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## TOWNSHIP'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



*(l to r) Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Officer Anthony S. Kassiss, his Aunt, Henrietta Rubino, and Chief of Police John Cook.*

At the January 24th Meeting of the Township Committee, Mayor Diane Stampoulos administered the Oath of Office to Officer Anthony S. Kassiss. Holding the Bible for Officer Kassiss is his Aunt, Henrietta Rubino. Chief of Police John Cook commented that Officer Kassiss comes to Springfield after graduating the Monmouth County Police Academy and serving with the Monmouth County College Police Department starting in 2015. He has also been an Auxiliary Police Officer in Rahway from 2012 to 2013 and a Special Police Officer in Carteret from 2014 to 2015. He is a graduate of Middlesex County College with a degree in Criminal Justice.

## SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE AWARDS DINNER



*(l to r) Chief of Police John Cook, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Officer of the Year Frank Applegate, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo*  
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## RIBBON CUTTING AT KRIS'S BARBER SHOP



*(l to r) Scott Seidel, Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Mike Scalera, Business Improvement District Chairman, John Cottage Sr., Assistant Editor of the Patriot Times, Deputy Mayor Maris Vassalo, Owners Kris Yawnick & Monica Yawnick, and employees Michelle Iannuzzi and Gerado Balletti.*  
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## OFFICER ANTHONY VOORHEES PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE



*(l to r) Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Detective Voorhees, his daughter Vittoria, wife, Daniela and son Anthony and Chief of Police John Cook*

Officer Anthony Voorhees was promoted to Detective with the Springfield Police Department at the January 24th meeting of the Township Committee. Mayor Diane Stampoulos administered the Oath of Office. Holding the bible for Detective Voorhees is his daughter Victoria, with his wife, Daniela looking on with son Anthony. Chief of Police John Cook commented that Detective Voorhees was born and raised in Springfield and is a product of the Springfield School System. Anthony joined the Springfield Police Department in 2005, became a Senior Firearms Instructor for the Department, as well as the Police Academy and Motorcycle Officer. In 2013, he became an investigator where he received commendations from his supervisor for conducting lengthy investigations which led to identification, arrest, and successful prosecution of persons who committed serious violent crimes involving domestic violence and elder abuse. In 2015, he was assigned to Homeland Security where he attained the rank of Corporal.

## RIBBON CUTTING AT MERA PAINTING AND HOME DESIGN



*(l to r) Mike Scalera, Business Improvement District Chairman, Enrique Mera, father, Meri Mera, mother, Emily Mera, assistant, Deputy Mayor Maria Vassalo, Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Christina Mera, co-owner, Christian Mera, Owner and Scott Seidel, Chamber of Commerce Chairman.*  
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### Message from the Mayor

The Township is off to a great start in 2017! I would first like to congratulate Police Sergeant Joe Cieri on his retirement, newly promoted Detective Anthony Voorhees and newly hired Police Officer Anthony Kassis. Several new businesses in town celebrated their grand openings and for that, we're grateful that they are choosing to make Springfield their home. I would also like to thank all the public safety agencies for their excellent preparation in response to the coastal storm that was forecasted to bring significant hazardous weather to Springfield. Fortunately, it did not materialize but it was a reminder of our need to always be ready. That is why we are committed to being active participants in the Rahway River Watershed Flood Control Council with neighboring communities. We are investing in the financial resources necessary

to ensure the Army Corps of Engineers undertakes long-promised plans for flood relief and that Congress funds these improvements. On February 15, Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo will be joining other officials on a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with our representatives and discuss this important project.

The team in Town Hall has been preparing the annual budget, which is still on track for adoption in April. In less than 2 months, I'm proud to say that we've implemented some cost-saving measures to reduce expenses by several thousand dollars. This will be very helpful to offset increases in other contractual obligations and lost tax revenue. The public is encouraged to attend our three budget hearings for more detailed information. Department heads will be available to explain their budgets and answer questions at a daytime session at 2 pm on Tuesday, March 14 and an evening session at 6 pm on Tuesday, March 14.

With three meetings already in the books, we've been busy at work and wasting no time. Before you know it, pool season will be upon us. In anticipation of that, we've been working with our Recreation Director to start getting the staffing in place and vendor agreements approved. In the coming weeks, we expect to receive a fiscal analysis report on our pool operations and the future plans for the pool capital improvement project announced last year. Once this is reviewed and a strategy put in place, we will chart a course for construction to begin at the end of the 2017 pool season. More details will be announced at Township Committee meetings and the public will be invited to offer feedback/input. As one of the few sources of revenue for the Township, it is important that we take necessary action to ensure the successful future of the pool.

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

*Mayor Diane Stampoulos*

## SPRINGFIELD BID HOLDS REDEVELOPMENT MEETING WITH MORRIS AVE PROPERTY OWNERS

On Wednesday, February 8th, the Business Improvement District hosted a meeting with all the Morris Avenue Business and Property owners at Sofia's Restaurant in Springfield with over 30 + in attendance. Presenting was Business Improvement District Chairman, Mike Scalera, BID Executive Director Beth Lippman, Springfield Business Administrator Ziad Shehady and Redevelopment Attorney Matt Jessup. Topics discussed were the future of redevelopment on Morris Avenue, including the pending demolition and reconstruction of the "Lyons" building.

Also discussed was marketing strategies, the BID "APP", the streetscape project on Mountain Avenue, new way finding signs, Business Success Kit and window "wraps" for vacant buildings pending renovation. BID Chairman Mike Scalera addressed the group and told them "Redevelopment on Morris Avenue has been a 5 year + project, we have invested heavily in planning and now stand on the edge of seeing a new revitalized Springfield within the next couple of years". We reached out to the community 5 years ago and heard the frustration from both the residents and businesses that "nothing can or will be done". Our Board agreed that doing nothing was not an option. We understood that to get it done we needed to facilitate getting the property owners together to begin a dialogue. This process does not happen easily or quickly, but we have all pledged our time to make it happen."

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, 7 pm

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

### RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Business Improvement District

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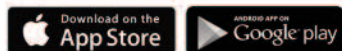
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## THE MAYORS COUNCIL FOR THE RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL GOES TO WASHINGTON DC

The Mayors Council for the Rahway River Watershed Flood Control Project will be heading to Washington DC February 15 to urge the Congress to appropriate in President Trump's first budget funds to begin the engineering and pre-construction work on the Rahway River Flood Mitigation plan.

Bolstered by the federal US Army Corps of Engineers draft environmental impact statement that said there are no impacts that can't be mitigated with reasonable actions, the Mayors will be asking that the Chief Engineers final report be completed and that plans for construction begin. The Mayors expect to meet with Congressman Leonard Lance; Congressman Donald Payne; Senator Corey Booker; Senator Robert Menendez, and senior staff of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen said, "Over \$100 million of damages were faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene. The Mayors have kept their eye on the ball to ensure progress and we appreciate our federal and state representatives who have been behind us all the way."

Alternative 4a includes modification to the Orange Reservoir, adding two 36 inch outfall pipes permitting the reservoir to be drained two days before a major storm to reduce significantly the water elevation downstream during the major storm event. There will be downstream channel improvements through Cranford with one and one-half mile of channel deepening with most of the channel work done in the river, not on land. Also there is expected to be lifting or acquisition of numerous properties in the City of Rahway. The plan had the strongest benefit cost ratio as part of the federal process meaning the project benefits (less flood damages) exceeded project costs. The Mayors Council includes 2017 Mayors of the affected communities: Cranford Mayor Thomas Hannen; Union Mayor Suzette Cavadas; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca; Springfield Mayor Diane Stampoulos; Millburn Mayor Cheryl Burstein; Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca.



Fire Chief's Column

*Chief Carlo Palumbo*

## AVOIDING MICROWAVE FIRES AND BURNS

Microwave ovens have simplified cooking and reheating foods in homes everywhere. However, according to the National Fire Protection Association, microwave use results in thousands of home fires each year. Microwave burns cause more emergency room scald burn injuries than any other cooking device. One third of these scalds involve children under five years of age.

With such widespread use of microwaves by people of all ages, it's important for consumers to know how to use them safely. The Springfield Fire Department wants to give you simple tips to help prevent microwave fires and scald burns:

- Read the manufacturer's instructions before using a microwave oven.
- Plug the microwave directly into an outlet. Using an extension cord can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Use only microwave-safe cookware.
- Open food heated in the microwave slowly, and hold it away from your face to prevent scalding from steam.
- Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven because it heats liquids unevenly. Heat baby bottles in warm water.
- Never use aluminum foil or other metal objects in the microwave.
- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn the oven off immediately and keep the door closed. Do not open the door until the fire is completely out. Have the microwave serviced before using it again. When in doubt, get out of the home and call the fire department.

Please be mindful that even foods cooked in the microwave present a risk of burns. If you are burned, this injury requires immediate attention. First, put the affected area in cool water for three to five minutes. Then, cover with a clean, dry cloth. If the burn is bigger than your fist, or if you have questions about caring for the injury, seek medical attention right away.

## LION'S EYEGLASS COLLECTION BOXES



(l to r) Lions Stanley Grossman, Bill Phillips and Ed Shaffery

Springfield Lions eyeglass collection boxes are now installed in front of the Shop Rite & Gold Valley Supermarkets as well as the Springfield Public Library. The Lions send refurbished glasses around the world to people in need. Support the local Lions Club by cleaning out those drawers and dropping off your old glasses for a good cause. For more information on the Lions Club, check their websites: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/springfieldnj/> or <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofspringfield/>



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## RIBBON CUTTING AT KRIS'S BARBER SHOP

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On Friday, January 27, members of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District, and Township Officials met for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Kris's Barber Shop at 436 Morris Ave. The newly renovated shop is open and ready to cut!

## RIBBON CUTTING AT MERA PAINTING AND HOME DESIGN

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On Friday, January 27, members of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District and Township Officials met for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Mera Painting and Home Design at 769 Mountain Ave. Their new design shop is open and they have many interesting items to enhance your home, both inside and out!

## SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING TO BE HELD AT NEW TESLA LOCATION IN SPRINGFIELD

On Thursday morning, February 23rd, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at 135 Route 22 Eastbound, the site of the new Tesla Sales and Service location. (Just past Staples & Autoland). This is one of only four locations Tesla will have in New Jersey so please join the Chamber for this meeting to see this unique facility. A Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting ceremony will take place at 8:30 AM and then the meeting will start. Coffee, donuts & bagels are provided by the Chamber. Chamber membership is open to any business or resident in Town and is only \$100 per year. You don't have to be a member to attend, but we encourage you to join and be part of our group.

## ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST



*(l to r) Springfield Senior Citizens Club President Margaret Bandrowski, Chamber Chairman Scott Seidel and Chamber Member Dr. Gary Hecht.*



*Seniors line up for breakfast.*

On Thursday morning, February 2, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual senior citizen breakfast at the Chisholm Community Center. Over 50 seniors signed up for the event. The breakfast, catered by Alen's Deli of Springfield and paid for by the Chamber, started at 9 am.

Senior Citizen Organization President Margaret Bandrowski addressed the group and introduced Scott Seidel, the Chairman of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. Seidel commented that the Chamber was delighted to be able to sponsor this breakfast and talked about the Chamber, its newspaper the Patriot Times, and new updated online component, [www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com), as well as the many other events sponsored by the Chamber in town. Seidel introduced Chamber member and Springfield Rotarian, Dr. Gary Hecht, who talked about other projects the Chamber and Rotary are involved in, including the upcoming "Taste of the Towns" scheduled for April of this year.

## SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

The Springfield Lions Club welcomed three new members on the evening of January 11, 2017. Kevin Braiae is a US Army veteran who benefited from the Lions cornea transplant program and is now happy to begin to work to help others like him. Barbara Churchill recently retired from the University Hospital of Newark, where she worked with many Lions projects in the Ophthalmology department, so the Lions is a natural fit. Dr. Richard Ney is principal of the Manchester regional high school in North Haledon and was formally a member of a previous club. His spouse is the Rev. Vicky Ney pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Springfield. The Springfield Lions are excited about the new projects such a strong membership can bring to the community.

## MILLBURN GOLF COURSE OFFERS MEMBERSHIPS TO SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS

Springfield Recreation Department, in cooperation with Millburn Recreation Department is offering a limited number of Millburn Par 3 Golf Memberships to Springfield residents ages 13 and older. The nine hole, Par 3 tree-lined course is located at 335 White Oak Ridge Road in Short Hills. Registration begins Wednesday, February 15th, and opening day is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. Registration this year for new or returning members is available online on Community Pass at <http://register.communitypass.net/millburn>. To view pictures of the golf course, visit <http://twp.millburn.nj.us/departments/recreation/par-3-golf-photos.html>. To download a copy of the membership application, visit <http://www.twp.millburn.nj.us/departments/recreation.html> and select Non-Resident Golf information. In order to register online, you must have a photo on file or upload a photo to your Community Pass account. You may bring up to two guests per round. Unlimited (\$180) and limited (\$95) memberships are available, as well as a special (\$95) unlimited membership for youth ages 13-17. Unlimited members may play any day, any time. Limited member play is restricted to Tuesday - Friday, between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

For further information, contact the Millburn Recreation Department at (973) 564-7097 or [recreationdept@millburntwp.org](mailto:recreationdept@millburntwp.org)

## TEMPLE SHA'AREY EVENTS

K-2 children and their families in Temple Sha'arey Shalom Holiday Haverim program learn about Havdalah, the special ceremony that marks the end of each Shabbat, through stories and crafts. Holiday Haverim is an innovative program that 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.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Religious School conducted their annual fourth grade Wimpel Workshop. The children, working with their parents, create wimpels that are customized for them, including their Hebrew names, Jewish symbols and blessings and symbols of their current hobbies and interests. Each wimpel will be used as a Torah binder on the day of the child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah service three years from now and then will become a family heirloom.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is proud to announce that "The Sacred Calling Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate" a project conceived by our Rabbi, Renee Edelman, and for which she is listed as Consulting Editor, is the 2016 winner of the Jewish Book Council Awards in the Women's Studies category.



# PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

*By John Cottage Sr.*

*This month, we are featuring Dr. Gary Hecht*



Born in Merrick, NY, Gary was civic minded from a very young age – active in student government and his college fraternity at SUNY Albany. After receiving his degree, Doctor of Chiropractic from the prestigious New York Chiropractic College, Gary began his practice in New York City. After two years, he relocated to New Jersey and in 1997 opened his first office in Springfield. It was then that he became very active in the Springfield Community and his involvement has continued to grow over the past 20 years.

It didn't take very long for Gary to become immersed in community service. In 1998, he joined the Springfield Rotary Club and currently serves as its treasurer. Around the same time, he became a leader of LeTip of Springfield – a business networking organization.

Through interaction with a couple of his new Springfield patients, Gary learned about various other activities unique to Springfield and expanded his community involvement. In 2009, Springfield H.O.P.E. was looking for a new point of contact for its clients. Gary stepped up to the plate, became a trustee and opened his office as the 'face' of H.O.P.E. to the community. Today, anyone seeking help meets confidentially with Gary at his office. Also in 2009, when the annual 'Toys for Tots' campaign transformed into 'Toys for Springfield Kids,' Gary opened his office and for many years transformed his office into Santa's Workshop and distributed toys to needy families in Springfield. Every Thanksgiving, in a joint initiative between H.O.P.E., the Springfield Rotary Club, Stew Leonard's and Shop Rite, Gary and other volunteers deliver food baskets to over 20 families in Springfield. In 2012, Gary joined the Board of the Springfield's Mayor's Day Scholarship Fund.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Gary began by saying, "Why don't you do the article about H.O.P.E. – not me". That is so typical of Gary – he'd rather be in the background than in the spotlight! Gary did note that he really values the Patriot Times and was happy to be featured this month. He commented his full page of advertising since its very first issue "has amazing penetration marketing since it is mailed to every household and business in town." Gary thoroughly enjoys all of his volunteer activities. "I haven't gone to work in over 21 years. I go to the office to change the world".

In 2009, Gary was recognized by the Township as "Outstanding Community Volunteer." In 2012, the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce honored him as "Volunteer Leader of the Year." Later this year, the Springfield B'nai Brith will be honoring Gary as well.

Gary currently lives in Livingston with his wife Robin and two children. They enjoy traveling to Disney as often as possible. Gary also collects pinball machines as a hobby.

Without a doubt, Dr. Gary Hecht is someone who makes a difference in Springfield!

## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

### PLEASE READ THIS TO RECOGNIZE THE "PHONY TAXMAN" IRS SCAMS

In my Patriot Times column this month, I would like to alert you to the increasing amount of bunco scams being committed against township residents by either telephone calls or via the internet. Variations of one scam that are ongoing year long but increase during the months leading up to April are commonly referred to as the "IRS Tax Scams" and this increase is obviously due to April being the time of year that we all have to pay our taxes. These crimes increase dramatically in the months prior to and during the month of April all across the country and unfortunately they also will increase in Springfield. The police department will receive calls weekly from residents who have either been targeted, or regrettably, fallen victim to these scams. In order to help you recognize the IRS scams and not be taken in by them I ask you to do what the heading of this column says which is to just take a moment to read this in order to recognize the "phony taxman".

#### IRS SCAM #1 (This is done by telephone)

Fraudsters, most operating outside of the United States, will contact an intended victim claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or U.S. Treasury Department to inform the victim the he or she owes taxes and that a warrant for their arrest has been or is to be issued. The caller will "offer" a way to avoid arrest which will be by having the victim immediately pay a specified amount of money and if this is done the caller will indicate that the arrest warrant will be cancelled and or not issued.

If the victim initially balks at having to pay immediately, the caller usually will say that he or she is a special agent for the IRS and will threaten that government agents will be dispatched to the victim's home. In some occasions the caller may even say that officers from the Springfield Police Department are on the way to arrest the victim.

Once a victim agrees to pay the back taxes and or fines, the caller will require that the payment is either made by a loadable type of debit card sold at numerous convenience and drug stores known as a Green Dot VISA Money Pack or similar type of card where the funds can be loaded into the card and the fraudsters can retrieve the funds by merely having the victim read off certain numbers on the rear of the card. A secondary method of payment is by Western Union or Money Gram wires. If the victim agrees to make the payment, the fraudsters will even specify the nearest business to the victim's residence where the cards or money wire can be obtained.

Fraudsters are beginning to use robo-calls to increase the amount of persons who can be targeted. Instead of an actual person calling, the victim will receive an automated phone call where the message purports to be from the IRS and indicates there is a problem with your taxes or a recently filed tax return. A number is left for the victim to call which will go directly to the fraudsters. Listen to the message and you may notice accents, incorrect word usage or improper sentence structure as the callers are frequently from overseas.

#### IRS SCAM #2 (This is done by e-mail)

The victim will receive an e-mail that purports to be from the IRS. It will look very authentic and will have the logos for the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS on the e-mail. The e-mail will indicate some type of problem much the same as the scams done by telephone and the victim will be prompted to click on a link to get the full information.

Most of these bogus links take you to a site where you will be told how to immediately make a payment by entering your credit or debit card account number while other links will try to obtain your identity information or may introduce a virus into your computer.

#### IRS SCAM #3 (Identity Theft to File False Returns)

Another problem that occurs this time of year is when an unknown person uses your true identity including your Social Security number (SSN) to file a fraudulent tax return in your name but where a tax refund is sent to a different address. As your annual tax return submission to the IRS is verified by your SSN, the minute you submit your real return the IRS will contact you once they discover two returns filed in the same year with the same SSN. In this case you may actually be contacted by the real IRS by telephone but mostly this is done by the U.S. Mail. The "real" IRS will understand if you may not believe the call is legitimate. They will explain the problem to you and tell you how to go about contacting the IRS off of their true website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and they will not require you to give out any personal information or account numbers on the telephone.

#### IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER.....

- The IRS will not contact you by telephone to request an immediate payment for back taxes, unfiled returns and any penalties. The IRS uses the U.S. Mail.
- Do not click on links from any e-mail purporting to be from the IRS where you are being required to make some type of immediate payment. Write down the information from the e-mail and contact the IRS yourself via [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by getting the telephone number for the nearest IRS field office.
- The IRS, much like any other agency that has the power to seek the issuance of a warrant for your arrest, will never call you in advance to inform you of a warrant AND agree to dismiss a warrant in lieu of some type of monetary payment. Once an actual warrant is issued for your arrest you may be able to post bail but you will first be arrested. Any telephone call offering you a way to pay to avoid being arrested is an outright scam.
- If you receive one of these types of communications supposedly from the IRS and you are unsure if it is legitimate or not, please just do one thing before opting to give away thousands of dollars. Please call the Springfield Police Department at 973-376-0400 so that we can help prevent you from falling victim to these scams.

## JOHN APICELLA HONORED BY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



John Apicella, president of Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football, was awarded "National Conference Coach of the Year" by the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League at the annual awards dinner at the Galloping Hills Golf Course in Kenilworth on Sunday, January 29. In 2016, John served as the head coach of the Jr. Dawg's A Team, as well as a head coach at the league's All Star Game. John has coached for the Jr. Dawgs in two stints for a total of 15 years and played in the program in the mid-1970s. Pictured (l-r): Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, John Apicella, and League Representative David Wightman.



## A LOOK BACK INTO SPRINGFIELD FOOTBALL HISTORY...

What started as an office razzing over a year ago about an presumed embellished story turned into some of Springfield history's finest athletes getting together for a reunion of a feat that has gone forgotten by many for years. Before there was the Jr. Bulldogs, it was the Springfield Minutemen. The year was 1995. The "A" team, comprised of 7th and 8th graders from Florence M. Gaudineer School and St. James the Apostle School, set out on a record breaking season. The team went undefeated, untied and unscored upon with a record of 6-0 in the conference. This was accomplished as an iron-man football team with all of the players participating on offense, defense and special teams. Scores of 27-0, 19-0, 26-0, 16-0, 24-0 and 33-0 set this team apart from any other Springfield Football team before and perhaps since. "We obviously don't take ourselves too seriously. The reunion 20+ years after the historic season was just a fun time to get together over the holidays and reminisce about the 'good-ole-days,'" says Mike Basile, who hosted and organized the reunion. "But that said, we can't think of another team in Springfield's history that was undefeated, untied and unscored upon. This may have been the best Minutemen football team the town has ever fielded. We are already looking forward to the 25th anniversary reunion."

In the pictures accompanied with this article, you'll see the original team picture from the 1995 season, and a picture from the first reunion of the team since then taking place over this holiday season.

1995 picture should credit; Coaches: from left to right, Ronald Fusco, Justin Petino, Stephen Prezmanski, Jason Mullman; Players: top row from left to right, Richard Shanley, Atilla Vigilante, Richard Bickel, Matthew Fischer, Dorian Scott, Sean Tuma, David Woodruff, Scott Beckelman, Daniel Delloiacono, middle row from left to right, Michael Basile, Charles Beyer, Justin Azran, Brian Berger, Michael Kessel, Micahel Sharpe, Jeffrey Stapfer, bottom row from left to right, Keith Allen and Richard "B.J." Jones.

2016 reunion picture should credit; top row left to right, Richard Bickel, Matthew Fischer, Dorian Scott, Dan Delloiacono, bottom row from left to right, Michael Basile, Justin Azran, Michael Sharpe and Keith Allen.



1995



2016

## SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE AWARDS DINNER

*continued from front cover*

On January 28, the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel welcomed the members of the Auxiliary Police and the CERT Team, their guests and township officials who were in attendance. After the first course, Seidel started the awards program by commenting that in 2016, the Auxiliary Police performed 2,150 hours of service, which probably represented over \$110,000 in volunteer service to the township. The Auxiliary Police duty hours consist of routine training patrols, court duty, special events, emergencies and of course our two "flagship" events the Fourth of July celebration and the Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show. A substantial amount of hours were performed on the Fourth of July. On the Fourth, everyone would like to be with their families, but for the Auxiliary Police as well as the many other Emergency Management and CERT Volunteers, it means spending time away from their families to make sure the Township runs a safe and secure event. These are truly special people. Auxiliary Officer Stephen Bratsch was complimented on his 325 hours of duty time in 2016 which represented almost 15% of the unit's 2016 time.

The first presentation was for the Chief Harry Vargas Rookie of the Year Award, which is given when a new or "rookie" officer stands out in his performance for his initial year of service. Since Chief Vargas has been retired for many years and is living in Florida and could not attend, Coordinator Seidel and Deputy Coordinator presented the award. Seidel commented, "This year, our Rookie of the Year is Trevor Barnes who performed more than his required 96 hours of duty in only 7 months since graduating the Police Academy. In addition to his duty hours, he

spent 200 hours at the Academy in training."

The next award was the Chief Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary Officer of the Year presentation. This year's recipient for 2016, Officer Frank Applegate is the winner, again, a 2016 Police Academy graduate with over 125 hours of duty time, again in only 7 months since graduating the Police Academy.

Awards were also presented to Auxiliary Corporal Ronnie Mitnitsky, who retired this year from the Auxiliary Police after having been in the unit for 50 years. Mitnitsky is the last "original" member of the reorganized Auxiliary Police unit from 1968. Officer Gary Butler, also retiring from the Auxiliary Police, was presented with a plaque acknowledging his 31 years of service with the Auxiliary Police. Both Mitnitsky and Butler are "Honorary Life Members" of the Auxiliary Police and will continue their membership in Emergency Management and participate in many of the events held throughout the year.

The Auxiliary Police is a volunteer unit and is part of the Office of Emergency Management. Anyone wishing to join should call them at 973-467-3388.



Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Corporal Ronnie Mitnitsky, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo



Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Rookie of the Year Trevor Barnes, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo



Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Officer Gary Butler, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, and Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo





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In order to offer more information to the public, the Patriot Times now has 2 volunteer "website" Editors, Apu Mullick, Dan Breau and Jesse Broome. The Township has always posted the meeting agendas and other timely information with us online as well. More Township information posts will be forthcoming in 2017. We no sooner post a story online than another online service picks it up! We love it!

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when a new story is posted!  
[www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com)**

**CHIEF COOK COMMENTS ON  
SERGEANT JOSEPH CIERI'S  
RETIREMENT**



After the two ceremonies for the Police Department, at the January 24th Township Committee meeting, Chief Cook took a minute to talk about Sergeant Joseph Cieri's retirement. Sergeant Cieri graduated the Police Academy in 1990 and started his law enforcement career with the Union County Sheriff's office before coming to the Springfield Police Department in 1995. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2010. Among many other projects he worked on for the Springfield Police was the 2016 PGA which was hosted by Baltusrol Golf Course this past July. Sergeant Cieri leaves the department to become the Head of Security for the Liberty National Golf Course in Jersey City.

**TEAM OPERATION  
REBOUND HELPS VETERANS**

Team Operation Rebound NJ is comprised of veterans, police officers, first responders and many other people from the community. This team was formed to help spread awareness of how athletics helps to empower our disabled veterans, first responders and police officers to live a healthy and active life after a traumatic event. We raise money to assist Challenged Athletes Foundation's Operation Rebound Athletes so they can achieve their goals not only in sports, but apply that same tenacity and drive to succeed in everyday life. For more information or to join our team, please visit our website: <http://njrebound.wixsite.com/operationreboundnj>. We kindly appreciate the Springfield Patriot's support spreading the word about our mission to help our great Americans.

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**Winter Safety Tip: Before you  
Hit the Road, Clear Your Tail Pipe**

If ice and snow have come your way, not all of the hazards of driving are on the road in front of you. Before you get in the driver's seat, check to be sure that your vehicle's tailpipe is clear of snow. If the tailpipe is blocked, carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, and deadly gas produced by your engine, can build up quickly inside your vehicle, poisoning anyone inside. Find out more about ways that you can stay safe during extreme winter weather.

**Are You Prepared?**

About half of U.S. adults do not have resources or plans in place for a possible emergency. If a disaster strikes in your community, you might not have access to food, water, or electricity for several days. You may think that you will have enough time to run to the grocery store, but stores quickly sell out of important supplies following emergency warnings.

Packing an emergency supply kit can help keep you and your family prepared in the event of an emergency.

**Here are a few quick tips for packing your  
emergency supply kit:**

- 3-day supply of food (including utensils) and water
- 3-day supply of all medicines, at a minimum
- Personal care items (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, baby wipes)
- Safety supplies (first aid kit, emergency blanket, multipurpose tool, whistle)
- Electronics (flashlight, radio, cell phone with chargers, batteries)
- Documents (copies of insurance cards and immunization records)
- Other important items (cash, maps, extra set of keys)

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



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## 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.

**Session 1:**

**Mondays from March 20th-March 27th at Chisholm Community Center**  
**Mondays from April 3rd-May 1st (no class on April 10th) at Meisel Avenue Park**  
 Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

**Session 2:**

**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](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

## SUMMER 2017 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Positions Available:

- ◆ Pool Lifeguard ◆ Pool Maintenance ◆ Pool Front Desk
- ◆ Pool Camp Group Leader ◆ Pool Camp Counselor
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Group Leader
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Counselor ◆ Substitute Counselor

- All new staff members must be at least 15 years old by Saturday, May 20th.
- Lifeguards must have a current lifeguard certification by the start of the pool season.
- Pool season is Saturday, May 27th, to Monday, September 4th.
- Summer pool hours are weekdays 12:00-8:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-8:00 pm.
- Pre-summer weekend and holiday hours vary.
- Pool Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, from June 26th- August 18th. Extended weeks are August 21st-September 1st. There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th.
- Chisholm Playground Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, from June 26th-August 18th. There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th.
- All staff members are paid hourly only for the hours they work.
- All camp staff members must be available to work the entire initial 8 week session. Do not schedule vacations or other extended leaves during this period.
- Attendance at a pre-summer staff orientation is mandatory.
- First Aid/CPR/AED training may be required of certain staff members.
- Working papers are required for all staff members under 18 years old.
- Criminal background checks are required for staff members 18 years old or older.

Please visit the following website to complete the required online application:  
<http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment>

**If you have questions or need more information, please contact Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, at (973) 912-2227 or [adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us](mailto:adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us).**

You may be contacted for an in-person interview in the Spring.  
**The online application deadline is Friday, March 3rd.**

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Spring 2017/Grades 3-9

*Coach Mike Czech is back this Spring! New and returning team members are encouraged to join for professional training, endurance running, and 5K competitions!*

The cross country team is a co-ed travel sport for Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-9.

The team meets on **WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park track.**

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.  
 Or register online with a credit card at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>  
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 at [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

**Pre Season**  
 Wednesday, March 1st-Tuesday, April 4th  
 Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

**Race Season**  
 Wednesday, April 5th-Friday, May 26th  
 (End date may be extended once all races are finalized.)  
 Team practices and official races.

**Two Fees**  
 \$60 (Payable to Township of Springfield. See below for options.)  
 \$225 (Payable to Coach Michael Czech.)

**Includes**  
 Uniform to keep, water bottle, pre-season training program, professional coaching instruction, race entry fees, and end-of-season pizza party. No refunds will be provided.

## FREE TEEN DROP-IN

**Who:** Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades  
**What:** Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff  
**Where:** Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue  
**When:** Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)  
**Time:** 2:30 - 8:00 pm (school year)  
**How:** Handbook, registration form, photo ID  
**Contact:** (973) 912-2227, [recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us)  
**Web:** [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation) [www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec)

## GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

### Program Details:

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

### Practices and Field Information:

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

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

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

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

Contact the Lacrosse Club at [springfieldlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldlacrosse@gmail.com). For additional information regarding equipment and to view pictures, visit the Lacrosse Club website at <http://springfieldlaxnj.com>.

## 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)

### IN-PERSON REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Saturday, February 18th & Sunday, February 19th, Chisholm Community Center @ 9:00 am-12:00 pm

### Two Fees: If registered February 18th-April 2nd

\$175 payable to “Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization” AND \$65 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 \$65 per child payable to “Township of Springfield”

### 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](mailto:springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com) or Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) (973) 912-2227



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## ADULT BOOT CAMP WINTER 2017



FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED

TUESDAYS, 7PM-8PM

THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM

FEBRUARY 16th - MARCH 28th

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

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

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

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



Cost is: 12 classes @

\$189 per person.

6 classes @

\$109 per person.

Please contact

BootCampWF

for pro-rating fee!

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

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
[www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

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

## BOYS LACROSSE SPRING 2017

### Program Details:

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

### Practices and Field Information:

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

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

### Three Fees:

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

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

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

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

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

## Springfield Recreation/USSports Institute Spring/Summer 2017

**SPRING BREAK: 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!

**DATE:** April 10- April 13

**LOCATION:** Chisholm Park

### TIME OPTIONS:

Early Drop off Available 8am-9am  
9:00am-4:00pm (Full Day)  
9:00am-12:30pm (Morning)  
1:00pm-4:00pm (Afternoon)

### TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS

**(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.

### SPRING CLASSES

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

### 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

For more information, visit [USsportsInstitute.com](http://USsportsInstitute.com) or call 732 563 2520

## Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

## The Feast of St. Joseph Lunch and Show at The Brownstone in Paterson

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Bus will leave the Chisholm Community Center at 10:15 am

Bus will return 4:30 pm

\$55 - Springfield residents and Senior Citizen Club members

\$65 - non-residents and non-Senior Citizen Club members

Payment due by Friday, March 3, 2017

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

**Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department**

**Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center,**

**100 South Springfield Avenue**

**Includes: Round-trip bus transportation,  
chaperone, lunch, and show**

**Questions:** Sara Keffer, Recreation Program Coordinator, (973) 912-2227

One registration form per person please

**Bus Trip To The Feast of St. Joseph Lunch and Show  
at The Brownstone in Paterson on Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Need bus to/from Chisholm? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made payable to **Springfield Recreation Department** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) for more information.



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

**Instructional League Grades 1-2**  
**Lower League Grades 3-5\* Upper League Grades 6-9\*\***

\*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA)  
\*\*9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball

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

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

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

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

**Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,**  
at [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

**BACKPACKS FOR LIFE TOILETRY DRIVE**

- Thank you for your interest in running a Backpacks For Life Donation Drive! Please see all below instructions and tips for running a successful event!
- Donations must be dropped off at Uncle Bob's Self Storage Located at 125 Franklin Street in Belleville, NJ. Please contact us when your donations are complete and you would like to schedule a drop off.
- For additional information & scheduling donation drop offs, please contact Alexa at [alexa@backpacksforlife.org](mailto:alexa@backpacksforlife.org) OR Brett at 862-266-1704.
  - We can also provide flyers, key chains & bracelets as needed to support your event
- Please do not collect multiple items in one package (ex. 10 toothbrushes in one package) as we will not be able to separate these individual backpacks.
- Use bar graphs or progress bars to keep track of your drive, this will also encourage people to donate!
- Set up a donation bin in the location of your choice & post the 'DONATION FLYER' on the front of the bin.
- We accept SHAMPOO, LOTION, CONDITIONER, LIP BALM, TOOTHBRUSH, TISSUES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SOAP BARS, BODY POWDER, HAND SANITIZER, WIPES

*\*We also accept female hygiene products. Please collect these in a separate container/bin from your 'BFL kits'*

Interested in monetary donations? Monetary Donations Scale—  
\$40 — one backpack  
\$80 — one backpack filled with toiletries & supplies

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

**SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE**

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DIVISIONS FOLLOW BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN AGE ASSIGNMENTS:

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

**PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:**

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

**REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:**

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

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL LEAGUE INFORMATION INCLUDING UPCOMING CLINIC DATES, AVAILABLE SAFETYCOURSES, DIVISION DETAILS AND RULES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES:  
[WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/SJBL](http://WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/SJBL)

**MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL**

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older.  
Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.  
You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

**PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2016 - AUGUST 2017**  
Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

**Register in person or by mail to:** Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center  
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[recreation@springfield-nj.us](mailto:recreation@springfield-nj.us) [www.springfield-nj.us/recreation](http://www.springfield-nj.us/recreation)

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

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

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

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


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

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

Registration questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at [danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us) or (973) 912-2227.

**TRYCAN**  
KIDS HELPING KIDS

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

 **SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE**

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township — such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

Please call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need.

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.



# Springfield Free Public Library

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Check Library website for  
regular MGG schedule:

[www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

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

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

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

More information about the library can be found  
at [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com).

*The Library will be closed Monday,  
February 20, Presidents' Day.*

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

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Saturday Feb 25 Read Across America Day @ 2:00-3:30 pm** This family event celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss with crafts, face painting, birthday cake, and of course reading!

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

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days --** Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while in our bright Children's Room!  
**Tues Feb 14, Fri Feb 17, Sat Feb 18, Thurs Feb 23, Fri Feb 24, Sat Feb 25, Tues Feb 28.**

**Wii Games for ages 6 to 11 – Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm-5:00pm.** Drop in. We play Super Smash Bros. Ages 9 and under need to have a parent present in the library.

**Math Help continues on Wednesdays @ 4pm with Mrs Treglio, certified math teacher.** Bring your homework. Grades 1 to 8.

**Crafty Monday February 27 @ 4pm.**

**Crafty Fridays February 17, 24 @ 4pm.**

## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Those in Gr. 6 and up are invited to help plan and lead programming for teens and kids. Join the Teen Advisory Group to start earning volunteer hours. **The next**

meeting will be on Monday, February 13 at 5:30 pm, same time as the Teen Valentine's Craft.

We will be planning our Dr. Seuss Birthday party for Saturday Feb. 25. Save the date!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Wednesday thru April 12 **FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –**  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31**  
**Chair Yoga. 12:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 pm** St. Barnabas Hospital presents a program on Joint Health.

## DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

**Thursdays, February 23 & March 9**  
**Memoir Writing Group 10:15 am**

**Thursday, February 16, 10:00 am**  
**Great Books: "The Devil Baby of Hull House"**  
by Jane Addams.

**Thursday, March 2, 7:00 pm**  
**Really Good Book Discussion: "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand"** by Helen Simonson.

## FILMS

**Monday, February 27, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film – "Far From Madding Crowd",**  
starring Carey Mulligan, 2015.

**Monday, March 13, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film – "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel", 2011.**

## 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.**

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND BY HELEN SIMONSON

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m. to discuss Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, a debut novel by Helen Simonson. Major Pettigrew's quiet life in a small English village is disrupted when his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmine Ali, a Pakistani shopkeeper from the village.

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](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org). The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

## SPRING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Springfield--The Spring International Film Festival begins at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, March 16. The library will screen Theeb (2014) at 1:00 and 7:00 pm Theeb was the 2016 Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. In the Ottoman province of Hiraaz during World War I, a young Bedouin boy experiences a greatly hastened coming-of-age as he embarks on a perilous desert journey to guide a British officer to his secret destination. Directed by Naji Abu Nowar. Starring Jacir Eid Al-Hwietat, Hussein Salameh Al-Sweilhiyeen and Hassan Mutlag Al-Maraiyeh. In Arabic with English subtitles. 100 minutes. Not Rated.

Upcoming foreign films include Love and Friendship (2016, rated PG, 92 minutes) which will be screened on Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm, and The Illusionist (2010, rated PG, 80 minutes) on Thursday, May 18th 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.

## THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUES

Additional films will be shown on Monday, February 27 and Monday, March 13. Admission is FREE. Screenings start at 1:00 pm.

For more information, stop by the library or call (973)376-4930. Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

Funding for this program is made possible in part 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, and by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER PROGRAM ABOUT TREATMENTS FOR JOINT PAIN

Michael Rieber, MD, a board certified orthopedic surgeon with the Joint Institute at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, will give a presentation about current developments in the treatment of knee and hip pain at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 15, at the Springfield Free Public Library. Dr. Rieber will discuss the many treatment options available to address hip and knee pain up to and including MAKOplasty, a robotic joint-replacement surgery that promises to help restore mobility with less pain and fewer complications than traditional surgical procedures.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because seating is limited, registration is requested and can be done by calling 973 322-9908 or by visiting [barnabashealth.org/sbmcevents](http://barnabashealth.org/sbmcevents).

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



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**SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY AFTERNOON  
AT MILLBURN COFFEEHOUSE**



On Wednesday, January 18, Springfield senior citizens spent the afternoon at Rock 'n' Joe Coffeehouse in downtown Millburn. The group enjoyed an offering of coffee and tea, baked goods, sandwiches, and salads. Trip sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and chaperoned by recreation program coordinator Sara Keffer and senior citizen bus driver Tony Losito (both not pictured).

**SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT LIVINGSTON MALL**



On Thursday, January 5, Springfield senior citizens visited the Livingston Mall for an afternoon of shopping, returning, and eating. The bus trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld.



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## SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARTICIPATES IN GIANT MULTI CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT



(l to r) Tim York, VP Greater Westfield Chamber, Chris Devine, Past Pres. Greater Westfield Chamber, Maria Fuentes, Pres. Greater Westfield Chamber, Jim Masterson, Exec. Dir. Union Township Chamber, Dottie Baniewicz, Exec. Dir. Cranford Chamber, Gene Jannotti, Exec. Dir. Greater Westfield Chamber, Janet Miller, Exec. Dir. Linden Chamber, Mike Scalera, Chairman of the Business Improvement District and Networking Chairman Springfield Chamber, Elliot Merkin, VP Membership/Networking Coordinator Springfield Chamber.

This multi Chamber giant networking event was held on January 18, 2017 at the Pantagis Renaissance and was hosted by the Springfield, Union Township, Greater Westfield Area, Suburban, and Edison Chambers of Commerce. Over 200 people attended. There was infinite food, great company, and a chance to help brand your business with a very large number of people at one location. Be on the lookout for our upcoming multi chamber events. Remember, if you are a member of our local Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce (only \$100 per year for any size business), you are treated as a member at any of the above Chamber events and will receive an admission discount. We are the least expensive Chamber to join. See our application ([springfieldpatriot.com](http://springfieldpatriot.com)) for a list of all of the other benefits you receive as our Springfield Chamber member.

## MAYOR SWEARS IN 2017 SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS



(l to r) Terance Rose, Supply Sergeant. Jeffrey Shanes, Training Lieutenant Robert Endress, 1st Lieutenant, Stuart Maslow, Captain, Diane Stampoulos, Mayor Marla Napurano, Treasurer, Amy Rossomando, Corresponding Secretary and Liz Fritzen, President

On January 10th 2017, the 2017 officers of the Springfield First Aid Squad were sworn into their respective offices by Mayor Diane Stampoulos. The Springfield First aid squad now starting its 69th year of service to the Township of Springfield had a very busy 2016! Answering 1754 medical calls, and maintaining a roster of 63 trained EMTs. In additional the squad also successfully performing 5 CPR saves, went mutual aid assisting surrounding towns 95 times, on boarded 17 new volunteer members, and welcomed a brand new 2016 ambulance. If you are interested in learning the skills needed to save a life, the First Aid Squad is always looking for additional volunteers. Apply online today! [www.springfieldfas.org](http://www.springfieldfas.org)

## JANUARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING



Many topics were discussed, including an announcement that the Township will conduct Public Budget Hearings on March 14 at 2 pm and 6 pm at the Town Hall. Business Administrator Shehady discussed the Town's planning process for storms, including what steps were taken prior to this week's storm. Dale Spindel reported on the many happenings at the Library this month. Reports from the Rotary, Lions Club, Springfield HOPE, Historical Society and other organizations were made as well. Robert Abraham reported on plans for this year's Fall Festival and Car Show, which will include, among other new items, a giant interactive model railroad display from the Model Railroad Club in Union and a "Market on the Green," a group of 30 local "Etsy" vendors. It is the Abrahams 8th year of running the Festival for the Chamber and the Town.

Chamber Chairman Scott Seidel reported that next month's meeting will be held at the new Tesla Car Showroom and Service Center at 135 Route 22, on Thursday February 23, which will include a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to the meeting at 8:30 am.

Mike Scalera of the Rotary Club announced their "Taste of the Towns" to be held on April 24 at the new Hilton Gardens on Route 22 west in Springfield.

The Lions club announced that on February 21 they will have their wine tasting at Marco Polo in Summit.

Chief Cook reported shoplifting is the big problem lately, sunglasses, work books and many other unrelated items. Usually perpetrators have drug paraphernalia on them when caught. Also a case of credit card fraud was investigated.

Mike Scalera, networking chairman, announced a Springfield Chamber networking meeting, which drew in over 200 people this past month. He also reported on downtown redevelopment, which is awaiting the relocation of two utility poles which should be done in 6 months.

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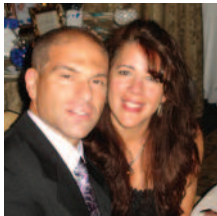


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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri,  
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