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TOWNSHIP SWEARS IN NEWEST POLICE OFFICER AT APRIL 23RD MEETING

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Officer Hope Arthur wth her family and Police Chief John Cook (right)

MOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT STARTS!

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HARRY VARGAS, AUXILIARY POLICE CHIEF DIES



Captain Vargas - Early 1990's

JUNE 16, 1931 - MAY 4, 2019

Chief Harry Vargas of the Auxiliary Police passed away Saturday May 4, 2019 in Florida. Harry was a member of the Springfield Auxiliary Police from the reorganization of the unit in 1967/68 thru his retirement in 1998. Harry was a Special Police Officer as well becoming the oldest graduate of the Cape May County Police Academy in June of 1991 at age 60. He then served as a Class II Special Police Officer in Springfield, being a fixture at corner of Mountain and Morris Avenues. Harry served as Auxiliary Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and was appointed Chief in 1994.



He volunteered well over 7000 hours of his time to the Township during his service in the Auxiliary Police and was an exemplary member and leader of the organization. Despite living in Florida for the past 20 years, he has kept in touch with the membership, always wanting to know how the "unit" was doing and always happy to hear about Springfield. Harry we will miss you!

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE: Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16

followed by Bulk Pick-up on June 19 and 20 Register online on the Township website for Garage Sale

KITES TAKE TO THE SKY AT ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

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Winners with (l-r): Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel Hesse, Assistant Director of Recreation Brendan O'Reilly, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair Mike Scalera, Mayor Erica DuBois, Committeeman Alex Keiser, and Director of Recreation Adam Lieb

Memorial Day ☆ Celebration ☆ Monday, May 27

at Veterans' Park All Are Invited To March! See Page 8



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Message from the Mayor

Dear Springfield Neighbors,

I can't believe May is already upon us!The warmer weather is finally starting to make an appearance. Hopefully the rainy weather will begin to subside. With the better weather comes an opportunity to get out there and support all of the fantastic athletics programs we have throughout our recreation department as well as our middle and high school.

In fact, on Monday, May 17 at 6 pm at Jonathan Dayton high school the softball team will be playing under the lights, to celebrate Armed Forces Appreciation Day. It's a great event to bring the family to and an even better cause to support.

May is also mental health awareness month, and with that comes Stigma Free Springfield's second annual youth art contest. The event will take place at Chisholm Community Center on Saturday, May 18 at 2:30 pm.

Summer is just around the corner, now is the perfect opportunity to register for the Spring-field pool and sign your children up for pool

There was an excellent turn out at the May 7 special meeting at Townhall. The first portion of the night was a presentation on all of the redevelopment projects in the works in Springfield. There was a focus on the Saks building, which has been sitting, unused for over two decades. Also addressed in the meeting was the upcoming revaluation for the township. There will be a more in-depth meeting in regards to that process on May 28 at 7 pm at Townhall. Please consider attending and bringing your questions for our tax professionals.

Please join us for for the Memorial Day parade, May 27, 10 am sharp at Veteran's Park. As always I love to hear from you please feel free to reach out to me at Erica.duBois@spring-

field-nj.us.

Erica DuBois, Mayor 2019

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

(Check website for updates)

Tuesdays, May 14 and 28 - Regular Meeting 7 pm Tuesdays, June 11 and 25 - Regular Meeting 7 pm Monday, June 24 - Workshop Meeting 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

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

PT Library Assistant Needed, 14-18 hrs. p/wk, inc. alternate Sats and Mon. eves,

HS grad req., computer skills a plus email resume & cover letter to dspindel@sfplnj.org by May 18.

Springfield is having a Birthday!!! 225 Years Old! 1794-2019

ESTABLISHED APRIL 14, 1794

The Township will celebrate its **225th anniversary** in 2019.

A committee has been formed but they need volunteers to make this event a reality. A Battle Re-enactment by the Brigade of the American Revolution and Encampment is planned, a Festival and Fireworks. If you would like to help with this event, please contact volunteer@225thspringfield anniversary. com with your information

Help is needed in planning the Celebration.

225th CELEBRATION JUNE 22-23, 2019

Preliminary Schedule of Events: (rain or shine)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

10:00AM - Re-enactor Camps Open to the Public (Rear of High School)

10:45AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at DAR Monument

11:00AM - March to Church Mall

11:15AM- 11:30AM - Wreath Laying Ceremony at 1st Presbyterian Colonial Burial Grounds & Monument

12:00PM - Nooning

1:00PM - People of the Brigade Program - Camps

1:30PM - 18th C. Musick Demo - Camps

2:00PM - Pre-Battle Formation - Camps

2:30PM - March to Tactical Weapons Demonstration

3:00PM - TWD - Battle of Springfield - Meisel Ave Park

4:00PM - TWD ends - March back to Camps 4:30PM - Camps Close to Public

Saturday Night Fireworks Program
Meisel Field

5 PM - Rides & Petting Zoo Food for Sale

7:30PM - Oldies Concert by The Vaughn's and the 1910 Fruitgum Company

Dusk - Fireworks (Rain Date: Next Clear Night)

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NO FIREWORKS ON 4TH of July in 2019

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Mrs. Oppenheim has practiced law independently since 1992. Her specialties include real estate law, civil litigation, and matrimonial law In addition, Mrs. Oppenheim has served pro bono for Partners for Women and Justice, which represents women in domestic violence



court cases, since 2010. Previously, Mrs. Oppenheim worked at Ruvoldt & Ruvoldt, PC in Jersey City, where she concentrated on criminal and civil law. Early in her career, Mrs. Oppenheim clerked for Judge Severiano Lisboa, III of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Hudson County

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RECYCLING TIPS

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NEWEST POLICE OFFICER

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At the beginning of the meeting the Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the Township's newest Police Officer.

Chief Cook thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to celebrate the swearing in of our newest police officer, Hope Arthur, who is here tonight with her Mom and Dad, three brothers and her two daughters, Alexa and Anaya.

Chief Cook further commented "I would once again like thank the Township Committee for allowing me to maintain the Department's structure. I would also like to thank all first responders who are here in support for Hope and her family and I would mostly like to thank her family for trusting our department with their daughter, their sister, their Mom.

Officer Arthur has worked in varying levels of law enforcement including being a Corrections Officer before joining the Union County Sheriff's Office after graduating from the Stamler Police Academy in December of 2016. She then became certified as a School Resource Officer and was assigned to the Union County Magnet/Vo-Tech School in Scotch Plains, and is currently continuing her education at FDU.

Hope has a great spirit for volunteerism and had previously started a reading program for underprivileged youth and has coached many youth sports teams. She is also a member of the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County.

Officer Arthur became a Member of our Springfield Team on April 13th."

STREETSCAPE PROJECT

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Early on Tuesday morning April 23, the contractor hired by the Springfield Business Improvement District commenced Phase II of their Mountain Ave Streetscape Project. Their project will revitalize the streetscape in areas along Mountain Avenue retail centers in several areas to conform to Phase I of the project completed two years ago in the Henshaw Avenue Area. Scott Seidel, BID Co-Chairman commented to the Patriot Times "The start of this project follows the recent demolition of the building known as the "Larkin Project" at Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue. In addition to these projects, a very preliminary plan was submitted on the former 9.6 acre "Saks" property. A preliminary rendering of a possible project is shown on page 9. This is only the very beginning of this project and much work still needs to be done. 220 residential apartment units and 50 Luxury Town Homes have been proposed, open space, some retail and a parking deck for residential units. Traffic, school, impervious and numerous engineering studies still need to be completed. A Town Hall meeting was held on May 7th to present updates on redevelopment projects.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

MARGARET
BANDROWSKI
KEEPING
HISTORY ALIVE
IN SPRINGFIELD



Margaret Bandrowski has been a Springfield resident most of her life. Her keen interest in the rich history of Springfield has been a passion of hers for many years.

It all began with an interest in historical burial grounds and structures in Springfield that remain from colonial times and earlier. As a result of that interest, Margaret became a member of the Springfield Historical Society. In her many years as a member, she has served as Vice President and is now the President – a position she has held for the past 20 years. During that time, she has been involved in numerous local and county-wide events. Those include the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Township in 1994, many re-enactments of the famous Battle of Springfield and the major 225th anniversary celebration of the Battle in 2005. Margaret, dressed in authentic colonial garb, was a constant presence at all of these events.

As President of the Historical Society, she oversees regular open houses at the historic Cannon Ball House on Morris Ave. Programs are presented on various aspects of local history to many organizations and as well as an annual tour for Springfield fourth graders.

The Springfield Boy Scouts have sponsored a number of Eagle Scout projects to enhance the Cannon Ball House and its grounds.

Next month, a major event will take place in Springfield – the 225th Anniversary of the Township. This column will provide a preview of that event for residents and others in the June Patriot Times. Margaret is an active member of that committee which is working hard to make the celebration successful

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Margaret said "I got interested in local history as a child, walking to the library at Sarah Bailey. There was a small museum upstairs across from the children's room and I was fascinated. Phoebe Briggs was the librarian. When we walked past the old cemetery on Mountain Avenue, we sped up to rush by! I live near the Swain house with its 1744 marker and we went often to the Rev War park at Jockey Hollow. Eventually I learned that Miss Briggs (who died well into her nineties) was the great-great granddaughter of a soldier who fought in the Battle of Springfield and it fascinated me to know that. I believe we need more than ever to make that association available, especially to kids - this is our heritage and our town and we need to cherish it and share it!"

SPRINGFIELD LION'S CLUB HONORS 20 JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

On Wednesday May 8, 2019 the Springfield Lion's Club honored 20 of Johnathan Dayton High School's top scholars with certificates of appreciation and monetary scholarships to be used for tuition or expenses. The recipients plan to attend elite universities and colleges in New Jersey and nationwide. Scholarships were awarded to:

Jibran Absarulislam, Rachel Bachman, Jack Conway, Juliana DeSilva, Sheila Flood, Julia Horowitz, Sara Kay, Raquel Mack, Lucy Magid, Sarah Martino-Verridicci, Lisa Mayevsky, Caitlyn McTernan, Brendan O'Brien, Ryan Pagnillo, Jacob Pereira, Sara Rodrick, Raquel Shapiro, Destini Stewart, Tjan Marco, and Alexander Wolz.



Springfield Superintendent Michael Davino & Lion's President Ed Shaffery with Scholarship Recipients

The Springfield Lion's Club awards these scholarships annually as part of its community service to Springfield. You can support the work of the Lions Club by donating your used eyeglasses at collection boxes located at the Springfield Library, Golden Valley and Shoprite supermarkets.

The Springfield Lions are members of Lions Clubs International, which is the world's largest service club organization. There are 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in more than 206 countries and geographic areas. Best known for fighting blindness, they also volunteer for many kinds of community projects - including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding youth, seniors and the disabled.

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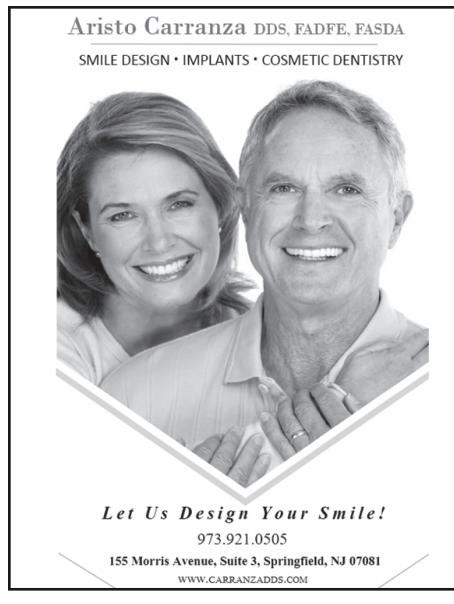
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Starting on Thursday July 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Springfield Pool, and running every Thursday through August, the BID's Concert Series will return. Mel Kevoe, BID Music Chairperson commented "The season kicks off with the First Concert at the Springfield Community Pool Parking Lot. Bring your own chairs and the snack bar will be available for your use as well. Watch www.springfieldpatriot.com for more information on locations and artists."





Bob Marino and Barbara Harris"



Thursday July 11, 2019

6:30 TO 8:30PM AT THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL PARKING LOT (Please bring your own lawn chairs)

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SPRING: A GREAT TIME TO REVIEW YOUR SAFETY CHECKLIST

With spring comes a feeling of renewal. Families everywhere begin cleaning out their basements and garages. Windows are opened, flowers bloom and the days grow longer thanks in part to Daylight Saving Time, which this year begins on March 13. When you set your clocks forward, the National Safety Council reminds you also to review a safety checklist for your home.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives – if they are powered by a fresh battery. You should test them every month to make sure they work and replace the battery at least once a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.

Smoke alarms should be located in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Did you know smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly? That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to NFPA.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide(CO) is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible. Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

Family Emergency Plan

The National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members to make sure they know what to do. Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon per day of water for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the FEMA website for a complete list.

The emergency plan also should include:

- A communications plan to outline how your family members will contact one another if they are not in the same place and where you should meet if it's safe to go outside
- A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated; FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting
- A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different directions

What Else Should You Do This Spring?

NSC recommends you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or take-back event near you, update your first-aid kit and, most of all, get outside and have fun!

• • • IMPORTANT DATES • • •

SPRING PLANTING AND GROUNDS CLEANUP

Please join our Youth Group and St. Zita Ministry on Saturday, May 18 from 9 am-1 pm for spring planting and grounds cleanup around the church. If you cannot make it, we are accepting donations of bags of mulch, packets of seeds, or gardening tools/gloves. If you are planning on attending or donating, please email Ann Marie at annges@optonline.net

RESCUES ROCK EVENT

On Sunday, May 19 at 1 pm, the Springfield TCC store, located at 901 Mountain Ave., will be hosting the first-ever Rescues Rock event with local animal rescue organization as part a company-wide initiative to care for stray animals. During the event, guests can adopt pets on-site, with the first few adoptions receiving supply kits filled with a rescue car magnet, drawstring bag, collar, leash, food scoop, toy, treats and a bowl.



Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

Since May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, I would like to take this opportunity to share some motorcycle traffic safety tips with Springfield's Patriot Times readers. Motorcyclists are much more likely to be injured or killed than other motorists, and are more susceptible to being involved in crashes in general. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were over 8.6 million motorcycles on the road in 2016, and in that same year, over 500,000 new motorcycles were sold. Motorcycle crash fatalities continue to increase every year, with over 5,000 deaths reported nationwide according to the latest statistics. 69 of those occurred in NJ. In addition, over 2,000 motorcyclists are injured on NJ roads each year.

Approximately half of the reported motorcycle crashes involve at least one other vehicle. Many crashes involving motorcycles occur when the other vehicle's driver does not see the motorcycle. Considering this, drivers are urged to operate their vehicles with extra care during the summer months, and I offer the following information to motorists to help prevent motorcycle crashes:

- **1.** Be extra observant for motorcycles on the road. Motorcycles are not as visible as cars or trucks, and can sometimes be hidden by traffic. Check your mirrors carefully before turning, changing lanes, and merging. Do not use hand-held electronic devices while driving!
- 2. Watch out when making left turns. Many crashes between cars and Motorcycles occur when a vehicle is turning left at an intersection. If you are preparing to cross traffic or turn left, take a second look for motorcycles.
- 3. Do not tailgate motorcycles. Leave plenty of space if you are following a motorcycle. Motorcycles require less stopping distance and are more maneu verable than cars.
- 4. Watch out for road hazards. While potholes, debris, or other road defects
- may not have any effect on your car, motorcycles must avoid these.

 5. "Share the Road." Treat motorcyclists with the same respect and courtesy you afford to other motorists.

Motorcyclists must also do their part to stay safe on the roads. Fatality rates involving speeding and alcohol use are much higher for motorcyclists than for all other types of motor vehicle operators. We urge all motorcyclists to wear proper DOT-compliant helmets, operate their motorcycles safely and legally, and be extra observant in busy areas.

Over the past several years, three-wheeled vehicles have become much more popular and we regularly see them being driven in our area. These vehicles have enclosed or partially enclosed side-by-side seats with seatbelts, a steering wheel, and foot pedal controls. These vehicle are classified as "autocycles" by the NJ MVC, and have their own set of legal requirements. (Traditional three-wheeled

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motorcycles (trikes) have handlebars and motorcycle-style seating, and remain classified as motorcycles.) As of 2017, autocycles have their own type of license plate designation, and a motorcycle license endorsement is not required to operate one – just a valid basic driver license. All autocycle operators and passengers must wear seatbelts and helmets, and if the vehicle does not have a windscreen, goggles and a face shield must we worn as well. Most importantly, children who require child restraint systems are not permitted as autocycle passengers at any time.

As a reminder, always obey posted speed limits, lane markings, and all other traffic control devices. If you have to make a call while driving, always use a hands-free device, and never text while driving. If you plan on drinking, always use a designated driver, ride share service, or car service – never get behind the wheel or handlebars if you've consumed alcohol. Help keep the roadways safe for everyone this summer.

30th Annual

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225th Anniversary of the Founding of the Township of Springfield



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June 3-8 2019

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THE COMMUNIT

The first annual Kite Fest attracted several hundred residents of all ages on a rainy-turned-sunny Saturday, April 13, at Chisholm Park. The Springfield Recreation Department's celebration of Spring included kite flying and a kite contest, mini sports clinic, two egg hunts, pictures with the Easter bunny, Bro-Ritos Food Truck, Little Jimmy's Italian Ices, TD Pizza hot dogs, music by DJ Techno Wolf, gumball bounce house, candy store inflatable obstacle course, balloon artist, face painting, Girl Scout cookie sale, sponsor give-aways, and contest prizes. Kites were judged throughout the event on most creative, most colorful, and highest flying.

Mayor Erica DuBois announced the winners: Luke Spriggs, Amelia Marx, and Gerald Shuriez.

Event support was provided by Mike Scalera State Farm Agent, Springfield Business Improvement District (BID), U.S. Sports Institute, TD Pizza, Mera Paint & Wine, Springfield Orthodontics, Garden State Foot & Ankle Specialists, KRA Insurance Agency, and Kiddie Academy of Springfield. Donors of contest prizes included: Anthony J. Fonseca Agency, LLC, Hope Rosenberg, Alen's Deli and Catering, Sophia's, Spirit Eatery & Social Drinks, Antonio's Italian Market, TD Pizza, and Prima Pizza.

APRIL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Chamber Officers with meeting Sponsor, Dr. Alex Brito (center) of Springfield Physical Therapy, (l to r) VP Elliot Merkin, Co-Chair Scott Seidel, Dr. Brito, Paula Kaiser, Treasurer and Mike Scalera Co-Chair

Fire Chief Palumbo announced that 100 applicants took the entrance exam for a Firefighter position. Springfield Fire Department – Autism Awareness Month – t-shirts are available for purchase to support Autism Awareness.

John Bussiculo, Township Administrator announced a Special Meeting of the Township Committee on May 7 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall – 2nd reading on development and other projects. Open to the public. The "Larkin Project" buildings at Morris and Mountain Avenues have been demolished.

Dr. Gary Hecht, Rotary reminded everyone of the April 29 Taste of Towns Event at the Hilton Garden Inn – tickets \$40.00. Twenty Local Restaurants/Wine Tasting/Tricky Tray.

Mayor's Day Golf Outing at Baltusrol on Tuesday, September 3rd \$600.00 individual golfers - \$2400.00 foursome. Proceeds benefit the JDHS Scholarship Fund. Visit http://springfieldmayorsday.com

Streetscape Mountain Avenue project has started – project will take 4-5 weeks to complete.

St. James Annual Festival – Tuesday, April 30th to Saturday, May 4th – rides, food and games.

Springfield H.O.P.E. received donations from St. James Church and Valley National Bank.

Margaret Bandrowski, Historical Society reported that the April Caldwell School tours are completed and June will beginning the next scheduled tours.

225th Anniversary celebration the weekend of June 22 and 23.



Join us at Veterans Park to honor our Veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th

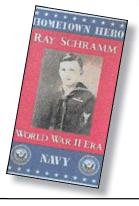
Ceremony begins 10:00 am sharp

In case of rain, ceremony will be at Chisholm Center

Parade immediately following down Mountain Avenue to the Jonathan Dayton High School

Springfield Hillside
Elks Lodge 2004 has a free hot
dog and drink waiting for you at
the end of the parade route
An exhibition game will be

played on the Turf Field



ROTARY'S "TASTE OF THE TOWN" A HUGE SUCCESS



Members of the Springfield Rotary at the Event



(l to r) Committeeman Alex Keiser, Committeeman Richard Huber, Mayor Erica DuBois and Deputy Mayor Chris Capodice

On Monday evening, April 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Route 22, the Springfield Rotary Club held its annual and very popular 'Taste of the Town' event. And, as has been the case for many years, the event was a huge success.

Over two dozen food and beverage vendors brought their best offerings to the food tables set up in the Hilton ballroom to be enjoyed by a large crowd which certainly exceeded 200.

In addition to all the food and beverage available, a silent auction for some outstanding prizes like Jets and Giants football tickets, golf outings and Disney vacations and over 75 tricky tray baskets were up for bid by the attendees.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Gary Hecht, who served as MC for the event said "This was our 18th year doing this event. It was very successful, well attended, and enthusiastically supported by the business as well as the residential community. The proceeds will be used for Rotary projects such as 'Rise Against Hunger', dictionaries for every 3rd grader in Springfield, High School Scholarships and Thanksgiving food baskets"

FIRST NIGHT FOR ANNUAL ST. JAMES FAIR

Submitted by Jennifer Sherman





Tuesday, April 30 marked the start of the very popular St. James Fair. A well attended event, it was the perfect night to start the event.



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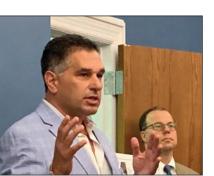
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

MEETING, MAY 7, 2019



Saks Siteplan

Over 100 residents were present for the meeting that provided a redevelopment update on a number of projects underway in the Town. The audience spilled out in the hallway as it was standing room only. Matt Jessup, redevelopment attorney, opened the informal meeting to discuss a number of redevelopment projects underway in Springfield. Present were the Township Planner, Keenan Hughes and Township Engineer Michael Disko. Also present was the traffic consultant, Jay Troutman.



Mike Scalera, BID Co-Chair



Mike Disko, Township Engineer



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SUMMER SPORT PROGRAMS

Ages 2-11 | All Abilities | Boys & Girls

In association with the Springfield Recreation Department

SUMMER WEEKLY CLASSES

Age	Day	StartTime	EndTime	StartDate	EndDate
2 to 3	Sun	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	30-Jun	4-Aug
3 to 5	Sun	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	30-Jun	4-Aug
3 to 5	Sun	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	30-Jun	4-Aug
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Multi Sports - \$114

MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

Age	Day	StartTime	EndTime	StartDate	EndDate
5 to 11	M-F	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	19-Aug	23-Aug
5 to 11	M-F	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	19-Aug	23-Aug

Multi Sports Half Day \$169 - Full Day \$199

SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

Age	Day	StartTime	EndTime	StartDate	EndDate
5 to 11	M-F	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	26-Aug	30-Aug
5 to 11	M-F	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	26-Aug	30-Aug

Soccer Half Day \$169 - Full Day \$199

All classes take place at Chisholm Park For full class details, learning objectives and more, visit us online

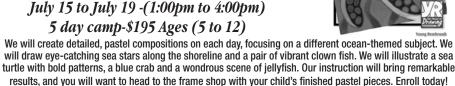
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YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE OUTLET FULL OF CONFIDENCE-BOOSTING FUN...
YOUNG REMBRANDTS IS BACK WITH NEW SUMMER WORKSHOPS!

PASTEL DRAWING WORKSHOP **OCEAN LIFE**

July 15 to July 19 -(1:00pm to 4:00pm)



ANIME & MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOP

August 12 to August 16-(1:00pm to 4:00pm) 5 day camp-\$195 Ages (5 to 12)

Our students will create dazzling illustrations that are influenced by popular Japanese anime and manga themes. Colorful characters with expressive personalities jump off of the page. Our students will be delighted as we create drawings that emulate the popular anime and manga art styles. Don't miss out on an exciting opportunity to produce wonderful artwork. Sign up today!

ENROLL ONLINE at: www.youngrembrandts.com/middlesex-union. Or your completed registration form with payment. Once submitted your child is automatically enrolled unless you are notified otherwise. Any questions please contact Pam Hubinsky via phone 908-405-4854 or email pam.hubinsky@youngrembrandts.com



Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades Who:

Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study What:

supervised by Recreation Dept. staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays) 2:30-8:00 pm

Handbook, registration form, photo ID How: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us **Contact:**

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

Cost:

Springfield Swim Team 2019

Head Coach of Swim Team Karen Bocian

Parents Only Meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Springfield Community Pool



Practice Will Begin After School On Tuesday, June 4th; Wednesday, June 5th; and Thursday, June 6th:

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 a length of the pool 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 6th**.

I will let you know which team your child will be placed on (Regular, Developmental, or Swim Lessons) 5:00:5:45 pm - 10 & Under Practice 5:45-6:30 pm - 11 & Over Practice

Tuesday, June 11th; Wednesday, June 12th; and Thursday, June 13th: 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

Tuesday, June 18th; Wednesday, June 19th; Thursday, June 20th; Monday, June 24th and Tuesday, June 25th::

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 22nd / the Awards Dinner Friday, July 26th.

Morning practice will begin on Wednesday, June 26th, and will run through the entire month of July. TENTATIVELY, practices will be at the following times: (Monday-Friday) 11 & Overs: 9:15-10:15 am 10 & Unders: 10:15-11:15 am Developmental Team: 11:15 am-12:00 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Karen.Bocian@springfield-nj.us Online registration is available at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

Two Fees: \$85 payable to: Township of Springfield and \$20 payable to: Swim Team Parent Association

KIDDIES KALEIDOSCOPE

2019 Summer Camp

QUALITY ENRICHMENT SUMMER CAMP Grades K-5 HALF-DAY or FULL DAY Options

A well-rounded summer mini-camp featuring some of our most popular programs! Keep the learning going throughout the summer while having fun! NEW classes every week! Each day will include a Science Exploration Class & one of the following:

- ~ S.T.E.A.M.
- ~ MOSAIC STORY TELLING and ART
- ~ KIDDIES AROUND THE WORLD
- ~ REMARKABLE ME
- ~ MUSIC
- ~ KIDDIES KRAFTING

Children will have a blast learning through hands-on activities featuring experiments, curated books and art while exploring lessons involving: Science, Math. Reading, Geography. Social Studies, History, Art & Music. Children bring home a project daily

Chisholm Community Center

HALF-DAY WEEKS

July 22nd - 26th

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

July 29th - August 2nd

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. \$150 per week

FULL DAY WEEKS

August 19th-23rd

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$225 per week

August 26th -30th

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$225 per week

We are offering children enrolled in the Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own lunch) — children will then be escorted to the Kiddies Kaleidoscope afternoon mini-camp — courtesy of Kiddies Kaleidoscope!!

For registration and a detailed description of each class, please visit: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com

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.

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.

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES MAY/JUNE 2019 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, May 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast @ 10:00 am (RSVP), Bingo @ 12:30 pm Tuesday, May 14 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 15 - Bus trip to Sands Casino @ 10:00 am (RSVP)

Thursday, May 16 - Twilight Zone Trivia @ 11:00 am Friday, May 17 - Cards @ 1:00 pm

Monday, May 20 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21 - Bus trip to Route 10 Farmers Market and Irving's Deli @

10:30 am (RSVP), Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 22 - Bus trip to "Doo Wop Project" at PNC Bank Arts Center @ 11:45 am (RSVP)

Thursday, May 23 - Club birthday bash luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)

Friday, May 24 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm (RSVP)
Tuesday, May 28 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, May 29 - Bus trip to "Little Anthony" at PNC Bank Arts Center @ 11:45 am (RSVP)

Thursday, May 30 - Pickleball open play @ 10:30 am

Friday, May 31 - Toning & Weights @ 11:00 am
Monday, June 3 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, June 4 - Board Games @10:30 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, June 5 - Bus trip to American Candle @ 9:30 am (RSVP)

Thursday, June 6 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Friday, June 7 - Walk Talk Tone @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm Monday, June 10 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm Tuesday, June 11 - Union County Senior Council workshop @ 9:30 am (RSVP), Cards @ 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 12 - Bus trip to Central Farmers Market and Coppola's

Ristorante @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
Thursday, June 13 - Pickleball open play @ 10:30 am

Friday, June 14 - Father's Day Breakfast @ 10:00 am (RSVP), Shape UP @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

WEEKDAYS: Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm Billiards @ 8:00 am-2:30 pm

YOUTH FOOTBALL GRADES 3-8 • FALL 2019

Sponsored by Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Jr. Dawgs.

Welcome Millburn Jr. Millers!

Tackle league is open to rising 3rd-8th graders who attend a Springfield or Millburn school.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION



Saturday, May 25, 2019 @ 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield

Two Fees

\$190 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$75 per child payable to Township of Springfield" Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:

\$150 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$75 per child payable to "Township of Springfield"

Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 15, 2019. No refunds after this date. Registrations received after this date are subject to team availability.

Questions? Contact Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

Pool Party Room Rental Available for Springfield and out-of-town residents and businesses. Fees vary from \$200-\$500. Call to learn about serving



Call Recreation Department (973) 912-2227



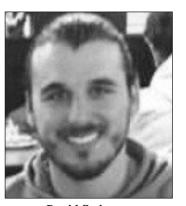
Party room and kitchen available at the Chisholm Community Center for your next event. Cost to Springfield residents is only \$225 for up to four hours.

POOL OPENS WITH FREE PREVIEW NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MAY 24TH - NEW FACES PREPARE FOR POOL AND CAMP SEASON

The Springfield Community Pool is scheduled to open on Friday, May 24, from 4:00-7:00 pm, with a free preview night! Springfield residents and pool members are invited to tour the clubhouse and party rental room, exercise in the fitness center, swim in the main and baby pools, meet the staff, register for pool memberships, and purchase food at the snack bar. The pool will then be open on Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day Weekend! The pool will be open only on weekends until daily operation begins on Monday, June 24 through Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd. Christopher Foglio will return as manager and Brendan O'Reilly will return as assistant manager. They will be joined by former manager Brian Blondet as assistant manager, and new junior assistant manager Chris Calimano. Chris is a criminal justice student at Union County College, and has served as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and swim team assistant coach at the pool. Dawn Wilkenfeld will return as pool activities co-director, along with Daniel Hesse as co-director and Erin McNany as assistant. Throughout the year, Daniel is the Recreation Program Coordinator (youth/adult) and Erin is the Recreation Assistant. 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 21st summer. Pool Day Camp, which begins on Wednesday, June 26th, will be directed by David Steinman, who has been the assistant director for the past five summers. David will be joined by returning assistant director Kevin Schultz and new assistant director Lindsay Stearns. Lindsay is a 3rd-5th grade physical education and health teacher at Thelma Sandmeier Elementary School in Springfield. The snack bar will be operated by returning concessionaire Dellano's Food Service, and will 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 will also offer specials, camp lunches, and a catering menu for private parties. Over at Chisholm Playground Camp, which begins on Wednesday, June 26th, Tori Salguero has taken over as director, and has been planning the schedule and ordering supplies. Tori, who is a student at Montclair State University and a childcare staff member at No Body Denied, has previously served as a counselor, group leader, and arts and crafts assistant at the camp. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents, as are spots in Pool Day Camp and Chisholm Playground Camp. Pool guest passes are 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.



Chris Calimano



David Steinman



Lindsay Stearns



Tori Salguero

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 between 8 am -9 am on the morning of your transportation need. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

The bus service runs from 9 am-4 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.



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ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES 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.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019
Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents.

Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from September 2018 to August 2019

from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS

STREET HOCKEY MEN 21+

Men age 21+ who reside in Springfield

at the Street Hockey Court, Springfield Community Pool, 44 Morrison Road

Thursdays, from March 28th-June 20th (game days could change due to weather) 6:30-8:30 pm

\$25 per person • Includes Shirt to keep, balls, goals, lights, loaned goalie equipment

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2019 • Grades 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2019.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- \bullet Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Multiple grades may be combined into a squad, if necessary, based on enrollment.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.

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- Fees include: Loaned uniform (uniform sizing will take place in June), loaned pom-poms, t-shirt and two hair bows to keep, end-of-season party, award.
- Fees do not include: Leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, sweatshirt or jacket, plain white sneakers. These apparel items are mandatory and must be purchased separately.

TWO FEES \$75 payable to Township of Springfield (Check, cash, credit card. No refunds after first practice.) \$40 payable to Springfield Cheerleading (Check only. No refunds after Friday, May 17, 2019)

<u>DEADLINE</u> Friday, May 17, 2019 Registrations are not be accepted after this date. No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE WITH VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South
Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

QUESTIONS? Daniel Hesse, Recreation Program Coordinator, at daniel.hesse@springfield-nj.us

ngfield or (973) 912-2227



PICKLEBALL TAKES OVER CHISHOLM GYMNASIUM

The Springfield Recreation Department has introduced the fast-growing sport of pickleball to its senior citizens. In April, two sessions were coached by U.S. Sports Institute, and May and June will bring several open-play opportunities. Nets, paddles, and balls are provided. For more information, contact Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2019

Camp operates indoors and outdoors at the Chisholm Community Center and Chisholm Park (100 South Springfield Avenue). Camp is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by an adult director and young adult counselors (15 years old and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking/baking, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, one optional field trip, and much more! Camp runs for eight weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to 100 campers per week. Campers must be potty-trained. A light snack is provided each day, but children should be sent to camp with a drink. Lunch time is not a part of camp.

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

DATES (check applicable):

- Week #1: June 26th-28th (no camp June 24th-25th) *
- Week #2: July 1st-5th (no camp July 4th) +
- **☐ Week #3:** July 8th-12th
- ☐ Week #4: July 15th-19th
- ☐ Week #5: July 22nd-26th

☐ Week #6: July 29th-August 2nd

- ☐ Week #7: August 5th-9th
- ☐ Week #8: August 12th-16th

REGISTER:

- Online (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield
- In-person (check, cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, on weekdays between 8:00 am-6:00 pm.
- Mail (check, money order) to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.
- Payable to the Township of Springfield.

FEES: Resident child: **\$60 per week** Non-Resident child: **\$70 per week**

- * 40% discount per child for Week #1
- + 20% discount per child for Week #2

View refund policy at http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

DEADLINE: Thursday prior to each camp week

QUESTIONS: Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us. Visit us on the web

at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation. LIKÉ us on Facebook @springfieldnjrec.



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3 day session for 3 ½ HOURS each class 12:30 pm-4 pm June 26th, 27th & 28th \$245

4 day session for 3 ½ HOURS each class 12:30 pm-4 pm August 5th, 6th & 7th & 8th \$320



Supervised Lunch included at 12:30 for students attending A.M. Playground Camp. Please bring lunch. After cooking lesson, children will eat their cooked meal from class.

Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ Includes all educational materials, recipes, cooking /yoga supplies and food

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com Click on Upcoming Classes, find Kids Cooking Camp and register for the week. Payment available online or by check to LillySprouts. Classes will close at 15 students .

Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or 908-499-0270

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 973-376-4930

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

---- REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS ---Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group at 10:30 on selected days: Babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. Tuesday May 14, Thursday May 16, Wednesday May 22, Friday May 24, Tuesday May 28, Thursday May 30.

Family Craft: Wednesday May 15, Wednesday May 29.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Creative Writing Club | Thursdays May 16 & 30 at 3 pm - Want to put your ideas to paper? Do you wish to improve your craft and share your stories with other writers? The Creative Writing Club is open to Grades 7-9. We meet 2-3 times a month on Thursdays for 1 hour. If interested, please speak to Ms. Alice, the Teen Librarian, about joining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays, May 24 & June 7, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga. May 1 through May 28 Teen Arts exhibit.

Sunday, June 9, 1:00 pm Program sponsored by Springfield 225th Anniversary Committee.

LECTURES

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm "10 Things You Need to Know About Today's Antiques & Collectibles Market"

Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm Medicare Workshop Thursday, June 6, 7:00 pm Real Estate program

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, May 16, 10:00 am Great Books: "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

Thursdays, May 23 & June13 Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with developmental disabilities.

FILMS

Monday, May 16, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm International Film: "Back to Burgundy" (2017).

Monday, May 20, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Isle of Dogs" (2018).

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm Retro Film: "Midnight Cowboy" (1969). Starring John Voight & Dustin Hoffman. Monday, June 3, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Three Identical Strangers" (2018)

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 pm

Retro Film: "Hello, Dolly" (1969). Starring Barbra Streisand.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents! Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club. Every Tuesday Afternoon Mahjong Club. 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

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

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY WANTS YOU TO CHECK OUT LMX PRESS PLUS APP FOR IMPROVED ACCESS

Available at both the Apple App Store and Google Play, the Springfield Free Public Library wants to remind library patrons to check out its new and improved mobile app, LMxPRESS Plus. The new app features a more streamlined look and provides faster and more accurate access to patrons' library accounts as well as to the holdings of all 31 Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) member libraries. The app enables users to search all LMxAC libraries for books, movies, music and other items. Library cardholders can also download and connect to digital content and stay in touch with the library's community through social media feeds and event calendars. The app can also be used to access patrons' library accounts in order to view holds, checkouts and to renew items; place holds on items across all LMxAC member library and choose the most convenient pickup location; and store a digital copy of patrons' library cards to a mobile device so that it is always available when needed.

In addition to the Springfield Free Public Library, other public library members of LMxAC located in Union County include Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Plainfield, Roselle, and Roselle Park. Member libraries located in Middlesex County include Carteret, Dunellen, East Brunswick, Edison, Jamesburg, Metuchen, Middlesex County College, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Brunswick, South River and Spotswood. Member libraries in Monmouth County include Keyport, Long Branch, Matawan-Aberdeen, and Red Ban k.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

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 2019 and 2020. 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.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY THANKS INVESTORS FOUNDATION, FRIENDS OR LIBRARY AND BEQUEST FOR RECENT UPGRADES

Thanks to the generosity of the Investors Foundation, the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library and a bequest from the estate of Anna Schiffbauer, the experience of watching a movie at the library has gotten both more comfortable and more high tech. Funding from the above mentioned sources was pooled together to install a new state of the art ceiling mounted projector plus ceiling mounted speakers, along with a new wide projection screen in the library's Palmer Museum. An additional donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library was used to replace the existing hard plastic molded chairs with upholstered seating that allows for a more comfortable viewing experience.

Members of the public are invited to check out the new equipment and chairs at any of the library's upcoming movie screenings, including the following:

A Star is Born (2019 version), 1:00 PM, April 22 Bag It (documentary film), 7:00 PM, May 2 RBG (documentary), 1:00 PM, May 6

Back to Burgundy (In French, with English subtitles), 1:00 & 7:00 PM, May 16
Isle of Dogs, 1:00 PM, May 20
Midnight Cowboy, 7:00 PM, May 23

THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUED ON MAY 6, 2019

Additional films will be shown on Monday, May 20th and Monday, June 3rd. Admission is FREE. Screenings start at 1:00 pm. For more information, stop by the library or call (973)376-4930.

Funding for this program is made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding is provided by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.



SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY PATRONS MAY NOW OPT IN TO KEEP TRACK OF ITEMS CHECKED OUT

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to announce that its automated system will once again allow library patrons to maintain a history of all the items they have checked out. To opt in to this feature, follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to the library's webpage at www.springfield-publiclibrary.com
- 2. Click on the box marked "Catalog"
- 3. Click on "My Account" at the top of the page and then enter your barcode and PIN when prompted
- 4. Click on "Preferences"
- 5. At the bottom of the list, check the two boxes, "start recording what I have borrowed" and "show what I have borrowed previously" and then click on the button marked "update"
- 6. While in your account, click on "Checkouts" to access a "Checkout History" bar at the bottom of the page.

Springfield Free Public Library and all of the other member libraries of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) comply with the New Jersey Library Confidentiality Act and will not disclose your personal information, including your reading history, except as provided for in the statute.

NJSA 18A:73-43.2.

Confidentiality of library users' records

Library records which contain the names or other personally identifying details regarding the users of libraries are confidential and shall not be disclosed except in the following circumstances: (a) The records are necessary for the proper operation of the library; (b) Disclosure is required by the user; or (c) Disclosure is required pursuant to a subpoena issued by a court or court order.

NJSA 18A:73-43.1.

Definitions

(a) "Library" means a library maintained by any State or local governmental agency, school, college, or industrial, commercial or other special group, association or agency, whether public or private. (b) "Library record" means any document or record, however maintained, the primary purpose of which is to provide for control of the circulation or other public use of library materials.L.1985, c. 172,§1

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WaWa Project Starting Soon

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

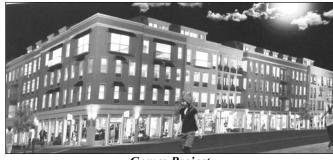
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Larkin Project



Matt Jessup, Redevelopmetnt Attorney



Gomes Project



Jay Troutman, Traffic Consultant

Three projects are underway. Number one is the "Gomes" project between Center Street and Caldwell Avenues on Morris. 140 residential units on top of retail, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, 15% being affordable housing units are planned. 30,000 square feet of ground floor retail is included as well. The developer is still finalizing some approvals and applying for his demolition permits.

The second project is the Morris Ave Project being done by developer Charlie Larkin at Morris and Church Mall. The township sold their parking lot to the developer and they have demolished the building previously onsite. Remediation will start tomorrow on the site. The property was the site of a gas station and dry cleaners in the past and some cleanup is warranted. The gas station was literally buried on the site and you will see some of it being removed. The new building will have 24 residential units. All parking for this site will be in an underground garage on site.

The third site is the old Saks property. It has been designated for redevelopment which will become the new plan for this site. The Township Committee will be looking at this plan at 7 pm tonight at their special meeting. Landscaping, greenspace and many other factors will be reviewed. 225 family units in a multistore building with up to 52 town home units is projected. A fourth redevelopment project on Church Mall at Academy green has been in the works. A second developer obtained site plan approval for 36 units on their two sites. The developer, Veale, was never able to consummate their purchase and a new entity has been designated by the Township for that property. New details for this site will be forthcoming at Township meetings over the next few months.

An update on the WaWa project, which is not a redevelopment project, was approved in the normal Township process in 2017. About 6 or 7 lots are involved and they are starting work very soon. It sits between Morris Turnpike, Cleveland Place and Morris Ave., near the new Chipotle. There will be a new traffic light installed as well. This will be a 6 plus month project to completion.

Residents asked questions about the impact of traffc, the effect on emergency services and on public schools for these projects. Matt Jessup noted studies were done on all of these issues prior to any approvals. Other studies were done as well to determine impacts on DPW services. The Saks redevelopment project is on file at the Town Hall as well on the Township website. A number of questions were asked about the Saks property as well. All re-development on this site will occur within Springfield and not Millburn.

A resident also asked about sewer issues and if there is enough "permeable" land for these projects. Mike Disko discussed the difference between the storm sewer and drainage systems as well as sanitary sewer issues and how they will be addressed for each site and the stringent guidelines that each project has to address to gain approval. Other sites have actually reduced the storm water runoff and have to comply with numerous guidelines. With respect to the Gomes site, floodplain rules come into play as well. Each project has previously been developed and had generated sanitary sewer flow before. All applicants must show the Board that there is adequate sewer flow for their project.

People asked about transportation options for new residents and parks that may be available at the Saks site for these new Springfield residents who may utilize Millburn's facilities, including the Short Hills train station and Millburn Parks. Planners see the proximity of the train station as an asset to Springfield on this project.

A concern raised about the Saks project was an existing "cut through" from local Springfield Streets through the Saks property and what will be done to alleviate those concerns of the residents in the existing neighborhoods. A 20 foot buffer will be incorporated into the project and no vehicular traffic will be permitted from any of the existing residential streets. A resident only private access drive will be located at the site.

There is no specific developer designated at this time for the Saks site. Many nearby towns have vacancies in their commercial areas and people asked what will be done to attract businesses to these new sites. The planner noted new high quality space should be in demand. Access, high density and traffic volume was discussed as well

Another resident asked want percentage of cars was expected to access the site from Millburn Ave. 70% of the traffic is predicted via two access drives as well as a decline from the previous traffic volume as the use of the site was a department store.

BID Co-Chair Mike Scalera thanked everyone for their questions and participation at this meeting and asked what the timeframe is from start to "ribbon cutting". Matt Jessup noted 1-1/2 to 2 years from demo to completion could be expected.



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Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways
Change mood and behavior, and make it harder to think clearly and move with coordination.

HEART

CARDIOMYOPATHY: stretching and drooping of heart muscle ARRHYTHMIA: irregular heart beat STROKE - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

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INFLAMMATION: STEATOSIS OR FATTY LIVER ALCOHOLIC HEPATITIS FIBROSIS - CIRRHOSIS

CANCER

The more alcohol a person drinks particularly the more alcohol a person drinks regularly over time the higher his or her risk of developing an alcohol associated cancer.

Which are the following:
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ESOPHAGEAL CANCER
LIVER CANCER - BREAST CANCER
COLORECTAL CANCER

PANCREAS

Produce toxic substances that can eventually lead to pancreatitis, dangerous inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels and prevent proper digestion

IMMUNE SYSTEM

Drinking too much can weaken your immune system, making your body a much easier target for disease.

MAY 7 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The room remained packed with people present from the redevelopment meeting held from 6 to 7 pm.

The Mayor noted it was the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week and read a Proclamation for same. She further recognized Township Clerk Linda Donnelly, Deputy Clerk Maryellen Brennan and Assistant Kristen Ragland for their work in the Clerk's office.

Tax revaluation information. The Mayor noted that the State had ordered all the towns in Union County in 2016 to do a revaluation of all properties. Springfield is scheduled for 2021. First tax maps are updated, then updated maps are sent to the state which takes 6 months. While that is being done an Request For Proposal for a revaluation company is drafted and that will take another 2-3 months. December 2019 is the estimated start date. All properties will be evaluated. Residents may address their concerns with the revaluation company informally once a notice is sent and then if they are still dissatisfied they can appeal the decision, January 10, 2021 is the statuary deadline for this process.

Professionals will be at the May 28th Township Committee meeting to answer questions about this process.

The Mayor also noted that former Auxiliary Police Chief Harry Vargas passed away in Florida on May 4, 2019 and that Chief Vargas had served with the Auxiliary Police for over 30 years, retiring in 1998.

.The Saks redevelopment project resolution had a second reading and was passed as was a resolution for a CFO assistant.

A resident noted that the Saks project should address citizens with developmental disabilities and that should be included in the planning process. It also does not place a burden on the school systems and qualifies for low income units. The ARC of Union County stands ready to work with the developers to help comply with this issue. The Mayor noted that this will be addressed in the project.

Another resident asked how much consideration had been given to contacting luxury home developers to look at the Saks property which would provide a lower density of development.

Residents also asked about tax abetments being addressed with the developers for the Saks Project which was noted has not been done yet as that is a step at the final end of the approvals process. How will children get to the schools and won't this affect our schools ability to handle these new students? Numbers were run on these projects and it was noted that it will not negatively affect the Springfield school system.

Another resident familiar with building affordable housing units said in actuality studies show families will have more children in a household than predicted. The planner noted that this was being addressed by the professionals.

A Planning Board member has reviewed the project as he had to recuse himself as he works for a neighboring property owner. He is pro-development but he is concerned that a study has not been done to see if there is a need and demand for these new town home units in Springfield. He also noted it should not be called the Saks property as Saks has not been there for 28 years.



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The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK), developed by FEMA and Operation HOPE, enhances your financial preparedness by helping gather critical documents/information to help produce a centralized record of everything you need, whenever you need them. The EFFAK is composed of checklists that list specific documents needed to verify your household, financial and health information. The checklists are followed by forms in which you can write down important points of contact for relevant records. Completing the checklists and forms is not the end of this project, however; you must regularly revisit all the paperwork to ensure they are up to date. Having the EFFAK and the records ready will also expedite your application process for FEMA disaster assistance. The EFFAK is available in both English and Spanish, as well as in reader-enabled version. It is also available in both paper and digital forms. To effectively safeguard these documents, it is important to keep multiple copies in multiple locations. However, as crucial as these records are, you must also keep them from becoming lost or abused. The EFFAK also provides tips on how to successfully protect your information and on what to do in the event of an identity theft or information abuse. Emergency preparation takes more than getting your important documents ready. Although the EFFAK is mainly designed to simplify the process of organizing critical paperwork, it will also help you make informed financial decisions. Running through the Toolkit will provide you with a better understanding of your finances, particularly by having you review and assess your bills, insurance policies, and benefits. The newest Toolkit also offers financial wellness tips and introduces additional resources to use during and after emergencies. When a disaster hits, will you be prepared to protect all of the factors that define you? Whether it is personal, financial, or health-related, utilize the EFFAK to successfully manage all of them to strengthen your financial preparedness for emergencies.

Springfield Emergency Management and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has developed a checklist of the most critical documents that you and your family should have immediately accessible in the event of an emergency. For a free copy, along with information about creating your own family's Go Bag, visit the CERT booth at the 225th Anniversary of the Township of Springfield. For more information about how you can join Springfield CERT, visit https://springfield-nj.us/departments/emergency-management/

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