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AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH PROCLAMATION



Mayor Diane Stampoulos read a Proclamation for American Red Cross Month – It was Presented to Paul Gass, Springfield resident and the Regional Preparedness Manager & Home Fire Campaign State Lead for the NJ Red Cross.

THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS MONTHS'S PATRIOT PROFILES



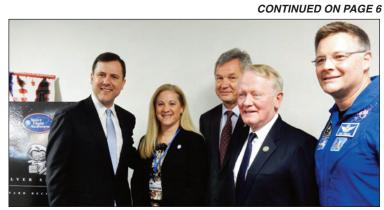
Springfield Rotary Club members (l to r) Lloyd Grossman, Anna Pedreiras, Paula Kaiser, Bart Frankel, Lee Kaswiner, Gary Hecht, Seth Hammer, Mike Scalera, Mel Kevoe SEE PAGE 6

VALCOR ENGINEERING EMPLOYEE YURI GERASIMOV RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS "SILVER SNOOPY AWARD"



Yuri's Wife Nina, Yuri Gerasimov and Astronaut Doug Wheelock presenting the "Silver Snoopy".

Valcor Engineering employee Yuri Gerasimov received the prestigious "Silver Snoopy Award" from NASA. The Silver Snoopy Award is given to candidates who have significantly



Senator Tom Kean, Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo, Chief Engineer Yuri Gerasimov, Congressman Lenoard Lance and Doug Wheelock.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD



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MARCH FOR MEALS

Police Chief John Cook is flanked by volunteers Mary Cameron and Cocoa Catallo, both Springfield residents.

Springfield Township officials joined SAGE Eldercare as it participated in the 15th annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and the homebound and vulnerable seniors who rely on its vital safety net. See Mayor's Letter on page 2 for more information on SAGE.



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Message from the Mayor



The Deputy Mayor and I had the opportunity to work with SAGE Eldercare and deliver Meals on Wheels in March. During our visit, we had a tour of their facility and were completely amazed with everything they do there and how many people devote their time volunteering. I was so impressed with their workshop that I felt it was important to let others know what they do. It was a truly remarkable experience and I hope residents get involved with SAGE. They are so kind and caring to our seniors who need it most. They are amazing people that do great work. Below is information directly from SAGE:

The SAGE Furniture Restoration Workshop has been expertly repairing and restoring items since 1961. About 25 volunteer artisans repair, re-glue, refinish, work with caning and

rushing, and consider any wood item or furniture repair. Pricing is competitive and proceeds benefit SAGE Eldercare, a non-profit organization that is a leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties.

The SAGE Furniture Restoration Workshop, located in the lower level of SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 am, and items can be left with the SAGE receptionist until 4:30 pm. The Workshop can be reached at 908.598.5531 and more information can be found at: http://www.sageeldercare.org/shop-sage/furniture/. For more information about SAGE, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



Spring is officially in bloom in Springfield. Our township sports have begun. The parks will be filled with cheer and laughter. So please be mindful while driving around town of the children's presence in our parks and fields. Keep Springfield safe and a speed-free zone. And remember to come out and support our athletes.

Go orange and blue!

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S PALMER MUSEUM TO EXHIBIT ART BY AMY CHARMATZ DURING APRIL

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library will present a solo exhibit of paintings by Amy Charmatz from April 2 through April 30. Ms. Charmatz is a self-described "naïve artist" whose work has appeared in numerous museum shops and galleries, including the Smithsonian Institute and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Ms. Charmatz utilizes acrylic paints on paper or canvas and her colorful paintings primarily depict solitary women and animals. Contained in each painting is a hand-lettered observation, usually a message of hope and self-acceptance.

Educated as a social worker, Ms. Charmatz received no professional education in either drawing or painting and turned to art after having had several brain operations and surviving a lengthy period of clinical depression. Since 2008, Ms. Charmatz has worked with "Arts Unbound," an organization that is located in Orange, New Jersey that works with disabled and senior artists.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is a part of the Springfield Free Public Library and is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the Springfield Free Public Library and the Donald B. Palmer Museum can be found at www.springfield-publiclibrary.com.

THE SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27, 12:30 PM AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miriam Gershwin, a survivor and long time resident of Springfield, will oversee the lighting of 6 candles in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

The speaker will be Peter Kessel, a Springfield resident since 1992 and a child of Holocaust survivors. He spent 2014 and 2015 in Tel Aviv, Israel. In 1992, he joined a Holocaust Commemoration Committee under the auspices of the Kean University Holocaust Resource Center and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey. He chaired the committee for fifteen years and has never stopped learning about the Holocaust and sharing his knowledge.

Peter Kessel is currently involved in two research projects. The 761st Tank Batallion, the first all black armored unit to fight for the US in Word War II, and the story of Chava Ben-Amos, survivor of four concentration camps, designer of Israel's first Holocaust commemorative postage stamp and designer of the first Crest Toothpaste and Tylenol boxes.

Individuals interested in attending, who are not Hadassah members, should contact Lorraine Seidel at lorrainesseidel@gmail.com and 973.376.5067.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesdays: April 18 - 7 pm; May 9 and 23 - 7 pm

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

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Electrical fires in homes claim the lives of 280 Americans each year and injure 1,000 more. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures, but many more are caused by incorrectly installed wiring and overloaded circuits and extension cords. There are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from electrical fires.

The winter months are the most dangerous months for an electrical fire which corresponds to more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use. The bedroom is the leading area of fire origin for residential building electrical fires. However, electrical fires that begin in the living room/family room/den areas result in the most deaths.

Most electrical distribution fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords (such as extension and appliance cords), plugs, receptacles, and switches also cause many home electrical fires. Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance, and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas. Safety Precautions:

- Buy only appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Major and small appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord. Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Keep clothes, curtains, and other items that can catch fire at least three feet from all portable electric space heaters.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
- Avoid putting cords where they can be damaged or pinched by furniture,
- under rugs and carpets, or across doorways.
 Extension cords are for temporary use only. Have a qualified electrician determine if additional circuits or wall outlets are needed.
- Call an electrician if you have any of the following:
 - Recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
 - A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
 - Discolored or warm wall outlets or switches
 - A burning smell or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
 - Flickering lights
 - Sparks from a wall outlet
 - Cracked or broken wall outlets

Having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

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An approximately 16,000 square foot new 24 Unit Residential Complex with Retail on the First Floor is planned for Church Mall and Morris Ave. Details were presented at the April 4th Township committee meeting, including information about the size of the units. They will be one and two bedroom units, with a minimum size of 600 square feet and and an average size of 800 square feet. There may be a three bedroom unit to help meet affordable housing standards. A developer is looking to file plans and get started on this project which should break ground in 2017! While three projects have been in the works, this one appears to be the first one that will be built. Check out our video broadcast presented by Mike Scalera, Business Improvement District Chairman, Ziad Shehady, Township Business Administrator and Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman for more information at www.https://www.facebook.com/ shehady/videos/10155279 266976336/.

SPRING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONCLUDES AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Thursday, May 18, the library will screen The Illusionist (2010) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. This film was an Oscar nominee and winner of the Cesar Awards for Best Animated Film and nominated for Best Animated film by the Golden Globe-- a total of 6 wins and 30 nominations in all. A French illusionist finds himself out of work and travels to Scotland, where he meets a young woman. Their ensuing adventure changes both their lives forever. Directed by Sylvain Chomet. Starring Jean-Claude

Donda, Eilidh Rankin and Duncan MacNeil. 80 minutes. Rated PG. Funding for the film program has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

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Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto 'Service Above Self', Rotary's main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

The Springfield Rotary Club lives up to that motto. Formed in 1947 and still going strong after 70 years, the club is very active in the community. Among its local projects, the club provides over 240 dictionaries to 3rd graders in all Springfield Schools each year, provides food baskets in conjunction with Springfield H.O.P.E. at Thanksgiving to needy families, presents scholarships to graduating high school seniors, hosts a senior citizen luncheon, volunteers regularly at the Hillside Food Bank, and sponsors a little league baseball team. In addition, the gazebo located at Veteran's Park was donated by the Rotary Club. Long time Rotarian Mel Kevoe recently served a term as Rotary District Governor – a prestigious position.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Rotary President Dr. Seth Hammer said "It is great to be involved in a club that allows you the opportunity to give back and be philanthropic. Not only do we help people internationally, but right here in our own community. It is with great pride that I can say, that the members of the Springfield Rotary are dedicated to helping our community and making Springfield a better place to live".

A major fundraiser for the club and a really great event is the annual 'Taste of the Towns'. This year the event will be held on April 24 at the brand new Hilton Garden Hotel on Route 22 West in Springfield. Over 25 local restaurants and food vendors will be on hand to provide guests with a taste of their offerings. In addition a basket auction and a live auction featuring some great prizes will be conducted.

The club meets every Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 pm at McLynn's on Morris Ave. The 20 plus members enjoy fellowship and plan their many local activities. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. For more information about Rotary, please contact Dr. Seth Hammer at 973-376-7718.

SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



Mayor Diane Stampoulos administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Kenneth Novak as his mom, Pamela, holds the Bible.

"SILVER SNOOPY AWARD" FROM NASA

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contributed to the human space flight program to ensure flight safety and mission success. Less than 1 percent of the aerospace program workforce receives it annually, making it a very special honor to receive this award. Yuri Gerasimov is Valcor's Chief Engineer and has been with them for 22 years. The Silver Snoopy Award best symbolizes the intent and spirit of Space Flight Awareness. An astronaut always presents the Silver Snoopy because it is the astronauts' own award for outstanding performance, contributing to flight safety and mission success.

The award is a sterling silver Snoopy lapel pin that has flown on a Space Shuttle mission, plus a certificate of appreciation and commendation letter for the employee, both signed by the astronaut.

The CRITERIA to receive the award is as follows:

Employees must have significantly contributed to the human space flight program to ensure flight safety and mission success. Potential awardees must meet two or more of the following criteria:

- Significantly contributing beyond their normal work requirements.
- Performing a single specific achievement which contributed towards attaining a particular program goal.
- Contributing to one or more major cost saving/cost avoidance.
- Instrumental in developing program modifications that increase quality, reliability, safety, efficiency, or performance.
- Developing or assisting with an operational improvement that increases efficiency and performance.
- Developing a process improvement of significant magnitude.

The award ceremony was held at Valcor Engineering Corporation, 2 Lawrence Road in Springfield on Monday, March 27th. The award was presented by NASA Astronaut Douglas H. Wheelock, with Congressman Leonard Lance in attendance, as he addressed the crowd of over 150 people. Local dignitaries were also on hand, Senator Tom Kean, Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo, Committeewoman Geri Ann Bujnowski, Police Chief John Cook, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman Scott Seidel, Business Improvement District Charmain Mike Scalera and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz.

Congressman Leonard Lance remarked about remembering the flights of the original seven astronauts and then named each one. How during his youth, "Tang" was advertised as the drink the astronauts took into space and of course he wanted that to drink—at home he got orange juice instead! He noted that it was an honor to be present to see Yuri Gerasimov receive this award as he too was a pioneer of space travel. Valcor Product Manager Malcom Ivy then discussed the SLS, the next launch vehicle being developed by for NASA. Ivy noted the documentation and work is quite involved for this type of project and they have an entire Department devoted to the documentation. He then introduced Astronaut Douglass Wheelock. Wheelock, a retired US Army Colonel, has spent more than 178 days in space. He flew on STS-120 in 2007 and in 2010 served as Flight Engineer for Expedition 24 and a Commander for Expedition 25. He has conducted 3 space walks. A full biography is available at www.springfieldpatriot.com.

Whelock then spoke for about 25 minutes. He is in the 17th group of Astronauts, also referred to as the "Penguins." He had been inspired by a teacher of his in his youth who told him that any one of them could do whatever they wanted to do. On August 24, 1998, he was named to the Astronaut Program. He noted that 3 days later, he attended a luncheon meet and greet with other astronauts, including John Glenn and Neil Armstrong. He asked Armstrong what went

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SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB 'TASTE OF THE TOWNS' APRIL 24, 2017

The Springfield Rotary Club is holding our annual TASTE OF THE TOWNS fund raising event this year at the recently opened Springfield Gardens Hilton hotel, on Rt. 22 west bound in Springfield. The event will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Past events have been a tremendous success, with both vendors and attendees enjoying the evening's food and activities. Last year there were more than 25 food, beverage and dessert vendors, and over 250 attendees.

As always, we will have Tricky Tray prizes, as well as live auction prizes for the attendees to bid on.

Last year, the club had about 50 Tricky Tray items, and another 20+ items that were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The auctioned items included

things such as Disney World Park Hopper tickets, and tickets to Jets and Giants games.

The event is a success because of the vendors and attendees, but also because of the efforts made by of all the club members. Rotary is a service organization and the money raised is used for the betterment of our community and other projects.

We look forward to serving our community each year and welcome the opportunity for people who'd like to learn more about our club to contact the club President, Dr. Seth Hammer, at 973-376-7718 for more information; or join us at McLynn's on Tuesday's at 12:15 for lunch.

Joseph Cardinal Tobin, newly installed Archbishop of Newark, will celebrate a mass of the deanery for the six parishes of Deanery 22 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 7:30 pm, at St. James the Apostle Church, 45 South Springfield Ave. Springfield. In addition to St. James, St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills, Our Lady of Peace in New Providence, Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside, Little Flower in Berkeley Heights, and St. Teresa of Avila in Summit make up the deanery. The public is invited to Cardinal Tobin's mass, which will be followed by a Town Hall Meeting and reception. For more information, contact Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, Pastor of St. James the Apostle Church (973) 376-3044.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL MARCHES IN UNION COUNTY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Students and faculty put on the green (and lots of warm layers!) to participate in parade's dedication to Catholic Schools. For the first time, Saint James the Apostle School marched in the annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11. This year's parade was exceptionally special as it was dedicated to Catholic schools in Union County. Catholic Schools have played an integral part in the education, morality and civic responsibility instilled in the children of Irish immigrants and many other ethnic communities for some 150+ years, thereby enabling immigrants to rise from poverty and become productive American citizens.

Marching in the parade was a strong representation of students, faculty, alumni and parents of the 23 Catholic elementary and high schools located in Union County. Saint James the Apostle School together with eleven Catholic elementary combined efforts to organize a float decorated with school banners. Dr. Margaret Dames, Ed.D., Secretary for Catholic Education and Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark led the group of schools. Sr. Patricia Butler, S.C., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, together with elementary school principals rode in the float, followed by the contingent of Catholic schools, each holding their school's banner.

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Now that spring weather has returned everyone is returning to the outdoors for both recreational purposes or to start spring cleaning projects about your home. With this nicer weather upon us, township residents may begin noticing an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers. This enforcement is not merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the warmer months as there are many more people outdoors, especially children playing in residential areas or walking or riding bicycles along township streets.

Residents are reminded that a motorist must come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Many of the intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and are located on more heavily trafficked roadways have the noticeable yellow warning sign in the middle of the crosswalk to remind motorists to stop for crossing pedestrians.

Beginning in the month of May plainclothes police officers may pose as pedestrians who will be crossing at various intersections throughout the township. Motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrian" will be stopped by uniformed officers and issued a ticket. Police officers will be operating at various intersections throughout the township, especially those where there have been incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by autos and seriously injured or killed in the past. As you may not know whether a person legally using a crosswalk is an officer or not, just remember to always stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

This "stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk law" not only stipulates a motorist is expected to stop for a pedestrian using a crosswalk, but the pedestrian is expected to only legally cross a roadway at an intersection with a traffic signal, a crosswalk, or at street corners where a crosswalk would be located. Aside from intersections, the other two other areas where a pedestrian runs a greater risk of being struck by a car are when crossing in the middle of a block or trying to cross a divided highway. Pedestrians crossing a roadway illegally can also be subject to being stopped and ticketed by police officers as well.

Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. Other violations that frequently contribute to a higher number of accidents that are to be addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections, driver inattention, and aggressive driving.

The daily rush hour traffic congestion combined with more and more motorists rushing to their destinations and the warmer weather leading to more children being out and about makes it vital that motorists use common sense and caution when driving. In residential areas drivers need to be mindful of persons walking dogs, jogging or out for an early evening stroll as well as children running about their neighborhood or riding their bicycles. Likewise, children should be instructed to not play or run blindly into the street. Dog walkers must have their pets securely held by a leash.

Remember that ALL persons under the age of seventeen (17) who either operate or ride upon a bicycle as a passenger MUST wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. This applies especially to toddlers carried in a restraining seat attached to a parents' bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle. Although optional for adults, a bicycle helmet should be worn by everyone when riding a bicycle, especially on public roadways where encounters with motor vehicles are an ever present hazard.

My officers and I know better than most people about the tragic consequences that can result from usually preventable accidents that are frequently caused by inattentive or careless drivers. Hopefully by heeding these warnings along with the increased and visible traffic enforcement by officers, motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented. So get out and enjoy the nice weather, but please remember to use the roadways safely.

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HILLIARD MEMORIAL BENCH INSTALLED AT TRIVETT PARK



On Friday, March 24, a beautiful custom bench, donated by the Miller family of Springfield in memory of Sandra Hilliard, was installed at Trivett Park. Hilliard was a Springfield resident for many years, Board of Education employee, and Scouts and youth sports volunteer. The Township Committee approved the acceptance of the bench in 2016. The Miller family worked with the Recreation Department to choose an appropriate bench that was delivered from Illinois, and the Public Works Department created a concrete and stone pad between the playgrounds. The bench's inscription reads, "In memory of Sandie Hilliard. It is when you stop playing, that you grow old."

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL'S WINTER LEAGUE VARSITY TEAM!



They took 2nd place in yesterday's North Jersey League volleyball tournament at Roselle Catholic High School and second place overall for the season. Here the team is pictured with their coaches Patricia Dolansky, Stephanie Ponterio and Nicole DePrimio. The team will wrap up the season with one last practice and a party. After the Easter recess, an after school Skills and Drills program will begin.

SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE BELATED ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Lunch was served by (pictured, l-r): John Cook, Police Chief; Amefika Gray, Recreation Assistant; Tony Losito, Senior Citizen Bus Driver; and Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; and (not pictured): Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator; and Margaret Bandrowski, Springfield Senior Citizens Club President.

On Thursday, March 30, the Springfield Senior Citizens Club celebrated its members' March birthdays at a belated St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Chisholm Community Center. McLynn's catered a traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and Irish soda bread. Speaker Linda Forgash of the New Jersey Jewish Historical Society presented on "Louis Bamberger: Department Store Innovator and Philanthropist." Dr. Gary Hecht of the Rotary Club of Springfield promoted the upcoming Taste of the Town fundraiser.

ASTRONAUT DOUG WHEELOCK, KF5BOC, VISITS SPRINGFIELD AND SPEAKS TO LOCAL AMATEUR "HAM" RADIO OPERATORS ON THEIR LOCAL TWO METER REPEATER



Scott Seidel, W2FCC, with Doug Wheelock, KF5BOC, as he talks to local ham radio operators.

At the end of the "Silver Snoopy" Award ceremony there was a special treat for local area Ham Radio Operators as Astronaut Wheelock, who is also a "ham" radio operator, with call sign KF5BOC, took a minute to speak with some "hams" standing by on the local two meter repeater. Local Hams Scott Seidel, W2FCC and Wally Schultz, N2IWS were pleased to be able to attend the ceremony and chat with Wheelock in person. Wheelock commented to them when he became an Astronaut, he was encouraged to become a Ham Radio Operator and obtain his ham license as ham radios are used in the space station (and Shuttle) and provide emergency backup communications with the ground should the normal radio equipment fail or an emergency situation prevent them from operating properly.

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Seidel, who had met Wheelock in 2011 at the Dayton Hamvention in Ohio, the world's largest gathering of ham radio operators, persuaded Wheelock to take the "mic" and say a few words to area hams who were listening on the local ham radio repeater. Wheelock signed on "This is KF5BOC, also formerly the operator of NA1SS the International Space Station, but now located firmly here on Earth. Anyone out there wishing to talk?" Ham Operators Marc Lepore, N2FCC and John Cottage, WA2BAT had a brief chat with Wheelock. Lepore was only a few miles away in Union, NJ, but Cottage was in Arlington, Vermont, operating through W2FCC's IRLP node located in Arlington, Vermont. IRLP stands for Internet Radio Linking Project and allows ham operators to communicate with other hams located around the world using only handheld radios and base or mobile stations connected to the internet. They communicate with the local node radio and it then connects via the internet to another local node radio somewhere else in the world, allowing the operators to speak directly to each other.

While "Hams" have always been able to speak directly with other hams all over the world using only radios without the need for an Internet connection, the use of "IRLP" is just another mode of communications developed in recent years by ham radio operators. Anyone wishing to learn more about ham radio or become involved in the Springfield Emergency Management Amateur Radio Club can contact Scott Seidel at scottseidel@gmail.com or Wally Schultz at wallyschultz805@gmail.com.





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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CO-ED RUNNING Spring 2017 Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

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

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

Mondays from May 8th-June 19th (no class on May 29th) at Meisel Avenue Park Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$60 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: Professional coaching instruction, shirt, and water bottle Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with a credit card at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$3 convenience fee is charged per transaction when using a credit card)

> Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

JR. DAWGS FOOTBALL

Our tackle football league is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-8 (2017-18 school year)

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Two Fees: If registered April 3rd-May 7th

\$200 payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 payable to "Township of Springfield"

Discount provided for multiple players from the same family:

\$175 per child payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization" AND \$65 per child payable to

"Township of Springfield" Bring this completed form and two checks to in-person registration. Please note that two separate checks are needed. After in-person registration, you may register at the Springfield Recreation Department in the

Chisholm Community Center, Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

PAY \$65 TOWNSHIP FEE ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD: https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$3 convenience fee is charged per credit card transaction

Registration Deadline is Sunday, May, 7th. Registrations received after Sunday, May 7th, are subject to team availability, and MUST include a \$25 late fee payable to "Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization."

Questions, contact Springfield Jr. Dawgs at springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us (973) 912-2227

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "BORN YESTERDAY" Thursday, May 18, 2017

Bus will leave the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am Bus will return following the conclusion of the 11:30 am show and lunch \$60 - Springfield residents and Senior Citizen Club members \$70 - non-residents and non-Senior Citizen Club members Payment due by Monday May 1, 2017

Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds unless seat is resold.

Questions: Springfield Recreation Department, (973) 912-2227

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT PROGRAM BY **HARPIST NICOLAS CARTER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Harpist Nicolas Carter will perform a program of harp music, interwoven with storytelling, at the Springfield Free Public Library at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 23. Carter's original compositions are inspired by his observations of nature and everyday life and Carter's dual American and Paraguayan heritage provides him with a unique perspective. Carter has recorded more than a dozen albums and has performed as a soloist and with various ensembles in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Israel. He currently resides in Uruguay and travels often as a concert performer and master teacher at various harp festivals.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. More information about Nicolas Carter can be found at www.nicholascarter.com

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SWIM TEAM 2017

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

Register by mail or in-person: **Springfield Recreation Department** Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 (973) 912-2227 recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Two Fees: \$75 payable to: Township of Springfield \$20 payable to: Swim Team Parent Association (separate check only)

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 24th @ 7:00 pm **Chisholm Community Center**

The Springfield Swim Team is open to girls and boys from 5-17 years old. The Swim Team will be divided into two groups: The Developmental Team will be made up of children 8 years old and younger who need more instruction and guidance. Developmental Team participants initially must be able to demonstrate the ability to submerge themselves underwater, swim freestyle for at least 15 yards, be able to swim on their back, and be willing and able to swim in the 5 foot and 12 foot sections of the main pool. Children who do not meet these expectations - or who the coaches feel are unable to do so without support - will be placed in group Swim Lessons (see previous page) that are not affiliated with the Swim Team. The Swim Team Parent Association check will be returned to you in that circumstance. Coaches will assess these registrants during the first week ofpractice and will determine if a child is assigned to the Developmental Team or placed in Swim Lessons. All Regular Team registrants who are 9-17 years old do not need to try out. But in order to become a member of the Swim Team, participants must be able to swim a lap of the main pool without stopping and be comfortable swimming in deep water.

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 6th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 26th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 26th, to Friday, July 28th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ – SPRINGFIELD RECREATION

The popular Bricks 4 Kidz after-school LEGO® Enrichment Program is coming back to Springfield Recreation starting 4/21/2017

Our one hour classes explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts using LFGO® bricks. Students participate in 6 week sessions focusing on exciting motorized creations with weekly themes such as Inventions, Life Science, and Technology. All curriculums have been created and designed by engineers and educators

Each class students will see their creations in motion using LEGO wireless remote controls. As they enjoy the fun of building, students will understand the basic working principles of many ingenious devices that are part of our everyday lives. Students will also learn how to magnify, diminish, and redirect force to move objects at different speeds and different directions

CLASS SCHEDULE: Age 5-9 Fridays 4:00 – 5:00 pm 6 sessions – 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26 Fees:



Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue

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

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

To enroll: go to www.bricks4kidz.com/cnj Click on green wheel with "view classes"



SUMMER POOL AND CAMP REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

The Springfield Community Pool opens on Saturday, May 27! Register now for Pool Membership, Springfield Pool Camp, Springfield Swim Team, Swim Lessons, and also Chisholm Playground Camp. Online registration with a credit card is available at https://register.community pass.net/ springfield. Or you may register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Avenue) on week-days from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, and by mail. Visit http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation to view the summer brochure. For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.

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ADULT BOOT CAMP SPRING 2017



FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED **THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM** MAY 16th - JUNE 22nd **CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

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

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

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

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



6 classes @ \$109 per person. Please contact **BootCampWF** for pro-rating fee!

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

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

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



Fourth graders in the Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, religious school illustrated the story of Purim and created their own "Megillah" (scroll of Esther). The religious school includes innovative programs like Holiday Haverim, which provides flexible options for parents who want to introduce their children to Judaism. Parents can sign up their children for any or all of the eight Holiday Haverim sessions held throughout the year and temple membership is not required.

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2017 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2017.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

FEES:

\$65.00 payable to Township of Springfield \$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 12, 2017

No registrations will be accepted after this date.

REGISTER ONLINE:

https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227

Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE

Spring/Summer 2017 -

TOTAL SPORTS SOUIRTS

(age 3 to 5): Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

SPRING CLASSES

Dates: April 23 - June 17 Details: Sundays, 1:30pm-2:30pm (NO class 5/28) **Location**: Chisholm Park

SUMMER CLASSES

Dates: June 28– August 9 Details: Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm or 6pm-7pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

Dates: August 21-August 25 Details: Mon-Fri, 4:30pm-5:30pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

SOCCER - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS

(age 2 to 3): With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction.

Dates: April 23 - June 17 Details: Sundays, 1:30pm-2:30pm (NO class 5/28)

Location: Chisholm Park

SPRING CLASSES

TOTAL SPORTS - PARENT & ME

SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3): With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction.

SUMMER CLASSES

Dates: June 28-August 9 **Details:** Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

MULTI SPORTS - CAMP

(age 5 to 11): Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more!

SUMMER CAMPS

Dates: August 21-August 25 **Details:** Monday-Friday (5 days) 9am-4pm, 9am-12:30pm or 1pm-4pm **Location**: Chisholm Park

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For more information, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 732 563 2520

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2017

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by a camp director (adult) and counselors (high school age and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm	
☐ Week #1: June 26th-30th	

☐ Week #2: July 3rd-7th (no camp July 4th)

☐ Week #3: July 10th-14th

☐ Week #4: July 17th-21st ☐ Week #5: July 24th-28th

☐ Week #6: July 31st-August 4th

☐ Week #7: August 7th-11th

☐ Week #8: August 14th-18th

Resident first child: \$50 per week Resident additional child: \$45 per week Non-Resident child: \$60 per week No refunds

REGISTER:

Online (credit card) at https:// register.communitypass.net/springfield Mail or in-person (check, cash, money order, credit card) at Chisholm Community Center. Payable to Township of Springfield. \$3 convenience fee per transaction is charged when using a credit card.

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 and LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

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Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip to Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am Bus will depart from Tropicana's at approximately 5:00 pm

\$30 per person

Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds. Questions? Contact Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator at 973-912-2227

SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH AT THE BROWNSTONE



On Wednesday, March 22nd, Springfield senior citizens traveled to The Brownstone in Paterson for a celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph. The event was presented by Ace in the Hole Productions and featured Uncle Floyd Vivino, as well as live music and comedy, and a sit-down lunch. The bus trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and chaperoned by program coordinator Sara Keffer (pictured, top right), and senior citizen bus driver Donald Wilkenfeld (pictured, top left).

IS YOUR FAMILY AS HEALTHY AS IT CAN BE? BECOME A SPRINGFIELD HEALTHY FAMILY

A six-week program to promote health and wellness in families.

The Springfield Health Department has created a new health promotion program called "Springfield's Healthy Family Challenge." This is a six-week program designed to encourage families to engage in healthy exercise and healthy eating practices. This is free program brought to residents by the Springfield Board of Health. The program spans from May 3to June 7, 2017 with meetings once a week on Wednesdays at Meisel Avenue Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Each meeting will start with health education by Dr. Lisa Stetter and then followed by fun family activities.

Learning how to eat healthy, engaging in walking, trying out yoga for the first time or continuing an already existing practice. The Springfield's Healthy Family Challenge is a great way to get fit, learn how to live healthy and have fun as a family.

Sign up by calling or e-mailing Maya Lordo or Lindsay Prewitt to see if your family has what it takes to be a Springfield Healthy Family.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Learn to Play Golf at the Chisholm Community Center!!

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



TGA Provides:

All Equipment
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Every Class Includes:

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

Pogram Details:

Dates: Thursdays 4/20-6/8 (8 weeks).
Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm.
Who: All kids ages 5-11. Class max is 15.
Location: Chisholm Park.
Cost: \$154/child.
10% sibling discount available.

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

Learn to Play Tennis at the Chisholm Community Center!!

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



TGA Provides:

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

Every Class Includes:

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

Pogram Details:

Dates: Fridays 4/21-6/9 (8 weeks).
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.
Who: All kids ages 5-10. Class max is 16.
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
(Intersection of Irwin st. and Adams Terrace).
Cost: \$154/child.
10% sibling discount available.

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Serve it up with TGA Tennis Clinics at the Irwin Tennis Courts!

TGA tennis clinics are open to beginner to advanced players looking to take their game to the next level.

Each week we will challenge players with new pieces of instruction and drills that focus on improving their strokes, footwork and timing as well as developing their understanding of rules, court positioning and shot selection all while having fun in a safe environment.



Every TGA Tennis Clinic Features:

- All equipment is provided
- Group and 1-on-1 Instruction
- A dynamic warm-up and stretching routine
- Rules & Etiquette Lessons
- Life Lessons Including Sportsmanship & Perseverance
- Fun Games and Tips for Practicing at Home

Pogram Details:

Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
(Intersection of Irwin st & Adams Terrace)
Dates: Mondays* 4/17/17 - 6/12/17 (8 weeks)
*no class on 5/29 due to Memorial Day
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Who: Ages 11-14
(all middle school students) Class max is 16.
Cost: \$160/player

Register Online at WWW.PLAYTGA.COM/UNIONCOUNTY



Cantor Erica Lippitz leads the Kol Dodi (The Voice of My Beloved) choir in a concert at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, in memory of Salo Enis, a beloved member of the temple, an adult-education teacher and a lover of Jewish music, literature and poetry. The concert was on Sunday, March 19 and featured a wide variety of Jewish music, both sacred and secular.

Springfield Free Public Library

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

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

Monday, Wedesday and Thursday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM Tuesdays, Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sundays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

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

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 16th in observance of Easter, and will be closing at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 14, Good Friday.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 Wednesdays @ 4 – 5 pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl

Math Homework Help Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Please bring your homework and textbook. Not held during school vacation

Crafty Mondays @ 4pm for ages 4 to 8 April 24

Crafty Fridays @ 4pm for ages 4 to 8 April 28

Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. Saturday April 15; Tuesdays April 11, 18 and 25; Wednesdays April 19 and 26; Thursday April 13; Fri April 25

April is National Poetry Month! Check out a poetry book in April from the Youth Services department and get a prize! (while supplies last)

Poetry Without Paper Thursdays 13, 20 and 27 @ 4:00 to 5:00pm In the Youth Services Room for all grades. Create visual poetry from word magnets and book spines. All poems will be photographed and displayed during April!

School Vacation! National Library Week!

Monday April 10 4:00 Tubby the Tuba Ages 3 to 12 and their families. Hear the story of Tubby the Tuba (by Paul Tripp) then pick up and play the instruments you hear in the music!

7:00 pm Bedtime Math Pajama Party! Ages 5 to 9. Get comfortable in your PJs and solve zany math puzzlers including group tangrams, Dominos and M&M statistics. Parents, please pre-register your child (program limited to 20) and plan to attend the program, too.

Tuesday April 11 10:30 Mother Goose Group

1:00 pm Muscleman Mike's Fit4Kids Ages 3 to 9 Introducing Kid Spidey in Build a Better World

Wednesday April 12 All Day LEGO CHALLENGE Build your creation and we'll display it

Thursday April 13

10:30 am Mother Goose Group 2:00 pm Big Screen Movie Disney's Moana 7:00 pm Campfire Stories All ages A bunch of Stories and a snack Saturday April 15 Mother Goose Group 10:30

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fridays, April 21 and 28, Chair Yoga May 5, 12, 19, 26, 12:30 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm Harp concert: Nicolas Carter

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 pm Music Box program

Thursday, May 4 thru Saturday May 6, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

LECTURES

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 pm "Alzheimer's 101" presented by the NJ Alzheimer Association

Monday, May 15, 2:00 pm "Avoiding Investment Fraud for Seniors" presented by NJ Bureau of Securities

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, April 27 & May 11, 10:15 am Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, April 20, 10:00 am Great Books: "The Man Who Could Work Miracles" by H.G. Wells

Thursday, May 4, 7:00 pm Really Good Book Discussion: "Goodbye, Columbus: and Five Short Stories" by Philip Roth

FILMS

Thursday, April 20, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm International Film Festival - "Love and Friendship", starring Kate Beckinsale, 2014

Monday, April 24, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – "Guardians of the Galaxy", starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, 2014

Monday, May 8 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film - "Florence Foster Jenkins", starring Meryl Streep, 2016

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club

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

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club. Every Monday, 6:30 pm Canasta Club

INSTRUCTION

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

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

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

SPRING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Spring International Film Festival continues at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, April 20. The library will screen Love and Friendship (2016) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. The film is based on the novella, "Lady Susan" by Jane Austen. Lady Susan Vernon takes up temporary residence at her in-laws' estate and, while there, is determined to be a matchmaker for her daughter, the somewhat reluctant and awkward Frederica. She also decides it's time to secure a husband for herself. Directed by Whit Stillman. Starring Kate Beckinsale, Chloe Sevigny, Xavier Samuel and Emma Greenwell. 92 minutes. Rated PG. The third and final film in this series is The Illusionist (2010, rated PG, 80 minutes) which will be screened on Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm.

Funding for the film program has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS GOODBYE, COLUMBUS: AND FIVE SHORT STORIES BY PHILIP ROT

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm to discuss Goodbye, Columbus: and Five Short Stories by Philip Roth. Philip Roth was 26 when Goodbye, Columbus was published by Houghton Mifflin in a compilation that included the five short stories. It was his first book and won the 1960 U.S. National Book Award for Fiction. Saul Bellow wrote, "Goodbye, Columbus is a first book, but it is not the book of a beginner."

Philip Roth grew up in a respectable, middle class neighborhood in Newark, and his novels and short stories reveal his deep affection and regard for his native city. When Roth was growing up, Newark's Jewish community was estimated at being between 60,000 and 70,000 out of a total city population of about 450,000. Many of those Jews lived in the Weequahic neighborhood, where Roth and his family resided in a five-room flat on the second floor of a multifamily home. This unassuming clapboard house at 81 Summit Avenue is now marked by a simple plaque that reads, "This was the childhood home of Philip Roth, one of America's greatest writers of the 20th and 21st ceturies."

of America's greatest writers of the 20th and 21st ceturies." Discussions take place at 7 pm in the Staff Room. Refreshments are served. New members are welcome. To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: questions@sfplnj.org.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS SPRING SALE COMING IN MAY CHILDREN'S AND YA BOOKS PLUS SELECT FASHION ACCESSORIES DONATIONS BEING SOUGHT NOW

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library Book Sale this year will be a Children's and YA's Book Sale plus Select Fashion Accessories and it will be held Wednesday - Saturday, May 3 - 6, 2017 at the Library. Donations for the sale are being accepted now through Tuesday, May 2nd at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. The Sale hours will be Wednesday, 12 noon $-8.30~\mathrm{pm}$, and Thursday - Saturday, 10-4. All donations should be clean, well kept, Children's and

All donations should be clean, well kept, Children's and YA books, Educational Games/Toys/and Puzzles, DVD's /CD's/and Audio Books for all ages, Popular Magazines (last 3 mos.), and Adult Paperbacks. Donations of Fine and Costume Jewelry, Ladies/Men's/and Children's fashion accessories such as Handbags, Wallets, Scarves, Belts, Umbrellas, and Hair Clips as well as Fragrances are also being sought. All donations should be brought to the library's Circulation Desk. Books and other items in poor condition, text books, and encyclopedias are not saleable and will not be accepted. No Adult Hardcover books please. Donations of fine and costume jewelry, recent popular magazines (3 months), and paperback books are also accepted at the Circulation Desk all year long.

Please note that the Friends Vintage Jewelry Sale will be

Please note that the Friends Vintage Jewelry Sale will be held in October, 2017. This Spring Sale is the only book sale scheduled this year, there will not be a sale during the summer so bring in all your Children's and YA books, etc. now and plan to shop May 3-6.

The Friends organization was founded 50 years ago on August 17, 1967. A day-long celebration is being planned for Thursday, August 17, 2017. Watch for details on the plans later this spring.

The Friends is a tax exempt 501c3 non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Free Public Library. Monies raised this year will fund various programs and resources in 2018 so please help make this sale a success.

The Friends seek volunteer members all year long to assist with various fund raising projects. If you would be interested, yearly membership dues starts at \$10. You may reach the Friends through its email address: friendssfpl 66mt@aol.com.

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"SILVER SNOOPY AWARD" FROM NASA

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through his mind while he was standing on the moon taking it all in. Armstrong replied, "I thought, what is an ordinary kid from Wapakoneta, Ohio doing standing on the moon!" Wheelock said Valcor is an important team member of the space program. He then said the second thing Armstrong said is that at the moment before launch, he is thinking of all the faces of the engineers and scientists who worked on the rockets and spacecraft to keep us alive. Wheelock then said; "We are all ordinary kids from places like Springfield, New Jersey and we are inspiring our kids to do these things".

When Wheelock met John Young, Commander of the first shuttle mission, and asked him if he was ever worried during the first shuttle launch, Young responded, 'If you're not a little worried then you don't fully understand the situation!' Wheelock noted that he did return to Earth via a Russian Soyuz capsule which was a completely different experience than landing in the Shuttle.

The "Silver Snoopy" award was designed by the Apollo Astronauts as a special recognition for engineers and scientist in the program. He said sometimes it's about doing the right thing, going above and beyond, and sometimes saying we shouldn't do it this way. Yuri worked on part of the "tank pressurization assembly" which will be a crucial part of the Space LaunchSystem (SLS) being developed by NASA for trips to the moon and beyond. The SLS Launch Vehicle will develop 8.8 million pounds of thrust, compared to 7.8 million for a Shuttle Launch and 7.5 million for a Saturn V Rocket. The pin presented today was flown in space in 2010, with Wheelock, for six months. Wheelock then called up Yuri, and his wife Nina, and presented the pin and a framed certificate to him. Yuri said, "Thank you from a boy from the Ukraine! I am proud of my company, Valcor, and we do phenomenal things here in a small company in New Jersey. I hope congress continues to fund the program and I would like to see the younger guys receive this award

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B'NAI B'RITH OF UNION COUNTY HAS AWARDED A \$5,000.00 DONATION TO TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD



At Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, from left to right: Dr. Andrew Schuyler, Temple Treasurer, Mark Samuel Ross, Esq., B'nai B'rith Dinner Dance Chair, Sue Blanco, Temple President, Tracey Shenker, Synagogue Executive Director, Rabbi Cecelia Beyer, Assistant Rabbi

B'nai B'rith of Union County has awarded a \$5,000.00 donation to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield. These funds were raised at the groups 2016 dinner dance held in Springfield last June, where members of those synagogues were honored. Last year's dinner dance was the groups' 60th. At that time, the group honored Miriam Gershwin, Joseph Tenenbaum both of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield, and Kenneth Lavroff, Davida Berkowitz and Adam Levoy of Congregation B'nai Israel.

This year the B'nai B'rith Unit will be honoring Robin Liebman Ross of Springfield with its International Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award, Dr. Gary Hecht of Livingston, with its International Community Service Award, Rabbi Cecelia Beyer of Springfield with its International Eshet Chayil Award, Brett Ari Fischer of New York City with its International Young Leadership Award, and its fifty year members, Arthur Kesselhaut, David Bregman, Chester Fienberg, Abe Haber, George Zapolitz, Harvey Brooks, Harold Wovsaniker, Norton Scherzer, Stanley Kaish, Stanley Grossman, Martin Friedman, Edward Kurthzer, Seymour Greer, Stanley Nathanson, Martin Prince, Leonard Sternbach, Arnold Kominsky, Sanford Bloom, Harvey Weiss, Sidney Frank and Lewis Schwartz with its Keter Shem Tov Award.

The Build a Thriving Union County Gubernatorial Candidates Forum will be held on Tuesday April 25, 2017 at 7 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Ave. Springfield

All major party candidates for governor will be invited.

FORUM FORMAT • 7:00 pm Introduction of each candidate by forum moderator

- 7:10 pm Presentation giving a brief overview of the Build a Thriving NJ campaign
- 7:25 pm Opportunity for each of the candidates to state their positions on the Build a Thriving NJ campaign – 5 minutes per candidate
- 7:45 pm Moderated Q & A between candidates and audience
- 8:00 pm Closing remarks by each candidate 2 minutes
- 8:30 pm Conclusion of event



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The Race for a Cure® is personal to Fitzsimmons as his mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1981. "I was very devastated when I heard the news as my mom was our primary parent, the one we turned to in time of need," said

'I remembered thinking she was going to die and was so scared of how this would leave me and my sisters because my dad worked a lot and wasn't very involved

Back in the 80's, I didn't know much about breast cancer. It seemed like something nobody ever talked about. I had never heard of a mammogram, early detection, a biopsy or lumpectomy. It almost seemed taboo. The only thing I really knew was that you could die from it.

My mom ended up having a double mastectomy, some chemotherapy treatments and luckily, she survived. My dad didn't really know how to deal with the illness, so he chose avoidance and wasn't very emotional. I would be the one that drove my mom to NYC and the one that sat with her in the hospital for hours. She is a strong woman that would not have let this illness take her from her four children. She loves us all so much and I believe that is what gave her strength.

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