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Message from the Mayor

Happy April Springfield!

Spring has arrived and we have been extra busy this past month. Ruby Field is ready for JDHS Baseball and opening day! Chisholm Upper field has been completely redone and is ready for our girls softball season!

Major improvements have been completed on both fields and Springfield has fields that we can be proud to have our kids play on.

Steel has arrived at the Gomes project and we are able to see the building start to take shape. At the Saks project, the building has been taken down and Garden Homes is cleaning up the area as I write this. The Larkin building has had the windows installed and the interior work has begun. Work on all three projects is right on schedule. The Morris corridor is taking a new shape and looking better everyday.

As covered in this month's Patriot, we have had several new businesses open in town and wish them the best of luck!

Over at the pool, cleanup has begun for our Memorial Day weekend opening. Hopefully sitting poolside brings about that much needed relaxation to your day.

I know that all of you are ready for a return to normalcy. We at the Township are trying to get that back to you by doing everything we can while still adhering to the guidelines that we must follow. I commend our Springfield residents for being vigilant, being patient, and most of all and doing your part to get our wonderful country out of this unfortunate situation.

Get outside, take in the fresh air, and enjoy the start of the warm weather!

Peace and love to all, *Chris Weber, Mayor*

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CRACKING DOWN ON DISTRACTED DRIVERS DURING APRIL AS PART OF NEW JERSEY'S UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN. UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY TO BE CARRIED OUT LOCALLY FROM APRIL 1 – 30, 2021

Beginning April 1 and running through the end of the month, the high visibility law enforcement initiative will target motorists who engage in dangerous distracted driving behaviors such as talking on hand-held cell phones and sending text messages while driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2018 alone, 2,841 people were killed in distracted driving crashes on our nation's roads and an estimated 400,000 people were injured. In New Jersey, driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50 percent of the state's crashes in 2018. Driver inattention was in fact listed as a contributing factor in crashes at a rate seven times higher than that of the next highest contributing factor (speed).

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving. Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for five seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

New Jersey is one of eight states nationally to receive dedicated federal funds this year to tackle the issue of driver distraction. This federal funding will be used for police overtime enforcement grants at the local level as well as a statewide multimedia public awareness campaign on this important issue.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD'S CADET CORPS PRESENTS : A COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Stop by for a day of health themed activities on May 23rd, 2021 from 10am to 3pm at 10 North Trivett Avenue (across from Springfield's Town Hall)

The Cadets will be presenting a CPR demonstration, aimed to give an introduction to CPR rescue, as well as basic facts about the goal and use of CPR. Along with the demonstration, there will be a booth for taking vitals. Cadets will be measuring visitors heart rate and blood pressure, and providing some basic information on what these vitals mean and what a healthy range is. Children are free to come and enjoy the fun zone, as well as a socially distanced ambulance tour. Come prepared with Covid questions, which can be answered at the Covid Health booth. All current information about the Vaccine and Covid guidelines will be provided here. Finally, anyone interested in joining Springfield First Aid Squad should stop by the recruitment booth!

For information about this event or joining the Springfield First Aid Squad, feel free to email us at membership@springfieldfas.org or call 973-908-8EMS Ext 2. We hope to see you on Sunday May 23rd.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 27 and May 11, 2021 at 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

3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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Business Improvement District

What's Happening

www.springfieldbid.com
Search "Springfield BID NJ" on facebook

Business Spotlights

Featured businesses for this month

SHOP SMALL | SIX THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR SMALL BUSINESS EATERIES!!!



- 1. THREE WAYS:** By ordering delivery, grabbing food to go, or visiting for a safe, socially distanced dining experience, you've helped keep local restaurants' stovetops simmering, coffee pots brewing, and ovens baking.
- 2. ORDER IN HELP OUT:** Restaurants help fuel our community. Together, we can make sure they can keep serving up the dishes we love. Don't forget to dine small.
- 3. DELIVERY:** If you're facing a culinary dilemma, why not order takeout or delivery from a local eatery? When you support local restaurants, you're helping to fuel our community.
- 4. TAKE OUT:** When you dine small, whether through takeout or delivery, you're eating well and helping to support local restaurants. Let's commit to dining small to keep their kitchens cooking. What's on tonight's menu?
- 5. GOOD TASTE:** Supporting local restaurants by ordering takeout or delivery? That's eating smart. We can help the eateries that fuel our community, one meal at a time. Show off your good taste by posting your locally made eats to social - don't forget to tag the eatery.
- 6. TAKEOUT TUESDAY:** Tuesdays are for takeout. Order your favorite dish from your go-to local business tonight, dig in, and help out. Don't forget to tag your #TakeoutTuesday eats!

See ALL SPRINGFIELD EATERIES at
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173 Mountain Ave – 973-379-3803

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VETERANS CORNER.....By Gerry Gebauer

The World War One Memorial will have its First Colors Ceremony on April 16th. his First Colors Ceremony is designed to "bring our history home." It began with an American flag that first flew over the United States Capitol on April 6, 2017, commemorating the Centennial of the United States entry into World War I. This commemorative flag was then flown over the American World War I battlefield cemeteries of Europe and WWI Museum in Kansas City, to honor the 116,516 individuals who gave the last full measure of devotion. The flag now returns home to its final destination in Washington, DC, where it will fly high above the National World War I Memorial. The trip this commemorative flag has made recalls the epic journey to Europe by the legendary Doughboys, honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice on the fields of battle, and again rejoices with their triumphant return home. A mission remembered, and again fulfilled.

You may read this after the 16th but you can go to Youtube or just search "World War One Memorial"

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT GRANT

Springfield BID is dedicated to supporting independently owned Springfield businesses during this unprecedented time. The Springfield Community Partnership (BID) is working to help our local businesses devastated by the Coronavirus Crisis.

Local businesses are an important part of our community's identity. Whether it is the jobs you create, the uniqueness you add, or the services you provide, you are truly the heartbeat of our Community. Our Grant Program is another way we are looking to strengthen our community, one business at a time.

Who is eligible?

Businesses eligible to apply include:

- All Springfield businesses that own or rent a commercial space that pays a Business Improvement District assessment. (If you are not sure, ask your Landlord, or check your Township tax bill). If your property is classified as a 4A property, you are eligible.

What it can be used for?

If you qualify, you can obtain a grant up to **\$1,000** as a reimbursement for expenses that were or are required to keep your business open and your customers safe during the Covid-19 virus crisis. This includes the following:

- Contactless payment platforms
- PPE equipment – ie: Masks, gloves, No-touch thermometers
- Equipment to re-fit stores for Social Distancing- ie: plexiglass dividers, barriers, floor decals
- Signage for revised services offered: curbside pick-up, delivery, etc.
- Air Filtration equipment
- Cleaning/Disinfecting services
- Outdoor Dining equipment: Tents/Heaters
- Other capital expenses necessary to keep your business open

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

If you received a grant in the first round you will be considered only when all new applicants have been considered and only if monies from the grant fund are available.

Each grant is for an amount up to \$1,000 and must be applied toward the criteria outlined above. Receipts for the item/s listed above must be included with this application. *Receipts supplied must be dated from August 2020 through present.

Grants will be awarded until all funds have been used on a first come first served basis. Once the grantee has been notified and submitted payment information that meets compliance checks, we will process the payment.

The application deadline is May 14, 2021 so please apply now to be considered!

- The application is short. It will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- **You will need to provide your business's W-9 form.**
- All Application questions must be answered in full.
- Application criteria must be met for grant approval.
- The Grant Review Committee must receive your application by the application deadline to be considered.

Please email completed application to:
Springfieldnjbid@gmail.com

GRANT APPLICATION

The application deadline is May 14, 2021, so please apply now to be considered!

- Eligible businesses own or rent space in a commercial building in Springfield and have been affected by the pandemic.
- You need to provide a paid receipt for items listed above. The receipt must have the company, address and telephone # and the item/s purchased listed to be reimbursed.
- You will need your business's W-9 form to submit with application.
- All Application questions must be answered in full.

1. Owner Name *

First Last

2. Cell Phone Number *

Area Code Phone Number

3. Email Address *

4. Name of Business *

5. Business Address *

Street Address

City State Postal Code

6. Business Website Address *

7. What Year was your business established in Springfield? *

8. Is Your Business Independently Owned? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Does Your Business Operate in locations outside of Springfield? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Are you the majority owner and/or controlling shareholder of the business? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Tax ID Number *

Employer Identification Number (Numeric Digits Only)

12. Brief Description of Business *

13. Please briefly describe what bought that meets the criteria for the "Go Springfield" Business Improvement District Grant money.*

14. By checking this box I (i) certify that all of the information provided above is true and accurate. False statements may be punishable by applicable law, and (ii) acknowledge that certain information may be subject to disclosure pursuant to N.J.S. 47:1A-1 et seq. *

☐ Agree

30 BURGERS OPENS FOR BUSINESS

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(l to r) Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser, Owner Bilal Fayyaz and Mayor Chris Weber

Springfield’s newest choice in eateries, 30 Burgers (center aisle Route 22 opposite Autoland) opened on Friday, March 26th. On hand to sample the food were members of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The owner commented to the Patriot Times, "30 Burgers is your final destination when it comes to all-natural Angus beef burgers.

We use only high-quality and fresh ingredients and you can surely get a taste of a burger so divine and rich with amazing flavors. Browse through our menu and pick yourself a local favorite or what’s trending on our grills."

DETAILING WORLD

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The Mayor had to sharpen his ribbon cutting scissors as there are so many new stores opening in Town. On Saturday march 27th, Detailing World opened its doors.

The owner commented to the Patriot Times, "It is our goal at detailing world nj .com to be your #1 source for professional auto detailing supplies, detailing equipment and car care accessories.

This business was started by professional auto detailers and car enthusiasts for professionals as well as do it yourselfers, we pride ourselves in offering the industry's best products at a competitive price. We carry many brands including products from Meguiars, Sonax, 3M, Menzerna, Hydrosilex, Americana Global, 3D Products, Sprayway, Lake Country, Solution Finish, Stoner, Aero, SM Arnold, Flex, Nanoskin and many more. If you have a question about any of our products or services our on-staff expert technicians are here to answer your questions and give recommendations for any of your car care needs. We invite you to browse our online catalog or stop by our retail store today located in Echo Plaza in Springfield."

WAWA CELEBRATES

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From April 16th thru the 23rd WAWA is hosting a week long celebration to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Check out our website, WAWA.com or [https:// www. wawa.com/goldbergs-viewing-kit](https://www.wawa.com/goldbergs-viewing-kit) for more information

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PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

MEET SPRINGFIELD SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RACHEL GOLDBERG



Springfield welcomed Rachel Goldberg as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 2020.

She comes to Springfield with a long background in education. After obtaining her Bachelor’s degree from Austin College in Sherman, Texas in 1999, she started her career in the private sector. She relocated to New Jersey in 2003, and began her career in education as a substitute teacher in a special education classroom in Elizabeth where she later became a high school English teacher. Her experiences led her to the Education Policy and Management program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education where she earned a Master's Degree in 2007.

Upon graduation, she returned to the classroom and later served as the Supervisor and Director of Staff Development. During her time in Elizabeth Public Schools, she was recognized as a teacher of the year and led significant shifts in how professional development was offered and managed. Goldberg was chosen by the New Jersey Department of Education to serve on the NJ Achieve Advisory Committee and led the introduction of new evaluation systems in Elizabeth.

In 2014, she transitioned to the role of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in Passaic Public Schools in Passaic, New Jersey, a PreK-12 public school system serving over 14,000 students. In Passaic, her work spanned from building early literacy in pre-kindergarten through the development of career pathways and dual enrollment programs for high school students. She is a mother of three, and is currently pursuing her doctorate at Seton Hall University.

Coming to Springfield during a pandemic has certainly made for a unique experience. Emphasizing safety and health, the District has gone from remote only to a hybrid learning model. Goldberg notes that the stress and anxiety of the pandemic made this school year complicated, and she credits the support from the Board of Education and the Community, and the commitment from staff members as the key factors for reopening the schools. She commented that in a “normal” year, one of the hardest decisions a Superintendent has to make is a “Snow Day”. With the pandemic, every day seems like a snow day!

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Goldberg said “While this school year was a challenging way to start in a new district, I am so lucky to be in Springfield. Together, we have pushed through incredible circumstances and I am looking forward to building on these experiences to support a district where students love learning.”

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Springfield Food Truck Festival

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- Food Trucks by Main Street Fairs
- 50/50 Raffle
- Basket Auction

\$5.00 Per Person Admission (children under 10 free)
Proceeds benefit Rotary Club of Springfield
and Jonathan Dayton PTSO.

Event to be held in the back parking lot of JDHS,
139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parking is available
in the front parking lot and/or adjacent lots.
Face masks and temperature checks required for entry.

15+ Food Trucks
Expected

For More Information:
Hope Rosenberg, 973-202-2855
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EASTER BUNNY

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The Easter Bunny greeted Springfield children and their families on Saturday afternoon, April 3, 2021, at the Springfield Recreation Department's Easter Bunny Meet & Greet -- after last year's annual egg hunt and kite festival was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19. With beautiful spring weather at Chisholm Park, families received free toy-filled eggs from Springfield Recreation Department staff and were guided through pre-reserved timed photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Also on hand were Summit Soundz and Party Maniacs with DJ music and entertainment, as well as the Ice Cream Creations food truck. Raffle prizes such as baskets and gift cards were generously donated by Scott Seidel of Cardinal Land Properties; Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance; Hope and Jeff Rosenberg of Century 21 Norma Altman Realtors; Jack Zuber, DDS; and KRA Insurance. Seidel, Scalera, and Rosenberg also served as event volunteers. Event assistance was provided by the Springfield Auxiliary Police and the Springfield Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, commented to the Springfield Patriot Times, "The meet and greet went just as we planned and we're fortunate to have had such a beautiful day. I hope the families who attended

were happy to spend time outside, enjoy ice cream and music, and take some fun pictures with the Easter Bunny. I'm thankful to my staff and all of the community partners, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make the event a success."



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

Please sign up: nybc.org/nidrive
Sponsor code: 70915
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Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID

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SPRINGFIELD RALLIES

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Over a hundred residents of Springfield and nearby communities marched down Mountain Avenue on Tuesday evening April 6th in a show of solidarity against a surge of anti-Asian violence and rhetoric across the nation.

Afterwards, some 200 people assembled on the lawn of Springfield Town Hall, hoisting signs that read "Hate is a Virus," "Stop Asian Hate." The rally was organized by the Springfield Unity Project, a non-profit grassroots organization committed to promoting positive change through education and fostering deeper and more meaningful understanding among diverse communities.

In front of the township municipal building, several Asian American speakers passionately addressed the crowd. They detailed anti-Asian acts throughout history and now, and encouraged everyone to fight such sentiments -- be they violent criminal attacks or hurtful words uttered in school and the workplace. Members of the Springfield Township Committee were on hand to show their support as well, Mayor Chris Weber, Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser and Township Committeewoman Erica Dubois.

"No one's born a racist, right?" said speaker Gabby Gutierrez, a Jonathan Dayton High School sophomore who reflected on her experiences growing up as a Filipino American. "You must be conditioned to become one...the main factor that discrimination and violent acts can stem from are the stereotypes. Or 'harmless jokes.' They're everywhere."

Ana Wang, a Chinese immigrant who has lived in town for the last seven years, described how she spent much of her life trying to ignore racist and xenophobic comments. But recent events have shown her that ignoring such behavior does not make it disappear, she said.

"I have two very young children," she said. "I don't want them to grow up in fear. I don't want them to feel ashamed of their Asian heritage. I don't want them to be called 'Kung Flu' or 'Chinese Virus' at school and get bullied or attacked. America is their home. Where they should feel safe and belong. America is every American's home. A harm against any one of us is a harm against all of us."

SDL PORTAL - Access Building Department Information Online

Springfield has launched SDL Portal, an online hub where residents, businesses and professionals can request inspections & access permit information 24/7.

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Police Chief's Column
Chief John P. Cook

Now that spring is here and warmer days are just around the corner, people will be heading back outdoors to enjoy the season. Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times may notice an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as increased enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers. Officers will be conducting a variety of enforcement activities, including "cops in crosswalks" pedestrian enforcement, distracted driving and hands-free cellular device enforcement, and speeding enforcement. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility, and our goal is to educate drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists in the proper use of the roadways, and reduce the number of traffic-related incidents that occur in Springfield.

Motorists must come to a complete stop and remain stopped when a pedestrian is crossing in a marked crosswalk. This includes motorists who are making turns while pedestrians are crossing. Marked crosswalks are designated with painted lines and/or stripes, and have yellow warning signs posted as motorists approach. Marked crosswalks can be within intersections controlled with traffic signals, uncontrolled intersections, or mid-block. Crosswalks can also be unmarked, which include all intersections of streets normally considered to represent crosswalks but are not physically painted or striped. At these intersections with unmarked crosswalks, motorists must yield to the right-of-way of pedestrians and allow them to cross, but pedestrians must first wait for an adequate break in traffic that will allow them to cross safely before leaving the curb.

Pedestrians are reminded to cross only where legally permitted. At intersections with traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the signal, and cross only when the "WALK" symbol is displayed. If an intersection is not equipped with pedestrian signals, pedestrians should cross with the green light. At uncontrolled intersections or at mid-block crosswalks, pedestrians must remember to cross only when there is an appropriate gap in traffic. Pedestrians should never suddenly leave the curb and begin crossing into the path of a vehicle that is so close it would be impossible for the driver to stop or yield. Pedestrians should always be alert and wear bright reflective clothing (especially if walking at night or early morning).

Cyclists must remember that they have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. Cyclists should always ride on the right side of the road, obey all signs and traffic signals, and ride with the flow of traffic. Cyclists should always be alert, wear bright reflective clothing (especially if cycling at night or early morning), and properly maintain their bicycles in good working order -- including reflectors and lights. NJ law mandates that all riders 17 years and younger (including children strapped in attached child-seats) must wear an approved, properly fitting helmet, but it is recommended for all cyclists to use one to protect themselves.

Parents are reminded that their children should not be permitted to play on public roads, even on quiet cul-de-sacs or side streets. Public roads are intended for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic only, and should never be utilized for children's games or other activities.

As our police officers will begin additional enforcement details, I remind motorists of NJ's "Move Over Law", which requires drivers to change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles...not only for police, but for fire department, first aid squad, and tow trucks/driver assistance vehicles as well. If changing lanes is impossible, or if the roadway is only one lane, drivers must slow down to below the posted speed limit, and prepare to stop as they approach the emergency vehicle.

Together, we can make Springfield's roads safer for everyone.



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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Coordinator
oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

Whenever there is a major storm and there is damage to the electrical service on a home, the question always comes up, "who is responsible for fixing this?" I hope this guide from JCP&L will help residents through the process. Also, it would be a good idea to have your electrician's phone number handy as well as JCP&L's number. It's not a bad idea to periodically take a look at the electrical service and if something does not look right, or you see signs of damage, have your electrician check it out before it becomes a problem. A few weeks ago a resident called and said JCP&L pulled their meter and they had no power. Turns out there was visible corrosion on the meter base and the resident had to get their electrician to repair it so they could get a new meter installed and have power restored.

BOOK TALK BY "GROWING UP IN SPRINGFIELD" AUTHOR, DR. LEE KRONERT, APRIL 28 AT 7:00 PM

The Springfield Free Public Library is delighted to host Dr. Lee Kronert for a discussion of his recently published book, "Growing Up in Springfield, New Jersey" at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 28. Whether you are curious about Springfield's more recent past or want to revel in the nostalgia of a bygone time, this program is for you. Attendance at this virtual program via zoom is free and open to all members of the general public. To attend this program, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84492828944?pwd=TzA4SHdPGIvdUpzVVJNbDEwcmU1dz09>. To attend this program via dial in telephone, call 1 646 876 9923 and when prompted for the Meeting ID enter 844 9282 8944 and then when prompted for the password, enter 795388. For more information, contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org

GROWING UP IN SPRINGFIELD



Dr. Lee Kronert has a new book out titled, GROWING UP IN SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY. Dr. Kronert is a former resident and considers Springfield the best town to grow up in during the turbulent sixties. In an exclusive phone interview with Patriot Times, Lee noted, "This not a book 'about' Springfield, but rather a story of a young man who was raised there. Springfield serves as the setting for the story." We do note that the author is highly biased when it comes to the love of his hometown.

**We asked Dr. Kronert,
" Why do you think Springfield is the best town ever?"**

He responded, "Obviously, I haven't lived in every town in the U.S. I can only gauge my viewpoint on what Springfield was like in the 1960's. Great parents, an excellent school system along with wonderful teachers who cared and guided us and a community dedicated to both representing and building character in their youth. We were introduced to solid sports programs, music and plays, and there was always fun stuff to do close by. Well, at least that's how it was in the sixties. So to answer your question. Could other towns have been as great to grow up in as Springfield? I suppose so. But I doubt it."

If you grew up in Springfield in the 1960's you'll recognize many of the places and recall the teachers named throughout his story as well. Dr. Kronert's book is available on Amazon and we understand it will soon be available at the Springfield Public Library. So take a step back to the 1960's and see if you remember Newberry's, Kays Hardware, Dairy Queen (the one on Mountain Ave not Route 22!) and Go Billikens!

Know Your Exterior Electrical System

Who Owns What?

Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Electrical System

When your home's exterior electrical system is damaged, it's important to understand which components are our responsibility and which are yours.

If you receive overhead electric service, we are responsible for the following components:

1. **Service Drop** - The wires running from the utility pole to your home.
2. **Electric Meter** - Measure your electricity use in Kilowatt-hours.

You own and are responsible for repairing the following:

3. **Weatherhead and Insulator** - This is the point where our electric lines connect to your home.
4. **Service Entrance Cable** - The wire that extends from your weatherhead to the meter and from the meter to your fuse box and circuit breaker box.
5. **Meter Base** - Your meter is mounted in this box.
6. **Fuse Box or Circuit Breaker Box** - This is the main service panel that houses your fuses or circuit breakers.
7. **Household Wiring** - The interior wiring that distributes electricity through your home.

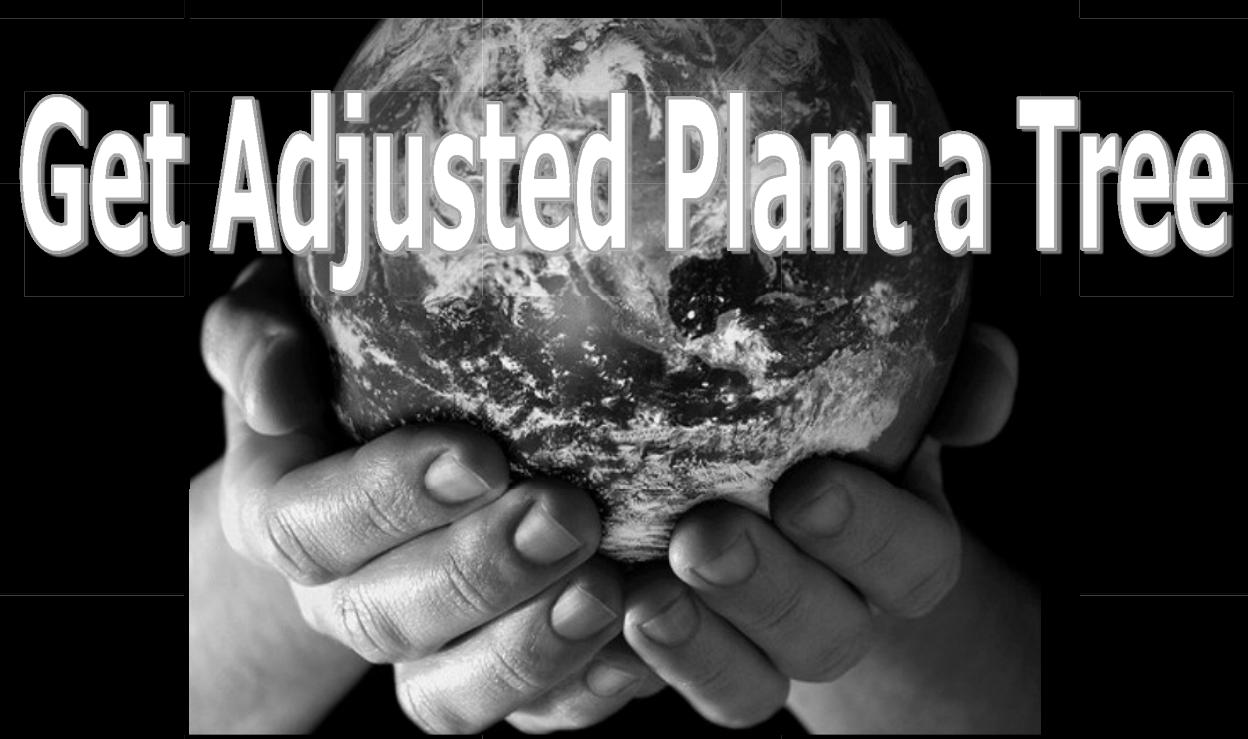
As a customer, it's also your responsibility to maintain open access to the meter and keep obstructions away from power lines that extend from the utility pole to your home. If trees on your property grow near power lines, don't prune or remove them yourself. Consult with a tree contractor who is qualified to work around electric equipment.

We all play an important part in making electricity safe and reliable. This fact sheet contains general ownership guidelines. For more detailed information, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/builders-contractors, or call 1-800-662-3115



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**SPRINGFIELD UNITY
PROJECT SEEKING
SPONSORS FOR 2ND
COMMUNITY DAY
ON SEPTEMBER 25**

For those of you who enjoyed the Community Day on the Green at Town Hall last September, this year's event will be bigger and better than ever. The Springfield Unity Project is planning for the newly named David Mitchell Community Day, to be held on September 25 again on the Green. The purpose of the day is to present an opportunity for members of the community to recognize our first responders and join with them in celebration of our township. There will be music ("Tree Oh!" will be back), food trucks, crafts and games. Save the date!

The committee is seeking vendors and sponsors for the event. There are three levels of sponsorship which allow for various levels of participation in the advertising and at the event itself. If you or your business are interested in participating by having a presence at the event or being a sponsor, please contact Andrea Holley-Blair at Andrea@springfieldunityproject.org.

**SENIOR CITIZENS
VENTURE TO JERSEY
GARDENS ON
RECREATION BUS**



Springfield senior citizens traveled to The Mills at Jersey Gardens for an afternoon of shopping and lunch on Tuesday, March 23. The bus trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver (pictured, second from left). Lidl Market on Route 22 West in Union will be the next destination on Wednesday, April 28, at 2:00 pm. All bus trips follow current COVID-19 protocols. Residents age 55+ can contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227 to inquire about future bus trips and reserve a spot.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

ELECTRICAL FIRES IN HOMES

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

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

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

Safety Precautions:

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

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

GIFT CERTIFICATE REIMBURSEMENT



"The Springfield Community Partnership is opening a second phase of the Covid 19 Grant Program to Springfield's businesses that are members of the Business Improvement District. A Springfield business that is located in a 4A business district will be able to obtain a grant up to \$1,000 as a reimbursement for expenses that were or are required to keep your business open and your customers safe during the Covid-19 virus crisis. The applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis and monies will be awarded until the budgeted amount has been disbursed. Please see information and application provided."

Bid Co-Chairs Mike Scalera and Scott Seidel personally handed out all 20 checks at \$1500 each totalling \$30,000.

Springfield Free Public Library

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

REMOTE ASSIST

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to announce the availability of Remote Assist, a new technology that will enable librarians to provide direct assistance to patrons using the library's public computers while still allowing the librarians to continue to work from their own desks. The ability to provide socially distanced computer assistance offers peace of mind to both library patrons and staff members. While our librarians are happy to provide assistance with such tasks as filling out job applications and other online forms, online shopping and online banking, please keep in mind that it is outside the scope of the librarian's job to assume the entire responsibility for handling these tasks.

Limited indoor access to the library's public internet computers is available by appointment only to Springfield residents for a period of up to 60 minutes per day. Please note that library's restrooms are currently closed to the public and that printing and photocopying services are also not available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 973 376-4930, ext. 221 during the library's current schedule of operation: Mondays & Thursdays, 12:00-7:30 pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; and Saturdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

VIRTUAL CHAIR YOGA CONTINUES IN MAY

Chair Yoga has always been one of our most popular adult programs at the Springfield Public Library. Sponsored for many years by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, it has continued to be available via Zoom, and is still taught by our popular yoga instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris. Admission is free and all are welcome. The 45-minute sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. and will take place on the following Fridays: May 7th and 21st.

Please email Adult Services Librarian Ian Allcock (iallcock@sfplnj.org) who will provide you with the link and password that the instructor will use. Emails will be answered up to 23 hours prior to the Friday 12:30 -p.m. sessions.

HELP WANTED

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2021 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, April 12 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 13 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Wednesday, April 14 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, April 15 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,
 Lunch bus trip to the Reservoir Restaurant in South Orange
 Village @ 11:45 am (RSVP)
 Friday, April 16 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 11:00 am
 Monday, April 19 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 20 - Zoom lecture by Evan Weiner on
 "Women in Sports" @ 1:00 pm (RSVP)
 Wednesday, April 21 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Thursday, April 22 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Friday, April 23 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am,
 Pickleball @ 11:00 am-1:00 pm
 Monday, April 26 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 27 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Wednesday, April 28 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm, Grocery shopping
 bus trip to Lidl in Union @ 2:00 pm (RSVP)
 Thursday, April 29 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am
 Friday, April 30 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPONSORS WOMEN IN SPORTS ZOOM LECTURE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ON APRIL 20



Since January, the Springfield Recreation Department has been offering a monthly online presentation exclusively for senior citizens who may be uncomfortable or physically unable to venture out of their residences. April's presentation will be a Zoom lecture by author Evan Weiner on the topic of "Women in Sports: Sexism and Racism," scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 1:00 pm. To RSVP, interested residents can email recreation@springfield-nj.us or call (973) 912-2227. A confirmation email with the private Zoom link will be sent prior to the lecture. Residents who would like to learn more about using Zoom can contact the Springfield Recreation Department or visit the Chisholm Community Center for a tutorial over the phone or in-person. All you need is a computer, tablet, or smartphone, and WiFi access. In addition, the Chisholm computer lab has a limited number of physically-distanced computers available for residents to view the lecture.

RUNNING CLUB

SPRING 2021 - GRADES K-8

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injury prevention techniques, and agility drills!*



MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
MEISEL AVENUE PARK

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Springfield Recreation 2021

All programs adhere to COVID-19 State and CDC guidelines. Visit our website for more program information.

SOCCER SQUIRTS

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

8 Week Session
SATURDAYS
APRIL 17 -
JUNE 12

Registration Fee
\$162

Soccer Squirts: (Ages 3-4) 9 am - 9:50 am
 Parent & Me Squirts: (Ages 2-3) 10:00 am - 10:50 am
 Senior Soccer Squirts: (Ages 5-6) 11:00 am - 11:50 am

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

**BOYS &
GIRLS**

**ALL ABILITIES:
2 TO 6
YEARS OLDS**

SPORTS SQUIRTS CLASSES

CLASSES HELD OUTDOORS AT DENHAM PARK

5 Week Session
SATURDAYS
APRIL 18 -
JUNE 13

Registration Fee
\$162

T-ball Squirts: (Ages 3-4) 9 am - 9:50 am
 Parent & Me T-ball: (Ages 2-3) 10:00 am - 10:50 am
 Multi Sports Squirts: (Ages 3-4) 11:00 am - 11:50 am

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

**AGES
2 - 4**

**ALL
ABILITY
LEVELS**

LIMITED SPACE

REGISTRATION Online or by phone, Register soon
as these classes typically sell out!

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(866) 345 BALL

MEDICAL CAREERS CLUB CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

Helping to counter the isolation and reduced physical activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jonathan Dayton High School Medical Careers Club students produced and starred in several videos created exclusively for senior citizens in the Township.

The videos on topics such as healthy eating, technology, and physical fitness were posted to the Springfield Recreation Department's page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec) in late-March and early-April, and are still available for viewing. The project was a result of a collaboration between Medical Careers Club Advisor Irene Ornovitz, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, and Senior Citizens Club President Margaret Bandrowski.



STREET HOCKEY MEN 18+ SPRING 2021

MONDAYS @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM
POOL COMPLEX HOCKEY COURT
\$20 PER PLAYER

DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION AT

[HTTPS://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/SPRINGFIELD](https://register.communitypass.net/springfield)

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Springfield Recreation 2021

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TENNIS

ALL CLASSES HELD AT IRWIN PARK TENNIS COURTS



SPRING CLASSES

THURSDAYS 4/22 • 6/10

Tennis Squirts: 4:00-4:50 pm (Ages 3 -5)

Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 5 -8)

Foundation Tennis: 6:00-6:50 pm (Ages 8 -10)

Development Tennis: 7:00-7:50 pm (Ages 11-14)

SUNDAYS 4/18 • 6/13

Foundation Tennis: 9:00-9:50 am (Ages 5 -8)

Foundation Tennis: 10:00-10:50 am (Ages 8 -10)

Foundation Tennis: 11:00-11:50 am (Ages 11 -14)

Squirts Tennis: 12:00-12:50 pm (Ages 3 -5)

SUMMER CAMPS MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Aug 30th- Sep 3rd: 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Ages 5 -14)

SUMMER CLASSES

THURSDAYS 7/1 • 8/19

Tennis Squirts: 4:00-4:50 pm (Ages 3 - 5)

Foundation Tennis: 5:00-5:50 pm (Ages 5 - 8)

Foundation Tennis: 6:00-6:50 pm (Ages 8 -10)

Foundation Tennis: 7:00-7:50 pm (Ages 11-14)

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Professional Coaches
- Dri-Fit T-Shirt for every player
- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

AGES 3 - 14
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

Registration Fee
\$162

LIMITED SPACE

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Virtual STEM Programs - Spring 2021

Be the Game Designer with Scratch MIT - Level 1
Grades 3-5

Tuesdays, 4:00pm - 5:30 pm 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 and 5/18

Roblox Game Designer: Build Your Own City
Grades 4-7

Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 5:30 pm 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 and 5/19

Virtual Robotics with VEX Robotics (No Robot Needed)
Grades 4-7

Mondays, 4:00pm - 5:30 pm 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 and 5/17

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SUMMIT AREA YMCA OPENS SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL MEMBERSHIP AND POOLCAMP REGISTRATION

Summer in Springfield begins next month! The Summit Area YMCA -- the operator of the Springfield Community Pool this summer -- has unveiled the pool's official website at <https://www.thesay.org/scp>. Pool membership registration is open online and early-bird pricing is available through Friday, April 30, 2021. To save \$50 at checkout, use promo code SCP2021. Pool Camp details are also available on the website and online registration is open. Coming soon: Information on swim team, swim lessons, party room rentals, and more!

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT & LACROSSE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD



LACROSSE CLINICS
PRE K-1ST SPRING '21
Starting in April

SUNDAYS 10:00 - 11:00 am
Chisholm Park

DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION AT
<https://register.community.net/springfield>

GOLF CLASSES

at Chisholm Park



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GOLF CLASS DETAILS

Day: THURSDAYS

Dates: 4/15/21 - 6/3/21

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$185.00 / 8 weeks

Who: All kids ages 6 -11

Location: Chisholm Park

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FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

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

Bus runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.



The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs.

For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

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