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WEDNESDAY
NOV. 21, 2012

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Emergency

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“SANDY” SLAMS SPRINGFIELD!

As you all know by now, Springfield was pounded by Hurricane Sandy late last month. As the evening progressed on Monday October 29th, the winds increased, gusting to well over 70 to 90 miles per hour. Emergency crews were recalled around 7 or 8 pm as it was simply too unsafe to be on the road. Police, Auxiliary Police, Fire and EMS continued to respond to life threatening calls without a break in service. Telephone poles snapped like toothpicks and transformers lay in driveways. The scene Tuesday morning was one of unbelievable damage with trees on houses and cars on many township streets. Some homes had trees come through the roofs and walls. All of Springfield was without electricity and the Town Hall and Fire Department buildings operated on backup generators for almost two weeks!! Many neighborhoods were cut off from the rest of the town.

Nearly two weeks later there are still many downed wires, trees and telephone poles. The Township DPW has worked round the clock to clean up the town and continues to work on debris removal. Emergency Management manned their Emergency Operating Center (EOC) 24/7 for the first week after the storm. Police, Fire and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad worked non-stop to answer calls from the residents. Springfield Fire Department personnel prepared meals for the township workers so they could keep going without having a break, a quick meal and back on the road! Even the Girl Scouts pitched in and helped clean up the EOC!! As we go to press, hundreds of homes are still without power and the Township continues its shelter operation at Chisholm Community Center.

Some victims of last year's Tropical Storm Irene were on the other end of the emergency this year, having joined OEM's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) last year after Irene flooded their homes. Jeanine Boyll of the newly formed Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) joined in to help as well. This year Karen and Jim Bonacorda of the OEM CERT Team operated the warming station the Chisholm Community Center, providing a warm, safe haven for residents left without a place to stay or food to eat. OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel said "They (Karen & Jim) did an amazing job setting up and maintaining the shelter, never having done so before. We contacted the County for assistance from the Red Cross and it simply was not available at that time" commented Seidel. The shelter served three meals a day and at its peak housed 21 overnight residents. From 50 to 100 persons at any one time would be present during the day to get warm, have a hot meal or charge their

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LOCAL ELECTION STILL NOT FINALIZED!

Elections results are still uncertain in Springfield. While it appears the results of Springfield's local election for two township committee seats has switched the majority from the Republicans to the Democrats, approximately 100 provisional, mail-in and/or conditional votes still remain to be counted and verified. The information available to us at this time indicates that Candidate David Barnett will likely take a seat on the Township Committee on January 1 and Deputy Mayor Jerry Fernandez may retain his seat. Candidate Margaret Bandrowski trailed Fernandez by about 10 votes and incumbent Committeeman Marc Krauss trailed by about 100 votes. The outstanding votes could have an affect on the final tally. The question of the Charter Commission is uncertain as well as we go to press.



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Message from the Mayor

I wish to thank all of our municipal employees, volunteers, residents and businesses who came together and helped see Springfield through the destruction wrought by Hurricane Sandy. I personally saw many acts of courage and selflessness and it was truly something to behold. The "Township" should be proud of how it handled this emergency and I look forward to hearing from you at our special "Sandy" Hearing on November 27, 2012 from 6 to 7 PM prior to the regular portion of the Township Committee meeting. On December 4, 2012 at the regular Township Committee meeting, we will be honoring the members of the Township team and the volunteers who worked during and after the storm to keep us safe. If you lent a hand, you deserve to be recognized so please join us. I would also like to thank the entire community for their patience, understanding and cooperation during this State of Emergency.

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY NOVEMBER 11, 2012

A nice crowd was present to participate in the Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, October 11, 2012. It was a beautiful warm morning for the ceremony that took place at Veteran's Park. Richard Shipman, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 223 gave the Introduction and Welcome. The Jonathan Dayton High School Band played the National Anthem and the Springfield Auxiliary Police provided the Honor Guard and "Three Volley Salute". The ceremony concluded with C.J. Sutera playing Taps.

FEMA has opened a DRC, Disaster Recovery Center at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., as well as the Small Business Administration FEMA Center. You may be eligible for assistance. You should check with FEMA at Chisholm. As this is the only location in the County, it will get busy. You should go there sooner rather than later. FEMA can answer your questions at the DRC. They are waiting to help you!

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday November 27, December 4 and 18
at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers
2nd Floor, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.—Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

...“SANDY” (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

cell phones and laptops. So many residents pitched in to help out that space does not permit us to list all their names in this edition. We hope to recognize everyone in the December Patriot. In addition, companies, such as Infusion, Abundant Life Worship Center, Cioffi's, Yo Addictions!, IHOP and Seabra's Foods donated large amounts of food to feed the residents and volunteers. The Salvation Army and Food Bank provided food and hot meals for the warming center and shelter as well. The Springfield Rotary and Springfield Lions Club helped out as well. One morning the Jonathan Dayton High School Bulldogs brought in breakfast from the school. Several members of the Springfield Police Department spent the night at the shelter too to give the volunteers a break.

“In my 39 years with Emergency Management, 33 of which was as the Deputy OEM Coordinator, I have never seen such town wide devastation or power loss go on for almost two weeks” added Seidel. OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz commented “It was truly amazing how all the residents, volunteers and emergency workers came together to help each other out. Only a few didn't seem to understand that the electricity is supplied by a private entity, JCP&L, and not the Township. Even those displaced from their homes wanted to help.”

Mayor Ziad Shehady was at the EOC almost constantly throughout the Emergency, and slept there on a cot for several nights, relentlessly contacting JCP&L about the lack of electricity and unacceptable length of time to get crews out and repairs completed. At one point, when critical resources were becoming scarce, the Mayor picked up the phone and called FEMA in Washington, DC. As a result of that phone call, the Township had a FEMA representative report to the Springfield EOC and remain there, assisting with locating things such as generators, food for the shelter and other much needed supplies.

A conference call with President Obama and Governor Christie also took place at the EOC during the crisis, with the President and Governor pledging their support to the towns and praise for their efforts and answering questions from the Mayors & OEM Coordinators.

Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Committeemen Krauss, Amlen and Huber all pitched in at the EOC and the Shelter. Township Committee Candidates Margaret Bandrowski and David Barnett helped out at the shelter as well. Department Heads met twice daily for the first few days and then daily to plan for the Town's response each day.

As I write this article, almost two weeks after the storm, the cleanup and power restoration continues.



CERT Volunteers prepare the shelter for the evening at the Chisholm Community Center during “Sandy”



FALL FESTIVAL CAR SHOW WINNERS



Jim McClusky took Best in Show with his 1933 Plymouth. Shown here with his trophy, (l to r) Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chair, Scott Seidel, Car Show Organizer George Withers, Jim McClusky and Street Festival Chairman Bobby Abraham.



Best Motor went to Sal Apuzzio for his 1971 Chevelle SS. l to r Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-chair, Scott Seidel, Sal Apuzzio and Car Show Organizer George Withers.

HOT DOG CONTEST WINNERS



First Annual Hot Dog eating contest winners included many Professional Eaters from Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania.

FALL FESTIVAL BIGGER EVER!!

This years Festival and Car Show on October 14th was once again a "home run" for the town and its residents! Mountain Avenue was brought to life with stilt walkers, music, the smells of great food and town residents who enjoyed strolling down the street lined with vendors.

We thank our Sponsors for providing the funding for all the free rides and activities throughout the day.

This was the second year the township had the wonderful opportunity of riding in a horse drawn carriage through historic parts of town while Margaret Bandrowski, Director of the Springfield Historic Society, highlighted the rich history of Springfield along the route.

This year we expanded the Festival by teaming up with The Springfield Rotary Club and the Patriot Chamber of Commerce to host a Hot Dog Eating contest. The winner finished up by eating 39 hot dogs in 8 minutes! We thank the Springfield Rotary Club for Sponsoring the Prizes and all the Volunteers needed to keep the event going.

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SAINT JAMES HIGH ROLLERS!



Students, family and faculty of Saint James the Apostle School recently gathered together at Plaza Lanes in Madison for a Family Bowling Afternoon, the annual school year kick-off event sponsored by the Home School Association. Principal Mrs. Patricia Dolansky and teacher Ms. Anastasia Patrignani and Mr. Joesph Funa-guera (back row from left to right) joined the family fun and rolled some strikes and spares (but no gutter balls!) with the students and their families. It was a great afternoon of friendship, families and fun!

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



Emma Taylor won first prize in the essay contest, "Heroes of Science and Technology", sponsored and judged by The New Jersey Applied Science and Technology Council. Emma wrote about Louis Daguerre, recognized for his invention of the daguerreotype process of photography <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daguerreotype> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photography>. Emma is a 5th grade student at the James Caldwell Elementary School.

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM'S CHANUKA PARTY! **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012 10AM-1PM**

Springfield, N.J. Everyone's Welcome! Temple Sha'arey Shalom invites the community to its annual Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 2 from 10am-1pm. Admission is FREE.

...FALL FESTIVAL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

We continue to gather comments and suggestions to continue improving the Festival and exceed expectations every year.

Some of the suggestions from Residents included, "More Arts and Crafts vendors, More Rides and Music, More food and events, include a Ferris Wheel and Carnival games"

Please send your suggestions to our email: festival@springfieldpatriot.com

Or mail them to Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce

1 Cornell Parkway Springfield New Jersey 07081.

We will announce a New Program to benefit our residents in need and improve the Festival for 2013.

Bobby & Jennifer Abraham, Festival Chairpersons



(l to r) Mary Russo (Mother), Firefighter Mark Russo, Fire Chief James Sanford, Mayor Ziad Shedady

FIREFIGHTER MARK RUSSO WAS SWORN IN AS A PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER

Firefighter Mark Russo is a former volunteer firefighter with Warren and East Franklin. Firefighter Russo comes to us fully trained in Firefighter 1 & 2, Fire Instructor 1, Incident Management Systems Level 3 and Emergency Medical Technician.

CHILD FIND INFORMATION

The Springfield Township Public School District has a responsibility to locate, identify and evaluate all resident students who are in need of special education and related services including preschool children 3-5 years of age, pupils with disabilities attending public and non-public schools, and highly mobile pupils such as migrant workers' children and homeless children regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

Parents with concerns about their child should contact Ms. Kathryn Warlick, Supervisor of Special Services at 973-376-1025 x 2595 or in writing to the Springfield Public Schools, Department of Special Services, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.

Information for children with potential disabilities or those with disabilities from birth to age three is available through Project Child Find, a service established by the New Jersey Department of Education at 1-800-322-8174.



RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation accepted by Maria Sista, Municipal Alliance Representative; Ariana Sista, 8th grade student; Tamara Vega and Vito Sista, of Dayton's Alternatives Club, a group dedicated to finding alternative social activities to drugs and alcohol.

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2013 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Elizabeth Cresci, the principal of Jonathan Dayton High School, announced today that Alexandra J. Golden, Charles Melman and Thomas D. Kirk have been named Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2013 competition for Merit Scholarship® awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"Recognizing academically talented students plays a fundamental role in the advancement of educational excellence within our nation," commented an NMSC spokesperson. "The young people recognized as Commended Students represent some of the best and brightest minds in the country as demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program."



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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

In the aftermath of the type of damage as was inflicted on the township by Hurricane Sandy, homeowners are cautioned to be wary of individuals coming to your door to offer to make repairs to your house or your property, especially if they come uninvited and or claim that they can make the repairs quickly or cheaply. Some may just be trying to make some money by doing the agreed upon work but others may be individuals who will do sub-standard or limited work for inflated prices, will simply take your money and run or may just be thieves looking to find homes to break into and or property to steal.

Much as what was mentioned in last month's police column that explained door to door solicitation your police department urges you to contact police headquarters to report any persons who are going door to door offering any type of post hurricane damage repair.

Some helpful tips to remember are:

- You should be wary of contractors who come to your door and offer to make any repairs right away and will usually offer discounted prices for cash payments. In the aftermath of a storm of this magnitude most reputable contractors will have a waiting list as opposed to claiming to be able to do the work immediately. You will need to decide if waiting for a reputable contractor is better than gambling on one who may do the work or who may just want to scam you out of your money.
- You can make inquiries about home repair businesses and contractors by calling the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs (973) 504-6200 or (800) 242-5846 or via the divisions' website of: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov or the NJ Better Business Bureau (609) 588-0808 or the website of: www.BBB.org. These organizations can tell you if the contractor is licensed by the State of NJ and any complaint history.
- You should ALWAYS get a written contract if the agreed upon work will be in excess of \$500 and you should get paperwork from the contractor that shows he has commercial general liability insurance coverage. A simple call to the listed insurance company can verify if the insurance policy information is actually valid.
- Make sure to set up a payment schedule and NEVER pay an entire cost of repairs "up front" before work has begun. It is better to lose some money for work a less reputable contractor abandons then to lose a lot without the work even beginning.
- Be leery of persons claiming to be from a utility company who require admittance to your home. Legitimate workers will have photo ID and drive vehicles with the utility company logo on them. If you are wary of any person who solicits you for any type of post hurricane related repair work you should contact the police at (973) 376-0400 and police officers will check the individuals out. If these persons are legitimate utility workers or home contractors the police officers will be able to determine this and if these individuals are thieves or scammers, the officers will be able to deal with them accordingly.

Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their fall membership meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 7 pm in the museum room at the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The agenda will include reports on the Book Sale, the Antique Jewelry Sale, and plans for 2013. This is a rescheduling of the meeting originally planned for Nov. 8. New members are always welcome.

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRINGFIELD NJ

Elliot Y Merkin – Honoree and Chamber VP

Congratulations to Elliot Y. Merkin for receiving the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club 2012 Man-of-the-Year award.

We thank you not only for the many years of service to our Chamber of Commerce and our township of Springfield, but also for your many years of service to the Men's Club and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael as well.

We wish you many more years of continued success and good health to allow you to continue your support and involvement with the Temple and Men's Club.

Best Wishes from the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Paoletta and Scott Seidel – Chamber Co-Chairman

"It is during events like this that a community can be defined."

Chief John P. Cook
Springfield Police Department

Once again, our community has faced a serious challenge in the aftermath of Sandy.

I am not surprised, but still very proud, to see how all departments and civilian organizations of not only Springfield, but from all around that State, pulled together to overcome what had seemed to some to be insurmountable.

I am even more proud to have witnessed how our community has bonded, once again, with neighbors not only helping out each other but also reaching out to other residents who, up to that time, were strangers to them. Residents also looked out for each other by notifying the Police of suspicious activity. I have an informed knowledge of how other townships have fared and I can tell you that criminal activity resulting from the storm in our Township was kept very minimal due to the concerted effort of you, our residents, and your Police Department.

I had spoken with several members of Springfield CERT who, during the devastation over a year ago, had been victims themselves. They decided back then to make a difference as best they could and joined CERT. I could tell from my conversations with them, and even more so from what I witnessed them accomplish during this event, that they were very honored to be able to be in service to their fellow residents.

I am confident that others who were victims of this event and were assisted by "strangers" will feel the sense to want to make a difference as well.

From what I have seen, and am honored to be a part of, Springfield is certainly defined as a community that cares.

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The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring another "Big Grand Opening Networking Event" on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, between 6 and 8 pm. The Event will be held at the newly renovated JMK Fiat Dealership located at 345 Route 22 Eastbound in Springfield.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE (CBH)



Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on December 2nd from two to four. In celebration of the holiday season, the house will be decorated for the occasion, c. 1840, and the origins of some Christmas traditions will be discussed. Refreshments will also be on hand for visitors to enjoy.

Also on display will be some of the letters written by Wellington Briant, describing his experience fighting for the Union army during the Civil War. This will be the last chance to view Wellington's letters from 1862, before we replace them with his 1863 correspondence. So come visit us for a festive outing during which you can discover how the Cannon Ball House got its name!

Hours: Sunday, December 2nd from 2 to 4.

House Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

For more information call (973) 376 4784.

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Registration for children eligible for the 2013-2014 Pre-Kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for those children eligible for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in September 2013, who are **NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED** in the Edward V. Walton School Pre-Kindergarten Program will be held on the following days:

PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE	LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH	TIMES
January 15, 2013 Tuesday	A-G	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 16, 2013 Wednesday	H-O	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 17, 2013 Thursday	P-Z	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before December 1, 2013. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1, 2013. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- * Child's Birth Certificate
- * Current Immunization Records
- * 4 Proofs of Residency
 - NJ Driver's License
 - Utility bill, lease, contract, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at <http://www.springfieldschools.com/evw>. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

Water Everywhere, now known as WE Springfield, meets on a bi-weekly basis at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

The meeting dates for the month of December are as follows:

Thursday, December 13, 2012

----- All are welcome to attend. -----

MANY RESIDENTS ENJOYED STROLLING DOWN THE STREET LINED WITH VENDORS AT THE FALL FESTIVAL



GRUSKIN GROUP™ EARNs 2012 DESIGN AWARD FOR NEW GATEWAY BUILDING AT KEAN UNIVERSITY



October 17, 2012 (Springfield, NJ) –Gruskin Group™, one of the nation's top design firms, was recently awarded a Gold 2012 Design Award from AIA Newark and Suburban Architects and The Architects League of Northern New Jersey for its design of a new, academic building for Kean University in Union, NJ. Gruskin Group accepted the award for the top spot in the "Unbuilt" category at the annual awards dinner held at the Hamilton and Ward Steakhouse in Paterson, New Jersey on October 11, 2012.

SUSAN PHILLIPS FOUNDATION'S 2ND ANNUAL WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER



Anthony LoSapio, Jr. and Carmine Toto III (left to right) raise their glasses as they prepare to pour samples at Villa Rose Wine School in Madison.

On October 14th, the Christopher and Susan Phillips Foundation hosted its 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Established in July 2011 in memory of Christopher Phillips, 27, and his mother Susan Phillips, 64, the Foundation's mission is to continue helping others, just like Chris and Sue always did. Chris was working toward his degree at Trinitas School of Nursing while serving as a Patient Care Technician at Overlook Hospital in Summit. His mother Sue was a Pharmacy Technician at Walgreens in Short Hills for more than two decades. Both passed within days of each other. This past May, the Foundation awarded two scholarships to graduating students of Jonathan Dayton High School, the alma mater of the entire Phillips family: Sue, her husband Frank, and children Sharon and Chris. This fall, a student at Trinitas received a scholarship as well.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Friday November 23 @ 12 Noon Black Friday's
 Traditional Entertainment Event! Welcome back
 Daria's World Muisic! Join us for singing and
 dancing songs of many cultures, and playing home-
 made World instruments—Drums, Guiros, Shek-
 eres, Steel Drums, Washboards, Dids, Dulcimers,
 Agogo Bells, and Trash Can Lids! Bring the fam-
 ily—all ages welcome, especially Grandma and
 Grandpa.

Math Homework Help for Grades 1 and up
Mondays @ 4pm with Jeff. Bring your textbook
 and your homework and go to the head of the class!

Let's Play Chess for ages 5 to 12 with Ethan and
Evan New Day Mondays @ 7 to 8pm All levels,
 beginner to experienced—meet new friends over
 this challenging and fun game.

WII games for ages 6 to 11 Wednesdays @ 4pm
 We play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

New! BookWorms for Grades 1, 2, and 3.
Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:45
 Let's talk books and enjoy some snacks!

Ariel's Storycraft Fridays @ 4pm a story and a
 brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Storytime Yoga with Miss Pam Fridays Nov 16,
December 7 and 14 @ 10:30am

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for
 babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver.
Friday Nov 9, Tuesday Nov 13, Sat Nov 17, Wed
Nov 21, Wed Dec 5, Sat Dec 8, Tues Dec 11 all at
10:30; Monday evening Nov 19 @ 6:30

YOUNG ADULT

Teen Lit Review Wed Nov 14 and Wed Dec 12 @
5 to 6 pm Grades 6 to 12 Join Librarian Mrs.
 Mankiewicz for previews and selection of new
 YA books; earn community service hours and
 enjoy refreshments!

Twilight Trivia Wed Nov 28 @ 4pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 18th, 2:00 pm
Concert: "The Rat Pack is Back" – singer and

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guitarist Jim Cuthbert performs the music of the
 50s and 60s in Las Vegas with Rat Pack.

Sunday, December 2nd, 2:00 pm
Concert: Cabaret Singer Maggie Worsdale
 presents "Broadway Leading Ladies" songs made
 famous on Broadway.

Sunday, December 9th, 2:00 pm
Photo Contest "Seasons" reception & awards
 ceremony.

LECTURES

Thursday, November 29th, 7:30 pm
"Haunted Transportation" – presented by L'Aura
 Hadlic of the Paranormal Research Group of NJ.

Monday, December 20th, 7:00 pm
"December 21, 2012: Mayan Day of Reckoning
or Hollywood Hype" presented by Dr. Frank
 Argote-Freyre, Latin American historian.

Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00 pm
"Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941" presented by
 Dr. James P. Kane

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, November 15th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group – "Roman Fever"
 by Wharton and "Smokers" by Wolff

Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 pm
 Really Good Book Discussion Group and author
 visit – "The Last Newspaperman" by
 Mark Di Ionno, Star Ledger columnist.

Thursdays, December 13th & 29th,
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman
10:15 am

FILMS

Monday, November 19th, 1:00 pm "James
 Dean Trilogy" series: Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal
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 in story of teenage angst.

Monday, December 3rd, 1:00 pm "James
 Dean Trilogy" series: The Academy Award win-
 ning saga of two generations of Texans and the
 family bonds that unite the.

Thursday, December 13th In-
 ternational Film: "The Salt of Life" (Italian, 2011)
1:00 & 7:00 pm

INSTRUCTION

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

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm Chess Club

Monday, November 26th &
December 10th, 10:00 am
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library
will hold their Fall membership meeting on
Thursday, November 8th at 7pm at the
Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in
Springfield. New members welcome.
The agenda will include reports on the recent
Book Sale and Antique Jewelry Sale.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TRUSTEE NAMED TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

Longtime Springfield Free Public Library Trustee
 Cheryl Mullman was honored as Library Trustee of
 the Year at the Libraries of Union County Consortium
 (LUCC) Reception held at the Elizabeth Public
 Library on October 4, 2012.



*Caption for attached picture: Springfield Library Board
 President Shelley Stangler and LUCC Trustee
 of the Year Cheryl Mullman.*

Mullman has been a member of the Springfield
 Library Board of Trustees since January 2003. In her
 10 years on the library board, Mrs. Mullman served
 as President for six years, chaired the Building &
 Grounds Committee and served on several other
 committees. While Mrs. Mullman has not been the
 longest serving trustee ever, she has been incredibly
 dedicated to doing everything she can to make the
 Springfield Library the best it can be.

Mrs. Mullman has been instrumental in a number
 of renovation and building improvement projects
 during her tenure including repairs and replacement
 of furniture and carpeting following Hurricane Irene
 in 2011. Mrs. Mullman's goal is to create a welcom-
 ing and comfortable environment that will enhance
 the library experience for patrons of all ages.

Mrs. Mullman is the library's best advocate. During
 her tenure, she has been instrumental in several deci-
 sions regarding freedom of speech, censorship and
 other important issues that faced the library Board.
 She questions why things are the way they are and
 seeks advocates and partners in the community who
 will help support the library. She uses her family's
 deep ties and long service to the community as an
 advocacy tool.

When training new trustees for their roles on the
 library Board, Mrs. Mullman is the best example of
 what a trustee should be.

Mrs. Mullman was presented with a plaque from
 LUCC and a certificate from the Union County Board
 of Chosen Freeholders for her work.

GRAND RE-OPENING AT THE SPORTS AUTHORITY



Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady celebrates Grand Re-opening of The Sports Authority with Manager Mike Maresca and Springfield Public Schools student-athletes.



SCHOOL SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

(l to r) Emma, 2nd grade, Victor, Pre-K, Kaiden, Kindergarten and Molly, 1st grade all stand with E.V. Walton School Counselor Richard Burkhardt during the first "School Spirit" assembly of the year. Students learned how to respect one another and use manners the "Walton Way."

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Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces this year for a successful Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them.

Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E. and should be dropped off or mailed to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15, older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town's needy. The drive will run from November 1 through December 19, 2012.

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

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In case of inclement weather please call: (973) 912- 2228 after 12 pm on December 2.

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Members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, held a festive Simchat Torah family celebration with dancing, singing and the annual unrolling of the Torah scrolls. The evening was followed by candy apples and donuts.



Fire Chief's Column *Chief James Sanford* Home Heating Fire Safety

As we find ourselves coming into another heating season, homeowners should think about the proper service of their heating systems. While there are many ways to heat your home, there is one common element to virtually all heating systems – a chimney, flue or vent system. The chimney is an area of your home that goes unnoticed until there is a problem.

The first question many homeowners have is "How often should chimney be inspected and swept?" There is no exact answer because there are different factors that need to be considered, such as what the chimney is used for and its frequency of use. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 211 says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary."

Homeowners commonly think that if they don't have a wood burning fireplace, that the chimney doesn't need sweeping or inspection. In reality, oil and gas fired appliances, especially high efficiency models, can leave high levels of condensation and acidic moisture in the flue, which can produce corrosive deposits and deterioration of the clay liner and brick work. Flues should be inspected to ensure that the flue gases, including carbon monoxide, are vented properly up the chimney and are not coming back into the house. Flue cracks can allow a cozy wood burning fireplace to become a chimney fire without warning. How would you know if you have a chimney fire? As the fire burns, it draws air up the chimney and sounds like a jet engine. If that happens, get out and call the fire department immediately.

How does a homeowner avoid being scammed by people claiming to be chimney sweeps? Scam artists use high pressure, aggressive sales tactics. These questionable contractors usually prey upon senior citizens and people living alone because they would rather deal with a lone decision maker who may be frightened by a potentially dangerous situation that "must be corrected immediately". They may also offer "special prices" that cannot be passed up because of huge savings.

If faced with a costly repair estimate, don't take one person's word for it. No reputable contractor should object to your getting a second opinion and obtaining several estimates. Before you let someone do any work, ask for a business card and references. Chimney contractors are required to have a home improvement license through NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. A building permit will be required if the proposed work exceeds a minor repair. The key to a safe chimney is to be informed. Please contact the Fire Department with any questions.

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