT, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, funnel cake, ice cream, a variety of drinks, and more! Dellano's Food Service will also offer specials, camp lunches, and a catering menu for private parties held at the pool. Over at Chisholm Playground Camp, which begins on Wednesday, June 24th, Daniel Hesse, recreation program coordinator since 2018, has taken over as camp director, and has been hard at work planning an exciting new schedule. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents, as are spots in Pool Day Camp and Chisholm Playground Camp. Pool guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Group and private swim lessons are available, as are private party rentals in the clubhouse and the outdoor picnic area. Ask us about serving beer and wine! For more information on the Springfield Community Pool, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.

SPRINGFIELD POOL CAMP LOOKING FOR FUTURE LEADERS!

LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

THE L.I.T. PROGRAM GIVES TEENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN FROM COUNSELORS TO HELP CAMPERS.

- EXPERIENCE SWIM, SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, TRIPS, & MORE!
- INCOMING 9TH & 10TH GRADERS UNDER 15 YEARS OLD
- WEEKS RUN FROM WED., JUNE 24-FRI., SEPT. 4
- \$75 PER WEEK
- SPOTS ARE LIMITED. APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW ARE REQUIRED

Applicants should contact Springfield Recreation Department at
(973) 912-2227 or brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us





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SPRINGFIELD HELPING SENIORS



**WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19?
DO YOU NEED HELP MINIMIZING YOUR EXPOSURE?**

**A group of neighbors has volunteered to do limited
emergency grocery shopping and pick-up
prescriptions for Springfield's elderly residents.**

TO REQUEST HELP
Call (973) 912-2227
Or email recreation@springfield-nj.us

Please allow 48 hours for requests to be met.

Payment will be received by two methods only:
credit card on file at the store or a check to the
volunteer after presentation of receipt for purchase
NO CASH PAYMENT
NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHOUT A RECEIPT

Volunteers are instructed to follow safety protocols.
Participants accept this help at their own risk.



Young Rembrandts web lessons



**CLASS OFFERED AT DISCOUNTED PRICE OF
\$80 FOR 8 WEEK SESSION.**

Spring 2020 online class videos will be sent weekly starting 4/14
and can be viewed up to 5 times any day or time.
Supplies needed are paper, pencil,
sharpie if you have and markers.

Link to register: <https://www.youngrembrandts.com/middlesex-union/view-classes-enroll/>

TRYCAN KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

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 info.



HENSHAW PLAYGROUND EXPANSION COMPLETED

Just prior to the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, the Springfield Recreation Department completed a major expansion of the playground at Henshaw Park. Upgrades were co-financed by the County of Union's Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant and the Township of Springfield. Equipment was purchased from Ben Shaffer Recreation and installed by Corby Associates. The modern, interactive, and sensory-friendly equipment includes: Apex Arch Climber, Athletic Arch, Trigon Arch Climber, 3-panel Rain Wheel and Drum, Meta Rocker, Orb Rocker, Dynamic Surfe, and Standing Rocker. The playground's perimeter borders were greatly expanded to accommodate the new equipment, and the existing accessible ramp was relocated.



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RECREATION AND TRAVEL BASKETBALL END SEASON



Due to the shortened season, the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association awarded the teams with the best record as the season Champions. Congratulations to: Boys 3rd-4th grade division: Team Urbach; Girls 3rd-5th grade division: Team Graziano (pictured); Boys 5th-6th grade division: Team Conlon; Girls 6th-8th grade division: Team Webb; Boys 7th-8th grade division: Team Perez. Winning players will receive custom championship t-shirts (pictured) from the Springfield Recreation Department once the Chisholm Community Center re-opens. The winter travel season in the Jersey Basketball Association regional league was also cut short, but the 8th grade Minutemen team was designated the Champions; and the 4th grade Minutemen team and 6th grade Nettes team were designated Finalists.



Also, the 8th grade Minutemen were Champions of the Rhode Island Youth Basketball Association MLK Jr. Tournament. Congratulations to all of our basketball teams, players, coaches, and families! For more information on youth sports, contact Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us.

**Pool Party Room Rental Available
for Springfield and out-of-town
residents and businesses.
Fees vary from \$200-\$500.**

Call to learn about serving beer and wine!



**Party room and kitchen available
at the Chisholm Community
Center for your next event.
Cost to Springfield residents is
only \$225 for up to four hours.**

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RECREATION PRODUCES TWO ONLINE EXERCISE CLASSES



As a result of the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, the Springfield Recreation Department produced two at-home exercise classes for adults, featuring instructor Betsy Rauch. The classes, entitled Shape UP, were released on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec, and are still viewable. Before viewing the videos, viewers be ready with light hand weights and a floor mat, and turn up their computer volume. Rauch typically teaches weekly exercise classes for senior citizens at the Chisholm Community Center, but has been unable to do so in-person due to the building's temporary closure. The videos have already been viewed hundreds of times, and have provided viewers with a way to stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle without leaving their residences.

*If you have any questions about any of
our programs, please contact the Springfield
Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or
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SWIM TEAM 2020

Register by mail, in-person, or online Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 (973) 912-2227
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 processing fee for
credit card transactions) Visa, Mastercard, and Discover only. Parent
Meeting Wednesday, May 20 @ 7:00 pm Springfield Community Pool



PARENTS ONLY. This meeting is especially important for new families.
Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm, at the Springfield Community Pool.

**Two Fees: \$95 payable to: Township of Springfield
\$20 payable to: Swim Team Parent Association (separate check only)**

PRACTICE WILL BEGIN AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9th, as follows:

Tuesday, June 9th; Wednesday, June 10th; and Thursday, June 11th:

4:15-5:00 pm – Tryouts for 8 & Unders ONLY

Tryouts are for all new 8 & Unders, as well as 8 & Unders who were on the Developmental Team last year. 8 & Unders who were on the Regular Team last year do not need to try out. Any children ages 9-17 do not need to try out, but must be able to swim freestyle for 25 meters (1 lap) without stopping, and be comfortable swimming in deep water in order to be on the team.

Attention Parents of 8 & Unders: Please stay after practice on Thursday, June 11th.

5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice • 5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice

Tuesday, June 16th; Wednesday, June 17th; and Thursday, June 18th:
4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice • 5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Time Trials
5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Time Trials

Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 23rd:

4:15-5:00 pm – Developmental Team Practice

5:00-5:45 pm – 10 & Under Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups

5:45-6:30 pm – 11 & Over Practice/Time Trial Make-Ups

**Championships week of July 27th and Awards Dinner on Friday, July 31st. Morning practice
will begin on WEDNESDAY, June 24th, and will run through the entire month of July.**

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