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THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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AUXILIARY POLICE HOLD ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo receives the Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award. (l to r) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo, and Deputy OEM Coordinator Wally Schultz



The Auxiliary Police, together with Chief Angelo Palumbo, present Wally Schultz and Scott Seidel with plaques thanking them for their service.

On January 22, the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual awards dinner at Baltusrol Club. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel welcomed the members and their guests and various township officials who were in attendance. After the meal, Seidel started the awards program by commenting that in 2014, the Auxiliary Police performed 2,121 hours, which probably represented over \$100,000 in volunteer service to the township. Auxiliary Sergeant Robert Abraham was complimented on his 397 hours of duty time in 2014, as were Sergeant David Root and Officer Stephen Bratsch, each with well over 200 hours each. Seidel further thanked every member for every hour of their service to the community. Everyone officer is a credit to our department. The first presentation was for the Chief Harry Vargas Rookie of the Year Award which is given when a new or "rookie" officer stands out in his performance for his initial year of service. Since Chief Vargas has been retired for many years and is living in Florida and could not attend, Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage presented the award on his behalf. Seidel commented, "This year, our Rookie of the Year is no secret - he is our only Rookie in 2014, but nonetheless, has earned this award which is not given each year unless a candidate stands out. Officer Stephen Bratsch, the recipient of Rookie of the Year, is just such an officer. Officer Bratsch worked 221 hours of duty time in 2014, including 65 hours of court time. 96 hours is the required annual minimum duty time. Officer

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GRAND OPENING OF TAX EXPRESS

Mayor David Barnett, the Springfield Business Improvement Chairman Mike Scalera, and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Secretary Elliot Merkin were on hand for Grand Opening of Tax Express at 140 Mountain Ave.



(l to r) Mayor David Barnett, Edward Bove, President of Tax Express, Christine Bove, Springfield Business Improvement Chairman Mike Scalera, and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Secretary Elliot Merkin

NEW JITNEY BUS DELIVERED TO SPRINGFIELD



(l to r) Kevin McGorry, sales manager from Wolfington Body Company turning over the keys to the Township Mayor David Barnett, and Maryellen Brennan, Jitney Coordinator.

Springfield jitney riders are in for a nice surprise – a new 2015 jitney bus that was delivered to the Township on January 21. The Township Committee secured funding for the new vehicle in 2014 and the new Ford Glaval bus was put into operation on January 26, 2015. The new 18 passenger jitney meets all federal environmental and safety regulations and requirements, including a handicap lift and seat belts for all riders.

According to Mayor David Barnett, "Jitney ridership continues to grow and residents really appreciate the great park and ride transport to the Short Hills train station. We made this investment to let our riders know that we care about making travel to the train station more comfortable, reliable, and efficient."

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Message from the Mayor

Greetings Springfield friends and neighbors! We have been very busy since the beginning of the year and I have a number of exciting things to share with you.

First, Springfield is finally progressing toward our shared goal of revitalizing our downtown area! As a result of the \$90K grant that the town received 2 years ago, the organization Together New Jersey, in cooperation with the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID), released the Springfield Morris Avenue Vision Plan final report. This report details strategies for a walkable downtown Springfield, including wider sidewalks, better parking and overall improved infrastructure and appearance. The Vision Plan is available to be viewed via the town website at <http://springfield-nj.us/>. We are now working with local landowners as well as State and Local agencies to bring this plan to reality.

I was also fortunate enough to be invited to appear as a guest speaker at the 2015 New Jersey Planning Conference in New Brunswick, at which our Vision Plan was chosen as a model project; I was asked to discuss the process for the development of the downtown plan with the audience that included professionals from across the state.

The Springfield Morris Avenue Vision Plan represents a major step toward turning our downtown into a thriving district.

Second, the Rahway River Flood Mitigation project has been funded by the federal government for \$500K immediately, with plans for an additional \$500K in 2016. This is the next step toward implementing critical measures that will mitigate flood damage and protect the safety of Springfield residents in severe storms. As a member of the Mayor's Council on Rahway River Flooding, I traveled to Washington last year to meet with Senators Menendez and Booker, Congressmen Lance and Payne and the Army Corps of Engineers. During my visit, I was able to push them for funding, and in the coming year I will continue working on next steps to keep the momentum moving on this important project.

Lastly, as we brave the heart of winter as a community, and on behalf of the entire town, I would personally like to thank the DPW workers, OEM staff, Police and Fire departments for all they do to keep the residents of Springfield safe. I would also like to extend a thank you to Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno for making a special trip to Springfield on January 26th to visit with our DPW staff. As always, please feel free to email me at david.barnett@springfield-nj.us if you have any questions or concerns.

Your Mayor, *David Barnett*

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

The Township Committee meetings of January 12 and 13 were the first meetings conducted by Mayor David Barnett with Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski and Committeemen Richard Huber, Jerry Fernandez, and Ziad Andrew Shehady. The well-attended Workshop meeting at the Firehouse incorporated some changes as the Mayor asked each TC member to speak about their personal goals for the township for 2015. He made some introductory marks and expressed the hope that with civility and cooperation we can accomplish much. The Township Administrator Anthony Cancro also spoke of the major goals of each department. There was discussion of these matters by all present, including the residents present. Dr. Leonard Bielory, chair of the Board of Health, and a representative from GASP, spoke in support of a proposed ordinance making our parks smoke-free. Following the public portion of the meeting, the Committee members Mr. Cancro and Michael Quick (CFO) went into closed session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations.

The Executive meeting of January 13 began with Mayor Barnett speaking of his goals for the Township in 2015. The officers of the First Aid Squad for the new year were sworn in. A closed session was

held to discuss downtown re-development. Alyson Miller was appointed as chair of the Environmental Commission and Denise DeVone as vice chair. The Environmental Commission and the DPW were congratulated on a article appearing in the ANJEC magazine (Associated NJ Environmental Commissions) praising the cooperation of the two groups in the annual Clean Communities Day and the creative way they promote the event. An ordinance was voted on to update the salary ranges for exempt township employees. Eleven resolutions were approved, including several confirming appointments or promotions.

In spite of the "storm," the Executive Session of the Township Committee was held on Tuesday, January 27. Three hardy residents attended. The moment of silence at this meeting was in remembrance of the liberation of Auschwitz. The new area manager of JCP&L, Rob Walton, introduced himself (he was lucky enough to have begun his new position just a couple of days before the predicted storm). The mayor asked him about plans to upgrade JCP&L's equipment (not planned except as needed) and to go solar (not in the current plans, but maybe in the long term).

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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

Workshop Meeting Monday, March 9

Regular Meetings, Tuesdays, March 10 and 24, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

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 COMMITTEE

Contact the Recreation Department for future meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

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Business Improvement District

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- ▶ Mountain Avenue Streetscape - Spring 2015
- ▶ Wayfinding Signage - Early Summer 2015
- ▶ Business Directory - February 2015
- ▶ Spring in Your Step - (Deals from local businesses) March or April
- ▶ Fall into Step - (More Deals from local businesses) October

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

SOFIA'S FINE ITALIAN CUISINE

272 Morris Avenue - 973-218-6468

Sofia's offers some of the tastiest traditional Italian food in NJ. In addition to wonderfully hearty classic pastas and dishes like veal parm and pork chop gremolata, Sofia's menu is filled with satisfying fresh seafood, steak and chicken specialties that truly set this upscale yet casual restaurant apart. Their restaurant space is also ideal for catered events of all sizes.



THE CARPET GIRL

1 Cornell Parkway - 973-218-1155



The Carpet Girl (TCG) is making her mark in the flooring industry... taking the angst out of making carpeting and flooring purchasing decisions by combining her product knowledge with a truly personal approach.

TCG founder Dianne Grossman understood the stress and anxiety of walking into a big box store and being confronted with so many options. TCG's inspired, one-on-one flooring service model even allows customers to choose a convenient time and place to meet to discuss their flooring needs.

Her Springfield, New Jersey showroom boasts the widest selection of superior-quality carpeting and flooring options, many unavailable from other retailers. TCG works with professional, insured installers in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania to service their customers.

SECOND CHILDHOOD

268 Morris Avenue - 973-379-3040

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Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

NEW JITNEY BUS

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Springfield's Park & Ride Jitney Service departs from the Springfield Community Pool, located at 44 Morrison Road, and transports riders to the Short Hills train station. Parking at the pool is free with jitney usage.



The jitney departure hours are:

5:35 am
5:50 am
6:22 am
6:43 am
7:00 am
7:18 am
7:34 am
7:50 am
8:12 am
8:35 am

Evening pickups start at 4:45 pm and run until 8:00 pm. The daily fee is \$3 per ride and monthly/quarterly is \$50 per month. For more information on the Township Jitney, contact Maryellen Brennan at 973-912-2202 or maryellen.brennan@springfield-nj.us.

Real estate agents have recognized the importance of such a jitney service as one of many reasons why new residents move to Springfield. Springfield is a beautiful suburban community that offers a superior quality of life, convenient location, and long list of amenities, making it one of the Garden State's best places to live.

WANTED: GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The Township is in the process of being certified as a sustainable, environmental community under the guidelines of Sustainable Jersey (<http://www.sustainablejersey.com>), a nonprofit organization promoting environmental stewardship. To achieve certification this year, we need several volunteers that are willing to meet once or twice a month to work together with the current Green Team volunteer members to fulfill Sustainable Jersey requirements. If you have a passion or knowledge for environmental or energy matters, or want to help the Township become more environmentally focused and sustainable, please contact Sam Mardini, Springfield Director of Engineering at sam.mardini@springfield-nj.us. Help us help our community!

Shred-it Day in Springfield (Save the date)

Saturday, March 14

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Springfield Municipal Pool Parking Lot

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Residents can bring 4 boxes or bags of documents
not weighing more than 10 lbs. each per resident

Proof of residency required

Absolutely no businesses

The "four 10 lb. bag" and "no business" rules will be
strictly enforced in order to accommodate everyone

SHRED

(Sponsored by the Springfield Department of Public Works)

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT IN SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield Department of Public Works (DPW) is sponsoring a paper shredding event on Saturday, March 14 from 9 am – 1 pm in the Springfield Municipal Community Pool parking lot. Each resident may bring up to FOUR boxes or bags of documents not weighing more than 10 lbs. each. Absolutely no business documents will be accepted. The "four, 10 lb. bag" and "no business" rules will be strictly enforced so that we can accommodate all residents. We appreciate your cooperation. Proof of residency is required. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact DPW@springfield-nj.us or call 973-912-2285.

SPRINGFIELD SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATION POLICY/PLAN

The Township of Springfield strives to provide effective and efficient snow and ice removal to allow motorists to travel safely within the Township during winter weather events. Each event is unique, and the snow and ice control operation changes depending on several factors including, but not limited to, the amount, type and intensity of precipitation forecasted. Motorists should always use caution and drive appropriately for the road conditions.

The Township requests residents minimize travel during a winter weather event and only venture out when absolutely necessary. This will assist the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Police and Fire with operations. Also, please keep in mind that while we would like to ensure that the roads are cleared quickly, we must also look out for the safety of our employees.

Snow and Ice Control

In response to most winter weather events, the streets and roads may be treated with salt. If conditions and accumulations warrant, the Township switches to plowing operations.

Primary Streets and Roadways

During a winter weather event, particularly during the height of the storm, the DPW makes every effort to maintain passage of primary streets and roads that link Springfield to the County and State Highway system. Once the storm subsides, these roads are cleared of snow and ice as soon as possible, and operations continue after the end of the storm.

Primary roads are defined as commuter routes and collector streets under the Township jurisdiction.

Secondary Streets and Roadways

Secondary roads will not be treated until primary roads have been cleared. Residential streets, cul-de-sacs, and courts that are not high volume streets are considered secondary streets and roadways.

State and County Highway Systems

Removal of snow and ice from Routes 78, 24, and 124 are handled by the New Jersey Department of Transportation North Region Office, 973.601.6600 or at: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/about/directory/northregion.shtm>.

Placing Snow on Streets

Anyone is prohibited from shoveling, blowing or plowing snow from private property onto sidewalks, streets and roadways, and fire hydrants of the Township. Please report violations to the Police non-emergency number at 973.376.0400.

Parking Off-Street

If off-street parking is available to property owners, the DPW asks that vehicles be parked in such locations. This will allow crews to move more efficiently and effectively to clear the streets and roads without concern for vehicles that may be in the rights of way and can be a significant hazard to drivers.

Please Clear Your Sidewalks

Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from abutting sidewalks within 24 hours of first daylight after the storm ceases.

Snow Plowed on Sidewalks and Driveways

Snow on Township streets and roads will be plowed, to the greatest extent, to the curb or shoulder, for areas without curbs. Previously cleared sidewalks and driveways may be re-covered with snow. The Public Works Department asks for property owners' cooperation in removing snow should this occur. Cleared sidewalks provide a safe walkway for pedestrians, including school children.

Additional Information

For additional information, visit the Township's website at <http://springfield-nj.us/> and Facebook pages.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Many people require assistance following a snow-storm. The elderly and disabled often need help in removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways. Many organizations are looking for volunteers to assist those in need during and after snow events. Please look out for each other.

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The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer 2015 jobs at the Community Pool, Pool Camp, and Chisholm Playground Camp. Positions include: counselor, substitute counselor, lifeguard, pool activities leader, pool front desk, and pool maintenance. Applications are available at the Chisholm Community Center and online at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation.

PLAN NOW FOR MARCH'S BULK GARBAGE PICKUP – MARCH 18 AND 19, 2015

It's that time of year again...so start getting your old things you no longer want ready for bulk garbage pickup on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19.

If your garbage is picked up on Thursday, your bulk pickup will be March 18, Wednesday. If your garbage pickup is Friday, your bulk pickup will be March 19, Thursday.

All material should be out at curb side the TWO days before pickup.

Bulk waste is comprised of a collection of large and/or non-routine waste items collected on a quarterly basis. Bulk waste constitutes larger household waste including household furniture, appliances, light brush not to exceed six feet in length, bundled and tied and not to exceed 60 pounds, broken crockery, carpeting, not to exceed six feet in length, rolled and tied, not to exceed 60 pounds, hot water heaters, and barbecue grills.

Specifically excluded are construction material and debris such as sheet rock, lumber, pipe and panelling, concrete and large rocks, stones or logs

greater than six inches in diameter, stumps and tree roots, recyclables, electronic items* (computers, televisions, etc.), video games, propane tanks and all other hazardous waste. Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed. Freon no longer has to be removed by the homeowner from air conditioners, freezers, and all other cooling devices.

Plan now for Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19.

*Please note: All electronic items such as computers, printers, televisions, etc. are to be recycled on the first Saturday of every month at the Springfield Pool between the hours of 7:00 am – 11:00 am. For more information please refer to the Township Website: <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/departments-of-public-works.html>. You can also write Public Works at: DPW@springfield-nj.us.

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL MANAGER WANTED

Duties include: managing, scheduling, and coordinating payroll for assistant manager, lifeguards, and maintenance staff; regulating water chemistry and filter operations; supervising the front gate; overseeing grounds work; acting as liaison with Recreation Department summer camps, concession operator, swim team, and contracted pool users such as private camps and swim clubs; assisting with regular activities and special events; interacting with patrons and providing customer service; and other duties as assigned. Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license and previous experience required. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081
adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us

SNOW PLOWING AND SHOVELING ETIQUETTE – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

• Know which way the wind (and snow) blows. The first step in successful snow blowing is to blow snow with the wind, never against it. While this sounds simple, implementing this will ensure that you don't have to keep re-doing the same areas over and over. This direction may change often during a session, even during the same pass, so constantly adjust your approach accordingly. Never blow snow into the street.

Once you have a handle on the wind, plan in advance where the snow will be piled up. Consider that the snow will need to be piled in the same areas each snowfall, so it may get very high over time. This height can present safety and security issues, so care needs to be taken to avoid making a mound of problems.

• Take into account your and your neighbors' need to see street traffic when piling snow at the end of your driveway. It may be necessary to divert piles to other parts of the yard to prevent sight obstruction.

• Be careful about piling snow against your house. Piling snow high against your home's foundation may lead to flooding problems when it starts to melt.

• Take weight of the pile into consideration if piling large amounts of snow on structures or plantings.

• Be mindful not to blow snow directly at buildings, vehicles, or into the street because the snow blower may pick up and throw rocks and other debris as well as DPW having to re-plow your street again.

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TOWNSHIP OBSERVES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance was held in the Faigenbaum Courtroom at Town Hall. The event, sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy, was

conducted by Rev. Victoria Ney of the First Presbyterian Church and attended by ministers from both the Emmanuel Methodist and Antioch Baptist Churches as well as a number of residents. A proclamation designating January 19th as Dr. Martin Luther King Day in Springfield was read by Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski and a proclamation from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders was presented by Committeeman Jerry Fernandez. Most of those present shared memories and experiences from the days of the struggles for Civil Rights as well as thoughts about progress and the need never to forget that we still have work to do for peace, freedom, and equality. More residents came together this year than in the past, and we hope to see even more in coming years.

JONATHAN DAYTON CLASS OF 1965 PLANS 50TH REUNION

Planning is underway for the 50th reunion of the Jonathan Dayton High School class of 1965 to be held on October 16, 2015 at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.

A few classmates have gotten together to plan the event. If you would like more information about the reunion, a new website has been created at www.jdhsclassof1965.com. More information can be found on our Facebook page "Jonathan Dayton High School Class of '65 and then some" and also on www.Classmates.com.

If you are planning on going, please sign up on the webpage. For further information or questions, you can email Libby Hattersley Donner at LibbyDonner@Hotmail.com.

Please tell any other classmates you may be in contact with to sign up too!!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone after all these years.

SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE



Mayor David Barnett attended a press conference on flood mitigation held by Senator Bob Menendez in the Union Town Hall. Thanks to the efforts of several Townships in the County, including Springfield, one million dollars will be spent in fiscal year 2015 and 2016 federal budgets, both which are matched by New Jersey. They expect to have sufficient funding to complete study and get to the construction phase. It was noted there is still much to do but thanks to the regional efforts progress has been made.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

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Two ordinances were read for the first time, one instituting background checks for Recreation Department employees and volunteers, and the other adding five streets (So Maple, Battle Hill, Cain, Colonial Terrace, and Joanne Way) to those having weight restrictions (4 tons max) except under specific circumstances. Both will have final hearing and public discussion on February 24. Twenty-three resolutions were proposed and approved, including several confirming COLA increases for several classes of township employees, including crossing guards, and the hiring of part-time camera operators now that the new equipment has been installed (training and guidelines to be established).

Several pending items will be up for discussion at the next workshop on February 9 at the Firehouse, 7:30 pm. These include pending referral of the Township Re-development plan for Morris Ave to the Planning Board for their approval, and a shared services agreement for IT services. Other topics for discussion at the February 9 workshop include a proposal to have smoke-free parks and the use of and improvements to the municipal pool. There will be a presentation by a representative from the American Cancer Society and discussion of anything else that may come up. Please plan to join the discussion!

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*We Apologize For Omitting The Below
Caption From Our December Issue:*



GARDEN CLUB ARCHIVES PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

(l to r) Lou Stiglitz, Charter Member; Wendy Jones, Vice President; Dale Spindel, Library Director; and Faith Brancato, President.



Mayor David Barnet visited the Springfield Seniors and spoke of his plans for the Township in the new year. Pictured are Senior member Natalie Albright, Mayor Barnett, and Deputy Mayor and Senior member Margaret Bandrowski.

OVER 100 DOGS AND CATS WERE VACCINATED



Jasmine Mathis, Springfield Registrar, issued dog and cat licenses for residents who came to the Rabies Clinic at Sarah Bailey on Jan 18. Members of the Madison Department of Health issued rabies certificates, and shots were given by Dr. Karen Negrin of TLC Pet Doctor. Deputy Mayor Margaret Bandrowski worked with Jasmine and did the occasional mop-up as well.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS POINT TO THEIR FAVORITE LOCATIONS IN THE WORLD



(l to r) Andrea Rojas (3rd place), Sean Valente (1st place) and James McElroy (2nd place). The next step for Sean is to take a qualifying test to see if he is eligible to compete at the state level.

On Friday, January 16, 2015, Saint James the Apostle School held its annual Geography Bee. Ten students from grades 4 through 8 competed head-to-head using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

In my Patriot Times column this month, I would like stress the importance of the need for the police and the community to work together to aid in deterring crimes or identifying and apprehending persons who commit crimes. As you will see by the recent arrest of a house burglar last month, every little bit of information relayed to the police by township residents, no matter how insignificant the information seems to the resident, may actually be crucial to your police department being able to solve a crime.

On January 15, 2015, Springfield Police detectives arrested an individual who burglarized one home and attempted to break into a second house. At 12:00 pm, an attempt to force entry into a residence occurred on Ashwood Road. The homeowner reported that a male had attempted to enter her home by breaking a rear glass door. Once the burglar became aware that there was someone home, he ran off before the arrival of police officers. The suspect, appearing to be in his early twenties and wearing dark colored clothing and a black backpack, broke out a rear glass door. Detective Lieutenant Judd Levenson and Detective Sergeant Stephen Studlack conducted this burglary investigation.

On the same day at 2:30 pm, police responded to a residence on Shelley Road after the homeowner had returned home to discover a side door was broken in and the house had been ransacked with numerous types of electronic items reported to have been stolen. Detective James Mirabile and Detective Foster Ziegler investigated this crime. While awaiting the arrival of the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit to assist in a canine scent track, a resident of Shelley

Road reported seeing an unattended bicycle near his house when he had come home at approximately 12:40 pm. The witness was able to fully describe this bicycle by its brand name, frame color, handle bar color, and even that it was a 10-speed type. The canine tracking led from the burglarized house to where the bicycle had been seen earlier, indicating that the burglar was most likely riding around residential areas looking for houses that appeared to be unoccupied.

As both burglaries were believed to have been committed by the same suspect, detectives met up on Shelley Road where other residents in the area were asked if they had seen anything. A resident of Richland Terrace came up to police to report seeing a male who was dressed all in dark clothing and wearing a backpack sitting on a bicycle that matched the description of the bicycle that had been observed unattended on Shelley Road.

During the examination of the interior of the home on Shelley Road, detectives found a generic type of prepaid cellular phone that did not belong to the residents. The phone was found to be on and open to a social website page for a person named "Ronnie Barquero." The suspect apparently left this phone behind when he fled as the resident came home.

As there was limited ownership information for this phone, it was unknown if Barquero was a suspect or just an individual whose social website page was on the burglars' phone.

Inquiries made by detectives found that Rathny "Ronnie" Barquero, whose last known address was in Summit, was a convicted burglar and currently wanted by the Union County Sheriff's Office for failing to appear in the superior court on burglary charges. It was further determined that on January 2, 2015, a resident of a house on Remer Avenue had filed a police report where a fellow roommate was listed as being Ronnie Barquero.

Detectives went to the Remer Avenue residence where a bicycle matching identically to the one observed on Shelley Road was found in the driveway. Tenants stated Barquero had left before the arrival of detec-

tives. As the suspect had a previous address in Summit, detectives in that city were alerted and they reported Barquero was known to frequent the public library. Detectives located Barquero inside of the Summit library and arrested him on the active warrant. When apprehended he was using a stolen tablet and inside of his backpack were other items that had been stolen from the Shelley Road home. A search warrant executed at the Remer Avenue address found additional stolen items from the Springfield burglary as well as vehicle burglaries and theft of a pick-up truck in Summit.

Barquero, age 20 of Springfield, was charged with two counts of burglary to houses and two counts of criminal mischief along with both theft and possession of stolen property charges and he was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail. He is also to be charged with various burglaries or thefts committed in the City of Summit. Detective Lieutenant Levenson stated that, "these crimes were solved with the suspect being identified and arrested by detectives within 4 hours of the crime on Shelley Road. Leaving behind clues such as a cell phone yielded possible information as to the burglar's identity, but the cooperation of residents who had come forward with information on what they had observed was instrumental in proving Barquero had committed these crimes."

According to Chief John Cook, "Not only was this good police work by both patrol and detective personnel, but the fact that residents in the area were observant and relayed their observations to officers enabling various bits of information to be put together to aid in identifying the suspect. These cases highlight how crime prevention is both a partnership between township residents and their police and demonstrates how neighbors watching out for other neighbors and notifying police on something as seemingly harmless as a bicycle left unattended can assist greatly in both preventing a crime from occurring or, as in this case, leading to the apprehension of someone who successfully commits a crime."



Auxiliary Officer Stephen Bratsch receives the "Rookie of the Year" award. (l to r) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage, Auxiliary Officer Stephen Bratsch and Deputy OEM Coordinator Wally Schultz



John Cottage receives the "Key to the City" and a plaque for 50 years of volunteer service to the community. (l to r) Mayor David Barnett, Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage, OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, and Deputy OEM Coordinator Wally Schultz

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Bratsch did this this since his graduation from the Basic Auxiliary Police Academy in May! Quite an accomplishment.

The next presentation was the Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary officer of the Year Award which is presented to the Officer who stood out among his peers in his performance in 2014. This award is not necessarily given for the officer with the most amount of hours worked. Deputy OEM Coordinator Wally Schultz said he and Seidel reviewed the duty sheets and it was clear to both of us, the 2014 Auxiliary Officer of the Year would be 24 year veteran, Chief Angelo Palumbo. Schultz commented to the Patriot, "Palumbo joined the unit in 1991, and received this award in 1992. In 2014 he performed 150 hours of duty, which includes 27 hours of emergency call outs. He has done an outstanding job guiding the unit for 2014."

A presentation was also made to former OEM Coordinator John Cottage, recognizing Cottage for fifty years of volunteer service to the community. Seidel noted Cottage started with Civil Defense in 1965 as a radio operator. He has served as the deputy radio officer, radio officer, and an auxiliary police officer for almost 20 years, Deputy Coordinator, and was OEM coordinator for 38 years before retiring from that position in September of 2012 and continuing on as an OEM volunteer through the present.

Mayor David Barnett helped with the presentation by giving Cottage the "Key to Springfield" along with his plaque. With the "final" presentation done, Seidel thanked everyone for attending but was interrupted by Chief Palumbo who had a surprise presentation of his own. He called the Auxiliary Police unit up to the podium and presented both Schultz and Seidel with plaques from the membership thanking them for their work.



Mayor David Barnett appeared as a guest speaker at the 2015 New Jersey Planning Conference in New Brunswick. The conference chose our own Morris Avenue Vision Plan as model project to feature to this audience of professionals from across the state. Mayor Barnett discussed the process for development of the downtown plan and how it will become an essential element for successful downtown revitalization.



COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,

Emergency Management Coordinator

COMMON SENSE COLD WEATHER TIPS

Some common sense weather preparations to safely address the extreme cold include the following:

- For heating purposes, use only equipment that is made for home heating. Never use a gas stove, charcoal grill or lantern intended for outdoor use inside your home as deadly carbon monoxide gas could build up.
- Ensure space heaters have been tested to the latest safety standards and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for proper use. Place the heater on a level, hard, non-flammable surface and at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture and other flammable materials. Turn space heaters off when you leave the area or go to sleep.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen when operating a fireplace or wood burning stove.
- Never use a portable generator inside the house or a closed garage in the event of a power outage. Ensure the proper generator is selected and installed by a qualified electrician. When operating a generator, the power coming into the home should always be disconnected. Otherwise, power from the generator could be sent back onto the utility lines, creating a hazardous situation for utility workers.

JCP&L recommends that if an outage occurs as a result of the severe weather, customers should call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to report their outage or click the "Report Outage" link on www.firstenergycorp.com via smartphone. Customers should immediately report downed wires to their utility or their local police or fire department. Customers should never go near a downed power line, even if they think it is no longer carrying electricity.



DPW plows lined up and ready for action on January 26, 2015.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Girls Softball 2015 Grades 1-9

Open to Springfield Residents Only

Registration can be completed online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

After January 26, 2015, a \$25 late fee payable to Girls Softball Parents Association will be assessed.

Instructional League for Grades 1&2 Lower League Grades 3,4,&5* Upper League Grades 6-9**

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association **9th Graders not playing High School softball

Registration Fees: \$55 payable to Township of Springfield
\$40 payable to Girls Softball Parents Association

Are your children interested in running and improving their speed and agility? Come join the Springfield Running Program!

K - 2nd Grade

We will meet on Mondays from 4:15-4:45 pm at Chisholm Park. The 6 classes begin on Monday, March 2nd, and end on Monday, April 13th (No class on March 30th) In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to Springfield residents in grades K-2nd. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young children who would like to learn about speed and physical fitness. A minimum 6 children are required for the program.

Ages 8 - 14

We will meet on Wednesday's from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track. The 6 classes begin on Wednesday, March 4th and end Wednesday, April 15th (No class on April 1st) In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to Springfield residents ages 8-14. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young athletes and children who would like to improve their speed and physical fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Program classes that featured endurance running. A minimum 6 children are required for the program.

Cost is \$55. T-shirt and water bottle will be provided. Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield.

Register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us.

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 7:30-11:00 am. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation

BOYS LACROSSE-SPRING 2015

Does your child want to try a fun, high-energy sport? Come and have them join the Springfield Lacrosse team! Put a check in the box that you are registering for and get ready to have fun! Practices will start March 1st. Practice fields TBD. Practice times are tentative, subject to change.

- ☐ 2nd/3rd grade practices will be Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Saturday 9:00-10:30 am
- ☐ 4th grade practices will be Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Saturday 9:00-10:30 am
- ☐ 5th grade practices will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 6:00-7:30 pm
- ☐ 6th grade practices will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 6:00-7:30 pm
- ☐ 7th/8th grade practices will be Monday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 7:30-9:00 pm

- Fee: \$55 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)
- Fee: \$135 (check made payable to Springfield Lacrosse Association)
- This fee includes membership to US Lacrosse – insurance for players and coaches and six free copies of Lacrosse Magazine
- NEW THIS YEAR...The Springfield Lacrosse Association will be offering shooting shirts for an additional \$35 if you would like to purchase for your player.

Register at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 or online at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
Please email Danielle McLeer at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us

ADULT RUNNING SPRING 2015

Interested in running, but don't know how to start? Join the Springfield Adult Running Program!

We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track. The 6 classes begin on March 4th, and end on April 15th (no class on April 1st) In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

Cost is \$55. T-shirt and water bottle will be provided. The program is open to Springfield residents 18 years of age and older.

Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us.

INTRODUCTION TO DANCE

This class will introduce the basics of ballet and will also incorporate creative movement for both boys and girls!

Instructor Diana Perez has been a dance teacher, choreographer, and performer for over 20 years.

Register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department or online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator, at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us.

Program meets on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:15 pm at the Chisholm Community Center. Six classes begin on Tuesday, April 7th thru Tuesday, May 12th. Introduction to Dance is open to Springfield children ages 3-5. Minimum four children are needed to run this program. Cost is \$55. No refunds will be provided. Make checks payable to Township of Springfield. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this spring and summer (ages 4-12). More information and online registration is available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING A NEW SPORT? TRY GIRL'S LACROSSE!

Open to Springfield girls in 2nd-4th grades. Lacrosse in Springfield is growing and we hope to scrimmage a few local teams! Come out and try lacrosse and learn the basic skills. Required equipment are goggles and a mouth guard. Use your own stick, or you can borrow one from the Recreation Department.

Meets every Saturday April 4th-May 9th, from 9:00-10:00 am, at Chisholm Park.

Cost is \$55. T-shirt is provided. Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield.

Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

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Camps • Weekly Programs • Training Clinics
Daytime • Evenings • Weekends

REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID LATE FEES
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Total Sports Squirts Weekly Classes (age 3 to 5)

Experience a new sport each week of the program, with Sports Squirts. Participants have the opportunity to try Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football, Parachute games and more in a safe, structured environment.

<http://www.ussportsinstitute.com/squirts-home/sports-squirts.html>

Day(s): Saturday or Tuesday
Dates: April 11 to June 6 or April 14 to June 2
Location: Chisholm Park
Time(s): 3:00pm-4:00pm or 4:00pm-5:00pm (Saturday)
10:30am-11:30am or 1:00pm-2:00pm (Tuesday)

PARENT AND ME: TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS WEEKLY CLASSES (age 2 to 3)

Ideal for any child just starting out in the world of sport, this Program introduces children to a new sport in session. With a helping hand from Mom or Dad children will have the opportunity to try Soccer, Lacrosse, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football and more!

<http://ussportsinstitute.com/parent-a-me-home/parent-a-me-sports.html>

Day(s): Tuesday
Dates: April 14 to June 2
Location: Chisholm Park
Time(s): 9:30am-10:20am

SPRING BREAK TOTAL PLAY MULTI SPORTS CAMP (age 5-8 or 8-11)

Experience over 16 different sports from around the world including, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, cricket, floor hockey and more at this camp. All activities will take place in an atmosphere which promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork and most of all, fun. This is the only sports camp truly dedicated to children of all abilities.

<http://ussportsinstitute.com/sports-camps/multi-sports/total-play-multi-sports.html>

Day(s): Monday- Thursday
Dates: March 30 to April 2
Location: Chisholm Park
Time(s): 9:00am-4:00pm, 9:00am-12:30pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm

CARDIO TENNIS (Adult)

Cardio Tennis is one of the most recent fitness initiatives to hit the US. All activities within the class are designed to raise your heart rate into the aerobic training zone, providing a whole body work out and burning optimal calories, all while improving your basic tennis skills. No tennis playing experience is necessary to join this class.

<http://ussportsinstitute.com/tennis-home/cardio-tennis.html>

Day(s): Saturday or Monday
Dates: April 11 to June 6 or April 13 to June 8
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Time(s): 4:45pm-5:45pm (Sat), 9:30am-10:30am (Mon)

ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS (Adult)

USSTI's adult tennis classes follow developmental curriculums and guidelines laid out by the USTA. Regardless of previous experience, participants will learn the basic fundamentals in stroke production, court movement and footwork, in a low pressured, yet energetic environment. Most importantly, it's all about having fun and taking the time to enjoy a social, healthy, lifelong sport.

<http://ussportsinstitute.com/tennis-home/adult-tennis.html>

Day(s): Saturday or Monday
Dates: April 11 to June 6 or April 13 to June 8
Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts
Time(s): 3:30pm-4:30pm (Sat), 10:30am-11:30am (Mon)
This class is for beginner to intermediate level players. All players must provide their own racquet.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE SEEKING PLAYERS

The Springfield Recreation Department sponsors a men's softball league in the spring and summer. It is a modified fast-pitch league. For more information, or to join or form a team, please call (973) 912-2227 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

Lacrosse Clinic Spring 2015 Grades 1-2

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

Six Sunday sessions begin on April 5th and end on May 10th, from 12:15-1:15 pm. Springfield location will be announced soon. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

Cost is \$55. Please make checks payable to **Township of Springfield**. Payment must be submitted prior to the first class. T-shirt will be provided. Use your own stick, or you can borrow one from the Recreation Department.

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Lacrosse Clinic Spring 2015 Grades Pre-K & K

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

Six Sunday sessions begin on April 5th and end on May 10th, from 11:15 am-12:00 pm. Springfield location will be announced soon. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

Cost is \$55. Please make checks payable to **Township of Springfield**.

Payment must be submitted prior to the first class. T-shirt will be provided. Use your own stick, or you can borrow one from the Recreation Department.

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Senior Citizens of Springfield Bus Trip to Sands Casino

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am.
Bus will depart from the Sands Casino at approximately 3:30 pm.

\$25.00 for members
\$35.00 for non-members and guests

Payment due by Friday, March 6th
Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Senior Citizens of Springfield and return to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue. Any questions, call Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

Cost includes:
Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, \$20 slot free play, \$5 meal voucher

Senior Bus Trip to Sands Casino – March 19th (one form per person)

Name: _____ Member: Yes _____ No _____

Cell phone number: _____

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to **Senior Citizens of Springfield** in the amount of \$ _____



SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

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

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

Sign up for Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips on the bulletin board at the Chisholm Community Center. These trips are for members only. Join the club!

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SATURDAYS 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 16 PRESIDENTS DAY.**

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYCRAFT Fridays February 20 and 27 @ 4 pm. Ages 3 to 7 w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

MOTHER GOOSE GROUP @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Stop by and drop in! Fri 2/13, Tues 2/24, and Fri 2/27.

WII GAMES – Wednesdays February 18 and 25 from 4:00 pm -5:00pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

P'JAMA STORYTIME Monday, February 23. New Time! 6:30 pm --- Join Miss Debbie as she reads from her favorite books. Ideal for ages 3 to 7. Wear your jammies and bring your snuggly bear. Drop in.

LEGO CLUB meets alternate Tuesday after school until 4:30 pm February 24. Ages 6 and up. Kids aged 5 and under need to have their parent present in the room.

ORIGAMI CLUB meets alternate Tuesday after school until 4:30 pm 2/17 Ages 8 and older

DROP IN MATH HELP – Wednesdays @ 4 pm. Need some math help? Bring your homework and we're here to help.

NEW! PLAYAWAY VIEWS!

Your library now lends Playaway Views! Pre-loaded, self-playing handheld viewers are perfect for traveling or hanging out at home. Available in picturebook titles, learning languages as well as subjects that appeal to homework topics.

TEENS:

TEENS READ! – 4:45 Wednesday, February 18 (book to be determined). Munch on snacks, too!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) – Earn volunteer hours and make your voices heard by joining TAB. From developing programs just for teens to helping the library select books you'd like to read, TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **Monday, February 23 @ 6 pm.**

OUCH! GOT HOMEWORK BUT CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE LIBRARY? Explore hundreds of quality eBooks from home with your Springfield library card through WorldBook eBooks! All WorldBook's quality non-fiction titles are available for your use on a PC, laptop, or tablet (sorry, not available on Kindle or Nook.) Also available are hundreds of classic titles in the public domain! Books are available immediately—you will never have to wait for a book!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, February 27 CHAIR YOGA WITH PAMELA NIXON 1:00 pm.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

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

February 18 through March 26
ART EXHIBIT – Jonathan Dayton High School.
Every Wednesday, February 4 to April 15
FREE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Friday, February 20, 2:00 pm “INFORMED INVESTING” – a workshop by Alex Kramer & Alison Frimmel, third year Seton Hall law students.

Sunday, February 27, 2:00 pm PIPELINE: Steel Drum concert.

Monday, March 2nd, 7 pm
“Understanding Medicare” – a workshop by Neil Berger.

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 pm
RIDE: Concert of folk music inspired by American West.

Friday, March 13, 2:00 pm
“The Ziegfeld Girl” – lecture by Marty Schneit.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, February 19th, 10:00 am
GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION - “Oedipus the King” by Sophocles.

Thursday, March 5th, 7:00 pm
REAL GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION –
“The Sandcastle Girls” by Chris Bohjalian.

Thursday, March 12th, 10:15 am
MEMOIR WRITING GROUP.

FILMS

Tuesday, February 16, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THESE – HITS FROM 2014: Joaquin Phoenix stars in Spike Jonze sci-fi drama about a lonely writer who falls in love with his computer's highly advanced operating system.

Monday, March 2nd, 1:00 pm
LUNCHTIME FILM - To be announced.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am
Knits Wits Knitting Group

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club

INSTRUCTION

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

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

BENEFITS AT BARNES & NOBLE MARCH BOOK FAIR

Bring your family to Barnes & Noble's Book Fair on Saturday and Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2015. Your local Barnes & Noble at 240 US Highway 22 West has scheduled many special events throughout the weekend. Please check at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield for time and event details. For a special children's building project you will need to pre-register your child at the library as a limited number may participate. Local residents/businesses are also expected to participate.

All purchases in the store, including those in the Starbucks Café, can benefit the Friends of the Springfield Public Library. All you need to do is mention you are supporting the Springfield Public Library and tell the sales associate the Coupon #11558756. The store is open 9 am-11 pm on Saturdays and 10 am-9 pm on Sundays.

Tell your family and friends too. If they shop at any Barnes & Noble bookstore, anywhere in the country that weekend, they too can participate. Just give them the coupon number to pass along to the sales person when they make their purchases. This will work for on-line purchases too (March 14 –10), so even if you can't make it to the store, you can still do your part to help the Friends help the Springfield Library.

Please pass this along to all your Facebook and Twitter friends and family too. The Friends will receive a percentage of all proceeds recorded that weekend that are attributed to the Springfield Public Library and its Friends.

All money raised by the Friends from this weekend event will go to help support the Springfield Public Library's 2015 Summer Reading Program for Children.

FUNDRAISING SHOPPING DAY AT THE WESTFIELD LORD & TAYLOR STORE SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library are joining with the Westfield Lord & Taylor store to offer you a special sale day. Lord & Taylor is sponsoring a special shopping day on Saturday, March 28. Tickets to qualify for special sales during the event will cost \$5 each and are available now for sale at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in Springfield.

Bring your ticket with you on March 28 to the Lord & Taylor store, 609 North Ave., in Westfield to be eligible for all the special sales that day. There will also be free valet parking and store-wide special events for shoppers to enjoy. Drop your ticket stub in the designated box at the store that day to enter the Springfield Library for a chance to win the Attendance Sweepstakes.

All money raised through the Friends' ticket sale stays in Springfield and helps the Friends to fund programs, materials, and services at the library.

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*(l to r) Mayor David Barnett, Senator Bob Menendez and
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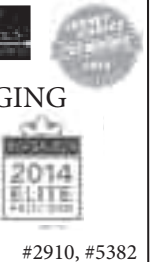
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On January 26, 2015, members of the Springfield Department of Public Works gather in the Center Street Garage to prepare for the "Blizzard of Historic Proportion" that never arrived. In preparation for "Snowmagedon", the Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, 4th from left, and Mayor David Barnett, 5th from left signed a "Declaration of a Local State of Emergency". On hand for the signing was Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno who stopped in to check out Springfield's state of preparedness measures for the storm. DPW Department Head Ken Homlish, left, Chief of Police John Cook, 3rd from left and Assistant DPW Department Head Robbert Boettcher (right of Lt Governor) were also on hand. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Coordinator Seidel noted, "We get very detailed weather updates from the County Office of Emergency Management and we plan accordingly. We purchased additional supplies of fuel and food and put on additional personnel to be sure we could keep functioning in the event we received the two to three feet of snow that was forecast. Fortunately for us this time, the weather didn't follow the forecast! Better to be prepared and not have the storm is always the better option."

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The Recreation Department hosted a Super Bowl party for members of the Senior Citizens Club on Sunday, February 1st, at the Chisholm Community Center. Seniors watched the game on two large-screen televisions, and enjoyed a meal of deli sandwiches, salads, pickles, pretzels, cookies, and brownies.

**Who Among Us Cannot Use
a Little Humor to Lighten
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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. People may die in traffic accidents on icy roads or of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

Make sure you have the following:

- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways and sand to improve traction.
- Sufficient heating fuel to last until trucks can make deliveries. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove in case the furnace doesn't work.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Non-perishable food, flashlights and batteries.

During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- When shoveling snow, avoid overexertion, which can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch your muscles before going outside.
- Keep dry. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. Get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help immediately.
- If you absolutely must drive after the storm: travel during the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule and route; and stay on main roads.
- Conserve fuel if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- In New Jersey, kerosene heaters are only permitted for use in 1 and 2 family residences. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Maintain a working carbon monoxide detector and maintain ventilation to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside. Keep heaters at least three feet from flammable objects.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

After Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold. Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: *shelter 07081*).

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