

NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

THURSDAY
APRIL 28, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am
Emergency
Management Office
Top Floor of the Fire House
In the Joseph Pepe III
Memorial Training Room
200 Mountain Ave.

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BMW OF SPRINGFIELD RIBBON CUTTING



(l to r) Ziad Shehady, Deputy Mayor, James Totten Director of Corporate Programs & Events for BMW of Springfield, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, Sal Gerbinio, BMW General Manager, Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman and Mike Scalera, Business Improvement District Chairman.

The ribbon has been cut and the red carpet officially rolled out for the all new BMW of Springfield, a Celebrity Motor Car Company. BMW of Springfield promises a VIP, celebrity experience where customers are treated like the star. Mayor Jerry Fernandez, as well as members of the Celebrity Motor Car Company Team, pose during the official ceremony on March 15.

Sal Gerbinio, the General manager commented to the Patriot, "Whether it's a BMW, Maserati or Lexus you're after, you can always shop like a celebrity with Celebrity Motor Car Company. In addition to the all new BMW of Springfield, you'll also get the star treatment at Maserati of Morris County and Lexus of Route 10. The red carpet service comes standard and you are always the first priority. Celebrity Motor Car Company --- Get the status you deserve, and the value you expect!" Please stop in and see the all new BMW of Springfield with special Spring pricing and meet the staff headed by: General Manager - Sal Gerbino, General Sales Manager - Gregg Weinglass, Certified Pre-Owned Manager - Chris Tracy and the entire BMW Team!"

SPRINGFIELD PARK PLACE DONATES TO HOPE



(l to r) Police Chief John Cook, Mark Stanziale from Park Place, and Dr. Gary Hecht. Police Chief John Cook and Dr. Gary Hecht are both trustees of Springfield Hope, a local 501(c)(3) charity in Springfield.

On March 16, 2016 two checks were presented to Springfield HOPE from Park Place condominiums and TC management company in recognition of the township's assistance with a recent fatal fire that occurred at the condominium complex.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Firefighter Tom Balke and FMBA President Patrick Federico.

Springfield Firefighters are supporting Autism Awareness Month, a global initiative held every April to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting those with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Springfield Firefighters have modified their on-duty T-shirts with the Autism Speaks logo. The National Autism Society designed the puzzle piece logo because it looked nothing like other organizational symbols. They describe the puzzle piece as appropriate because the children suffer from a "puzzling condition" that isolates them from society.

Through this initiative, the Firefighters are hoping the public will ask them about their shirts and learn more about Autism. As first responders, the Springfield Fire Department completed the Autism Awareness and Interaction Training Program offered by Prevent-Educate.org. This training improved their understanding and sensitivity towards those with Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to better interact during emergency situations.



(l to r) FMBA President Patrick Federico, Firefighters Antonio DeCampos and Firefighter Tom Balke.

TASTE OF THE TOWN
APRIL 18, 2016

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Message from the Mayor

Hello Springfield Friends and Neighbors,

I am happy that spring has arrived, and hopefully we will have more spring like weather. There are many exciting events happening in Springfield. I am glad to have the opportunity to share them with you.

As the Masters begins in Augusta, Georgia, Springfield continues to move forward for our own golf major at Baltusrol Golf Club from July 25-31. This event will bring some road closures and road restriction to some areas close to the course. The event will bring over 200,000 people into Springfield. Any of these road restrictions will be done for the safety and well being of all. Our local police, working in conjunction with State and Federal authorities, determine these areas necessary. Another topic that is being discussed is event tickets. In the past, tickets were given to areas in town for “inconvenience” to these areas. The PGA determines how many tickets they are willing to distribute and the areas in town they believe should receive tickets. We are currently in negotiations on those numbers with them. I am asking residents to please be patient, and to not call Town hall for tickets, as we do not have them. As we get closer to the event, more information will be given on all these issues.

The Springfield Environmental Commission has a couple of great events planned. On Sunday April 24 from 11am -3 pm is our Clean Community Day. They are looking for volunteers, rain or shine. You are asked to meet at the DPW building on Mountain Ave. Gloves, tools and bags will be provided. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and boots or sneakers for cleaning streams.

On April 30th come celebrate Arbor Day with the Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team. From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm five tree saplings will be given away to Springfield residents at our DPW Hershey Building 22 Mountain Avenue, by the parking lot in front of the library. This is made possible thanks to a grant from the NJDEP tree recovery campaign.

Did you know that Springfield has an App? Thanks to the Business Improvement District. Stay connected. Search “Springfield NJ BID” in the App store or Google Play Store. Find deals and coupons to local shops, restaurants, and services. Access the local business directory, town events, maps, and directions. Get alerts with the latest town, school, and emergency management notifications.

Our Township Committee will continue to work hard for Springfield. If anyone would like to discuss any town issues, please feel free to call me at 908-868-0898 or e-mail me at jerry.fernandez@springfield-nj.us.

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm at Town Hall
Tuesday, May 10 at 1 pm – Civics Day
Tuesday, May 24 at 7 pm

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

TASTE OF THE TOWN HOSTED BY THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB APRIL 18, 2016

This is a reminder to make sure you join us as the **Springfield Rotary Club** hosts our annual *Taste of the Town* fund raiser. This year the event is being held at the Galloping Hills Golf Course Catering facility, Monday April 18 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Many of your favorite local restaurants, dessert and wine stores will be attending for your pleasure. In addition to the food and beverages provided, there will be Tricky Tray items and an auction with larger prizes, including a variety Broadway Show tickets.

The Rotary Club is an active participant in Springfield and the money generated from this event helps us give back to our community. Please purchase your ticket for this great event as soon as possible. Tickets are available from any Springfield Rotary Club member and cost \$25.00 per ticket (\$35.00 at the door), and are only available to adults age 21 and over. For a complete list of club members please call the club president, Dr. Seth Hammer at 973-376-7718 or vice president Bart Fraenkel at 201-723-7604.

The Springfield Recreation Department is offering free round-trip bus service for senior citizens from the Chisholm Community Center. Seniors must get themselves to Chisholm. The bus will leave at 6:15 pm for the Galloping Hill Golf Course Catering Facility. The bus will then leave the event at 8:45 pm and return to Chisholm. Seating is limited to 18 passengers, and is first-come first serve. To RSVP, please contact Adam Lieb, Recreation Director, at (973) 912-2227.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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www.springfieldbid.com

SPRING AROUND TOWN

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
APRIL 19, 20 & 21, 2016



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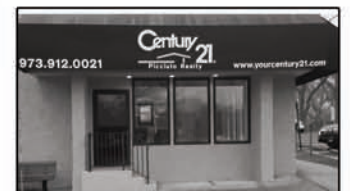
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

CENTURY 21 PICCIUTO REALTY

226 Morris Ave – 973-912-0021

Century 21 brings the power of a national firm to the local Springfield real estate marketplace...offering today's latest technologies combined with excellent personalized customer service. Buying, selling, down-sizing or growing...their office of professionals is here to listen and then make all your home dreams a reality.



THE NEW MCLYNN'S PUB

250 Morris Ave – 973-258-1600

The entire pub has been beautifully updated...while still maintaining that comfortable "neighborhood" feeling. Their beer list is top-flight and burgers are among the best you will find in NJ...along with everything else you'll find on their menu. McLynn's features live music most Friday and Saturday evenings,

happy hour (5-7pm) weekdays and many other events during the year. Pop in for a bite and sip at the bar...or enjoy their comfy dining room.

EXTREME PERSONAL TRAINING

485 Morris Avenue – 973-315-3145

At Extreme Personal Training they have one goal in mind...to help you reach your fitness and/or weight loss goals in atmosphere that is comfortable and non-intimidating while encouraging you to relax and have fun. Their many programs (in-home or at their facility) are personalized to fit your own level of entry, and all classes are taught by professional certified instructors. Although most clients prefer taking these sessions alone feel free to ask about bringing a friend.



TRINITAS CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES

899 Mountain Avenue – 973-218-6394

The caring professionals at Trinitas provide a wide range of therapies including Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis. Their experienced therapists work with children of all ages, medical diagnoses and school classifications. Therapy programs are goal-directed and individualized for each child with an emphasis on evidence-based practice and collaboration. Their therapy center is warm, colorful and inviting for all.

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BMW OF SPRINGFIELD HELPS OUT LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

BMW of Springfield (formerly JMK BMW) has always supported the Township. This month Tino Pereira, their service manager, was able to make the time to repair a BMW that the Police Department recently acquired as seized property due to criminal activity. According to Police Chief John Cook, "The car was not drivable and the Department has the use for it for various purposes. When we called Tino he was able to get the car in the shop right away and repair it for us." Tino commented, "We always are happy to work with the Police Department and Township and help out when we can."



(l to r) Springfield Police Chief John Cook and BMW of Springfield Service Manager Tino Pereira.



Congratulations to the students in Grades 4 through 8 who achieved Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period at Saint James the Apostle School. Students received an Honor Roll certificate and were treated to a continental breakfast with congratulations and compliments of their principal, Mrs. Ponterio.

FIRST HONORS

- Grade 8 - Luke Bernstein, Christina Tillinghast
- Grade 7 - Jacob Cordeiro
- Grade 6 - Yvonne Agyapong
- Grade 5 - John Chacon, Adam Cordeiro, Andrea Falar, Elizabeth Lopez, Katherine Pascuite, Angelina Robledo, Georgiana Tillinghast
- Grade 4 - Jorge Cubero, Jon-Paul Farris, Ethan Pinho, Ethan Stewart

SECOND HONORS

- Grade 8 - John Anigbogu, Rianna Cordeiro, Mikaela Criscuolo, Jocelyn Duallo, Alexandra Gaston, Rachelle Montilus, Kyle Roethlin, Kenneth Taylor, Madison Wright
- Grade 7 - Patricia Falar, Samuel Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz, Adelina Pinho

Grade 6 - Nicholas Battista, Natalyah Cadiche, Sophia Ilagan, Kennedy Kwinta, Jonathan Malave, Benedict Martinez, Grace Roethlin, Steven Rotolo

Grade 5 - Michael Cangiano, Alfred Duallo, Sierra Latonnel, Karla Perez, Brielle Pierre Philippe, Samantha Wolf

Grade 4 - Brooke Dubon, Jamie Jules, Tierney Vesey

Saint James the Apostle School has been serving the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade eight a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

Saint James the Apostle School is located at 41 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Call 973-376-5194 or Email sjschool@sjspringfield.org for more information.

TGI FRIDAYS FUNDRAISER event

It's better to give than receive, but it's great to do both

20% of Sales* Benefit:

Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library

Monday
May. 2, 2016
12pm-10pm

40 US Highway 22 West
Springfield, NJ 07081
973-376-1100

When you present this flyer

20% of the sales* will be given to Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. By joining us for this meal, you help raise money for Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Interested in helping out the community?
Visit facebook.com/tgifridays.eastcoast to discover other benefit events happening at other neighborhood Friday's®.

*Valid at this location only.
Excludes Alcohol, Tax, and Gratuity.



DINE AT TGI FRIDAYS TO SUPPORT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Springfield Library Friends invites you to enjoy lunch or dinner at the Springfield TGI Fridays on Monday, May 2, noon to 10 pm and help the Friends raise money for Library programs.

TGI Fridays will donate to the Friends 20% of each of your sales that day if you show the waiter a copy of the special TGI Fridays Fundraiser flyer (see mini copy here and flyers are also available at the library) (alcohol, taxes, and gratuities are excluded). This local TGIF is in the center island at 40 US Highway 22 West in Springfield. Come out and have a great meal, support a local business and the Library Friends all at the same time! The Friends thank you in advance for participating in this fundraising event.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



On March 2, in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady kicked off Read Across America month by reading to 5 classrooms at Walton and Sandmeier schools.

Springfield Auxiliary Police Volunteers Needed

We Need You!

For almost 50 years, the Springfield Auxiliary Police have served as an immediately available source of manpower to augment the services of the Springfield Police Department during Emergencies.

For more information and an application, visit Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at

www.Springfield-nj.us or call 973-467-3388



Springfield Free Public Library

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

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

**Our programs are free and open to
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county you live in!**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children ages 9 and under attending the library must
have a parent/caregiver present with them.

Penguin Pointers April 24 @ 2pm or 2:45pm. First we had Burt, next we had Checkers. Last year we adopted Kapuki! Which penguin will visit us today? Live from Jenkinson's Aquarium, a special visitor is coming back to the library. Pick up your free tickets at the youth services desk! This special program, Penguin Pointers, is generously funded by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library (FOL). When you support the Friends, you support us!

Storycraft Mondays April 18 & 25 @ 4:00-4:30pm. Ages 3 to 7 w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursday April 21. Join Ms. Kathy around a crackling fire for great stories and a yummy treat! Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! Friday April 15, Wed. April 20, Friday April 22, Tues April 26.

Wii Games – Wednesdays April 13, 29, 27 from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

Lego Club meets each Tuesday afterschool until 4:45 pm April 12, 19, 26. Ages 6 and up. Kids aged 9 and under need to have their parent present.

Drop in Math Help – April 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays @ 4pm. Need some math help? Bring your homework and a certified math teacher is here to help!

TEENS:

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) – Earn volunteer hours from developing programs just for teens to helping host programs for the younger set. TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **Monday April 18 @ 6:00-7:00pm.**

Ouch! Got homework but can't make it to the library? Explore hundreds of quality Non-Fiction (Information) 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

Now thru April 29 Art show by JDHS students.

Friday, April 15 and 22, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

Every Wednesday, thru April 13
FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm Ridgefield Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company presents a concert performance of "Pirates of Penzance."

Thursday, April 28 thru Saturday, April 30
Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale.
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Monday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm
"Marty Glickman" documentary presented by Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

May 3rd thru May 30 Teen Arts show.

LECTURES

Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 am
"Taking Care of Yourself Inside & Out"
St. Barnabas Medical Center will address the prevention and treatment of skin and lung cancer.

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 pm
"GO, VAN GOGH!" an armchair art tour with

Michael Norris, Ph.D., former Museum Educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, April 28 and May 12
Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am.

Thursday, April 21, 10:00 am
Great Books Discussion: "The Republic" by Plato.

Thursday, May 5, 10:00 am
Really Good Book discussion: "The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris"
by David McCullough.

FILMS

Thursday, April 21, 1:00pm & 6:45 pm
International film: "Rust and Bone".
In French with English subtitles. 2012.

Monday, April 25, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – MASTERS OF FILM: Richard Linklater: Nine years ago, Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) spent a night together in Vienna. Jesse has written a book about the encounter, and reunites with Celine while touring Europe. Together, they walk around Paris and discuss their day-to-day lives, relationships, and lingering feelings for one another. 2004.

Monday, May 9, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – SPRINGTIME MUSICALS: In 1962 singers Effie (Jennifer Hudson), Lorrell (Anika Noni Rose), and Deena (Beyoncé Knowles) are about to learn what it's like to be famous. Discovered by manager Curtis Taylor Jr. (Jamie Foxx), "the Dreamettes" are offered a once-in-a-lifetime chance to open for James "Thunder" Early (Eddie Murphy). However, they soon find that fame takes priority over their friendship. 2006.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS SPONSORS SPRING BOUTIQUE APRIL 28-30, 2016

Donations of new and like-new, clean, saleable fashion items for men & women are currently being sought starting Monday, April 4. Please donate items such as jewelry, handbags, wallets, belts, scarfs, umbrellas, fragrances, etc. to the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library for its Spring Boutique April 28 – 30 (Thursday – Saturday). There will be a Members Only Preview Sale on Wednesday evening, April 27, 6-8:30 pm. Donations may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk during regular library hours April 4-27. Here is your chance to donate for a worthy cause those duplicate and unused gifts and purchases you have stored away. Holiday gifts that just aren't for you may be just the thing for someone else. Then be sure to check out the sale itself to find treasures for you to keep or give as gifts. Mother's Day is just around the corner.

Money raised by the Friends is used to help the library fund various programs, materials, and services for children and adults.

The sale will be held at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 28-30 from 10-4 in the library's meeting room. The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

You are invited to join the Springfield Library Friends; membership starts at \$10 and may be purchased at the door before the preview sale on Wednesday evening.

HADASSAH HOLOCAUST MEETING MAY 5, 2016

The Annual Springfield Hadassah Holocaust Meeting is planned for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 12:30 pm in the Springfield Public Library. The date is particularly significant because May 5 is Holocaust Remembrance day (Yom Hashoah).

Miriam Gershwin, a Holocaust survivor and long time resident of Springfield is in charge. Mrs. Gershwin will oversee the lighting of six candles in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

The public is invited and light refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Loraine S. Seidel at lorainesseidel@gmail.com or 973-376-5067.

SIX POLICE CHIEFS AND A LIEUTENANT DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS



March 16 Police Representatives: Pictured left to right, New Providence Police Chief Anthony D. Buccelli, Jr., Berkeley Heights Police Chief John DiPasquale, Summit Police Chief Robert Weck, Mountainside Police Chief Allan V. Attanasio, Mountainside Lieutenant Tom Murphy, and Springfield Police Chief John Cook. They delivered meals to older residents in the area on Wednesday, March 16 as part of the Meals on Wheels America's "March For Meals" annual campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. On a daily basis, SAGE volunteers deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex, and Morris Counties. For more information on the program, call 908.273.5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

Across the nation during the month of March, local officials are taking part in Meals on Wheels America campaign to raise awareness for isolation and poor nutrition among older Americans. Five police chiefs and one lieutenant from Berkeley Heights, Mountain-side, New Providence, Summit, and Springfield gathered together at SAGE Eldercare on Wednesday, March 16 to deliver meals to residents in their respective towns.

"It is our 50th anniversary this year and is vitally important to the people we serve that law enforcement officials meet these individuals," stated Marianne.

Kranz, Director of Meals on Wheels for SAGE. "The relationship and communication between local police departments and a community-based organization such as SAGE is critical so that older residents are looked after and protected. The annual "March For Meals" campaign established by Meals on Wheels America provides a great opportunity for us to enlist the help of local officials by visiting older residents, listening to their concerns and getting to know their circumstances.

In addition to local police chiefs, SAGE has enlisted the involvement of local elected officials, EMTs, and community groups. "It is vital for these decision-makers within the communities we serve to have an understanding of the homebound residents in their towns – often times, our volunteers are the only people checking in on them," added Kranz. About fifteen times a year, SAGE has to turn to the police to do welfare checks on clients who don't respond, and about five times a year, a SAGE Meals on Wheels volunteer calls 911 when finding a client in need of immediate professional and/or medical assistance.

"Not only does SAGE rely on us to check on the safety and wellness of our older residents, but we also rely on SAGE's professional staff when we find someone who needs their assistance and services. Our partnership ensures that isolated older residents are getting the help they need," noted New Providence Police Chief Anthony D. Buccelli, Jr.

For more information on the Meals on Wheels program, or if you would like to become a volunteer for SAGE Eldercare, please contact Marianne Kranz at 908.273.5554.

UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDERS PRESENT SAGE WITH PROCLAMATION



On Friday, March 25, SAGE Eldercare received a proclamation in honor of its 50th Anniversary of Meals on Wheels by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Union County Freeholders (pictured left to right, Freeholders Christopher Hudak, Vernell Wright (in back), Bruce Bergen, Linda Carter and Bette Jane Kowalski) presented the proclamation to SAGE staff and Board of Trustees. SAGE Eldercare serves older adults and their caregivers in Union, Essex, Morris and Somerset Counties by providing services and programs that allow them to age gracefully and independently in the comfort of their own homes. To learn more, visit www.sageeldercare.org or call 908-273-5550.

BRUCE BERGEN IS GUEST SPEAKER AT SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH



Bruce Bergen, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, speaks with Springfield Hadassah on April 5 at the Springfield Public Library. Freeholder Bergen explained the responsibilities, obligations and duties of the board. A truly fascinating presentation. Freeholder Vermell Wright was also there to assist.



(l to r) Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Dan Talarzky of Springfield delivered meals to older residents in Springfield on Wednesday, March 16. They participated in the celebrating SAGE Meals on Wheels 50th Anniversary and Meals on Wheels America's "March For Meals" campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. On a daily basis, SAGE volunteers deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex, and Morris Counties. For more information on the program, call 908-273-5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady hit the road with longtime volunteers and Springfield residents Cocoa Catallo and John Catallo to deliver food in town as part of SAGE Eldercare's annual Meals on Wheels March for Meals campaign. There were 57 homebound senior citizens who received 12,466 meals in Springfield last year as part of the program.



COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,
Emergency Management Coordinator

JCP&L HAS FOUR WAYS TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

Heading over the river and through the woods?

Use your Smartphone or mobile device to take advantage of the following feature at any time, from anywhere- even on the way to grandma's house.

- Report a power outage and check its status using the phone number associated with your account.

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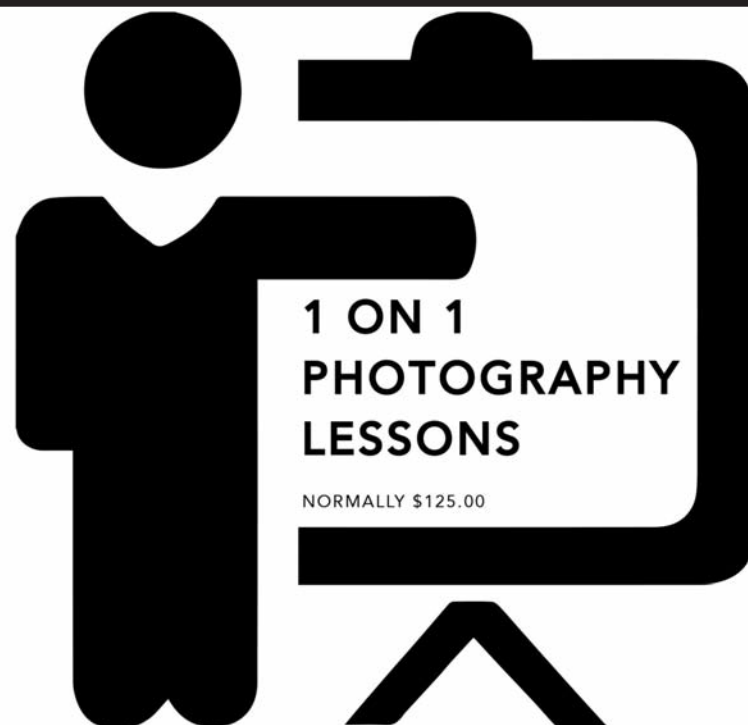
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MEDICATION DROP-OFF BOX



(l to r) Margaret Bandrowski, President of the Seniors; Police Chief John Cook; and Danielle McLeer, Recreation Department Program Coordinator.

On Feb. 11, Chief John Cook visited the Seniors meeting at Chisholm with the travelling Prescription Medication Drop-Off Box. Left-over or expired medications need to be properly disposed of and never just thrown out or flushed away! The collected pills, liquids (including ointments and veterinary medications) are taken to an authorized medical waste disposal location by police officers. The procedure is completely anonymous. There is a permanent, secure drop-off box in the lobby of the police station on the South Trivett side of the Municipal Building which is always available, but Chief Cook is always happy to make the unit available for the Senior meetings.



CLARA T. HARELIK, ESQ APPOINTED COMMISSIONER TO UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS



(l to r) Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, who administered the oath of office, Dennis Kobitz, Union County Board of Elections Administrator and Commissioner Clara Harelik at the swearing-in ceremony.

Clara T. Harelik, Esq. was appointed by Governor Chris Christie on March 10, 2016 to her fourth two year term as Commissioner to the Union County Board of Elections. She serves as the Commissioner of Registration. The Board of Elections oversees the electoral process for all 21 Municipalities in the County of Union.

Prior to serving as a Commissioner, Ms. Harelik served for nine years as a Committeewoman on the Springfield Township Committee. During those nine years, she served three terms as Mayor and two terms as Deputy Mayor. She was the first, and remains the only, woman in the 222 year history of Springfield's municipal government to serve as Mayor three times. Over the years, Ms. Harelik has also served on numerous boards and committees at both the local and county levels and has been the recipient of many awards for her service to the community. Ms. Harelik is a practicing attorney with her own law firm in Springfield. Ms. Harelik resides in Springfield with her husband, Jay Mevorah, and their three children, Cole, Michael and Cayla.

SENIORS VISIT ATLANTIC CITY ON BUS TRIP



Hope Rosenberg and Recreation Director Adam Lieb

On Wednesday, March 23rd, close to 50 senior citizens visited Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on a bus trip sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. In addition to spending time at Resorts, many seniors ventured onto the Boardwalk on the windy, but sunny spring day. The trip was chaperoned by Recreation Director Adam Lieb and Hope Rosenberg.

CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Springfield Environmental Commission and Department of Public Works (DPW) are hosting the Clean Communities Day on Sunday, April 24th between 11:00AM and 3:00PM at the DPW headquarters (Hershey Building) located at 22 Mountain Avenue.

Volunteers are welcome to clean the different locations; just come to DPW where the location will be assigned while providing everybody with gloves, tools, and bags.

The event will take place rain or shine. Since we will be cleaning streams please wear long pants and long sleeve shirts, boots or sneakers.

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE!!!



Springfield welcomes its first ever girl's lacrosse team!! With 19 girls on the roster, this band of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have put their mouth pieces in and have taken to the field to compete in the fastest growing sport in the country and in Springfield. Springfield, which borders such powerhouses as Summit and Westfield are excited to offer girl's lacrosse and are hopeful it grows as fast as the boys program.

Any Springfield girls who are interested should reach out to the Springfield Recreation Department for registration information.

SPONSORS WELCOME CROWDS AT SPRINGFEST



(l to r) Albert Martin, Department of Public Works; Adam Lieb, Recreation Director; Mike Scalera, State Farm Insurance Agency; Easter Bunny; Donna Queiroz, Kearny Federal Savings Bank; Chris Lehman, Cosimo Corrente, and Maciel Ramirez, Walgreen's of Springfield; Rafal Krauze, U.S. Sports Institute; and Heather Re, Assistant Recreation Director.

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-Native American Proverb



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**Call Recreation Department
for details (973) 912-2227**

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am. 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/recreation

SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Sundays from May 29th – August 28th 6:30–8:00 pm
Check-in starts at 6:15 pm

Come join the Springfield Jr. Dawgs every Sunday night for some football. This is a great time to come and play and learn the sport of football. If you are a first-time player or already a Jr. Dawg, it will give you an awesome training experience!

Program open to: Springfield residents entering grades 3 to 8 in Fall 2016

\$75.00 for 16 weeks (includes water and t-shirt)

Jonathan Dayton High School Turf Field, 139 Mountain Avenue

Make checks payable to: Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization

Mail checks to: PO Box 16, Springfield, NJ 07081

Registration is required by Sunday, May 22nd. Please visit:

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/formpreview.asp?sid=751312892&url=footballsfpd&FormID=62694&fb=1>.

Questions? Email springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com



Bricks 4 Kidz after-school LEGO® enrichment program is coming back to Springfield Recreation with brand new models, starting May 6th!

Our one hour classes explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts using LEGO® bricks. Students participate in 5 week sessions focusing on exciting motorized creations with weekly themes such as Inventions, Life Science, and Technology. All curriculums have been created and designed by engineers and educators.

Each class students will see their creations in motion using LEGO wireless remote controls. As they enjoy the fun of building, students will understand the basic working principles of many ingenious devices that are part of our everyday lives. Students will also learn how to magnify, diminish, and redirect force to move objects at different speeds and different directions. For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at bricks4kidz.com/cnj

Eugenia Chiang Kavita Rana (908) 866-1066 (908) 616-0492
echiang@bricks4kidz.com krana@bricks4kidz.com

Class Schedule: Age 5-9

Fridays 4:00 – 5:00 pm 5 sessions – 5/6, 5/13, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17

Fees: \$80 for 5 Sessions

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
To enroll: go to www.brick4kidz.com/cnj
Click on green wheel with “view classes”



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.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)

Time: 2:30-8:00 pm (school year)

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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.

ADULT BOOT CAMP

SPRING 2016

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

April 5 - May 10

FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER



Please contact BootCampWF for pro-rated fee!

During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 8th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

COST IS \$110 PER PERSON

Registration will be available soon at <http://bootcampwff.com/enlist>, and forms will be available soon at the Springfield Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Questions? Contact Heather Re,
Assistant Recreation Director,
heather.re@springfield-nj.us

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The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf clinics this spring (ages 5-12). More information and online registration are available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>

SPRINGFEST AND EGG HUNT ATTRACT HUNDREDS

The day before Spring – under windy, yet sunny skies – Springfield welcomed the new season on Saturday, March 19th, with SpringFest at Chisholm Park.



Sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department – and co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Springfield, Walgreen's of Springfield, Springfield Business Improvement District, and State Farm Michael Scalera – SpringFest was attended by hundreds of children and family members.



The event included an egg hunt with prizes, a wild west bounce house, DJ music, spring garden craft, give-aways from local merchants, Girl Scout bake sale, sports activities run by U.S. Sports Institute, and pictures with the Easter bunny. In addition to the above-named partners, the Recreation Department would also like to thank Kearny Bank, My Super Foods Company, USA Karate and Fitness, and the Jonathan Dayton High School Volunteer Club, as well as these business that generously donated basket prizes: Sofia's Restaurant, McLynn's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Delightful Cake Kreation, Alen's Deli and Catering, Prima Pizza, and U.S. Sports Institute.

A SCENE FROM "ALMOST, MAINE"

(l to r) Ryan Molloy, Noelle Fair, and Tzena Nicole perform a scene from the romantic comedy "Almost, Maine" at the Springfield Free Public Library. The performers are members of the Hudson Shakespeare Company, a group headquartered in Jersey City but which performs extensively throughout the tri-state area and Pennsylvania.



Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2016 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2015.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

FEES:

\$55.00 payable to Township of Springfield
\$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading
No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 13, 2016
No registrations will be accepted after this date.
No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

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

QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at
(973) 912-2227
Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator,
at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

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TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS (age 3 to 5):

Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment. Springfield Total Sports Squirts Schedule: <http://goo.gl/Fw1q8m>

Dates: April 17 - June 12

Details: 8 weekly classes

Sundays, 1:30pm - 2:30pm / 2:30pm-3:30pm

Visit USSportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

SOCCER - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3):

With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction. In this class children will learn basic soccer skills, including dribbling, shooting, and passing. Springfield Soccer: Parent & ME Squirts Schedule: <http://goo.gl/EjTsPo>

Dates: April 17 - June 12

Details: 8 weekly classes

Sundays, 1:30pm-2:15pm

Visit USSportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

TOTAL SPORTS - SENIOR SQUIRTS (age 5 to 7):

Players will learn key skills through small-sided scrimmages in a variety of sports, including Lacrosse, Soccer and Flag Football. All senior curriculums create an environment which allows players to develop and progress within sport. Springfield Total Sports Squirts Schedule: <http://goo.gl/Fw1q8m>

Dates: April 17 - June 12

Details: 8 weekly classes

Sundays, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Visit USSportsInstitute.com or call 732-563-2520

CARDIO TENNIS (Young Adult and 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.

Day: Saturday

Dates: April 16th-June 11th

No Class: May 28th

Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Cost: \$165 (if paid before March 30th)

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

ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS (Young Adult and Adult)

USSI'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.

Day: Saturday

Dates: April 16th-June 11th

No Class: May 28th

Location: Irwin Park Tennis Courts

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Cost: \$165 (if paid before March 30th)



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>.

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SWIM TEAM 2016

Register by mail or in-person:
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Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 912-2227 recreation@springfield-nj.us
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 25th @ 7:00 pm
Chisholm Community Center

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

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\$60 payable to:
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\$20 payable to:
Swim Team
Parent Association
Please make two
[2] separate checks

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 7th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 27th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 27th, to Friday, July 29th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.



ADULT PAINTING CLASS

Learn step-by-step how to paint with acrylics. Leave with a finished piece of art. No experience necessary! All supplies provided. \$40 per person

Saturday April 23rd, 2016 • 7:00-9:00 pm
Raymond Chisholm Community Center • 100 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ

Please call and reserve your spot before Wednesday, April 20
Checks can be made payable to: Colorful Art Studio & Gallery, LLC. Questions can be directed to Danielle McLeer (973) 912-2227 or Danielle.McLeer@springfield-nj.us

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Recreation Department Bus Trip to Sands Casino

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am.
Bus will depart from the Sands Casino at approximately 4:00 pm.
\$25.00 for members \$35.00 for non-members and guests
Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department
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

Recreation Department Bus Trip to Sands Casino – MAY 6th
(one form per person)

Name: _____ Member: Yes _____ No _____

Cell phone number: _____

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

Enclosed is check payable to Springfield Recreation Department in the amount of \$ _____

ARBOR DAY EVENT

The Springfield Environmental Commission and Green Team, in conjunction with the DPW (Department of Public Works), are providing free saplings to the community in celebration of Arbor Day. These saplings are part of a community effort organized by “New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.” Alyson Miller, SEC Chair and the DPW were awarded the free saplings after filling the 2016 Community Application with the County of Union.

Arbor Day event will take place on April 30, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the DPW headquarters (the Hershey Building) located at 22 Mountain Avenue. Parking will be available in front of the Library.

SENIOR MEETING FEATURES ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH AND MUSICAL REVUE



On Thursday, March 31st, Springfield Recreation Department sponsored the March birthday bash luncheon for senior citizen club members. On hand to serve the lunch and dessert catered by McLynn's and Natale's Bakery were (l-r) Sam Mardini, director of engineering, Maryellen Brennan, deputy township clerk, Heather Re, assistant recreation director, and Amefika Gray, recreation assistant. Musical entertainment was provided by Kris Phipany.

CO-ED RUNNING SPRING 2016

Are your children interested in running and improving their speed and agility?

Come join the Springfield Running Program!

Grades K-2nd

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th–June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at Chisholm Park

In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, 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

Ages 8-14

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th–June 13th at 5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, 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 be covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Program classes that featured endurance running. A minimum of six children are required for the program.

Fee: \$55 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: T-shirt, water bottle, and professional coaching instruction.
Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield

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

Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Spring is finally here so remember to use the roadways safely to prevent accidents

Now that the spring weather has returned everyone is returning to the outdoors for both recreational purposes or to start those spring cleaning projects about your home. With nicer weather upon us, township residents may notice an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers being done. This enforcement is not merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the warmer months as there are many more people outdoors, especially children playing in residential areas or walking or riding bicycles along township streets.

Residents are reminded that a motorist must come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Many of the intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and are located on more heavily trafficked roadways have the noticeable yellow warning sign in the middle of the crosswalk to remind motorists to stop for crossing pedestrians.

In the upcoming months, plainclothes police officers may pose as pedestrians who will be crossing at various intersections throughout the township. Motorists who fail to stop for the "crossing pedestrian" will be stopped by uniformed officers and issued a ticket. Police officers will be operating at various intersections throughout the township, especially those where pedestrians or bicyclists have been struck by autos and seriously injured or killed in the past. As you may not know whether a person legally using a crosswalk is an officer or not, just remember to always stop for a crossing pedestrian in a crosswalk.

This "stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk law" not only stipulates that a motorist is expected to stop for a pedestrian using a crosswalk but the pedestrian is expected to only legally cross a roadway at an intersection with a traffic signal, a crosswalk, or at street corners where a crosswalk would be located. Aside from intersections, the other two areas where a pedestrian runs a greater risk of being struck by a car are when crossing in the middle of a block or trying to cross a divided highway. Any pedestrians crossing a roadway illegally can be subject to being stopped and ticketed by police officers as well.

Other police operations for driver safety that will be conducted will target some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that frequently contribute to a higher number of accidents that are to be addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections, driver inattention and aggressive driving.



LOCAL SKATER WINS BRONZE AT NATIONALS

Local skater Grace Fanning, granddaughter of Edward Fanning, Township Administrator, captured the bronze medal at the 2016 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Kalamazoo, Michigan this past weekend. Fanning is a member of the Skyliners Senior Synchronized Skating Team.

A junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Fanning traveled to Nationals with her teammates to compete among the eight best synchronized skating teams in the country in her division. With a riveting delivery of their short program "Be Italian" and a strong performance of their free skate program to music from "The Mission," the Skyliners Senior team proudly stood on the podium with the bronze medal for the second consecutive year. They have also been honored to represent TEAM USA abroad this season, placing fourth at the 2016 Neuchatel Trophy in Switzerland.

"We are really glad that our hard work and dedication to each other paid off," said Fanning. "We were so proud to represent our country as Team USA at Neuchatel and were thrilled to cap our season with a very strong skate and a bronze medal at Nationals."

"It's been a record season for Skyliners," said Josh Babb, Skyliners Head Coach and Director of Synchronized Skating. "As our team grows, so do our accomplishments. Our skaters work extremely hard, and their efforts have really paid off."

The Skyliners Synchronized Skating Team was established in 2001 by a group of parents who wanted to create the most competitive synchronized skating club in the tri-state area. In that first year, the team had three lines. Now in its 15th year, Skyliners has grown into one of the top synchronized skating teams in the country with 11 lines and 190 skaters ranging in age from 5 to 26. While the majority of the skaters reside in the tri-state area, Skyliners also has members from Delaware, California, Illinois, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. The tremendous growth and success of the team are attributed to the dedicated athletes, talented coaches and devoted Board members and parent volunteers who make Skyliners possible season after season.

Synchronized skating consists of 8-20 highly-skilled athletes performing a program on ice together, moving as one flowing unit. It is characterized by teamwork, speed, intricate formations and challenging step sequences. There are approximately 600 synchronized teams and nearly 5000 synchronized skaters in the U.S. alone, with elite competitions at both the national and international level. Although not currently an Olympic sport, there is significant movement toward including it at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

Visit the Skyliners at www.skylinerssynchro.com to learn more about this successful team.



Grace at Neuchatel

TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH



At the March 8th meeting of the Township Committee, the Township recognized the American Red Cross for their work in Town and around the country and proclaimed March as "American Red Cross Month."

Mayor Fernandez commented "In the Township of Springfield, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community

members".

These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella.

The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in the Township of Springfield who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand."

According to Paul Gass, NJ Regional Preparedness Manager and local Springfield resident "Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as life guarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration."

The month of March is dedicated to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

Ten-year Life of Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms detect and alert people to fire in its early stages, providing the warning needed to escape safely. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. However, smoke alarms don't work forever.

The Springfield Fire Department is concerned that the presence of smoke alarms in Springfield residents' homes (most U.S. homes have at least one) may give them a false sense of security. Oftentimes, people don't know how old their smoke alarms are, if they're still functioning properly, or at all. That lack of awareness can have deadly consequences: nearly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms more than 10 years old no longer offer a reliable level of safety. Springfield Fire Department urges all Springfield Patriot Times readers to determine how old their smoke alarms are. (The date of manufacture is located on the back of the alarm.) If they're 10 years old or older, replace them immediately! This includes smoke alarms that use 10-year batteries and/or are hard-wired.

In accordance with NFPA, Springfield Fire Department offers the following recommendations for buying and installing smoke alarms:

- Purchase combination smoke alarms or both ionization and photo electric alarms.
- Make sure smoke alarms have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. (Some older homes may not have smoke alarms installed in bedrooms, but it's important that these locations include them to provide adequate warning.)

Time and time again, the Springfield Fire Department has witnessed the life-saving impact of smoke alarms. But we also know tragedy can result from smoke alarms that aren't working properly. We strongly encourage all Springfield Patriot Times readers to inspect their smoke alarms today, and to replace them, if necessary, as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke alarms and/or smoke alarm installation, please contact the Springfield Fire Department at 973-376-1740, or visit www.nfpa.org/smokealarms for more information.

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL DISAPPOINTED BUT HOPEFUL ON US ARMY CORPS PLAN MOVING AHEAD SOON



Mayors representing the communities along the Rahway River met this week on March 31 at Springfield Town Hall, at a meeting hosted by Mayor Jerry Fernandez. The meeting was scheduled originally to hear the results of the US Army Corps of Engineers recommended course of action on the flood mitigation plan that has been developed over the past two years. After ten alternatives were narrowed to three, March 31 was the date scheduled for moving to the next step which was the US Army Corps recommendation of the best alternative from a benefit-cost perspective. The final alternative, while much assessment has been done on it, is still not ready for public review but it is close.

Last month the Mayors went to Washington DC to make the case before the US Congress for construction funding of the Rahway River flood mitigation plan funding. This was the third visit which reflected the commitment of these officials to urge action. The effort has reached a critical juncture and a funding authorization bill is expected to be before the US Congress later in the year. The Mayors will meet in the next month with New Jersey officials in Trenton to urge acceleration of the state's part of the funding of the plan.

Positive news mentioned at meeting was that \$774,000 (federal and state) in funds have been included in FY 2017 for the continuing work. Mayors expressed appreciation to Senators Booker and Menendez and Congressman Lance and Payne. Also, both Senator Booker and Senator Menendez are proactively working on the Senate Subcommittee to urge funding of potential WRTA federal authorization for the projects.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control includes: Union Mayor Manual Figueiredo; Former Millburn Mayor Robert Tillotson; Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins; Millburn Mayor Ted Bourke; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Springfield Mayor Jerry Fernandez; Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca; and Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca.

Senator Cory Booker's staff member Zack Mccue; Former Mayor Tom Hannen; Union County Engineer Thomas Mineo and townships engineers from Union and Springfield; former Springfield Committeewoman Bandrowski and Cranford Commissioners Mallon and O'Connor among others also were present at the meeting.

Over \$100 million of damages was faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene and no improvement in the situation has yet been done. The Federal and State Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan has significant flood mitigation benefits including material water elevation reductions from Millburn to Rahway.

The plan includes modification to the Orange reservoir to store more water during peak storm conditions and there is proposed channelization improvements from Lenape Park through Cranford; and investigations are ongoing for improved storage in the Robinson Branch part of the Rahway River in the City of Rahway.

This is an important update from your electric company, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L)

JCP&L has received increased reports of scammers targeting utility customers. In the latest scam, a telephone caller poses as an electric utility company employee and threatens to shut off the customer's power unless an immediate payment is made. In many cases, the customer is told to pay using a pre-paid debit card, such as a Green Dot/MoneyPak card, a money transfer service like Money Gram or Western Union, or in person at a physical location.

Be aware that scammers often use Caller ID spoofing software to lead you to believe you are receiving a call from JCP&L, and/or provide you with a fake "verification" phone number. These call-back numbers may even include exact replicas of greetings and hold messages you would hear when calling JCP&L's Contact Center.

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- If your account is past-due, you will receive a written notice of your account status, with instructions on how to avoid disconnection of service.
- While JCP&L representatives may call a customer whose bill is in arrears in order to remind them that a payment is due, the representative would explain how a payment can be made using JCP&L's established payment options.
- They will not demand a payment over the phone or at a particular physical location.
- JCP&L does not accept prepaid debit cards or wire transfers as payment, and our representatives will not demand your bank information or credit card number over the phone.

What you should do:

- If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local police department or the state attorney general's office.
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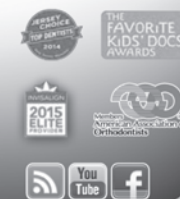


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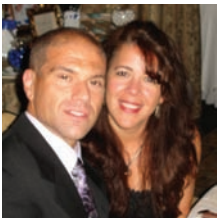


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- Richie, Springfield NJ



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