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THURSDAY
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As a side note, a recent CBS Sunday Morning telecast highlighted a small town Colorado newspaper that shares many of the values of

the Patriot Times. You may view the story at <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/a-colorado-newspaper-thats-also-a-time-machine>. When asked why they don't publish "bad news," the Editor, Dean Coombs, responded that he doesn't go hunting for news. He prints what people bring in, as long as all the news is good news. While he'll print sad news, like obituaries, Coombs said the paper doesn't really "do" bad news. "Actually, the Crescent has been referred to -- especially when my mom was editing it -- as 'the good news paper,'" Coombs said, and that's fine with him: "Everybody will find out about the bad things" in other places.

That's our philosophy too. In the days when print media is struggling, it's nice to see there is a place for us! Now, does anyone know where we can get a Linotype machine?

Scott Seidel, Editor

We have also added a copy editor as well. Kristen Oaks, a township resident and trained copy editor, has joined our volunteer staff. She is much better at proof reading than we are so hopefully the number of typos will diminish. Welcome Kristen!



To learn more about autism, please visit <http://www.autismspeaks.org>

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.



LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATE 220TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The 220th anniversary of the Township of Springfield is April 14, 2014. On that date, the very first township committee meeting was held (Springfield had petitioned the State Legislature in 1793 to be recognized as independent of the Township of Elizabethtown). There will be a month-long celebration of this anniversary, kicking off with a concert of colonial music by the musical duo The Tuckers at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 6. Their performance will feature songs from the colonial hit parade such as "Antediluvians Were All Very Sober," "Battle of Trenton," "Four Drunken Maidens" and "Soldier Will You Marry Me?" along with more familiar tunes such as "Yankee Doodle," "Greensleeves," and "Water is Wide."

April 6 will also mark the opening of an exhibit at the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum of various items from the history of Springfield, including news coverage of significant events that mark the evolution of the township. The doors to the museum will open at 1:00 pm. The Historical Society and the library will also have

available for sale that afternoon a number of books and items pertaining to Springfield's history, including *Images of America: Springfield*, *Phoebe's Notebook*, and maps and informational booklets pertaining to the Battle of Springfield.

The library owns the original minutes of every township committee meeting from the first one held on April 14, 1794 through 1909. These are bound in a single volume and have recently been digitized. A facsimile copy of the entire volume was produced and is available to the public for perusal at the library. Another facsimile copy has been made and will be presented to the Township Committee at their meeting to be held on April 8.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com, by visiting the library's Facebook page or by calling 973-376-4930 during regular library hours.



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Message from the Mayor

I hope that as you are reading this, it is 60 degrees, sunny and finally all of the snow is gone. Once again I would like to thank our Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management for their outstanding efforts during this very difficult winter. Many of our residents are still experiencing problems with our mail delivery. We have spoken with Assemblyman Lenoard Lance's office, who have been in contact with the United States Postal Office and are promising us that they are doing everything possible to correct the problems.

Captain Dave Maas of the fire department and Sergeant Steve Holyfield of the police department have recently retired and we would like to express our sincerest thank you for all their hard work and dedication to this town. Captain Maas served for over 35 years on our fire department, and Sergeant Holyfield worked for our police department for 25 years. Individuals like this who sacrifice so much for our town are truly what make Springfield such a special place.

On March 11 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall, the Springfield Business Improvement District will be presenting some of their preliminary plans for the revitalization of our downtown. Any residents interested in learning more are invited to attend this meeting.

Potholes are becoming a major problem in town. Our Department of Public Works has been working hard to try and stay on top of this problem. I am asking any resident that encounters a pothole that needs to be repaired to please contact me immediately at richard.huber@springfield-nj.us. Finally, I would like to express how honored I am to serve the Town of Springfield.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2014

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2014

The workshop meeting of February 10 at the Firehouse included reports from all the department heads with opportunity for discussion by the Township Committee members and the public. The Township Administrator and the department heads also presented their goals for the coming year, which were also available for discussion. The DPW sub-committee (Mr. Shehady and Mr. Fernandez) presented a report on the proposed transfer of three employees of the Recreation Department to the DPW. Their conclusion was that such a move was not merited, an opinion in which the majority of the Committee concurred.

At the first regular session on February 11, several announcements of upcoming events were made, including a planned program on Stormwater Management for NJ Municipalities sponsored by the Rahway River Watershed Association to be held on Tuesday, March 25 from 7:30-9:30 at the Millburn Town Hall. A number of routine resolutions were passed and payroll and invoices for the preceding two weeks were approved. One of the resolutions introduced and approved the proposed 2014 budget for Springfield Community Partnership (BID). Another significant resolution, 2014-59, urges that the Governor and the state Office of Emergency Management to request that FEMA reimburse Springfield and other municipalities for the "great and unanticipated costs" incurred by the severe weather we have experienced this year. Copies will be sent to other local, county and state officials urging their support for this aid. There was the First Reading of Ordinance 2014-01 authorizing various improvements to the Municipal Pool and the necessary bonding to pay for them. The second reading and vote will be held at the March 11 meeting.

The second regular session was held on February 25 and was relatively brief. Along with the usual approval of payroll and invoices and several resolutions, the mayor was privileged to swear in Probationary Fire Officer Antonio De Campos. An Executive Session was also held on a matter that remains confidential at this time.

PLEASE NOTE: The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. The Workshop meeting is held monthly in the Firehouse on the Monday preceding the first Executive session of the month. Executive sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Municipal Building. Both meetings are at 7:30.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, March 10, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department
Tuesday, March 11, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall
Tuesday, March 25, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

Monday, April 7, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department
Tuesday, April 7, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall
Tuesday, April 22, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 pm

All of the above meet at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

THE BID AT WORK

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www.springfieldbid.com

MARCH UPDATE

We are Springing Forward!

Together North Jersey Grant

Deputy Mayor David Barnett will be updating residents on the results of the \$90,000 grant received from Together North Jersey at an open public town hall meeting. The BID and the Town have made significant progress towards downtown redevelopment. During this meeting, people will see a presentation of the recommendations made by the Together North Jersey team for improving the Morris Avenue business district. Representatives from the State, Port Authority, County and BID will be present to answer questions from the attendees. A lot of great things are happening in town!

Visual Improvement

The BID is working on plans to design and install Welcome to Springfield, Directional, Trailblazing and Parking signs. Our goal is to have them installed by late spring. We will be hiring a landscape architect to begin

developing plans to improve the streetscape on Mountain Avenue. We will be working with the town to seek grants to help pay for this project.

I bet you can't wait for our Spring Fling Event.....

Redevelopment Town Hall Presentation

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

6:00 pm - Exhibits and team members available

6:30 pm - Presentation

Springfield Township Municipal Building
100 Mountain Avenue, 2nd Floor

Networking Event at Baltusrol

The BID will sponsor a networking event for our professional members on **Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, hosted by Baltusrol**. We want to provide our professional people with an opportunity to network with each other and to learn about the programs the BID offers for business.

...It is coming on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Stay tuned for great discounts at your favorite Springfield businesses.

A lot of great things are happening in town!



On Monday, March 4, Mayor Richard Huber visited Walton School to be the "Surprise Reader" of the day. The mayor, accompanied by Committee-woman Margaret Bandrowski, read a different book to each of the sixth classes, ranging from Pre-K to Kindergarten. After the reading the book was donated to the class to whom it was read. The children were very excited about the adventures of the Pigeon and the Duckling and a great time was had by all!



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FRAUD SCAMS

In the past, persons who were the victims of bunco scams or confidence schemes were looked upon as being somewhat complicit in the fraud acts committed against them under the old adage of "you can't cheat an honest man." Today that saying is no longer true as fraud scams are now designed to target unsuspecting persons through sophisticated cons with the use of modern technology. Nowadays the internet and the telephone make it extremely possible and sometimes very easy to "cheat an honest man." I would like recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times to be aware of some of the more prevalent scams that have been committed against township residents in the past several months.

Most fraud scams that specifically target residents are done via the internet or via the telephone and are designed to obtain either money from or the personal identity information of the intended victim. This will be an attempt to have money wired to the fraudsters or obtain credit account numbers or identity information such as a Social Security number.

- Any mail received or an internet email or even a telephone call that indicates a resident is a winner of any type of sweepstakes or foreign lottery where some type of monetary fee is required to be paid, this is an outright scam. If you did not enter any sweepstakes or participate in any foreign lottery, there is no way you can be a winner. Whenever fees are required to be paid in advance in order to collect the supposed prize, this is a scam to con you out of your money. For any prize to be legitimate there cannot be any monetary fee requested in order to collect a prize.

- If you are selling an item over the internet or you advertise some type of service that you perform, be wary of persons who contact you wanting to purchase items you've listed for sale or wanting to pay you for the services you offer where the subject pays by check which is payable to more moneys than were agreed to. This scam specifically wants the intended victim to believe that the check was made out in the inflated amount by accident and will attempt to have the victim wire any monetary difference before the actual check is discovered to be counterfeit. The suspects will always be out of state or in a foreign country but will claim to be in the process of moving into Springfield. The scam targets persons selling any item from a car to a couch or offering services from baby-sitting to piano lessons.

- Do not give out personal information to callers who claim to be representatives of your bank or any business you may have a credit account with. The fraudster may also pose as a law enforcement official with the call pretending to be some type of investigator into fraud on your account. This is done to con you into giving out a Social Security number or other personal information when the caller asks you to prove your identity. Remember that anyone who calls you should already know who you are and you do not have to give out confidential information in order to prove your identity. This same scam, known as "phishing" can

also involve bogus emails purporting to be from a financial institution or governmental agency and is intended to con you into divulging your identity information.

- Be wary of the "one ring cell phone scam" as falling for this could cost you hundreds of dollars. Scammers will randomly call blocks of numbers and will only let the phone ring once as this is enough to cause a missed call message to pop on your cell phone. If you call back the number you will actually wind up calling adult entertainment type phone services located in foreign nations in the Caribbean. The cheaper phone numbers charge you \$19.95 for an international call fee with an additional \$9.00 charged per each minute. Some of the area codes used with this scam are: 268, 284, 473, 809 and 876. In other scams you may receive a phone message where the caller leaves a generic message that a family member has been hurt or has died and you are asked to call a number that has one of the above area codes and when you call it back you are deliberately stalled and put on hold to accrue extra minutes with some of the foreign scam numbers being known to actually cost hundreds or thousands of dollars per minute. If you do not recognize the number do not call it and instead check it through Google to see if this number has been already reported as a fraud as it most likely will have been.

- Do not fall for someone who calls you claiming to be a police officer or a federal law enforcement agent AND who tells you there is a warrant for your arrest but that you can post the bail over the phone. The imposter will claim that instead of the officers coming to arrest you at your home or business you can "post bail" by either giving up your credit card number or by going to a store to purchase a Green Dot VISA money pack preloaded debit card. If you opt to do the latter you will purchase the card in the specified amount of the "bail" and then call the phone number you were given by the imposter to relay information from the card. If there is a reason, law enforcement may come to your house or business to arrest you but will never call ahead and then agree to accept bail money over the phone.

If you believe you have received a call or an email for any of the aforementioned or similar scams, you can contact the police department at (973)-376-0400 and an officer will meet with you to determine if this is a scam attempt. The one call that you make to your local police may save you hundreds if not thousands of dollars due to falling for one of these fraud calls that are being made more and more each year.

**To report potholes on municipal streets, please e-mail the
Department of Public Works at:
DPW@springfield-nj.us**

(Please tell us the street and nearest property address)

**To report Potholes on Union County roads, please visit the following
website: <http://ucnj.org/report-a-pot-hole/>**

**To report Potholes on a state road (Morris Avenue, Rt. 22 and Rt. 78),
please call 1-800-pothole (800-768-4653) or visit the website below
<http://www.state.nj/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm>**

Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

HOLD THE DATES SECOND ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Based on the success of last year's Town-wide Garage Sale, the Township Committee approved two dates:

- Saturday, June 21, 9 am - 6 pm
- Saturday, September 13, 9 am - 6 pm.

Permit fees will be again waived. Both dates are prior to bulk garbage pickup so what you don't sell you can discard if you wish.

Plan now and hold the sale on the same day as your friends and neighbors. The purpose is to have a coordinated community event to get people to explore Springfield and appreciate the pride of Springfield!

There is no registration or permit fee, but we would like to post locations on the Township website and Facebook. More information on that to come!

Community Pool Improvements Completed, In-Progress And Anticipated

2010/2011 - The Township spent approximately \$240,000 to make the following improvements:

Pool was completely drained and sand blasted; new tile work was installed around the entire top section of the pool; new lane line tiles were installed; new depth marker tiles were installed; three coats of rubberized based paint was applied; various coping was replaced or fixed surrounding the Community Pool area. The wading pool was completely drained and sand blasted; new tile work was installed around the entire top section of the pool; concrete areas around return skimming basket areas were redone; new depth marker tiles were installed; and three coats of rubberized based paint were completed.

2012/2013 - The Township spent an additional \$200,000 for the following improvements to:

Install a new filtration system and piping. A new main Community Pool cover has been delivered and will be used to cover the pool at the end of the 2014 season.

The Township Committee recently approved additional 2014 funding to:

Make bath house improvements which include the repair of the men's bathroom floor pitch for drainage; non-slip tile in the men's bathroom and shower room and the women's bathroom and shower room; sink and toilet auto-flush equip-

ment; replacement of shower equipment; additional locker room benches and non-slip matting in locker rooms. Plumbing fixtures will be replaced as needed throughout the building.

Purchase a new swim Community Pool commercial slide and installation. A single vortex slide, including a full size staircase for safety, is to be installed by a contractor.

Purchase and install three permanent shade structures approximately 20 ft. in area. These three structures will create a large amount of shade area on the grass sections of the Community Pool complex.

Purchase and replace seven lifeguard approved stands to increase coverage in heavily used areas of the Community Pool complex during different events. All stands will have safety umbrellas for guards.

Purchase additional new lounge chairs and single sand chairs for the Community Pool members and guests.

Purchase new Community Pool vacuum system and associated equipment, attachments, lengths of hose, cleaning and skimming accessories for use with the vacuum for the maximum cleaning of the main and wading Community Pool areas.

Purchase and replace the easy-access ADA staircase. This is an item used for individuals with disabilities as well as the senior citizen members. Improve front entrance of Community Pool building to include sidewalk replacement and the approved ADA ramp access from the parking lot area to the sidewalk area. In addition, various improvements to the concrete walkways inside the Community Pool complex, concession area and the Community Pool apron areas will be undertaken.

Purchase and install new ice maker equipment for concession area.

Improve fencing for the appearance and security of the front entrance and in other areas around the entire Community Pool complex. Baltusrol Golf Club has agreed to loan us their landscape architect, at no cost to the Township and to provide drawings and plans to improve the grounds of the Community Pool.

Send your suggestions, see form below.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING, FINALLY!

Spring is a good time to check outside your home and cleanup or make needed repairs. Some areas to check and get a jump on your tasks:

- *Replace damaged, rusted or broken storm doors and assembly hardware.
- *Replace broken doorbell buttons and outside electrical outlet covers.
- *Fix or replace draperies, shades or blinds that are torn, faded or broken.
- *Replace ripped screens, cracked windows and door glass.
- *Remove shovels, empty/broken pots, fertilizer soil bags and broken rusted garden ornaments from planted beds.
- *Remove empty pots, dead plants, stems, flowers and weeds and cleanup patio areas.
- *Store bikes, toys, basketball stands and lawn furniture inside when not in use.
- *Remove dog waste from your yard and common areas.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL, WE WANT YOUR INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS.

The Township has made improvements to the Springfield Community Pool over the past couple of years and more are slated for 2014. These changes will make the Community Pool a more enjoyable place for you, your family and friends. We are developing a Three Year Capital Improvement Plan of further improvements to the Community Pool complex. See the list of the completed, in-progress and anticipated improvements for 2014.

List your three (3) top priorities of what you like to see at the pool facility:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please provide additional improvements/changes you like to see (such as grounds, snack area, camp area, programs, pool, etc.)

We will review and consider all your priorities when preparing our Three Year Capital Improvement Plan for years 2015, 2016, 2017.

Send your suggestions to suggestions@springfield-nj.us or by mail to: Township of Springfield Pool Improvement Suggestions
100 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ 07081-1729

FINAL PRESENTATION OF THE SPRINGFIELD MORRIS AVENUE CORRIDOR VISION PLAN

The Township was awarded a competitive grant to create a “walkable downtown” for Springfield, which includes the Township’s redevelopment area as well as commercially used or zoned lands along Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue. The Vision Plan goals are the following:

- Creating a walkable and bike friendly downtown that is attractive to residents, visitors and businesses
- Providing safe and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities
- Optimizing the locations of NJT bus stops and amenities
- Ensuring an adequate supply of efficient and convenient parking locations
- Mitigating future flooding

The project is being conducted in conjunction with the Township’s ongoing redevelopment plan process and will result in recommendations that mitigate the auto-oriented nature of the area, improve bus stop locations and amenities, promote mixed use development in the downtown, improve environmental conditions, and manage parking. To learn more about the Springfield Morris Avenue Corridor Vision Plan:

WHO: Residents and business owners in Springfield Township, general public, and other interested parties.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Presentation at 6:30 pm and Open House Town Hall information session from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

WHERE: The Springfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

BACKGROUND: The Morris Avenue Vision Plan is being developed to create a “walkable downtown” for Springfield, which generally includes the Township’s redevelopment area as well as commercially used or zoned lands along Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue. The project is being conducted in conjunction with the Township’s ongoing redevelopment plan process and will result in recommendations that mitigate the auto-oriented nature of the area, improve bus stop locations and amenities, promote mixed use development in the downtown, improve environmental conditions, and manage parking. The Plan will

build upon the market analysis and retail assessment previously commissioned by the Springfield Business Improvement District.

At this meeting, the Project Team will present the recommendations of the plan. Prior to the presentation starting a 6 pm, attendees can move around to various exhibits structured by topic including:

- Traffic and Transit
- Pedestrian and Bike Safety
- Parking
- Community Character and Urban Design
- Open Space and Environmental

The members of the Project Team will be available to discuss concerns, challenges, and priorities for the Study Area.

MORRIS AVENUE STUDY AREA The Study Area includes properties on the north and south sides of Morris Avenue from the I-78 overpass to the west to the intersection with Springfield Avenue/Meisel Avenue/Main Street to the east. The Study Area encompasses the 64-lot designated Redevelopment Area, as well as some additional public-owned parcels along Center Street, Mountain Avenue, and Church Mall.

This project is a Local Demonstration Project (LDP), part of a larger regional planning initiative, crafting the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, which Together North Jersey has launched pursuant to HUD’s Sustainable Communities program. The project is being sponsored by Springfield Township, Union County, and the Springfield Business Improvement District. NJ TRANSIT, a member of the Together North Jersey, is providing one of its teams of on-call “Transit Friendly Planning” consultants for technical assistance for this project. The LDP program is designed to create “on-the-ground” success stories and will be an important component of creating a supportive implementation framework and informing the development of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

Together North Jersey is a collaborative planning initiative currently underway in the 13-county North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority region of New Jersey. Through open forums, Together North Jersey and its members will create a comprehensive and balanced plan that invests in the region’s existing communities where housing, jobs, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities are made more easily accessible.



SPRINGFIELD - MORRIS AVENUE VISION AND MOBILITY PLAN

Springfield Township

FINAL PRESENTATION. COME SEE YOUR IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS!

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

FINAL PRESENTATION
6:30 PM

Exhibits and project team members will be available at 6 pm to discuss the plan prior to formal presentation.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ROOM - SECOND FLOOR**

100 Mountain Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

Transit: NJT #52 Bus Line #66 Bus Line
#70 Bus Line #114 Bus Line

Parking: North Trivett in front of the Municipal Building and in the municipal parking lot located on Center Streets opposite the Township Library.



THE SPRINGFIELD - MORRIS AVENUE VISION AND MOBILITY PLAN is meant to build upon past planning efforts, focusing on key priorities established by stakeholders and to generate strategic outcomes that can be implemented. The plan engaged a broad spectrum of the community to improve community design, transportation connections and choices, parking, and mitigate environmental impacts.



How do we create a safer and more walkable downtown?



What should mixed use infill and redevelopment look like in the Study Area?



How do we improve transit access and amenities?



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DREW KRUMHOLZ HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE 2014-2015 SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR



(l to r) Elizabeth Cresci, JDHS Principal, Drew Krumholz, JDHS Spanish Teacher, Michael A. Davino, Superintendent, Dennis Coppolino, Supervisor of Humanities

The Teacher of the Year program recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding classroom teacher leaders (pre-K through grade 12) who possess a special talent for inspiring a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. Drew Krumholz has been chosen as the Springfield District Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015. Through a nomination process, Drew accepted the nomination to complete a rigorous application. Four other outstanding teachers also completed the application process. After a review of the applications, following the NJDOE's rubric, Drew was chosen as the District Teacher of the Year. His application will now be sent onto the Union County Department of Education Office where his application will be reviewed with other applications for the Union County Teacher of the Year. That finalist then is sent onto the NJDOE for the NJ State Teacher of the Year. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools to participate in the New Jersey Teacher of the Year Program for the 2014-15 school year. This program highlights educational innovation, student learning, and the rewards of teaching. Further, the program attracts public attention to the positive aspects of our educational system. We wish Drew Krumholz the best of luck at the county level.

SAINT JAMES STUDENTS SUPPORT OPERATION PAL



(l to r) Isabella Robledo (Grade 5), PFC Phillip Patten, Lance Corporal Josh Weber and Jacob Cordeiro (Grade 5)

The entire student body of St. James the Apostle School in Springfield participated in a service project supporting Operation PAL (Prayers and Letters). Students in the lower grades made cards while students in the upper grades wrote letters to the service members who have been wounded, injured or become ill while serving in combat zones, as well as service members that have recently served and then became injured or ill. St. James alumni PFC Phillip Patten and former student Lance Corporal Josh Weber came home to their alma mater to pick up the letters and visit with each classroom to personally thank the students for their support. The Marines delivered the cards and letters to service members at the military bases where they are stationed.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE EARNS CENTURY 21 NORMA ALTMAN REALTORS QUALITY SERVICE PINNACLE AWARD

Hope Rosenberg Recognized for Ongoing Commitment to Customer Satisfaction

Hope Rosenberg, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Norma Altman Realtors announced today that Century 21 Real Estate LLC, franchisor of the world's largest residential real estate sales organization recently awarded her with the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award. "The Quality Service Pinnacle Award is an integral part of the CENTURY 21 System's commitment to excellence and recognizes Hope's dedication to making each and every client interaction a positive one," said Rick Davidson, president and CEO of Century 21 Real Estate LLC.

The annual award is based on results from the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Survey which is sent to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home. To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, an agent must receive completed customer surveys with an average score of at least 95 percent or better for 2 consecutive years. "I strive to provide our clients with knowledge and advice related to their real estate transaction and offer them peace of mind and confidence during what may be the most significant purchase of a lifetime," said Hope Rosenberg, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Norma Altman Realtors. This is the second consecutive year that Hope Rosenberg has received this award. Her office as a whole, has also earned the Century 21 Quality Service Award. Ms. Rosenberg will be recognized at the CENTURY 21 International Convention in March.



Richard Deutsch presents Springfield Free Public Library Director Dale Spindel with an award winning photograph taken by his late brother, longtime Springfield resident Martin Deutsch. Standing with Deutsch and Spindel is Library Board President Debra Neher. The photograph is one of several taken by Martin Deutsch that his brother is donating to the permanent collection of the library's Donald B. Palmer Museum.



Dayton High School Senior, Joe Iuliano signing his "Letter of Intent" to attend Morehead State University on a Football Scholarship, Friday, Feb. 28 at the Springfield Public Library (pictured dad Phil, Joe and mom Lisa Iuliano)

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with caregiver, on selected mornings @ 10:30 am: Tuesdays Mar 4, 11, 18, 25. Thursday March 13. Friday Mar 28. Saturdays Mar 22, 29.

Friday Storycraft with Ariel. Drop in Fridays @ 4 pm in March, for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. A story and a simple craft.

Wii Games are back! Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 pm for boys & girls ages 6 to 11. We play Super Smash Bros.

Let's Play Chess! For Kids ages 6 to 11. Thursdays @ 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Meet new friends over this challenging and fun game. Students should be able to play independently.

Math Homework Help Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Please bring your homework and textbook.

Board Game Bonanza!
New Day: Mondays 3:45 – 5:00 pm
Bring your big sister, your little brother, and your friends to play fun board games for all ages. Preschoolers especially welcome with caregiver: CandyLand, Connect4, Chutes & Ladders, Sorry!, UNO, Junior Scrabble and more!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 21, 12:30 pm
Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon.
Sunday, March 16, 2:00 pm
Recon So & Silk City - Bluegrass and Country Music concert

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

Sunday, April 6, 2:00 pm
Colonial Music concert.

Every Wednesday, February 5 – April 9
FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
10:00 am – 3:30 pm

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursdays, March 27 & April 10 – 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman.

Thursday, March 20, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion – “Utilitarianism”
by John Stewart Mill.

Monday, March 24, 7:00 pm
Author Joanne Rajoppi will discuss her new book, “New Brunswick and the Civil War”.

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 pm
“Topics of Interest” with Bobby Fewell.

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 pm (Really Good) Book Discussion – “Americanah” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

FILMS

Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film - SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS: Dramatic story set in the 23rd century, when humans travel to distant planets and interact with other civilizations. 1956.

Thursday, March 20, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
International Film - Amin Jaafari's life turned upside down when a suicide bombing leaves nineteen dead and the Israeli police informs him that his wife was responsible. In Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles.

Monday, March 31, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film - SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS:

Grant Williams stars as a man who becomes a world-wide phenomenon after a cloud of radiation and insecticide causes him to gradually shrink. 1957.

Monday, April 14, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THIS SERIES: The story of Jackie Robinson and, under the guidance of team executive Branch Rickey, Robinson's signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player to break the baseball color barrier. 2013.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday/Thursday One-To-One Computer Training By Appointment 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are excited to bring American Cancer Society's Jump Rope for Heart challenge back to Walton School in March. Our dedicated and enthusiastic Physical Education and Health teachers, Christine Alamorian and Katherine Stevenson, worked with the school community to raise \$28,940 last March. Walton School came in first place in Union County and second place among other participating schools in New Jersey. We aim to raise additional funds next month to support this great cause. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Walton School at 973-376-1304 or our teachers at calamorian@springfieldschools.com or kstevenson@springfieldschools.com.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER



Library staff members and volunteers mingle at the recent Springfield Free Public Library Volunteer Recognition Dinner.



Volunteers Honored: "We Love Our Volunteers" was the theme for this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Springfield Free Public Library. Library staff and board members hosted a dinner on February 11 at which the efforts of the library's large group of volunteer workers were recognized for their service.

Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold an open meeting on March 27, 2014, in the Springfield Public Library, at 12:30 PM.

A speaker will discuss Jewish humor and the public is invited.

Coffee, tea and desert will be served.

Individuals interested in attending who are not Hadassah members are urged to contact lorrainesseidel@gmail.com or 973.376.5067

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The Springfield Police Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we are currently looking for people who wish to serve their community. Applications must be picked up, in person, at Police Headquarters, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

All applicants must have the following qualifications, as a minimum, for employment consideration:

- Must be a resident of New Jersey and a citizen of the United States;
- Must be at least 21 years of age;
- Shall have an associate's degree or higher from a recognized college/university in an accredited course of study and/or a combination of active military service time and/or college/university credits;
- Have the ability to perform all the tasks and duties of a Police Officer;
- Possess a valid New Jersey driver's license;
- No indictable criminal history conviction and of good moral character.
- Must meet educational and/or active military service time requirements set forth by the N.J. Police Training Commission for candidates to be eligible for the alternate route program.

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CO-ED RUNNING PROGRAM

Is your child interested in running or improving their speed and agility?
Come join the Springfield Running Program!

8 week session beginning Friday January 31st through Friday March 21st (every Friday for 8 weeks)
Minimum 6 kids to run this program

This running program, suitable for ages 8-14, (coed) will feature how to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young athletes or children who would like to improve their speed and fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques are also covered. It is an excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Classes that featured endurance running.

Will meet every Friday 4:30-5:15 pm, location Chisholm Community Center (in gym)
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$50

•••• SPRING LACROSSE ••••

- ☐ K/1st grade clinic for BOYS and GIRLS will be Sundays 9:30-10:30
- ☐ 2nd/ 3rd grade BOYS practice days will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 and Saturday 9-10:30
- ☐ 4th/5th grade BOYS practice days will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 and Fridays 6:00-7:30
- ☐ 6th/7th grade BOYS practice days will be Thursdays 6:00-7:30 and Saturday 9:30-11:00

- Fee \$50.00 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)
- Fee \$120 made payable to Springfield Lacrosse Association
 - Late payment after February 1st will be \$135
 - This fee includes \$25 membership to US Lacrosse – insures kids and coaches along with 6 free Lacrosse magazines for the children.

Register at Sara Bailey Civic Center • 30 Church Mall; Springfield NJ 07081

Any questions please email Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us

Please visit our website at www.springfieldlxnj.com for additional information regarding equipment and to see pictures of our last year season!

CARDIO TENNIS



Would you like to try something new to change up your workout? Try Cardio Tennis with Barbara! This class is set to music and involves constant ball movement, ladder climbing and rhythmic movement! Grab your friends and come enjoy a fun time and a great cardio workout!

WHERE:

Irwin Tennis Courts
199 Irwin Street
This program is for adults
ages 18+

WHEN:

Tuesday April 8th – Thursday
May 15th
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Please make checks payable to Barbara Forbes
(BCB Tennis Academy) in the amount of \$80

Please contact Danielle McLeer at
Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us with any questions



YOUTH TENNIS



The Springfield Recreation is pleased to have partnered with the
USTA and BCB Tennis Academy (Barbara Forbes coach) to bring a fun
atmosphere for the youth of Springfield! There will be tournaments at the
end of the 6 week session with medals!

WHERE: Irwin Tennis Courts; 199 Irwin Street

WHEN: Beginning week of April 7th through May 17th

Tuesday

Pre-K am session
9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Pre-K pm session
1:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Pre-K session will be
held at Chisholm Community
Center in the gym

Thursday

K-2 grades
3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

3rd/4th grade
4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

5th-8th grade
5:30 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Saturday

Kindergarten
9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

1st/2nd grade
10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

3rd/4th grade
12:30 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

5th – 8th grade
1:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Girls Softball Program 2014 Grades 1-9

Instructional League: grades 1 & 2

Lower League: grades 3, 4 & 5 (depending on registration-
possible joint league w/Mountainside Softball)

Upper League: grades 6–9
(9th graders not playing high school ball)

Women's Summer Softball League

Interested in getting out at night? Do you want to get some exercise?
Come join the Women's Summer Softball League!

Women's softball runs June to end of August

Games take place during the week in the evening; Must be 21 and over

Please contact Jen Cataldo at jencataldo@verizon.net to be placed on a team

Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$25
(fee includes team shirt)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS
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Girls Leadership Institute
Grades K/1 2/3 and 6/7 Parent & Daughter Workshops
Chisholm Community Center
Springfield, NJ
April/May 2014

Participate in a fun, engaging workshop, where you and your daughter will build a common language, practice healthy approaches to conflict, and learn authentic communication skills.

For over 10 years, the national nonprofit organization, Girls Leadership Institute (GLI), has awakened thousands of girls to a new, bold definition of leadership. Co-founded by best-selling author, Rachel Simmons, GLI believes that leadership is a way of life which begins in girlhood. We define leadership as a girl's ability to know how she feels, say what she needs, and respond courageously to her mistakes. Girls graduate from our programs more emotionally intelligent, resilient, and confident.

K/1st Grade Parent & Daughter Workshop:
Tools for Sunny and Cloudy Days with Friends
Friendship Toolbox, Sharing Feelings & Body
Language Mistakes, We All Make 'Em, Courageous
Relationships

4 Wednesdays: April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, & 14th
6:00-7:00pm Girls in kindergarten or first grade with
one adult *Open to public, limited to 12 adult/girl pairs.*
\$170 per adult/girl pair

2/3 Grade Parent & Daughter Workshop:
Nine Tools for True Friendship
Standing Up for Yourself, Sharing Feelings,
Double Sorry, Choices For Friend Trouble

4 Tuesdays: April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, &
13th 6:30 – 8:00pm Girls in second or third grade
with one adult *Open to public, limited to 15 adult/girl
pairs.* \$200 per adult/girl pair

6/7 Grade Parent & Daughter Workshop:
Be Who You Are, Say What You Mean Dealing with
Difficult Friends, Emotional Intelligence, Mistakes & Not
So Funny Jokes, Four Steps for Healthy Conflict



4 Thursdays: May 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd 6:30 – 8:30pm
Girls in sixth or seventh grade with one adult
Open to public, limited to 15 adult/girl pairs.
\$265 per adult/girl pair

Workshops held at:
Chisholm Community Center - Teen Center Room
100 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

To register online:
<http://www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/content/new-jersey-2013-2014-workshops>

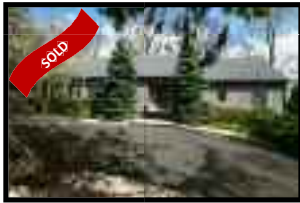
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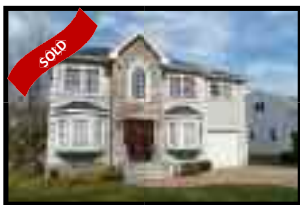
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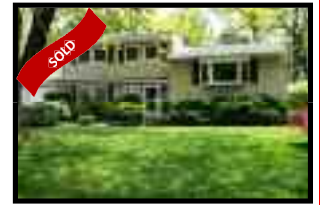
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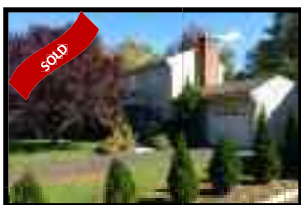
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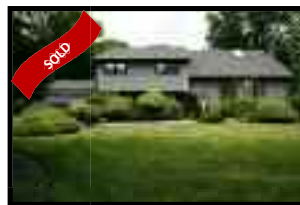
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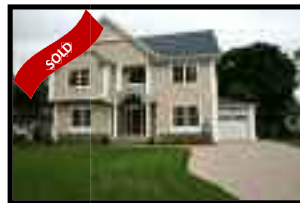
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PANEL CONVENES TO DISCUSS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S 1963 & 1966 VISITS TO SPRINGFIELD



Springfield Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski chaired a panel convened to explore Martin Luther King's two visits to Springfield: January 18, 1963 and April 24, 1966. The panel met at Temple Shaarey Shalom. Participants were (l to r) Stephanie Carlson, Jonathan Dayton High School English Teacher; Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski, Chairperson of the Springfield Historical Society; Larry Burns, long time Springfield resident; Temple Shaarey Shalom Rabbi Ari Rosenberg; Rabbi Israel Dresner, a former Shaarey Shalom Rabbi; and Howard Kiesel, a former Shaarey Shalom President. The tape will be held by the Springfield Historical Society.

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**JOIN RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED
CAMPAIGN TO BUILD 1000 RAIN GARDENS
TAKES SHAPE FOR SPRING PLANTINGS**

The Rahway River Watershed Stormwater Advisory Board, an organization of concerned citizens and officials, has been working on a goal of building 1000 rain gardens over the next two years in the 24 communities in the Rahway River Watershed from Millburn to Woodbridge.

Post Hurricane Irene and Sandy, the extreme weather patterns suggest a more significant approach is needed to managing storm water in the Rahway River Watershed.

Rain gardens, besides providing beneficial aspects to water quality, will help to increase the time of concentration on a regional basis providing flood waters "time to peak" which will then reduce the depth of water elevation in the river channels and then also reduce the width of over-the-bank flows.

Faced with the extreme prospects of a next storm, the advisory board has taken a major step to make this objective of reducing peak flow damage and will be working with private and public partners to encourage homeowners and commercial property owners to act on their own and to get municipal governments and school boards to implement a regional plan.

Some of the activities of the board include:

*Partnering with the Rahway River Watershed Association to train 30 or more citizens in how to build a rain garden. Training dates will be announced.

*Developing with the Rahway River Watershed Ambassador a marketing plan to encourage residents to create such gardens on their property.

*Supporting the effort to build rain gardens on municipal property including Springfield and Cranford's Municipal buildings and Taylor Park in Millburn.

*Partnering with several temples in Springfield to build signature rain gardens.

*Partnering with several commercial property owners to build rain gardens on their property.

The members include: Vaclav Benes (Millburn), Bob Mc Coy (Maplewood), Jim Housten (Rahway), Eric Benson (Essex County), Alyson Miller (Springfield), Hortense Dias (Springfield), Carol Berns (Cranford), Ed OMalley (Cranford), David Schwartzberg (Fanwood), Frank Klapinski (Cranford), Kaitalin Gordon (Orange) and John Hrebin (Cranford). The board advisors are Lynda Feder (Rahway River Association) and Leo Coakley (Hatch Mott engineering). Rahway River Watershed Association staff Sergio Capozzi and Kathy Murray.

For additional information on how to join the campaign, go to Facebook at 1000 Rain Garden Campaign and like. For further information, please contact Aly Miller at Facebook address, or contact 908-468-8806.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

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 photoelectric 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.

REMEMBER – Sunday, March 9th to change your clocks, check your smoke detector life span and change your batteries. Don't forget the carbon monoxide detector, too.

NOTED AUTHOR DAN GUTMAN VISITS SANDMIER & WALTON SCHOOLS



Springfield Schools had author Dan Gutman come to Sandmeier and Caldwell schools and he was fantastic! The kids really enjoyed learning about such an esteemed author and had many questions for him!

(l to r) Robin Cornelison
(Head of Programming),
Kelley Hirsch
(PTA President at Sandmeier)
Dan Gutman (author)
Michael Plias
(principal at Sandmeier)
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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri
Residents of Springfield, NJ



My name is Richie and I have to tell you I am a big fan of trucks! Having the pleasure of owning a trucking company, hauling cars enables me to not only test drive my favorite vehicles, but to buy them too! I have visited Autoland twice in the past two years and purchased two cars from them. I had a smooth deal not once, but twice! When I purchased my '12 Toyota Rock Edition Tundra from Autoland, I was probably a salesman's worst nightmare - I wanted it all and within days it was all there! Autoland even came to my house and hand delivered special mats, rain guards, and all the rest of the goodies I wanted. I could not have been served any better!

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