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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION RINGS IN THE SEASON



(l to r) Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Township Committeewoman GeriAnn Bujnowski, Mayor Diane Stampoulos and her daughter Oliva and her friend Ariana, Township Committeeman Rich Huber, Township Committeewoman Erica Dubois and Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER RONNIE MITNITSKY RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



(l to r) Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Alan and Ellen Lubiner (Sister and Brother-in-law) Corporal Mitnitsky, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz and Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo

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REVIVE PERSONAL AND SPORTS TRAINING HELD A RIBBON CUTTING AT THEIR NEW LOCATION IN .D AT 251 MORRIS AVENUE



On hand were family and friends as well as Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Committee Cochairman Scott Seidel (left), owners Amy and Dave Walsh (3rd and 4th from left), Township Committeeman Richard Huber, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Committee Co-chairman Mike Scalera and Chamber of Commerce Vice President Elliot Merkin (3rd, 4th & 5th from right respectively)

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DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT JUDD LEVENSON RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR STAMPOULOS

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MACADO LAW GROUP RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting was held on November 10, 2017 at the Machado Law Group, 1 Cleveland Place.

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First Row (from left to right): Elliot Y Merkin, VP Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Manuel and Maria Rocha, parents of Isabel Machado, Jessika Kleen, Esq., Partner, Diane Stampouloss, Mayor of Springfield, Isabel Machado, Esq., founder of Machado Law Group, Nancy Barnes, Office Manager, Geri Ann Bujwowski, Springfield Committeewoman, Michael Scalera, Co-Chairman of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the BID.Second Row (from left to right): Janelle Winters, Esq., Kyle Ulscht, Esq., Eric Kleen, and Tony Machado.

MLB MORTGAGE RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting event took place on November 27, 2017 at the MLB Lending Services, 51 Commerce Street.

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(l to r) Michael Scalera, Co-Chairman of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the BID, Daniel Gorczyca, Director of Operations, Justin M. Demola, Chief Operating Officer, Samuel Lamparello, President & Chief Executive Officer, Diane Stampoulos, Mayor of Springfield, John V.Difiore, Springfield Branch Manager, Michael Santos, Union Branch Manager, Elliot Y. Merkin, Vice President of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce.



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Richard Huber Geri Ann Bujnowski Erica DuBois

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

I can't believe that we are in December and this will be my last Mayor's Message! I'm extremely grateful that I had the support of so many to be selected to chair this committee. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Mayor. My dedication and devotion to this town has exceeded far beyond my own expectation and I will continue on this path.

This year I had the opportunity to serve on the Planning Board, Library Board, Business Improvement District, and Chamber of Commerce and be part of the Flood Mitigation Committee. This was in addition to chairing the finance committee, public safety committee and our township meetings. I

also enjoyed the opportunity to act as the wedding official for 26 marriages this year.

I had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful Springfield residents and volunteers. It's amazing how we can all come together and accomplish so much.

I look forward to continuing working with our township professionals and dedicated employees who go above and beyond. This town is a wonderful place to live and work, and with so many people that care, it will only continue to get better.

Please join me at our only Township meeting this month which will be Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm.

I want to wish everyone a very wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Diane Stampoulos

RONNIE MITNITSKY RECOGNIZED

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At the November 13 meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, Auxiliary Police Officer Ronnie Mitnitsky was recognized for serving 50 years with the Springfield Auxiliary Police. He was presented with a Joint Legislative Resolution from the State of New Jersey General Assembly & Senate

The resolution was presented by Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel. Seidel commented to the Patriot, "While the organization existed dating back to the mid 1950's, after the growing civil unrest in the country in 1966 & 1967, the Township decided to re-organize the unit. It would have more focus on training and create a more professional organization to better serve the Township. Officer Mitnitsky was in line to serve on day one. During his career, Civil Defense would become Emergency Management and the Police Reserve, the Auxiliary Police.

During his 50 Years he performed almost 10,000 volunteer hours of service to the township. While the minimum annual duty requirement is 96 hours, Officer Mitnitsky routinely exceeded that amount, doubling it and sometimes tripling it. He took training classes in advanced Auxiliary Police Procedures, Accident Investigation, Defense driving, Domestic disturbance & child abuse.

He received numerous commendations, which include one from the Springfield Police Department for responding in the middle of a cold and rainy night to direct traffic at a major accident on Route 22 and one from the Springfield and Mountainside Police Departments for apprehending one of four suspects who were stopped on Route 22 in a stolen car and fled the scene. In 1980 he received the Township of Springfield's "Citizenship Award" and in 1998 he received the coveted "Auxiliary Officer of the Year" award. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal, the rank at which he retired. He was made a "Life Member" of the Auxiliary Police in January of 2016 and was the last of the "original" members still in the unit from 1968. Although retired from the Auxiliary Police, he still responds to all events in which Emergency Management has a role. Corporal Mitnitsky embodies the spirit of community service.



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Cost for the program is \$180.00 For more information contact **Mindy Rossman** 973-379-5389 Preschool@sharrey.org

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Township Committee meetings at 7:00 pm in Town Hall Tuesday, Dec. 19 • Reorganization Meeting January 1, 2018 at noon

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

Springfield

Business Improvement District

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- 3. ANTONIO'S ITALIAN MARKET
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- 13. DR. DAVID PALOMBI CHIROPRACTOR
- 14. EYE & FACE
- 15. FORTUNOFF BACKYARD STORE
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- 17. GOLD VALLEY SUPERMARKET
 18. GROOMING BY BRANDY

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- 36. OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE 37. PICANTE THE TASTE OF MEXICO
- PRIMA PIZZA
- 39. REVIVE PERSONAL & SPORTS TRAINING
- ROBERT DOMINICK SALON 41. ROSSELLINI ROSSEMARIE
- 42. SALON BANGLES
- 43. SALON FRASCA & DAY SPA 44. SCREAMIN' PARTIES
- 45. SECOND CHILDHOOD 46. SMILOW FAMILY DENTISTRY
- 47. SOFIA'S RESTAURANT
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- 49. SPRINGFIELD WINES & LIQUORS 50. STATE FARM INSURANCE - MIKE SCALERA
- 51. STEW LEONARD'S WINES
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- 54. TD PIZZA 55. THAI AMARIN RESTAURANT
- 56. TOMS PIZZA
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- 58. TRUBEAUTY HAIR STUDIO
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LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

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DR. DAVID PALOMBI – CHIROPRACTOR

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Dr. Palombi has been providing chiropractic care in the Springfield area for over 30 years now. He treats injuries from auto accidents, sports injuries, slip and falls as well as "I woke up with new pain". He incorporates exercise, diet planning and



nutritional counseling with his services. He also performs CDL medical exams for all types of commercial drivers licenses. Dr. Palombi participates in almost every insurance plan, has evening hours and Saturdays by appointment. He Is the proud father of triplets and is an avid golfer. Call today for relief!

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TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E. **SPRINGFIELD FIRE** DEPARTMENT

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces again this year for another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools, and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them. Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run through Friday, December

For information, please e-mail Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield Hope at toys@springfieldhope.com.

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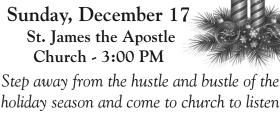


TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM RABBI EMERITUS ANNUAL LECTURE



At the regular Friday night services on November 17, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, welcomed its Rabbi Emeritus, Joshua Goldstein, as he presented his annual lecture. Pictured are (1 to r) Pam Bain, Temple President, Rabbi Renee Edelman, Rabbi Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels. Rabbi Goldstein's topic this year was "Re-imagining the Shtetl and Why it Matters to American Jews." The shetls were the small villages in Eastern Europe that Jews lived in for hundreds of years. Rabbi Goldstein discussed alternative views of shtetl life and explained that which view Jews adopt influences their view of Judaism. He traced those influences up to contemporary Jewish life in America.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 17



holiday season and come to church to listen to the Christmas story as woven through the Old and New Testaments and expressed in beautiful Christmas Carols sung by St. James parish choirs.

All are welcome to experience this Christmas spirit-filled hour of scripture and song

St. James is located at 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield For more information, contact the parish offices at 973-376-3044.

COAT DRIVE HELP KEEP NJ WARM

ROSA R SZULEWSKI Farmers Agency is partnering with Jersey Cares for their 22nd Annual Coat Drive! Please drop off your used coats to support men, women, and children in need throughout the State. All you have to do is to stop by Agency between now thru Dec 12th your donation. Donations receipts will be available. Jersey Cares is a non-profit organization that links volunteers with meaningful service projects to improve and enhance our communities. Thanks for your participation.

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REVIVE GRAND OPENING

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Dave has over 27 years of experience in the field of Exercise Science/Exercise Physiology, "tailoring wellness and fitness programs to a diverse clientele of all ages, including those who have physical limitations and special needs."

Dave was Captain of his football (1x), basketball (2x), and Spring track (2x) teams at Boonton High School, where he was named the Athlete of the Year as a Senior. After graduation, he attended Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, where he played football before transferring to Montclair State University after an anterior cruciate ligament injury. At Montclair State, Dave earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Education/Adult Fitness (Magna Cum Laude Graduate) while working as a physical therapist aide/health & fitness instructor full-time. He also served as President of the PHI kappa PHI Honor Fraternity during Junior and Senior years at Montclair State.

Before opening Revive, Dave has held various positions: Fitness/Aerobics Director, Head Personal Trainer, Health and Wellness Behavior Modification Coordinator and Health Promotion Facilitator. He has extensive experience in the following areas: functional training/stress reduction, physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, sports-specific training for teens/adults (core, strength, speed, agility, endurance, flexibility, TRX training, etc.) youth fitness and Senior Citizen Training.

In addition, Dave has developed, promoted and implemented various health/wellness programs ("Spring Forth with Wellness" Community Health Fair, "Friends in Fitness" Member Referral Program, "Teen Fit" YMCA Summer Fitness Training Program, etc.). He has vast experience working in Corporate Fitness settings and attends quarterly professional seminars on health and wellness. Lastly, he has trained many of his clients for the last 15 years! Dave collaborates with them extensively to design and implement the most comprehensive individualized exercise prescriptions possible.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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The Township's annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting attracted hundreds of community members on Wednesday, December 6, from 5:00-8:00 pm, outside Town Hall. The free event was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, and featured remarks by Mayor Diane Stampoulos, tree lighting, visit by Santa Claus, live winter wonderland band, petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, jungle fun bounce house, toy soldier on stilts, strolling Olaf, free glow sticks, coat/toy/gift card/food drive, hot pretzels, snacks, and hot drinks. When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, said, "Families tell us all year how much they look forward to our tree lighting event because we bring together town residents and officials for a fun celebration with a lot of tradition. This year, we are proud to display hundreds of brand new LED light bulbs on the town's signature tree. I am thankful for so many community members coming out to celebrate the holidays and the winter season." Community partners for the event included: Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rotary Club, Springfield H.O.P.E., Jonathan Dayton High School student volunteers, Business Improvement District, Township Committee, Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management, F.M.B.A. Local #57, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, First Aid Squad, Administrator, and Township Clerk. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 8**

DETECTIVE LIEUTENANTJUDD LEVENSON

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At the November 28 Township Committee meeting Detective Lieutenant Judd Levenson received a Proclamation from Mayor Diane Stampoulos congratulating him on his 38 year career with the Springfield Police Department. Levenson started with the Department in 1979 and will be retiring at the end of November. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Levenson said: "I am very appreciative of the recognition I received from Mayor Stampoulos, the Township Committee and Chief Cook for my career that I basically view as doing my job the best I can, much like what is done by all of the officers that continue to serve on the Springfield Police force". Levenson was featured in the November issue of the Patriot Times in our Patriot Profiles section and the article is available on our website, www.springfieldpatriot.com. We at the Patriot have worked with Judd over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

CANNON BALL HOUSE RECOGNIZES TIES TO THE "GREAT WAR"

This year marks the centenary of the United States involvement in World War I (WWI). To commemorate this event, the Springfield Historical Society recently held an exhibit at the Historic Cannon Ball House examining Springfield's ties to "the Great War." The highlight of the exhibit were artifacts loaned to the historical society by Springfield's former police chief William Chisholm, which pertained to his great uncle, Raymond Chisholm. These artifacts included photographs, military medals, and letters Raymond wrote home to his family who resided along Battle Hill Avenue in Springfield. From these letters, we learn much about Raymond, whom was born in 1897, and about his years of service in WWI.

Raymond Chisholm enlisted in the army at the start of WWI. He was very proud of the fact that he had done so long before there was a draft. After military training, he was shipped out to France shortly after Christmas of 1917. In February of 1918, Raymond volunteered to join the 345th BN Tank Corps, a branch of the National Army. This decision he came to regret because by the summer he still had not experienced combat. He writes in an August 18 letter how tired he is of "waiting, waiting, waiting" for it, especially knowing that his brother Leslie had already participated in the Battle of Chateau Thiery. While constantly waiting, Raymond visits the cathedrals and other sites France has to offer. He mentions that having the opportunity to do this was one of main reasons he joined the tank division. He often writes in the letters that he views his time aboard as one big adventure, which will provide him with many anecdotes to share once he is back in the states.

Raymond finally saw battle on September 12 at St. Mihiel Salient. During this battle, Raymond happened to briefly encounter his brother, Leslie, for what would be their last meeting. Two weeks later on September 26th, the first day of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the side of Raymond's tank was blown open by an explosion. This allowed the German lines to have an unobstructed line of fire into the tank. Raymond died of his wounds before he could be brought to a field hospital and is buried in France. For his bravery Sargent Raymond Chisholm received the second highest military honor possible, the Distinguished Service Cross. In the 1920's, Springfield named a school after him, which still exists today on South Springfield Avenue as the Raymond Chisholm Community Center.

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Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service (no 4 pm service)

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Dec. 31st 10:15 am Service of Lessons and Carols

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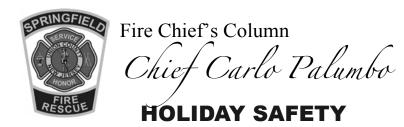
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TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM PRESCHOOL LEARNS ABOUT INDIANS

Following Thanksgiving, Mary Ellen DeJohn and Danielle Rego, teachers in Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, preschool teach the children about how Native Americans lived long ago.



The winter holiday season is traditionally a festive and eventful time of year. Celebrations, family gatherings and visits from house guests traditionally increase in number during the season.

Unfortunately, statistics show that incidents of home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 30 percent of home fire and 38 percent of home fire deaths occur during the months of December, January, and February.

There are steps that can be taken to reduce the risks of death and injury from a home fire this holiday season. It is critical that families keep fire safety in mind while enjoying this festive, exciting and extremely busy time of year.

Take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires.

- Seasonal Fire Safety There's no place like home for the holidays and no better place to implement good fire safety practices.
- Smoke Alarm Safety Tips Smoke alarms save lives. Follow this simple guidance to ensure that your home is adequately protected by working, properly installed smoke alarms.
- Space Heater Safety As the temperature drops during the winter holiday season, many families turn to space heater to help warm their homes. Many are unaware, however, that the risk of fire from space heaters is much greater than from central heating equipment.
- Holiday Cooking Safety The kitchen is the heart of the home. It's where families gather to cook favorite recipes, share warm meals, and reconnect with each other, especially during the holidays. Unfortunately, it's also where two of every five reported home fires start.
- Holiday Decorating Safety While decorative lights and other electrical decorations add to the splendor of the season, they can increase the risks of fire and electrical injuries if not used safely.
- Extension Cord Safety While extension cords are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it for your holiday decorations, they can also create hazards if not used safely.
- Counterfeit Electrical Products Unlike fake handbags, watches, or designer apparel, counterfeit electrical products pose significant safety hazards.

Be proactive and take steps to protect your family and home from holiday season fires

- Make you check list and check it twice
- Stockings hung at least three feet from heat sources
- Purchase holiday lights that bear the of a nationally recognized testing laboratory
- Keep your tree Hydrated
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Do not string more than three strands of incandescent lights
- Always turn off decorations before leaving your home

SHOP RITE DONATES FOOD FOR NEEDY SPRINGFIELD FAMILIES



Pictured are members of Springfield Rotary and trustees of Springfield HOPE with Shop Rite store manager Paul Barbato who generously helped make our Thanksgiving donation possible. Twenty Food baskets with enough food for a complete Thanksgiving dinner were delivered the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to families in need in Springfield.

TOWNSHIP ELIMINATING
"CodeRED" SYSTEM AND
EXCLUSIVELY UTILIZING
UC FIRST ALERT

STAY INFORMED!

The UCFirstAlert system will be used exclusively by the Township of Springfield beginning January 1, 2018. Use of the CodeRED system will be discontinued. For more information and to register/manage your account, visit www.springfield-nj.us/alerts.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY AND SPRINGFIELD HOPE DELIVER TWENTY THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO THOSE IN NEED IN TOWN



Rotary club of Springfield and Springfield HOPE Trustees with managers of Stew Leonard's Wines, Jerry Zelinskie and Bob Reynolds. Stew Leonards's donated 20 of their world famous turkeys for the volunteer efforts this year.

On Tuesday afternoon, members of Springfield HOPE and the Springfield Rotary joined forces to assemble and deliver a complete Thanksgiving day meal to twenty needy families in Springfield. Shop Rite of Springfield made a very generous donation of food to the group, and Stew Leonard's donated 20 turkeys, which they have done each year for the past several years. After assembling each box, which included a turkey, roasting pan, pasta, gravy, potatoes, eggs, apples, juice, milk, bread butter, flower, vegetables, sugar and much more, a gift basket was added, which was donated by St. James Church Students.

LOCAL COUPLE WINS OUTDOOR FIRE PIT FROM KELLER WILLIAMS MIDTOWN DIRECT REALTY



Keller Williams Midtown Direct Realty is thankful to be apart of this wonderful community. During the town festival in October we had the opportunity to meet hundreds of town residents. Many took part in our "Guess how many Candy Corns" in hopes to win an outdoor fire pit. The very ecstatic winners are Megan and Rob Rezvanii of Springfield! Serendipitously, they recently completed a patio, and look forward to those cozy winter nights by the fire. Thank you to everyone that made way over to our booth to welcome us. We are delighted to serve this great town!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



(l to r) Recreation Assistant Daniel Wilkenfeld and Assistant Director of Recreation Michael Butrico



A stilt-walking Toy Soldier and Olaf the Snowman delight the crowd.





Mayor Diane Stampoulos , daughter Oliva and her friend Ariana, pose with Santa.



Members of the Springfield Fire Department and Springfield FMBA Local 57 line up after serving hundreds of hot chocolates and donuts to the crowd.

More Photos From The Holiday Celebration On Pages 10 and 15 And Also Posted On Our Website

SAINT JAMES STUDENTS CREATE FOOD GIFT BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED IN TOWN



Students from St. James the Apostle School created baskets of canned and non-perishable food to be distributed to the needy. This was in keeping with the tradition started years ago by parishioner Anthony Dimurro, the founder of Lilly's Pantry. Pictured with the children are Scott Seidel (left) and Dr. Gary Hecht (center), Springfield Hope Trustees, and Barbara Noonan (right), a member of the St. James Faculty and coordinator of the project. The baskets, along with a complete Thanksgiving meal, were delivered on Tuesday, November 21, to Families in need in Springfield by the Springfield Rotary and Springfield HOPE. Springfield HOPE is a 501c3 not for profit corporation that helps those in need in Springfield. HOPE exists solely on donations from the public which can be made payable to Springfield HOPE, and mailed care of Dr. Gary Hecht, 201 Mountain Ave. Springfield, NJ.



Order Online, Pick Up in store! @StewsWinesSpringfield.com



CHRISTMAS EVE HOURS: SPRINGFIELD 9 TO 7

SAVE on our TOP 17 of the YEAR!

Mix or match on all wines with price ending in "7"

	Reg. Price / 20% Off
CIELO Prosecco	\$9.97 \$7.98
PENELOPE Cava	\$16.97 \$13.58
MININI Pinot Grigio	\$9.97 \$7.98
POGGIO DELLE FAINE Bianco	\$16.97 \$12.78
CAFE DU MIDI Sauvignon Blanc	<i>\$9.97 \$7.18</i>
MERRY CHRISTMAS White	\$11.97 \$9.58

	Reg. Price / 20% Of
MERRY CHRISTMAS Red	\$14.97 \$9.58
LES DOMAINALES Rosé	\$9.97 \$7.18
HENRIETTE Rosé	\$12.97 \$10.38
CHATEAU MAYNE PARGADE Fronsec BordeauxLAST JUDGMENT Cabernet Sauvignor	\$1 <u>1.97</u> \$9.58

	Reg. Price / 20% Off
BARTONI Chianti Classico	\$12.97 \$10.38
POGGIO DELLE FAINE Rosso	\$15.97 \$12.78
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LOS ANDES Malbec	\$1.90 \$1.90 \$12.97 \$10.38
MININI TANK II Syrah	\$11.97 \$9.58
DELPHIS Fronsac Bordeaux	\$12.97 \$15.98

SAVE on our BEST SELLERS!



RUFFINO Prosecco	ALE	\$11.18
KIM CRAWFORD	11 -	112 20
Sauvignon Blanc	LE ?	13.38
WOODBRIDGE 1.5L All Varietals		
SIMI Chardonnay	ALE.	\$12.18
MEIOMI Pinot Noir	KE \$	19.99
DREAMING TREE Crush Red		
RUFFINO Tan LabelSA	LE \$	19.08
MARK WEST Pinot Noir 750ml		
ROBERT MONDAVI		
Private Selection Cabernet		
BLACKSTONE Merlot	ALE	\$5.98
BLACK BOX 3L	KE \$	19.99



SPIRIT SPECIALS!



BEER SPECIALS!

BROOKLYN Lager 6pk btls	\$9.99
BLUE MOON 12pk btls	
SAM ADAMS Winter Lager 12pk btls	
FOUNDERS All Day 15 pk cans	
STELLA ARTOIS 12pk btls	
CORONA 12pk btls	
COORS Light 30pk cans	\$21.10
HEINEKEN 12pk btls	
NEW BELGUIM Fat Tire 6pk btls	
SIERRA NEVADA Pale Ale 12pk btls	
LAGUINITAS IPA 6pk btls	
MILLER LITE Loose bils	



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HOURS: SPRINGFIELD 9 to 7pm EFFECTIVE THRU DECEMBER 31, 2017







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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL





Youth Basketball is comprised of programs for Springfield children from Pre K-8th grades, and consists of clinic play for vounger children (Pre-K-2nd grades). recreation teams (3rd-8th grades), and travel teams (4th-8th grades).

series of weekly Sunday clinics and games that are open to children in Springfield schools in Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grades. Coaches teach basic and age-appropriate skills, boost basketball awareness, and encourage fun and sportsmanship through the game of basketball. Pre-K clinics include some nonbasketball and coordination skills.

Clinic Play: Clinics are held on Sundays from January 7, 2018, to March 4, 2018, in the Boys Gym at FMG Middle School. Clinics are not held on January 14th, and February 18th. The schedule includes an extra (seventh) clinic in case of snow. There are no make-up dates.

A maximum of 30 players are allowed in each Clinic Play group. Clinic Play groups are: Pre-K @ 10:00-10:45 am K @ 10:50-11:35 am Girls 1st-2nd Grade @ 11:40 am-12:40 pm Boys 1st Grade @ 12:45-1:45 pm Boys 2nd Grade @ 1:50-2:50 pm

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL EACH TIME SLOT IS FILLED.

Fees: • \$75 payable to Township of Springfield Includes: t-shirt, junior basketball (distributed at last clinic), coaching instruction, dessert after final clinic

Three ways to register.

- 1) Online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee): https://register.communitypass.net/springfield
- 2) In person with credit card, cash, check, or money order: Springfield Recreation Department. Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue. Weekdays @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm.
- By mail with check or money order: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

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

FALL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM CONCLUDES SEASON



Members of the Springfield Recreation Department's Fall 2017 crosscountry team pose after one of their 5K races. The team was led by Coach Mike Czech.

SPRINGFIELD HOSTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE **ALL-STAR GAME**



The Springfield Jr. Dawgs hosted the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League annual all-star game on Saturday night, November 18th, at Jonathan Dayton High School. Pictures are Springfield's representatives (l-r): Montrell Mayo-Smith, Justin Carrier, Michael Apicella, Logan Solomine, and Tommy DeSarno.

WINTER CONDITIONING

Winter 2017-2018 • Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for children and athletes. Winter Conditioning - coached by Mike Czech - demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to children in a Springfield school in grades 2-8. A minimum of eight children are required. No refunds are provided after the program begins.

Location:

Chisholm Community Center. 2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Day: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 1: November 17th-Jan uary 12th (no class on November 24th; December 22nd, 29th)

Session 2: January 19th-March 2nd (no class on February 16th)

Cost: \$65 per session (payable to Township of Springfield) Includes: Professional coaching instruction, training apparel item

Register by mail or in person at the **Springfield Recreation Department. Or register** online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$0 processing fee when using a credit card)

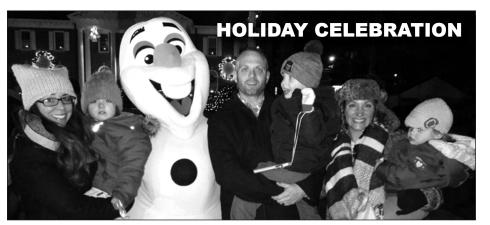
> **Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue** (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us.

FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND FLAG CHEERLEADERS END SEASON



The Springfield Recreation Department's flag football and flag cheerleading programs recently ended their Fall season. Close to 80 children participated. Pictured are the flag cheerleaders at their end-of-season party at the Chisholm Community Center on Thursday, November 2nd, with volunteer coaches (rear, 1-r) Angela Salvato, Meri Delapa, and Kristin Mongon.



SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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CHEERLEADING CLINICS

Winter 2018 • Grades K-2nd

Winter Cheerleading Clinics are open to children in Springfield schools in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Volunteers will teach the children cheers and routines to keep them energized!

Clinics are held on Thursdays from January 11th-February 15th @ 4:45-5:30 pm at the Chisholm Community Center (2nd floor fitness studio).

> Fee: \$65 payable to Township of Springfield (Includes: water bottle, sweatpants, end-of-season party)

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department, Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$0 processing fee when using a credit card)

> Chisholm Community Center ● 100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 • Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Questions? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us

Create fourth grade learning adventures with FREE PASSES to any federal lands and waters!



Fourth graders and their guests can visit:

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• Wilderness Areas

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- Battlefields
- Historic Landmarks
- Islands and Seashores
- Lakes and Rivers
- Mountains and Prairies
- Wildlife Refuges "Because no matter who you are, no matter where you live, our parks, our monuments, our lands, our waters—these places are your birthright as Americans."

www.everykidinapark.gov

4th Grade Families, See The Springfield Recreation Dept. For Your Free Pass

KIDDIE ACADEMY® OPENS IN SPRINGFIELD

National child care learning company brings high-quality child care to the area. Kiddie Academy®, a nationally recognized provider of comprehensive educationbased child care programs, has just opened its newest location in Springfield with a capacity for 180 children. For more than 35 years the company has been successful with combining learning with child care, said Nancy Kovacs, Director of Kiddie Academy of Springfield, located at 25 Route 22 East, Springfield, NJ 07081.

"Our well-trained, attentive staff assists children in developing the confidence and self-esteem necessary to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Our philosophy at Kiddie Academy is that care and learning go hand in hand," Kovacs said. "We also believe that it's extremely important to foster bonds between not only our educators and children, but between educators and parents, academies and the local community."

According to the National Childcare Accreditation Council, children's learning and development is enhanced when they make choices and guide their own experiences through their individual interests, personalities and skills. Children's learning occurs through planned and spontaneous experiences, during their participation in daily routines and through their experience of positive modeling by adults and peers.

Kovacs says that's exactly Kiddie Academy's focus. "The assortment of activities we have available for the children is endless, which encourages them to learn, play and explore. When children attend Kiddie Academy of Springfield, they will acquire the skills and strength of character that will foster their success.'

Kiddie Academy, founded in 1981, began with the idea to combine learning with child care, and a commitment to be a leader in the industry. Kiddie Academy developed a comprehensive education-based child care program for its academies, which are structured to respond to the increasing demand for child care. The Springfield location utilizes the Kiddie Academy Life Essentials® curriculum created to promote each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. According to Kovacs, the programs emphasize continuous, open communication between teachers and parents concerning each child's development.

"We invite children to embark on a journey with Kiddie Academy that will prepare them for success in school and beyond," Kovacs said.

For more information about Kiddie Academy of Springfield, please contact Nancy Kovacs at (973) 315-3177 or email the Academy at springfield@kiddieacademy.net.

US SPORTS **U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE WINTER SEASON 2017 / 2018**

CLASS TYPE	DAY	DATE		1	TIME	
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts*	Sat	11/18/2017 to	12/16/2017	9:00 AM	to	10:00 AM
Squirts Multi Sports*	Sat	11/18/2017 to	12/16/2017	10:00 AM	to	11:00 AM
Senior Multi Sports Squirts*	Sat	11/18/2017 to	12/16/2017	11:00 AM	to	12:00 PM
Schools Out: Soccer Camp**	Wed-Fri	12/27/2017 to	12/29/2017	9:00 AM	to	4:00 PM
Schools Out: Soccer Camp**	Wed-Fri	12/27/2017 to	12/29/2017	9:00 AM	to	12:30 PM
Parent & Me Soccer Squirts***	Sat	1/13/2018 to	3/3/2018	9:00 AM	to	10:00 AM
Squirts Multi Sports***	Sat	1/13/2018 to	3/3/2018	10:00 AM	to	11:00 AM
Senior Multi Sports Squirts***	Sat	1/13/2018 to	3/3/2018	11:00 AM	to	12:00 PM

• FREE early drop-off for available from 8:15am for camps

\$90 **\$100 ***\$150

PARENT & ME SOCCER SQUIRTS: With a parent participating by their side, kids will have fun learning the fundamental skills of soccer through fun activities and games. AGES 2-3

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Try a new sport in each session of the program including lacrosse, soccer, basketball, t-ball, track & field, hockey, and flag football!

SENIOR SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Players will learn key skills through small-sided

SCHOOL'S OUT SOCCER CAMP: Learn and develop your skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, defending, stealing, and more! Participants are separated by age and ability

For more info, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 866 345-2255

DECORATING AND BAKING CLASS

Join Sweet Samantha for an incredible learning experience (ages 8-16) all about baking and decorating!

6 Weeks of hands-on projects!

west Samantha

Class 1 - Lace Style Winter Snowflake Cookies! (Royal Icing, Brush on lace, & more!) * 2 Big, 2 Small p.p.

Class 2 - Cream Puffs and Éclairs! (Learn to make from scratch fillings & Pat a choux pastry dough)

Class 3 - 3D Mini Duck Cake! - Learn shading, using donuts and sculpting to make a mini duck & lake board!

Class 4 - Hot Chocolate Baked Yum! (Cupcakes, Cookies, Scratch Drinks, and Decorated Marshmallow Fun)

Class 5 - Valentines Love Bug Cupcakes! (Bake Pink Velvet Cupcakes and Decorate 2 Love Bugs!)

Class 6 - BAR Cookies! - Frosted Sugar Cookie, Raspberry Crumb Bars, Blondie's, & Glazed Cappuccino

THURSDAY evening session available @ 6:00-7:30 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22 Price: \$195 - Including all materials, tools, and recipes

HOLIDAY CUPCAKE WORKSHOP ~ **ADULTS**

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @ 7:00-9:00 pm

Friends, Co-Workers, Couples, Families - Join us for a fabulous night out learning how to create an array of awesome holiday inspired cupcakes and step-by-step techniques! Samantha will demo how to make rolled butter cream and lead the class in making a gift box, polar bear, reindeer, gingerbread man, and finally frosty the snowman! Two hours of fabulous edible fun! \$50.00 per person. Please contact Samantha to register!

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

Please contact Samantha with any questions and to register at: samilynn9@aol.com www.sweet-samantha.com - (973) 445-1620

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Adult CoEd Social Sports



NEW LEAGUE! DODGEBALL WINTER 18

Registration Now Open!

Games played at Raymond Chisholm Community Center! To Register & Learn More, visit www.ZogSportsNJ.com Please email Joe@ZogSportsNJ.com for more details & to register!

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2017-2018

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older.

Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUGUST 2018

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 55+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to Springfield residents ages 55 and older.

Basketball will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Edward V. Walton School.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

All players must complete the form below and return it with a copy of your driver's license as

All players must complete the form below and return it with a copy of your driver's license and registration fee payable to Township of Springfield. Program runs from October 2017-August 2018.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

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

Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from October 3, 2017 to August 28, 2018

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

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

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS Register in person or by mail to:

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

Little Elli's Playgroup 0-12 MONTHS WITH A CAREGIVER

Come sing, dance and play with us!

Thursdays 10-11 am • Chisholm Community Center 8 week session (1/11-3/1) \$120

Register at ellifun.com/babyclass

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES • • • DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018 • • • CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, December 18 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, December 19 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, December 20 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am
Friday, December 22 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 26 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, December 27 - Forever Fit @ 11:00 am
Friday, December 28 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 2 - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, January 3 - Shape UP @ 11:00 am
Friday, January 5 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, January 8 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 9 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, January 10 - Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am
Thursday, January 11 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am

Friday, January 12 - Cards @ 1:00 pm



Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

Since winter is almost upon us, I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind residents and business owners of some of the township ordinances and state laws our police officers enforce relating to winter weather.

- Parking on the street and in municipal lots is prohibited when the roadways and lots are snow-covered. Parked vehicles make it difficult for our plow crews to clear snow from the roads. If snow is forecast, please make arrangements to park your vehicles elsewhere.
- Snow must be cleared from fire lanes within 12 hours of daylight after the snow has fallen. Every second counts when we respond to emergency calls, and if the passage of emergency vehicles is obstructed by snow, someone's life could potentially be put at risk. Fire hydrants must also be kept clear from piled snow.
- Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has fallen. Shoveled paths must be at least 24 inches wide, and icy sidewalks must be treated with sand or salt. Traveling in winter weather is more dangerous for everyone, particularly pedestrians. If sidewalks are impassable, pedestrians often resort to walking on plowed roads which puts them at risk for vehicles sliding into them. Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared properly.
- Once plowing of our roads has begun, it is prohibited for anyone to shovel, blow, or plow snow back onto a public street from private property. It is also prohibited for private plows to plow snow from a driveway across the width of the street to be piled along the opposite curb. Snow that remains as a result of this often turns into hazardous solid ice and is more difficult to be treated.
- All snow and ice must be removed from your vehicle before driving. This applies to ALL vehicles, no matter how small or large. Clearing a small portion of your windshield is not sufficient to safely operate a vehicle. The penalties are even steeper if snow or ice flies off of your vehicle and causes damage to other vehicles, or even worse, if someone is injured.
- "Warming up" and idling your vehicle for more than 3 minutes is against state law in NJ. While there are some exceptions, this applies to most passenger vehicles. In addition, township ordinance prohibits vehicles from idling more than 2 minutes on all municipal and school properties. Keep in mind that unattended running vehicles are easy targets for thieves, and it only takes seconds for someone to drive away with your car.

Also, please remember that driving in winter weather requires more concentration, and less speed. Motorists should travel much slower and be much more cautious than during normal driving conditions. Following distances should be increased, and distractions should be avoided.

On behalf of the entire Springfield Police Department, I wish everyone in our community a Safe, Happy, and Healthy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year.

CO-ED RUNNING - Winter 2018

Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th

Our popular indoor running program with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility during the cold winter months!

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. No refunds are provided for missed classes.

Chisholm Community Center

100 South Springfield Avenue (973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Email recreation@springfield-nj.us or call (973) 912-2227.

Mondays, from January 8th-February 26th, at the Chisholm Community Center No classes on January 15th and February 19th

Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm (2nd floor fitness studio) Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm (Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium)

Cost: \$70

(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
non-apparel exercise item

Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield (\$0 credit card processing fee)

www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 973-376-4930

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

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

The Library will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 in observance of Christmas, and Monday January 1st, 2018 in observance of New Year's Day.

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day.

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

New! Storytime Yoga First 3 Fridays of the month. 11:00 am Friday Dec 15. Ages 2 & up. Space is limited—Register early!

Mommy & Me. Crafts for our youngest patrons (ages 2-4) 10:30 am Wed Dec 20. Space is limited—Register early!

New! ZumbaKids Wed Dec 13 @ 11 am All ages, drop-in!

Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! LITTLE LEGOS are out all day! Drop by, join your friends and impress us with a magnificent creation-we'll put it on display!

Crafty Mondays & Fridays @ 4:00 pm. Ages 4 to 8. Must register. No crafters under age 4. No craft Dec 22 & 29.

Campfire Stories 7 pm Thursdays Stop by and gather around our cozy campfire for great stories and a sweet treat. Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy. All ages.

Origami Club Wednesdays @ 4:00. All ages, Dropin. Paper folding fun!

Wii Games Wednesdays @ 4:00. Ages 6 to 11. We play Super Smash Bros. Drop in.

Math Help Wednesdays @ 4:00. Certified teacher for grades 1 to 8. Drop in & bring your homework!

New! Page Flippers 4pm Thurs Dec 14. Grades 3 & 4. Meets 1x/month to talk about our fave books!

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! Tu 12/12, Th 12/14, Sat 12/16, Tu 12/19, Th 12/21, Tu 12/26, Wed 12/27, Th 12/28, Sat 12/30.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Children from birth through Pre-K may be registered at the Youth Services desk. Reading logs record 100 books (or you may use the APP). When 100 books are read, present your child's record to receive a small prize, and a new log! 1000 books and you graduate with a certificate, big book and graduation cap!

TEENS:

Thursday Dec 7 Teen Holiday Card Making @ 3-4pm. Grades 5+ Please register.

Wed Dec 20 Teen 3D Pen Craft @ 3pm. Grades 6+ Please register.

Monday Dec 18 @ 6pm Teen Advisory Group: Grades 6-12 are invited to plan, assist, and lead young adult programs. Enjoy snacks, socialize, and be part of the library. See the Young Adult Librarian about joining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 26th – December 29 Art Exhibit – Pastels by Bonnie Wilkenfeld.

January 7 – February 12 Art Exhibit – Photography by Martin Deutsch.

Sunday, January 7, 2:00 pm Florian Schantz jazz concert.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm Next Chapter Book Club. (starting January 9)

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, December 21, 10:00 am Great Books: "The Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton

Thursdays, December 28 & January 11 Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, January 4th, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: "Station Eleven: a Novel" by Emily St. John Mandel.

FILMS

Monday, December 18 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Citizenfour" (2014). Oscar winner for Best Documentary, 2014.

Tuesday, January 2, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "Megan Leavy" (2017). Starring Kate Mara.

Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: "45 Years" (2015).

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Monday, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club.

Every Tuesday, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm Afternoon Mahjong Club.

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

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Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Drop-in Technical Help

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THE BENEFIT OF ART WHEN TREATING CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS

Art will shine for critically ill children from our area on Friday, February 2, 2018. ArtShines 2018 is a gallery event sponsored by Radius Digital Science at their office on 491 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 104, in Montclair, New Jersey. All proceeds will directly benefit the families supported by The Valerie Fund and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The Valerie Fund often utilizes art therapy to cope with the stress and provide relief from symptoms while being treated for childhood cancer and blood disorders. The simple pleasures of creating art allows patients to express themselves and can be used as a non-threatening way to talk about their illnesses.

Opening their doors to the public for the first time,

Radius' unique gallery will be featuring artwork from regional and world renowned artists. A very special piece, created by the patients at St. Joseph's Children's hospital together with the Radius team, will be auctioned that evening.

The event will include an open bar, full service of hors d'oeuvres, and a live musical performance provided by JazzHouse Kids. To become a sponsor visit www.thevaleriefund.org or https://www.artshines.org. Tickets for the event can be purchased in advance for \$35. As space is limited, it's recommended to make reservations early.

Contact: Bunny Flanders, The Valerie Fund, 973-761-0422 ex. 14, bflanders@thevaleriefund.org

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CLASSIC ROCK CONCERT





A concert comprised entirely of classic Rock N Roll (all top 20 songs from the 1950 – 1970's) was performed by the group The Rewinds at the Springfield Public Library on November 19, 2017. Shown in the top picture (from left to right) are: Rich Longhlin, bass guitarist, Ken Cohen, drummer, and John Delgiodice, lead guitarist.

Unlike many other small bands that may play songs you never heard, all of their songs were immediately recognizable. Additionally, their combined sound created an addict able rhythm that almost caused you to jump out of your seat and want to start dancing. In fact, that's exactly what happened. It started when a 93-year-old-woman started strutting down the aisle dancing onto the stage in front of the band. During the band's playing of their next song, "HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN" written by the Creedence Clearwater Revival, about 20 of the 65 people attending the concert got up and started to dance in the side aisle (second picture above). The music played in all of the songs by the Rewinds were reproduced faithfully with rich harmony and an irresistible beat. It was a great musical afternoon with music of years gone by – and all for free. This was another one of many great programs held at your Springfield Library. Check out their page listing their events elsewhere in this newspaper for other great programs.

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SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE





The annual Community Thanksgiving Service was presented by the Springfield Interfaith Clergy Association at Temple Beth Ahm Israel, Springfield New Jersey on November 20, 2017. Prayers were offered by the participating clergy, and musical pieces by the Springfield Interfaith Community Choir, The Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Band and Youth Singers, and the Springfield Community Children's Chorus; with gratitude to accompanist Rev. Vicky Ney, choir director Leslie Adler, and all the music arrangements coordinated by Rabbi Cecelia Beyer.

Shown in the first picture, from left to right are:

Rabbi Cecelia Beyer, Associate Rabbi, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Pastor David Knecht, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Reverend Joe Barbone, St. James the Apostle Church, Springfield Mayor Diane Stampoulos, Rabbi Mark Mallach, Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni St. James the Apostle Church, Cantor Amy Daniels, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Rabbi Rene Edelman, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Reverend Nova Villa Vitug-Thomas, Emanuel United Methodist Church, and Reverend Vicky Ney, First Presbyterian Church.

Shown in the second picture is Associate Rabbi Cecelia Beyer leading members of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Band and Youth Singers.

Gifts of food were accepted that will be delivered to the Community Foodbank of New Jersey in Hillside, and monetary donations were accepted that will be donated to the Springfield First Aid Squad.

It was a wonderful event that highlighted the universal spirit of Thanksgiving, and the close relationship among all of our Springfield clergy and community.

Rotary of Springfield is gathering 100 volunteers to help package 30,000 meals for the Raise Against Hunger December 14 at 6:30 pm **Chisholm Community Center** Please come and support our community! Call Mike Scalera 973-564-7717

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

FRANK APPLEGATE – FROM DISASTER VICTIM TO DISASTER RESPONDER



Frank Applegate

Frank Applegate, a thirty five year Spring-field resident, knows what it's like to be victim of a natural disaster. Living along the banks of the Rahway River, Frank experienced flood damage in 1999 during hurricane Floyd and to a greater extent in August of 2011 during hurricane Irene. In fact, it was during hurricane Irene that Frank got out his row boat and rescued his neighbors who were stranded in their homes on Marion Ave. While the residents of Warner Ave, Marion Ave and Alvin Terrace experienced flood damage like never before, many of those residents used that disaster as

the catalyst to undertake volunteer activities to turn that natural disaster into positive actions for the future. Frank was one of those residents.

In October of 2011, Frank was one of four Springfield residents who were honored by Governor Christie in a ceremony in Trenton for his efforts during Irene.



Frank Applegate rescues neighbors during Hurricane Irene

Inspired by Marion Ave. neighbor Karen Bonacorda, Frank became aware of the Springfield CERT program – part of the Office of Emergency Management. Frank said, "While we were talking, it reminded me of the old Civil Defense I was familiar with, so I told her I was interested. Honestly I only did it for the knowledge I could gain and didn't realize it was attached to the OEM at the time. I wasn't really looking to become part of an organization, but once I got to know the good people of OEM, in 2012, I joined up".

Frank participated in various training programs and became a certified CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer. As a member, Frank volunteered his time at many special events run by the Township.

October of 2012 brought hurricane Sandy to Springfield with power being off for 11 days. Frank, as a CERT volunteer with no formal shelter training, helped run the Town's shelter at the Chisholm Community Center and assisted residents in adapting to life in a public shelter.

While working at these events, Frank got to know Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo and Auxiliary Lieutenant Ken Rygiel. They encouraged Frank to join the Auxiliary Police. In the summer of 2015, Frank did just that. In February of 2016 he attended the Union County Auxiliary Police Academy and graduated in May of 2016. Immediately following graduation, he began working on a regular basis as an Auxiliary Police officer and in January of 2017 was awarded The Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year Award for 2016 by OEM. He worked over 180 hours in just seven months of 2016.

Anyone 18 years or older who is a resident and interested in joining Emergency Management can contact them at oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us or by calling 973-467-3388.



Residents count down for the tree to be lit.

IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWN TO BE CONDUCTED LOCALLY AS PART OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Police agencies from around New Jersey are gearing up for one of the state's largest annual drunk driving crackdowns. The 2017 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Year End Holiday Crackdown begins December 8 and concludes on January 1. During the campaign, local and state law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols targeting motorists who may be driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" is a national campaign designed to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement backed up by educational activities including national radio and television advertisements, posters, banners and mobile video display signs. The campaign looks to curtail impaired driving during the busy year- end travel season, including the Holiday period.

"Despite years of enforcement and public awareness efforts, too many people still make the unfortunate decision to get behind the wheel while impaired. Nearly 30% of all motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol related," said Gary Poedubicky, Acting Director of the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety. "This is a zero tolerance campaign. If drivers are caught operating their vehicle while impaired they will be arrested," he added.

As part of the initiative, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety provides grants to local police agencies throughout the state to run the two-week campaign. During last year's crackdown, participating agencies made 1,649 DWI arrests

Law enforcement agencies participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 crackdown offer the following advice:

If you plan to drink, designate a driver, someone who will not drink alcohol, before going out.

Take mass transit, a taxi or ask a sober friend to drive you home.

Spend the night where the activity is held.

Always buckle up, every ride, regardless of your seating position in the vehicle. It's your best defense against an impaired driver.

If you're intoxicated and traveling on foot, the safest way to get home is to take a cab or have a sober friend or family member drive you to your doorstep.

FLORIAN SCHANTZ JAZZ COMBO TO BRING MUSIC OF WORLD WAR I TO THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY ON JANUARY 7

The Springfield Free Public Library will present a program of music from World War I at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 7, to be performed by the members of the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo. Highlighting music that was popular between 1914 and 1918, the band will offer a mix of early Dixieland, military music and other standards, accompanied by educational content and narrative, to honor the fact that 2018 marks the one hundred year anniversary of the conclusion of the "war to end all wars."

Bandleader Florian Schantz, aged 15, founded his combo at the age of 9, having first started to play trumpet at the age of 6. At age 11, Florian was awarded the Louis Armstrong Award for jazz excellence by the NJ Workshop for the Arts and he has performed extensively in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Germany. Trombonist and tuba player Rup Chattopadhyay has performed with various ensembles, including the Rutgers Marching Band and the Rutgers Pep Band. Margaret Schantz has been with the band since 2013, playing both the trumpet and the fluegelhorn. Cory Ackerman has more than four decades of experience as a professional percussionist and keyboard player and has also conducted and directed several concert and marching bands. Lowell Schantz (father of Florian and Margaret) has more than thirty years of experience playing the guitar in a variety of jazz bands and he also plays trumpet, baritone horn and alphorn. More information about the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo can be found at http://vfsjazz.com.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. This arts program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library and its schedule of programs can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

