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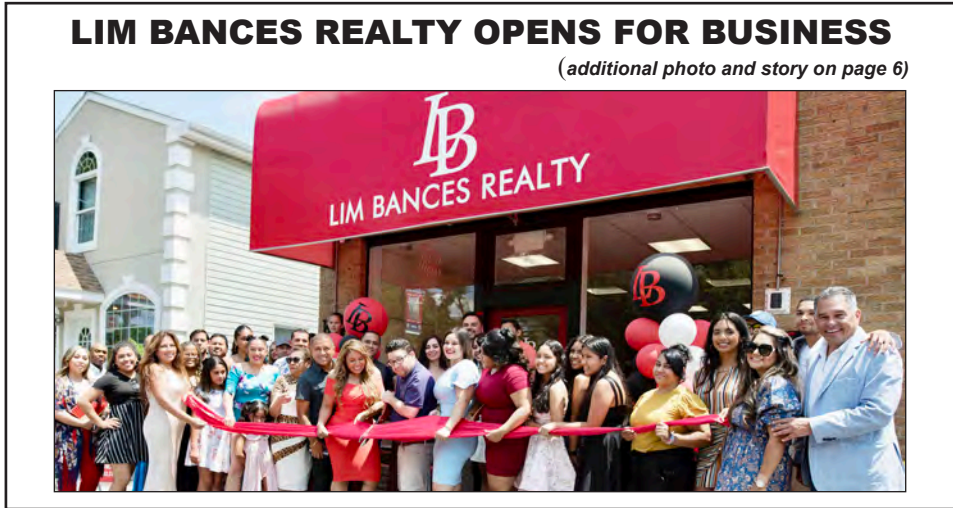
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LIM BANCES REALTY OPENS FOR BUSINESS

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242ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD

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Members of the 3RD New Jersey Regiment (Mark Hurwitz, left) and Mayor Alexander Keiser center, to his right Deputy Mayor Chris Weber, second from right Springfield Police Chief and Springfield Historical Society Vice President, John Cook

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES RALLY HELD ON JUNE 11TH

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Mayor Manuel Figueiredo of Union and Mayor Alexander Keiser of Springfield

NEW AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER TAKES OATH

(story on page 5)



(l to r) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Officer Eddie Lowe, Rahway Police Department, Sergeant Russell Gottlick (ret) Coordinator Auxiliary Police Academy and Officer Omar Shanawami

TWO SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED AT RECENT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Lieutenant Westover with his son Jack, was presented with a Proclamation from Mayor Alexander Keiser

Lieutenant Westover received this proclamation for his selfless act of bravery and heroism on Thursday, March 11, 2021 for assisting two New Jersey State Troopers, one of whom was attempting to extinguish a car fire on the Garden State Parkway and the other attempting to pry open the driver's door. He helped remove the driver who was trapped inside while flames in the engine compartment were visible and were starting to approach the main passenger area. Lieutenant Westover received the 200 Club Medal of Valor Award in May of this year and that story is in the June 2022 edition of the Patriot Times.



(l to r) Mayor Alex Keiser, Sergeant Laurencelle's wife Laura and their daughter Melanie, Sergeant Laurencelle and Police Chief John Cook.

(story on page 6)

TOWNSHIP HOLDS JUNETEENTH CEREMONY

(photos by Adam Lieb - story on page 4)



(l-r) Andrea Holley-Blair, Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois, Mayor Alex Keiser, Anderson Blair

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Last month, the Township Committee unanimously passed Ordinance 2022-13, which establishes a volunteer Grants Committee to help support the Township in its ongoing efforts to secure grant funding. The Township relentlessly pursues grant opportunities to help alleviate the tax burden for our residents. The funds from public and private sources offset the costs of roadway, recreation facilities, infrastructure, and public safety improvements.

The Township has relied on the efforts of its existing personnel to research, identify, write and submit grant proposals. Grant writing, however, is a time-consuming process and we need help! The ordinance, like those of neighboring communities, establishes a volunteer committee to assist our efforts in securing grants for the projects that benefit our residents. We are seeking volunteers to serve on our newly formed Committee. The members will serve in a volunteer capacity for a two-year term and the Committee will meet at least once a quarter.

The members of the Committee will utilize their talents to assist Township officials in identifying new and underutilized funding sources and the preparation and submission of grant applications.

We are seeking residents with the following expertise:

- RESEARCHERS: Responsible for researching available and appropriate grant opportunities.
- WRITERS: Responsible for preparing grant proposals and applications.
- GRAPHIC DESIGNERS: Responsible for creating visual aids to strengthen grant proposals and applications.
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- PROPOSAL COORDINATORS: Responsible for reviewing all grant guidelines and overseeing the timely preparation of grant proposals and applications.
- DATA MANAGERS: Responsible for establishing and maintaining a grant database and calendar.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer member of the Grants Committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Township Clerk at linda.donnelly@springfield-nj.us and myself at alexander.keiser@springfield-nj.us

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at alexander.keiser@springfield-nj.us. I also encourage you to follow my Mayor Alex Keiser Facebook page @Keiser4Springfield for updates.

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD

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June 23rd was the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. A brief history of the event: In the early hours of June 23, 1780, the British advanced into Springfield in two flanks with 6,000 men. This was the 2nd attempt to attack George Washington's army that was camped at Morristown. They assumed Springfield would be an easy defeat, but about 1,500 Americans defeated these British forces; led by General Nathanael Greene. General Greene had ordered his men to rip up the planks of the 2 bridges across the Rahway River, so there would be multiple positions to attack the British forces. While Colonel Elias Dayton and his forces made the first stand in Connecticut Farms (now Union).

When Dayton's forces had to retreat crossing the Galloping Hill bridge, Captain Thomas Thompson was able to beat back the British forces' first 2 attempts

of crossing the river with just a single cannon. Sadly, Captain Thompson died in battle and the British forces were then met with Colonel Angell's Rhode Island veterans. Eventually the British withdrew after having failed to clear a path to Hobart Gap. This was one of the last major engagements of the Revolutionary War in the north and effectively put an end to British ambitions in New Jersey.

To commemorate this anniversary, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held a ceremony at the DAR cemetery. Linda Jurczak, DAR State Vice Regent and Cemetery Chairwoman started the event. A wreath was laid at the marker for those soldiers who died in the battle by Heather Sanford, Chapter Regent of the Church and Cannon DAR Chapter, and Charles Morgan, President of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The names of the deceased were read aloud to honor them and their sacrifice.

After the ceremony the NJSSAR Color Guard marched to the First Presbyterian Church, where a 2nd wreath was laid at the foot of the Continental Soldier statue. Attendees included Sam Davis of the SAR portraying George Washington and Mark Hurwitz, Past Commander, Third New Jersey Regiment, portraying Elias Dayton.

Mayor Alexander Keiser, Deputy Mayor Chris Weber, Committeeman Richard Huber, and Police Chief John Cook were all in attendance for the celebration.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesdays, July 19 and August 23 (7 pm)

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library



Springfield BID *Summer* CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, July 28 & August 25

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MARCH FOR OUR LIVES
RALLY TO END GUN
VIOLENCE

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On June 11th residents from both Springfield and Union gathered together to peacefully protest gun violence at the March For Our Lives Union/ /Springfield Chapter. The event kicked off at Springfield Townhall. Tables were stacked with complimentary T-shirts and signs for marchers. Speakers included Mayor Alex Keiser, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, and Congressman Tom Malinowski.

“What we have to do is take what we learned in the state of New Jersey and apply it to the country as a whole. For the sake of our fellow Americans living everywhere else and also for our own sakes.- It is on us, we have the power to make sure that America is no longer the only country in the world where our parents have to worry about not seeing their kids every time they drop them off at school.”

-Congressman Tom Malinowski

Springfield Schools Superintendent Rachel Goldberg introduced three student speakers from Jonathan Dayton High School; Senior Natalyah Cadiche, Junior Morghan Blair, and Junior Ben Wishna.

“What are we gonna do once we leave here? What’s gonna happen to what we’ve done here today? Once we march are we gonna be proud of ourselves that we marched and go home, and that’s it? Or are we going to urge our legislators and senators to make safe gun laws that protect us?”

-Morghan Blair

The march was a two mile walk to the Union High School football field. Residents walked together chanting and holding home-made signs. Mayor Keiser and Mayor Figueiredo carried a banner The march ended with speeches by Mayor Manny Figueiredo, First Assistant Prosecutor James O. Tansey, Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, and State Senator Joseph Cryan. Union Superintendent Dr. Scott Taylor introduced the two student speakers from Union High School; Victoria Magarino and Faith Cardillo.

A live stream of the opening and closing ceremonies can be seen on our Facebook page along with pictures from the event.

SPRINGFIELD HILLSIDE ELKS
LODGE 2004 INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS FOR 2022



Exalted Ruler: Geri Ann Kazimar PER (center), Leading Knight: John Kretchmer, Loyal Knight: John Ward, Lecturing Knight: Sandra Lyna, Inner Guard: John Drescher, Secretary: Kathi Regan PER, Treasurer: Carmel Kretchmer PDD, Chaplain: Jolie Marin, Esquire: Kathy Guarino, Tiler: Ted O’Connell, Trustees: George Helock PDD, Barbara Brennan PDD, Mark Dunnder PDD, Robert T Dobler Sr. PDD, Richard Woodward Trustee



Fire Chief’s Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIREWORK SAFETY

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don’t forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don’t forget the cake

FACTS

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were Extremities: hand, finger, or leg.one-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

JUNETEENTH CEREMONY

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Township Committeewoman
Erica DuBois and
Mayor Alex Keiser



Reverend Harris

The Township of Springfield recognized Juneteenth at a ceremony held on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Chisholm Park. The second annual local celebration of the holiday -- commemorating the emancipation of the remaining enslaved African Americans in Texas in 1865 -- culminated with the raising of the Juneteenth flag above the park on a warm and windy Father’s Day afternoon. Springfield Unity Project (SUP) organized the event led by chairs

Andrea Holley-Blair and Anderson Blair, and it was co-sponsored by the Township of Springfield, Springfield Recreation Department, Renaissance Church, and Antioch Baptist Church. The Blairs offered remarks throughout the program, which included an invocation by Reverend Reginald Harris of Antioch Baptist Church, spoken words by Omar Dawkins, poem by Alice Bryant, and greetings by Renaissance Church Pastors Christian Andrews, Michelle Andrews, and Vito Aiuto. Mayor Alex Keiser closed the program with a personal and historical reflection on the holiday, before he raised the flag alongside Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois. Throughout the 2-hour program, Dovev Oils sold natural oils, soaps, lotions, scrubs, salts, and body butters, and Scream Truck distributed ice cream and ice pops to the crowd. Holley-Blair commented, “Springfield’s Juneteenth celebration was in full swing for the second year in a row. The crowd was energetic and enthusiastic for the flag raising and festivities. There were spoken word artists, spiritual leaders, the Mayor, as well as Springfield’s favorite Scream Truck in attendance to entertain and provide treats. People made new friends and a good time was had by all.”

SPRINGFIELD HILLSIDE ELKS LODGE 2004 GIRLS
AT CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD



The Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge 2004 had over 60 members that marched in the Elks parade at Wildwood, NJ. Over 106 Elks Lodges from all over the state attended the convention and marched as well. The Lodge took 4 place overall and the Springfield Hillside’s Honor guard took 2nd place overall in the state. Esquire John Kretchmer came in 8th and Exalted Ruler Geri Ann Kazimar came in 10th.



Police Chief's Column

for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P. Cook

Our readers of the Springfield Patriot Times, especially homeowners, are advised that during the summer months various types of con artists come into New Jersey and other northeastern states and target residents, usually senior citizens. These criminal groups are referred to as “travelers” as they travel throughout the country committing any of a series of fraud schemes that can range from attempting to receive payment for home repairs that are not done or are done in a substandard fashion, to attempting to con their way into a house to steal money or jewelry.

HOME REPAIR SCAMS

The homeowner is solicited at their house by persons claiming to be working in the area on driveway paving and they offer to repair or replace the victim’s driveway with the left over materials they have. The scam is where the fraudsters will either do limited cosmetic work by filling in cracks and they will then spray some type of mixture of black paint and oil to make it appear that the driveway was repaved. No contracts are used and the actors will usually request payment in cash or a check made payable to cash. In some cases the checks will be altered to a higher amount when cashed by the suspects.

Homeowners, especially persons who recently purchased a house, will be solicited either by phone or at their door by persons claiming to represent some type of chimney cleaning service where the victim will be told that the prior homeowner had an annual contract to have the chimney inspected and/or cleaned. The inspection fee is always a small amount of money usually under \$50.00. If the homeowner agrees to have the chimney inspected problems will always be found which will range from cracked chimney bricks or broken flashing on the roof to a blocked flue at the furnace that victim is told will cause a life threatening build up of carbon monoxide in the house. When the victim agrees to having the repairs made, they cannot see if anything was done on the roof and in some cases the supposed work done to the furnace actually creates a problem where one had not existed.

UTILITY IMPOSTER SCAMS

Fraudsters pose as employees for a utility company to con their way into the house. They will use ruses such as needing to inspect water pipes in the basement, or gas or electric and in some cases they will carry a clipboard with various papers and a \$100 bill clipped to the top of the papers. The actors inform the victim they are receiving a rebate from whatever utility company they pretend to represent but the rebate is said to be only \$80.00 and the actors require the victim to make change for the \$100 bill. This is done so the actors can see where the victim goes inside the house to retrieve the money. In all utility imposter scams the actors will require the victim to bang on pipes under the kitchen sink or to accompany the worker into the basement. A second actor who was unseen but with the utility imposter will then enter the house and search rooms to steal money and jewelry. The utility companies never issue any type of rebate by having someone bring cash to a house and utility company employees will have a visible photo ID card issued by the company they work for. Lastly, utility companies call or send letters to customers if an employee needs to come to a house for any type of problem or routine inspection.

HOMEOWNER DISTRACTION SCAMS

These are scams where the actor will attempt to lure a resident outside of their home and into the rear yard in the hopes the victim leaves the front door open or they will attempt to con their way into the home so that one actor can go to bedrooms to steal money and jewelry. Most common are males claiming to be doing work at a neighbor’s yard and they need to ask a question about a tree or other object in the rear yard. Once they lure a victim into the rear yard they use cell phones to communicate between the male(s) in the rear yard and the actor who enters the house. Other ploys have females asking for help in catching their runaway cat that is supposedly in the victim’s rear yard.

The cons to enter the house usually range from actors claiming to be selling something door to door, to taking some type of survey, to looking for an address on the street. The actor will ask for drink of water or to look at a phone book or ask for a pen and paper in order to leave a note for a neighbor. Once they can get into the house they will try to steer the victim into the kitchen while another suspect goes to the bedrooms.

Do not open your door to strangers or persons claiming to be utility workers who are at your home for some type of inspection, especially if you did not set up the inspection or were informed of it in advance by the utility company. The legitimate employee not only has ID but will have a vehicle that bears the name and logo for the utility company they represent.

Many residents, especially those from older generations, may not want to appear to be rude by closing or refusing to open their door. A good suggestion is to inform the individual at the door that you will be right back as you have to call your daughter or son or a grandchild who is upstairs to come down and speak to the person at the door. You should do this even if no one is home with you and instead call the police to come to your home to verify if this individual is legitimate. A true utility company employee will wait while the scammers will run off the minute you close the door.

Police officers will immediately respond to your residence when you call us about a suspicious person or doubt the legitimacy of a utility company worker. If you believe a person at your house is attempting to commit one of these types of crimes, contact the police immediately via 9-1-1 or (973) 376-0400. My officers and I always hear residents say that they didn’t want to “bother” the police by calling on a suspicious person who comes to their door and I just want it to be known that no call to us is ever a bother. Our job is to serve and protect and all we ask from our residents is to call us when you see someone or something that seems suspicious.



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NEW AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER

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On Tuesday day June 14th, Springfield’s newest Auxiliary Police Officer was sworn in. Officer Omar Shanawami joined the ranks of the Springfield Auxiliary Police after several months of training at the Auxiliary Police Academy run by the Union County Fire/EMS Training Academy in Linden.

While at the Academy, Officer Shanawami excelled in many aspects of his training, earning certificates for Highest Academy Average, Perfect Attendance, Hazardous Material Awareness Training and much more.

An Auxiliary Police Officer is a civic-minded resident who volunteers his or her time to the local police department. These officers serve as the “eyes and ears” of the police department. In addition, an Auxiliary Police Officer provides police presence in the community. In uniform, the Auxiliary Police Officer can conduct both foot and vehicle patrols, as well as assist with special events such as festivals, parades, and holiday activities. The Auxiliary Police Officer also serves the extremely important role of support during a state of emergency or other times of crisis or disaster. Springfield is fortunate to have 14 Auxiliary Officers, each of whom puts in a minimum of 96 hours a year plus training which is ongoing.

Although the Auxiliary Police Officer volunteers his or her time, the officer upholds the same personal and professional standards as any law enforcement officer. Upon graduating from the Auxiliary Academy, the Auxiliary Police Officer is administered The Oath of Honor that is taken by all law enforcement officers. Officer Shanawami has already started working as an officer. His “on the job” training will continue by working with senior members of the auxiliary police.

History of Auxiliary Police: On or around 1941 under the Civil Defense Act, volunteers fell under the control of the Civil Defense (CD) and Disaster Control Department. The purpose of this was to coordinate the efforts of its members in a common front to protect the lives and property of all persons within its territorial limits against enemy action or natural disaster, and to preserve our national security. At the time this was deemed necessary because of the constant threat of nuclear war with the USSR. The reason for the Civil Defense was that whole areas and population groups would become isolated from the rest of the country in a post attack period. These volunteers were then called “CD” or “civil defense”. Around 1952 the wording “CD” or “civil defense” was then changed to “Police Reserve” or “Reserve”, and this was used to describe the group of volunteers. Their role was to aid the police department in daily activities. Around 1980 President Ronald Reagan changed the designation of Civil Defense to Emergency management and the “Police Reserve” was then changed to “Auxiliary Police”. Springfield’s Auxiliary Police evolved from the Springfield Police Reserve which existed in the 1950’s and was reorganized in 1968 to the department it is today. 2023 will mark its 55th year since its reorganization.

Anyone wishing to join the Auxiliary Police may contact oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388.

OFFICERS RECOGNIZED

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Mayor Alex Keiser administers the Oath of Office to Sergeant John Laurencelle as wife Laura holds Bible and daughter Melanie.

Lieutenant Ryan Westover, received a proclamation from the Township Committee at the June 14th meeting. Mayor Alexander Keiser presented Lt. Westover with the proclamation and he was accompanied by his wife, son and his parents. He was also honored at the 53rd Annual 200 Club of Union County Valor Awards 2022 Luncheon, where he received the 200 Club of Union County Medal of Valor for his act of heroism.

“Lieutenant Westover, we’re so thankful for you being on the force. Not only are you always available when I need you but you make yourself available to the entire community and we’re internally grateful for your support.”

-Mayor Alexander Keiser

On March 11, 2021, Lt. Westover assisted two New Jersey State Troopers with a minivan that had gone off the roadway and struck a tree head on. One of the state troopers was attempting to extinguish the vehicle flames and the other was attempting to pry open the driver’s door. Lt. Westover gained entry into the vehicle, through another door and joined the trooper inside the vehicle to remove the driver, who had been pinned in the driver’s seat. The driver was successfully extracted from the vehicle and taken to a safe location.

At the June 28th meeting, Officer John Laurencelle was promoted to the rank of Probationary Police Sergeant. Laurencelle is a longtime Springfield resident and graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in 2001. He became a member of the Springfield Police Department in 2011. He was accompanied by his wife Laura; a Springfield teacher, their daughter Melanie, and other extended family.

“As a member of the First Aid Squad, he spent a week at Ground Zero following the 9/11 attacks. Shortly thereafter, John enlisted in the Army National Guard, where he has served for over 18 years, with one tour in Afghanistan, and has achieved the rank of First Class Sergeant. – He’s an experienced field training officer, firearms instructor and a qualified FBI crisis negotiator. – John, thank you very much and congratulations.”

-Springfield Chief of Police John Cook

Congratulations and thank you both for all that you do for Springfield.



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Jenna Lashuk, Prime Time Mortgage President Michael Graziano, and Prime Time Vice-President Louis Schornstein and Takeo Cobbs

Prime Time Mortgage gave out our annual scholarships at the Awards night at Jonathan Dayton High School on June 2. The recipients were Jenna Lashuk who is majoring in business, participated in basketball, cross country and was a baseball manager. Student council, Italian Club, Model UN and volunteers for St. Joseph’s social service center. Jenna is going to go to the University of Tennessee. Also Takeo Cobbs who is majoring in computer engineering, participated in track. Volunteered at Overlook Hospital. Takeo is going to Manhattan College.

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(l to r) Mayor Alexander Keiser, Owners of Lim Bances Realty, Lim Bances and husband Ivan Peralt, Springfield Chamber and BID Co-Chair Mike Scalera

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BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD



DAR Chapter Regent Heather Sanford and Mayor Alexander Keiser

GUN VIOLENCE



Congressman Tom Malinowski, Morghan Blair, and Mayor Alex Keiser

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GARDEN COMMUNITIES NAMES CAROLE STEELE AS ITS NEWEST GOLDEN RESIDENT

*Living in Springfield, N.J. Provides Big Benefits,
Says 54-Year Mountain View Gardens Resident*



(l to r) Jonathan Goetz, Carol Steele, and Carolin Azcona.

Garden Communities named Carole Steele its newest “Golden Resident” during a festive gathering at Mountain View Gardens in Springfield. The program honors renters who have occupied their apartments for 50 years or more. Members of this special club, created in 2020, get more than just congratulations for their loyalty – they also get a year’s free rent.

“Everyone was so lovely,” said Steele. “They made me feel like queen for a day.” The longtime tenant said she was overwhelmed by the generosity. Members of Garden Communities’ corporate and Mountain View Gardens’ operational teams were among the attendees at the celebration. Steele was presented with flowers and with a customized giant check during a formal ceremony, followed by refreshments.

“I feel like I won a mini-lottery,” she said. “The whole family is so excited. I can spend the money a million different ways.” Steele added that she would probably invest it in her grandchildren’s education.

“It is such a gratifying feeling to recognize the long-term residents who are the core of our apartment properties,” said Jonathan Goetz, director of property management. “That’s what this program is all about – saying ‘thank you’ to individuals who have planted roots and helped to create an enduring sense of community. They take as much pride in our developments as we do.”

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
3:00-7:30 pm

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100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

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**REALLY GOOD BOOK
DISCUSSION: THE WAVES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022
7:00 PM**

Springfield Free Public Library’s (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, August 4th at 7 p.m. to discuss Virginia Woolf’s *The Waves*. This is widely considered her most experimental novel: six characters’ are explored as they grow, experience friendship and love, and grapple with the death of their beloved friend Percival.

August’s discussion will take place in the library meeting room. New members are welcome! To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email to questions@sfplnj.org.

SPORTS TRIVIA



Aidan Lafazan, Jonathan Dayton High School athlete and sports trivia enthusiast, hosted “Sports Trivia” at the Springfield Free Public Library on June 22. Participants who guessed a myriad of sports questions correctly regarding teams, players, and stadium sizes got chosen from a selection of valuable baseball cards graciously donated by Springfield resident and card collector Michael Smith.

A MITZVAH PROJECT: LEARNING SPANISH WITH GIGI

A special event occurred on June 14th at the Springfield Public Library where Gigi Graziano, 13 years old, taught younger students vocabulary words and phrases in Spanish.

Gigi read a book in Spanish and answered questions and shared her knowledge of Spanish, which she learned in a special language immersion program since 1st grade. It was very helpful for younger students who want to learn Spanish as a second language. Gigi hopes to continue helping others learn Spanish in the near future.



BE HAPPY WITH BEES



More than 70 Springfielders gathered at the Springfield Free Public Library on Monday evening, June 27, to learn about honey bees. Alyson and Jon Miller, who have been local Springfield beekeepers for more than a decade, brought a traveling hive, beekeepers uniforms, a smoker and a comb full of fresh, raw honey to the library lawn. Bonnie Lafazan, a member of our Springfield Library staff, hosted the program as part of the Library’s summer program for children of all ages.

Aly and Jon conducted an interactive learning session, allowing kids to try on the beekeepers protective clothing, explaining the differences between honey bees and yellow jackets and explaining the positive actions that bees bring to our lawns and flowers as pollinators. Aly Miller, who is also chair of the Springfield Environmental Commission, urged people not to treat their lawns and gardens with pesticides, saying “When you kill insects, like mosquitoes, with broad chemical applications, there are consequences. These chemicals kill more than mosquitoes: they kill pollinators, leach chemicals into our water systems, and harm our pets, birds and other animals.”

There were so many questions about bees and honey that Aly and Jon said they would come back and do another presentation in the fall. The demonstration ended with everyone tasting fresh, raw honey directly from a wax comb.

GIRLS WHO CODE RETURNS TO THE LIBRARY

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to partner with Girls Who Code, a non-profit organization whose mission is to close the gender gap in technology and to change the image of what a programmer looks like and does. Girls entering grades 3-5 are invited to register to participate in a series of four sessions that will take place at the library at 7:00 pm on July 27, August 3, August 10 and August 24. For more information and to register, please email Children’s Librarian Ms. Brie at bmintz@sfplnj.org

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SUMMER IN FULL SWING AT CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP



Chisholm Playground Camp -- the Springfield Recreation Department's morning day camp held at Chisholm Park -- entered the second half of the summer with close to 80 campers per week.



Camp includes sports, games, arts and crafts, theme weeks, playground time, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, a late-July trip to the Branchburg Sports Complex. Eight weeks of afternoon specialty camps were added to the calendar again this summer, followed by three end-of-summer camp weeks, including magic, fashion, science, robotics, etiquette/healthy eating, multi-sports, and tennis. For more information, contact Erin McNany, Camp Director, at erin.mcnany@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR SPRINGFIELD YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



Springfield Recreation Department is a proud member of the TryCAN collaboration of programs for youth with special needs, administered by the Summit Department of Community Programs on behalf of several towns including Springfield. TryCAN is excited to be rolling out a new schedule of Summer 2022 programs, such as: Dinner & Concert Social Club, Thursday Social Hang Out, Cooking, CommuniPlay, and Social Skills. To register, visit <https://register.communitypass.net/summit>. Mentors needed! For more information, contact David Guida at dguidajr@cityofsummit.org or (908) 277-2932.

MADOLYN LANZAFAME RECEIVES RUNNING CLUB HONOR

(photo by Erin McNany)



(l-r) Joani Lico, Recreation Program Coordinator; Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation; Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation; Madolyn Lanzafame; Coach Michael Czech.

The Running Club, sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department, has presented 3rd grader Madolyn Lanzafame with the "Runner of the Year" award. At the discretion of the coach, the award is given to an outstanding athlete who embodies the spirit of excellence in athletic effort and the highest standards of conduct. "Madolyn is exactly what any coach looks for," said Coach Michael Czech. "She always does her best, she carries herself with dignity and class at all times, and is a true joy to work with. She earned this honor and I look forward to helping her develop her running over the next several years." Madolyn is a 9-year old at James Caldwell School whose favorite subjects are Science and History. She enjoys playing piano, solving Rubiks cubes, swimming, and playing basketball. She is a Girl Scout and hopes to become an astronaut one day. Madolyn lives in Springfield with her parents Mike and Susie, and her twin sister Victoria.

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES JULY/AUGUST 2022

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, July 18 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Tuesday, July 19 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,
 Mahjong @ 12:00 pm,
 Union County Division on Aging "Outreach Presentation"
 @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
 Wednesday, July 20 - Bingo @ 11:45 am (treats sponsored by Arbor
 Terrace Mountainside)
 Friday, July 22 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,
 Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball Beginner's Lesson @ 1:00 pm
 Monday, July 25 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Tuesday, July 26 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,
 Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, July 27 - Bus trip to Asbury Park beach and
 boardwalk @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Thursday, July 28 - Springfield Senior Citizens Club meeting and
 snacks featuring "Music of David Scance"
 (RSVP by Thursday, July 22)
 Friday, July 29 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,
 Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm
 Monday, August 1 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Tuesday, August 2 - Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, August 3 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Thursday, August 4 - Bus trip to Burlington and
 Applebee's in Union @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Friday, August 5 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,
 Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm
 Monday, August 8 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Tuesday, August 9 - Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, August 10 - Bingo @ 11:45 am
 Thursday, August 11 - Bus trip to Thomas Edison Center Museum
 and Menlo Park Diner @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
 Friday, August 12 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm,
 Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION - SUMMER 2022 MULTI SPORTS CAMP

AUGUST
15 - 19

9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTRATION FEE

\$179

Participants will enjoy 8 different sports throughout the week learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. This camp is outdoor only with no indoor location available. NJ Department of Health, CDC & local covid guidelines will be followed. For more information on how the program will operate please visit USsportsInstitute.com

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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

AGES 5 - 11
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

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9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTRATION FEE

\$179

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PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

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The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information.



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**SPRINGFIELD'S
NATIONAL
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TUESDAY
AUGUST 2, 2022
STARTING AT 6 PM**

Jonathan Dayton High School Parking Lot

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Bus Trip to Resorts Casino Friday, October 7, 2022

\$45 per person

Payment due by Friday, September 30 2022

Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am

Bus will depart Resorts Casino at approximately 4:30 pm

Register online with a credit card at: <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Or make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

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Questions: (973) 912-2227 or ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us



FLAG CHEER!

FALL 2022 - GRADES K-2

PRACTICES

Thursdays @ 4:30-5:15 pm, Chisholm Park

GAMES

Mondays @ 5:00-6:15 pm, Pool Field

FEE

\$100

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FALL 2022 • GRADES 3-8

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- 1-2 practices per week. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for one Jr. Dawgs football team.
- Grades may be combined into one cheerleading squad. Enrollment is limited to 30 cheerleaders.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.



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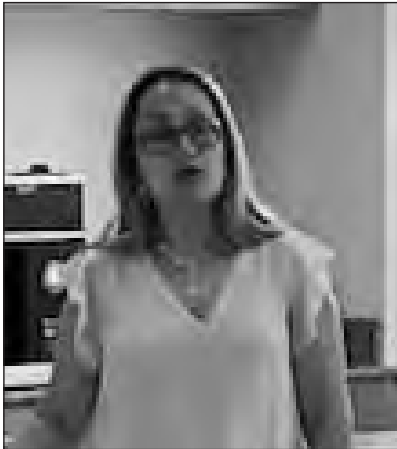
ARBOR TERRACE SPONSORS DESSERT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT CHISHOLM



(l to r) Angela Monto, Gloria Vitullo, Aranzullo, Sandy Tasch, and Lajwanti Shah.

Arbor Terrace Mountainside sponsored dessert for senior citizens who gathered at the Chisholm Community Center on June 22. Arbor Terrace is a private community in Mountainside on the Springfield border that offers assisted living, dementia/memory care, and a neighborhood devoted to socialization among residents with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Joan Aranzullo, Senior Care Counselor at Arbor Terrace, continued her monthly tradition of visiting Chisholm to greet the crowd and talk about the living options that her community has to offer. Arbor Terrace can be reached at (908) 505-6115 with any questions. Interested senior citizens may also view the website at <http://www.arbormountainside.com>.

CHISHOLM HOSTS EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR RESIDENTS AGES 55+



In the month of June, the Springfield Recreation Department offered two educational opportunities for senior citizens at the Chisholm Community Center. Florencia Penetra of the KP Agency of Easton, PA, spoke on the differences between and importance of Medicare plans, prescription drug plans, dental and vision plans, final-expense life insurance, and long-term care insurance. Alicia O'Connor of the Cognitive and Research Center (CRCNJ) of Springfield, NJ, offered insights into her practice's diagnosis, treatment, and supportive resources for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive disorders through clinical research. For information on future educational classes, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us and (973) 912-2227.

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July 11th - 15th	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$175 per week
July 18th - 22nd	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$175 per week
Full Day Weeks		
August 15th - 19th	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week
August 22nd - 26th	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week
August 29th - September 2nd	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$255 per week

We are offering children enrolled in the half-day Chisholm Playground Camp a supervised lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Campers provide their own lunch) — children will then be escorted to the Kiddies Kaleidoscope afternoon mini-camp courtesy of Kiddies Kaleidoscope!!

For registration please visit: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com

SENIOR CITIZENS SPEND SUMMER DAY IN NEW PROVIDENCE



Popular local bus trips continue this summer! Springfield's senior citizens ventured to New Providence on the warm day of July 7. The destinations were Central Farmer's Market, Coppola's Ristorante, and Zita's Ice Cream. The trip was chaperoned by Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver, and Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator. Future summer bus trips (subject to change) include Asbury Park boardwalk and beach, Burlington Coat Factory and Applebee's in Union, Thomas Edison Center Museum and Menlo Park Diner, Chimney Rock Inn in Gillette, and the Shore Club in Spring Lake. For more information, contact Ilene at ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

FIREWORKS (continued from front page)

On Monday July 4th, Springfield held its traditional annual Fireworks celebration. People poured onto the field with crowds arriving early at 5 pm to take advantage of free children's rides, a petting zoo, pony rides and live music.

Building on the addition of food trucks to the celebration, there were 10 food trucks this year, twice the number from last year. Food trucks were coordinated by OEM Administrative Assistant Jennifer Sherman. Jennifer told the Patriot Times that even with twice the amount of trucks they had long lines as everyone lined up for specialty foods included lobster rolls, hot dogs, hamburgers, empanadas, rice balls, funnel cakes, ice cream and more.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, according to Committee Co-Chairmen Scott Seidel and John Cottage, "This was one of the best weather forecast in Springfield's fireworks history, with temperatures in the mid 80's dropping to the upper 70's by nightfall. With low humidity and a light breeze, it made for a spectacular evening for the event."

Seidel and Cottage further noted: "People arrived very early and just kept coming--We have never seen the field so packed in the 40 plus years we have been doing this event. There must have been more than 4000 people there which contributed to the long lines for food and rides." Springfield OEM Deputy Coordinator and Springfield EMS Chief Apu Mullick commented to us: "Despite the large crowd only a few very minor injuries were reported and the biggest issue was a few lost cellphones which were reunited with their owners. Volunteers from the Springfield First Aid Squad were at the field throughout the event to render aid if needed. Springfield Police Lieutenant and OEM Deputy Coordinator Ryan Westover told the Patriot Times: "The Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Fire

Department and Police Department all worked together days in advance of the event to provide a safe and great experience for everyone. Members of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management, Auxiliary Police and CERT Team provided the logistical support to make this event happen. "Children were able to ride the trackless train, see the animals at the petting zoo, ride the ponies and enjoy a giant slide and moon bounce."

This year there were two bands noted Jennifer Sherman. **Twice Heard** a very popular local group opened at 7 pm for the **1910 Fruitgum Company** starting at 8 pm. The 1910 Fruitgum Company played until 9:20 when the fireworks show started. Frank Applegate, Deputy OEM Coordinator and the person in charge of logistics, told the Patriot, "I am extremely pleased with how the event turned out. It was a safely organized planned event, which is our primary objective. My thanks to each and every volunteer, all the members of our Auxiliary Police, CERT Team members, and the Springfield First Aid Squad who gave up their holiday to make this a great event for the Township." Seidel thanked the businesses that sponsored the show, our Platinum Sponsor Autoland and the County of Union and the Union County Board of Commissioners who supported the event this year by donating the use of the County Bandwagon (stage) and making a cash donation as well to the Township of Springfield which help to fund the event. At the conclusion of the 1910 Fruitgum's performance, 4th of July Committee Co-chairs Scott Seidel and John Cottage introduced Mayor Alex Keiser, and Township Committee members Chris Capodice and Erica Dubois. Just before the fireworks started, Mayor Keiser thanked all the sponsors and started the display by giving the signal for the Fireworks to begin to sound of the Star Spangled Banner. What a spectacular 2022 4th of July Celebration enjoyed by All!



SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

July is Park and Recreation Month! This year's theme is "We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation"! Springfield Recreation Department and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) are celebrating Park and Recreation Month in 2022 by highlighting all the ways that Springfield is stronger, more vibrant, and more resilient because of our parks, playgrounds, recreational activities, pool, and community center. Residents are encouraged to share how parks and recreation have improved their lives by using #riseupjuly on social media. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org/july or www.springfield-nj.us/recreation.

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