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THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

8:30 am - 9:30 am

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9-11 20TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY



Photos by Bob Donnelly & Jennifer Sherman

On a beautiful Saturday morning, on a day much like the day 20 years before, Springfield's Emergency responders from Police, Fire, OEM, DPW & EMS gathered at Town Hall to pay tribute to those that had given their lives 20 years before. The solemn ceremony commenced at 830 am with Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser introducing Father Santos from St. James Roman Catholic Church. After Father Santos' remarks, at 8:46 am, the Fire Department rang their bell to signify the first plane striking the North Tower.

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MOMENTUM RISK MANAGEMENT OPENS FOR BUSINESS IN SPRINGFIELD



Mike Scalera, Springfield Business Improvement District Co-Chairman (left), Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser armed with the scissors in the center and to his left, business owner Sylvia Alston and her husband James Alston with their children Noah and Ava and family, Scott Seidel, Springfield Business Improvement District Co-Chairman and Elanne Cullars, Assistant Vice President and her family to her right.

On Saturday, August 14th, Township Officials gathered to cut the ribbon and open Springfield's newest business, Momentum Risk Management.

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WARM, CLEAR NIGHT ATTRACTS CROWD FOR MOVIE IN THE PARK



On Thursday night, August 26 with blue skies and warm temperatures, the Springfield Recreation Department presented the Disney remake of "The Lion King" on a jumbo screen at Chisholm Park. Over 100 residents set up blankets and chairs, enjoyed free popcorn, and listened to DJ music by Summit Soundz before the movie was screened at dusk.

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TROPICAL STORM IDA WREAKS HAVOC ON SPRINGFIELD



As afternoon became evening on Wednesday, September 1st, the flash flood watches pushed out for the last few weeks for numerous storms finally became a reality. In the matter of an hour or so river heights went from nominal to over flood stage, topping out on the Route 22 Rahway River gauge at 10.81 feet, just .07 inches below the high mark on August 28, 2011 for Tropical Storm Irene and slightly above that of Tropical Storm Floyd in September of 1999.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

Chisholm Park @ 12:30 pm



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Message from the Mayor

Hello my fellow residents, my friends and my Springfield family,

This is a difficult column to write this month. We are one week past Tropical Storm Ida. The destruction it caused our town is by most accounts, the worst we have experienced here. Luckily we did well in the health and safety of our townspeople. That is due to the fast acting responses of our Fire Department, Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, First Aid Squad, Public Works Department and Recreation Department. Starting at approximately 8:15 pm on Wednesday, September 1, all direction turned to the rescues, the evacuations, the accidents, and the transport of the people to safer grounds. First responders from every department experienced very close calls. Many who were going through waters that were rising by the second, became submerged in the flood waters. These events could have become tragic if it wasn't for their training and fast thinking. Homes were destroyed. Buildings damaged. Equipment and vehicles ruined. With the clearing of the storm, on the next day, these same departments never stopped working. Basements were pumped out. Cars were towed. Streets were lined with flooded items and debris. Our DPW was at work clearing the streets with front end loaders and dumpsters, trying to restore some of the beautiful streetscapes that we enjoy so much in our town.

We need to give credit to JCP&L and the work they have done throughout the town this past year. Had Springfield lost power during this storm, the damages would have been many times worse. Very few were in favor of the recent tree trimmings they performed around town, but it worked. The power stayed on and the sumps and pumps were able to run and get the water out of many homes.

The Township Committee and myself, have directed all possible resources we have to getting our town restored as quickly as possible. We will not stop until our tasks have been completed. Please be patient as we work our way around town handling the issues that Tropical Storm Ida left us to repair.

I am thankful we have such a great team dedicated to Springfield and its residents.

Please be safe and be well,

Chris Weber, Mayor

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

THE VOICE OF SPRINGFIELD

If you have signed up to get Township alert messages on your phone, you have heard “This is an important message from the Township of Springfield” at the beginning of each message. The voice that you hear is that of Township Planning and Zoning Administrator Jennifer Law.

Jennifer began working for the Township in 2011 in the Finance Department. In 2012 she moved to the Engineering Department where she worked for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board.

It was in 2012 when the concept of Township wide alerts began with a new system which was called “Code Red”. It was at that time that Jennifer became “the voice” of the recorded messages. Initially it was used from time to time to announce Township road closures or leaf pickup schedules. However, in October of 2012, the Township was hit by Hurricane Sandy. That storm caused major problems Township wide and as a result, the system began to be used regularly with almost daily messages advising Township residents of the status of recovery.

In 2018, the Township moved to the Union County First Alert System to replace Code Red. Once again, Jennifer was “the voice” of the recorded messages. That system is still used today and provides important information to Township residents. Just recently, important messages regarding coastal storm Ida were sent out.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Jennifer said “I would like to thank my patient husband Tom Law and wonderful daughter Alexandra Law for being quiet when I’m recording the calls. They think they are hilarious but informative at the same time!”

Residents interested in being included as part of the alert system can register by visiting www.springfield-nj.us or if they aren't internet savvy they can call Jennifer directly at 973-912-2221.



TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 28
Tuesday, October 12 and 26

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

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MOMENTUM RISK MANAGEMENT

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Mike Scalera, Springfield Business Improvement District Co-Chairman (left), Sylvia Alston and her husband James Alston

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SPRINGFIELD HOPE HANDED OUT GIFT CARDS



Dr. Gary Hecht with a resident of Alvin Terrace receiving their gift card.

Dr Gary Hecht, a Trustee of Springfield HOPE, handed out \$50 Home Depot gift cards purchased by HOPE, to residents of flood impacted neighborhoods. OEM Deputy Coordinator Frank Applegate also helped with distribution of the cards. HOPE Trustee, Scott Seidel, commented to the Patriot Times "HOPE received a large donation from a resident which allowed us to buy a large number of gift cards. I handed a few out myself and commented I wish they were for more and not only \$50. Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 non-profit which exists solely on donations from residents and businesses. Donations can be made on our website www.springfieldhope.com or by mail to Springfield HOPE c/o Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081" Total donations to date just for the flood relief were \$5300.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY

According to an NFPA report, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a fire by more than half. The same report, entitled "Smoke Alarms in the U.S.," stated 41% of household fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarm or 16% in homes with alarms that failed to activate.

"Smoke alarms have played a leading role in reducing fire death rates over the past 40 years, but we still have more work to do in maximizing their effectiveness," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of outreach and advocacy.

The key points of "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" include:

- Respond immediately to smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sound by exiting the home
- If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean the batteries need to be replaced or the alarm replaced altogether
- Test all smoke and CO alarms on a monthly basis
- Install a bed shaker and strobe light alarms if someone in your household is deaf or hard of hearing
- Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a CO alarm — three beeps for smoke, four beeps for CO

Giving people the tools to properly respond to alarms sounding — whether it's an actual fire or simply time to change a battery — can make a life-saving difference."

Springfield Fire Department will get a jump on the message during the month of October, with presentations among classrooms throughout the Township of Springfield. Springfield Firefighters look forward to conducting pumper visits/assemblies for Pre K through 3rd grade reinforcing the message of "Learning the Sounds of Fire Safety"



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TROPICAL STORM IDA

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This marks only third time it read above 10 feet since the early 1960's. Hundreds of homes in town experienced serious flooding in basements and in many cases first floors of homes. At least four homes suffered major structural damage rendering them unsafe to occupy. Waters flooded the area from Alvin Terrace to Marion Avenue out to Morris Avenue when the roads became rivers. Morris Avenue, Meisel Avenue, Laurel and other streets all saw serious and in some cases, never before seen water levels.

All through the night Springfield's Emergency Responders helped evacuate residents and stranded motorists to the Chisholm Community Center which was set up as a shelter for the night. The Township's two inflatable boats, obtained by Emergency Management with grants after Tropical Storm Irene, as well as DPW's front end loaders and Police and Fire Department vehicles were used to evacuate people from homes and stranded cars. The water level proved a little too much for Springfield Fire Engine 4 which was stranded in the flood attempting to rescue residents. Several other Township vehicles as well as one of the boats suffered damage. Several first responders lost their personal cars as they were not able to move them out of harm's way, the Town Hall area, as they were out helping residents. First responders waded in four to five feet or more of water (and I use that term loosely as it was much more than water they were wading through) to get people to safety. No serious injuries were reported in town despite the massive devastation. The attached aerial photo shows the Marion Avenue area at 11 am the next day! Many local businesses stepped up to supply food as well to first responders. It will be weeks, if not months or longer before things can return to normal for many residents.

Many Township buildings suffered flooding and the Department of Public Works had to relocate their offices to the Springfield Pool Building as both their offices on Center Street and on Mountain Avenue suffered severe flooding. The First Aid Squad building flooded and they had to quickly relocate to Emergency Management and Fire Headquarters to continue operations, even losing some of their personal vehicles to the flood as they maintained their service to the community.

The Pool suffered damage as well and was immediately closed for the season. The Springfield Public Library was flooded as well and is now closed indefinitely until the water damage can be remediated. Most of the schools had water in their basements but the Walton School had flooding on the first floor and that has caused the Board of Education to relocate students to the Chisholm Community Center and a St. James Church building while Walton is repaired.

The Township is setting up extra bulky pick up days and DPW was out trying to gather up all the perishable foods from neighborhoods as well before they become an attraction for rats and other animals.

FEMA came to Springfield on September 15th and set up tents on the front lawn of Town Hall to assist residents in filling out forms. Residents can call FEMA at 800-621-3362 for help in filing forms. FEMA plans to open a disaster recovery center in Union County at 618 Salem Ave., Elizabeth.

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9-11 20TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

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Following the bell being rung, Township Committeeman Rich Huber, who had worked at the Towers, spoke about that day and about his friend Lee Adler, one of two Springfield residents who lost their life that day. Then Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Springfield EMS Chief Apu Mullick commented on their experiences on that day and what it meant to them. At 9:03 am the bell was rung once again, the time at which the second plane stuck the South Tower. After this ceremony the group adjourned to Patriot's Park where a wreath was placed in front of the Adler-Heltibridle Memorial Garden. Elden Swindell, a Springfield Resident and piper, played Amazing Grace and Flowers of the Forest on his bagpipe.

At that point, Mrs. Isabell Adler who was present in the group, spoke about her son Lee Adler. She mentioned that she normally attend the ceremony at ground zero in New York City each year but for the 20th Anniversary she chose to come to Springfield's ceremony. Also in attendance were Lee Adler's sister-in-law, Leslie Adler, niece Sarah Adler, and brother Aaron Adler. Mrs. Adler commented to the Patriot Times that her son was brilliant and volunteered for a lot of things in Springfield including coaching sports event. The other resident who perished that day was Joann Heltibridle.

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Police Chief's Column for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P. Cook

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY

Now that all local schools have re-opened for the new school year, I want to take this opportunity to remind the readers of the Springfield Patriot Times of some back-to-school traffic safety tips that will help keep everyone safer while on the road. While the police officers and crossing guards who are posted throughout town do their best to keep our roadways safe, EVERYONE must do their part to ensure we all reach our destinations safely.

All motorists must bring their vehicle to a complete stop at least 25 feet away from a school bus with flashing red lights. This applies to traffic in both directions. Vehicles must remain stopped until the bus deactivates its red lights and continues. The only exception to this rule is if the bus is on the opposite side of the road with a median in the middle, then you must then slow down to 10 mph.

As per NJ motor vehicle law, the speed limit is 25mph when passing through a school zone during recess, when the presence of children is clearly visible from the roadway, or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours. In Springfield, most of our school zones have reduced speed warnings with flashing signs when this 25mph limit applies, as a reminder to motorists. However, drivers should always slow down and be extra cautious anytime they pass through school areas when school is in session. Sports events and other extracurricular activities often run after the regular school day ends, and some activities are held before the normal school day begins.

Anyone driving on school properties should drive slowly and with extreme caution, especially during the times students are being dropped off or picked up. Children lack auditory localization, and may unexpectedly dart in front of oncoming vehicles if they're not paying full attention. In addition, idling of vehicles for more than 2 minutes is prohibited on all school properties. This applies to vehicles waiting in a large queue within the school lots (such as the Walton School line in the morning and afternoon), but not for vehicles stuck in traffic on the main roadways who are waiting to enter the lot. These vehicles must remain running, with the proper turn signal activated, until traffic begins moving again. Finally, please do not park or block any fire lanes on school or municipal properties. Should an emergency take place, it will be difficult for first responders to access the area if parked vehicles are blocking the way.

Pedestrians are reminded to utilize crosswalks and obey traffic signals when crossing the street, and to only cross when it is safe to do so. In addition, just as drivers are prohibited from using mobile devices, pedestrians should also not use mobile devices while walking. They create a distraction and reduce pedestrians' awareness of traffic and other surroundings. Crossing guards are posted throughout the town during the school year to ensure children pedestrians cross safely. Even though crossing guards are only responsible for children pedestrians, I urge adults to set a good example for their children and obey the crossing guards' directions as well. Motorists are reminded to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.



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Rob commented to the Patriot Times “It was our pleasure to serve our community and offer people help and hope in such devastation.”

Photos by Frank Applegate



The SOS Crew with Mayor Weber (right)



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EARLY VOTING

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Sunday, October 24	10 am	6 pm
Monday, October 25	10 am	8 pm
Tuesday, October 26	10 am	8 pm
Wednesday, October 27	10 am	8 pm
Thursday, October 28	10 am	8 pm
Friday, October 29	10 am	8 pm
Saturday, October 30	10 am	8 pm
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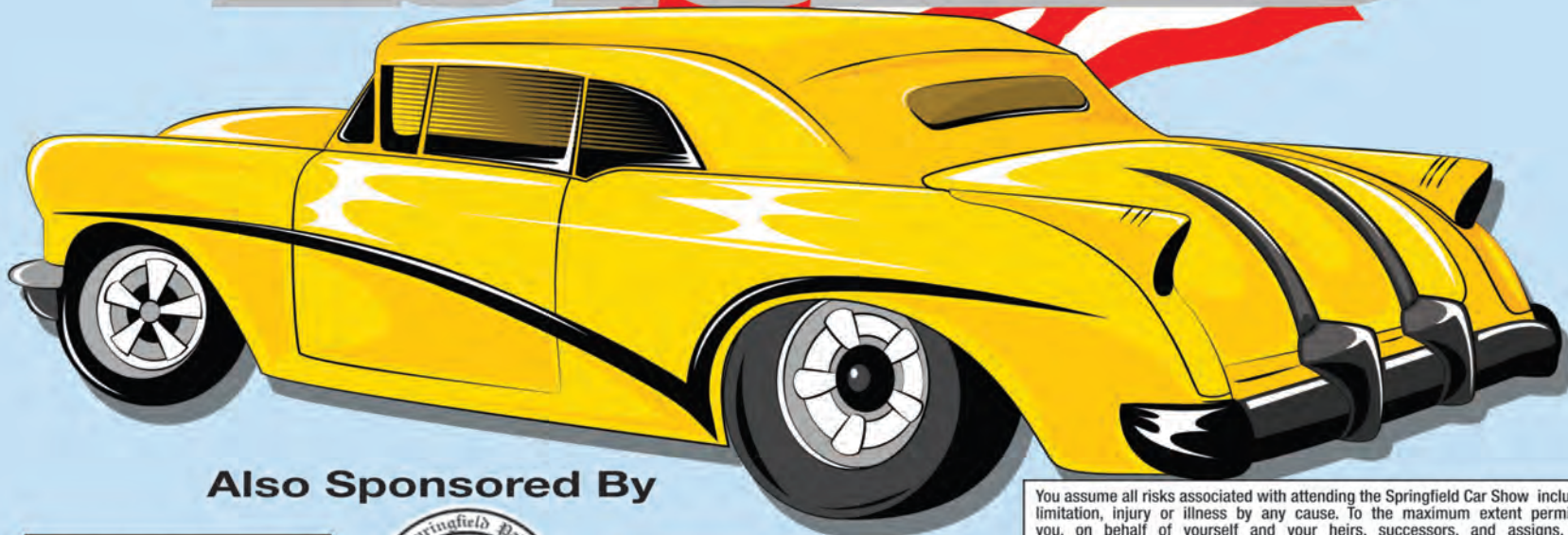
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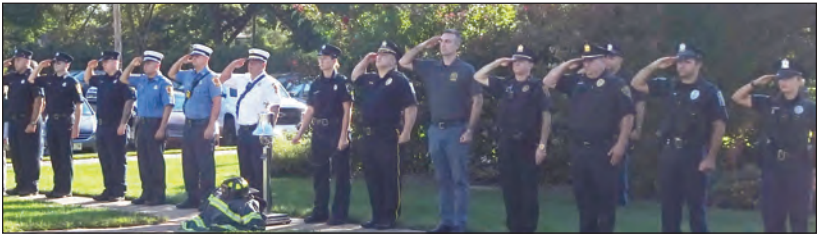
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Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's lab for verification.

Take a picture:
With your GPS function turned on your smartphone or a camera with GPS, take a photograph of **ANY** life stage (including egg masses).

Submit picture to: SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov

Report a site:
If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call and leave a message detailing the sighting location/address and your contact information.

NJ Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUG0)



MOVIE IN THE PARK



SPRINGFIELD NIGHT



SAT, OCTOBER 9 6PM

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SERIOUS FLOODING FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA



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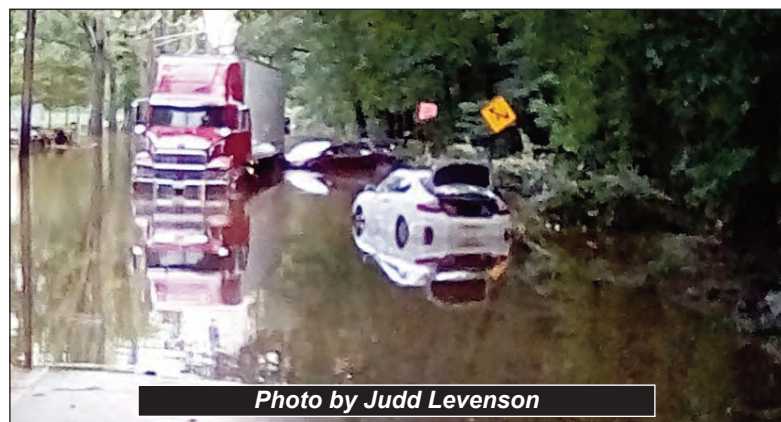


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2ND ANNUAL DAVID MITCHELL COMMUNITY DAY

September 25, 2021 • 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. • In front of Springfield Town Hall

CELEBRATE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

VENDORS BASKET AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE

GAMES

LIVE MUSIC

DJ J-DUB TWICE HEARD TREE-OH!

NEIGHBORS



FOOD TRUCKS GRATITUDE

(Rain Date: September 26, 2021)

RESIDENTS APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE



(l to r standing) Mike Scalera BID Co-Chair, John Cook, Police Chief, Alex Keiser, Deputy Mayor, Chris Weber, Mayor; sitting are representatives from NJ Congressman Tom Malinowski's office.

SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT ASBURY PARK
ON RECREATION BUS TRIP



With blue skies and warm weather, Springfield Recreation Department's senior citizens traveled down the shore to Asbury Park for a day at the beach and boardwalk on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The popular summer bus trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver. For information on future senior citizen bus trips, contact us at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



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[www. Springfield-nj.us](http://www.Springfield-nj.us)
or call **973-467-3388**

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.

**SAVE TIME.
DO IT
ONLINE.**

- Visit sdl.town/springfield and creat an account
- Request inspections. User can view availability & submit their preferred inspection dates
- View the details & status of building permits
- Real Estate agents will no longer need to submit an OPRA request to access permit information

Visit: sdl.town/springfield

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SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY SUFFERS FLOOD DAMAGE

Nearly all areas of the Springfield Free Public Library suffered from flooding during Tropical Storm Ida. The library continues to be closed as the Township and Library administration work to determine the best course of action for remediating the damage. In the interim, the library remains committed to providing the community with library materials and programs. Until the building is reopened, Springfield patrons can take advantage of our lending agreements with other area libraries, can borrow electronic materials, and can participate in some virtual programs.

While the library is closed, the book drops will be locked. Patrons are asked to hold onto all library materials. Fines are suspended for the duration of the closure.

All programs for children and teens are suspended through the end of September as the librarians do not have access to the collections and materials. Some virtual programs for adults will continue. Please see the website at www.sfplnj.org for a complete list of programs. Those who do not have a Springfield Library card and would like one can sign up for a temporary card on the library website.

While many people in the community would like to help the library, at this point in time the clean-up efforts must be undertaken by trained professionals with the appropriate equipment. The damage to materials has not yet been determined and the library asks that the community refrain from donating materials because they would need to be stored offsite.

Borrowing from Other Libraries

The Springfield Free Public Library is a member of both the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) and Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries (M.U.R.A.L.), Springfield library patrons have a number of options available to them to continue to borrow books and other materials.

LMxAC

Holders of Springfield library cards (with accounts in good standing), may also borrow directly from the Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Plainfield, and Roselle public libraries as well as from the additional 25 member libraries of LMxAC, simply by presenting their Springfield library card. Visit www.lmxac.org for a complete list of participating libraries.

M.U.R.A.L.

Holders of Springfield library cards (also with accounts in good standing), may sign up for borrowing privileges at other M.U.R.A.L. libraries. For a complete list of M.U.R.A.L. libraries, visit Borrow from other Libraries.

Online Resources Available

Springfield library card holders may also use their cards to download digital resources that the library provides through access to eLibraryNJ and hoopla. Other resources, including Freegal downloadable music, Brainfuse in person online tutoring, LinkedIn Learning, and the library's many reference databases will continue to be available to all Springfield card holders during the time that the building is closed.

Need a Library Card?

The library will continue to provide updates on the website, through email, and on social media. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Library Director, Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org if you have any questions or concerns about the library in general or to the Assistant Director, Tammy Shaw at tshaw@sfplnj.org regarding youth services.



RECYCLING TIPS



Here is a way to save money, help the environment and reduce landfills. The local Repair Cafe in Summit is closed right now due to COVID but you can find help online to repair items that you may be able to fix rather than discard. Visit:

<https://mailchi.mp/repaircafe/u6scct7iu3?e=06913a234a>

<https://repaircafe.tv/events>

Here is another way to reduce our landfills:

UPS in Summit will take your clean boxes and packing material.



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator

oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us



Storms bring heavy rain, lightning, high winds and downed trees, which could lead to power outages. If your power goes out, follow these quick tips to be prepared and to stay safe:

Be Prepared

- Keep electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops and tablet computers fully charged.
- Keep a flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries handy.
- If you have a water well and pump, keep an emergency supply of bottled water and/or fill your bathtub with fresh water.
- Stock an emergency supply of convenience foods that do not require cooking.

Stay Safe

- Never go near downed power lines, but report them immediately to us or your local police or fire department.
- Never use a portable generator inside the house or a closed garage.
- Never use gas stoves, kerosene heaters or other open-flame heat sources to keep warm. These sources of heat can cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to build up in your home.
- Close curtain on the sunny side of your home to keep your house cool. Also, wear lightweight clothing and drink plenty of water.

Stay Connected

- Report any outages by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877), or visiting www.firstenergycorp.com and clicking the "Report Outage" link.
- For storm updates, follow us on Twitter @JCP_L, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JCPandL or online at www.jcp-l.com/outages.
- Subscribe to email and text message alert notifications to receive weather alerts and updates on power outages. Our two-way text messaging also enables you to report outages and request updates as needed.

For more information about staying connected, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/connect.

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, September 20 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, September 21 - Bus trip to Ocean Grove @ 10:00 am (RSVP), Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 22 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, September 23 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Friday, September 24 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am
 Monday, September 27 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, September 28 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Thursday, September 30 - Club meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
 Friday, October 1 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am
 Monday, October 4 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, October 5 - Bus trip to Verona Park and Noel's Antiques @ 10:00 am (RSVP), Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, October 6 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, October 7 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am
 Friday, October 8 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am
 Tuesday, October 12 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Wednesday, October 13 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, October 14 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am
 Friday, October 15 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm

LOCAL BUS SERVICE: Weekdays @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm

PICKLEBALL: Canceled until further notice

Fall 2021 Sweet Samantha 7 Weeks of Cake/Cupcake Decorating!

AGES 7-14 Join Samantha for 7 weeks Decorating Fun! We will be working with a variety of buttercreams, fondants and toppings to create either 2-3 cupcakes per session or a mini cake – Themes will include:

Koala Cake, An Otter Cake, Kitty Cat, Doggie Cake, Halloween, Ocean Friends, Emoji



All Children will be spaced 3 Ft or more and will only be working with their own materials. Masks will be worn during class. All supplies included. Class will take place at the Chisholm Center 100 South Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

\$210 per 7 Week Session – Thursdays 5:15-6:15pm Class will begin the week of Sept. 30th and will run consecutive

Contact Samantha to register samilynn9@aol.com Please include the name/age of your child Venmo payment is best and can be sent to @sweet-samantha

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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>

2021-2022 MEN'S 35+ BASKETBALL

WHO: Men age 35+ who reside in Springfield (and non-residents who previously enrolled)

WHAT: Non-competitive pick-up games

WHERE/WHEN: Jonathan Dayton High School (east gym), Wednesdays @ 7:00-9:00 pm

Florence Gaudineer Middle School (girl's gym), Sundays @ 8:00-10:00 am

COST: \$25 (resident new player), \$12.50 (2019-2020 resident player), \$37.50 (2019-2020 non-resident player)

REGISTER: Online only at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted (\$0 processing fee).

INCLUDED: Apparel Item, balls

NOT INCLUDED: Personal protective equipment (e.g. masks)

COVID-19: Masks must be worn inside school buildings when not actively playing basketball.

REFUNDS: No refunds after registration is completed.

QUESTIONS: (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us



RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUS BRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS TO LUNCH AT OLIVE GARDEN



Springfield Recreation Department's senior citizens enjoyed lunch at Olive Garden in Springfield on Friday, September 10, 2021. The bus trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver. For information on future senior citizen bus trips, contact us at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION STREET HOCKEY MEN 18+ FALL 2021

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SPRINGFIELD 2021 FALL TENNIS



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WEEKLY CLASSES
THURSDAY'S & SUNDAY'S

CLASSES HELD
AT IRWIN PARK

\$142

FALL CLASSES
THURSDAYS
9/16 • 10/28 (7 WEEKS)

Squirts Tennis: 4:00-4:50 pm (Ages 3-5)
Foundation Tennis: 4:00-4:50 pm (Ages 5-8)
Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 8-10)
Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 10-14)

\$162

SUNDAYS
9/19 - 11/7 (8 WEEKS)

Foundation Tennis: 9-9:50 am (Ages 5-8)
Foundation Tennis: 10-10:50 am (Ages 5-8)
Foundation Tennis: 11-11 :50 am (Ages 9-14)

AGES 3 - 14
ALL ABILITY LEVELS
Visit our website for
more program information.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:
• Professional Coaches
• Dri-Fit T-Shirt for every player
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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION FALL 2021 SOCCER SQUIRTS

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK



**8 WEEK
SESSION**

SATURDAY'S

Registration Fee
\$162

Saturdays September 18 - November 6 (8 weeks)
Soccer Squirts: Ages 3 - 4 • 8:30 am - 9:20 am
Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2 - 3 • 9:30 am - 10:20 am
Soccer Squirts: Ages 4 - 5 • 10:30 am - 11:20 am
Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages 5-6 • 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

All programs adhere to Covid-19 state & CDC guidelines

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

**BOYS &
GIRLS**
All Abilities:
2 to 6
years olds

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INTERESTED IN OUR SENIOR BUS TRIPS?

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



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 at least
one day prior to your transportation request. This service is unavail-
able on municipal holidays and days of certain senior citizen bus trips.

Bus runs Monday - Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should
be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION FALL 2021 SPORTS SQUIRTS CLASSES

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK



**8 WEEK
SESSION**

SUNDAY'S

Registration Fee
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SEPTEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 7 • SUNDAY (8 WEEKS)

Multi Sports Squirts: Ages 3 - 4 • 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Parent & Me Multi Squirts: Ages 2 - 3 • 9:30 am
Multi Sports Squirts: Ages 4 - 5 • 11:30 am

All programs adhere to Covid-19 state & CDC guidelines

All sessions run for 50 minutes

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Professional Coaches
- Low group ratios
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

AGES 2-4
All Abilities:
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