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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Emergency

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## SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED BY MADD

On June 6, 2013 the following Springfield Police officers were recognized by MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving), Springfield Police Officers Eric Knudsen, Daniel Ziegler, Ryan Westover, Captain Patrick McLaughlin, Jose Agrello and John Laurencelle. The presentation of awards was held at Middlesex County College where Police departments from all over the state were represented by officers who led their department in DUI arrests.



(l to r) Springfield Police Officers Eric Knudsen, Daniel Zieser, Ryan Westover, Captain Patrick McLaughlin, Jose Agrello and John Laurencelle



OEM Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz and Auxiliary Police Officer Gina Corcione pose with the SS Minow and SS Irene after picking them up from a marina at the shore.

## SPRINGFIELD ACQUIRES SMALL WATERCRAFT

After Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, the Township identified the need to acquire some small watercraft of its own to assist in rescuing residents from flash floods. Public Safety Director Richard Rosell applied for a State Emergency Management matching Grant to acquire two boats. The grant was approved this year and Springfield OEM set out to purchase two boats, trailers and motors. The boats are fourteen foot Achilles inflatables with 9.9 horsepower outboard motors. Each boat will hold six to eight people, has its own trailer and can be easily towed with any of several township SUV's. OEM will receive half the costs of the equipment back from the NJ State Police OEM. "This is simply a case of identifying a need and setting out to find the most cost effective way to acquire the necessary equipment" said OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel. "During Irene we obtained boats for the County when we needed them and even used a residents boat as well, but having our own boats ready to go will save time and maybe lives, and thats what its all about". added OEM Deputy Wally Schultz.

## SPRINGFIELD ROTARY VISITS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NJ

In June, the Springfield Rotary Club visited the Community Food Bank to sort and pack food for the Backpack Program. The Backpack program provides children with nutritious and easy to prepare food they need over the course of the weekend. The club formed an assembly line and assembled over 900 packs of food in 2 hours.

In the past, the Springfield Rotary Club has visited The Food Bank to help sort food but this was the first time they participated with the Backpack program. Mel Kevoe, President of the Springfield Rotary Club was so impressed with the program that he will continue to return to the Food Bank hopefully on a bi-monthly basis as one of our many community service projects. If anyone is interested in participating as a Rotary helper please contact Mel Kevoe at Mack Camera Retail 973.467.2291 Ext.121, [mkevoedg1415@gmail.com](mailto:mkevoedg1415@gmail.com)







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### Message from the Mayor

As we head into the heart of the summer, I want to congratulate all the graduates of Dayton and wish them well in their future endeavors (college or otherwise). I would also like to recognize the graduates of Gaudineer as they move up to high school in the fall and likewise recognize the graduates of Sandmeier, Caldwell, Walton and St. James as they continue their education. I am sure most residents have noticed that the turf field is almost ready for prime time! Although there are various misunderstandings circulating around town about back issues related to this project, the most important point to remember as a town: this is exciting and I know I speak

for other members of the township committee about how we all look forward to the ribbon cutting in September.

During our last legislative meeting, the Business Improvement District (BID) showcased an exciting new mobile phone app. We are the only township BID currently with an app (for both iPhones and Androids). Although it is in a "Beta" state, the official launch is also in September. Please peruse this at your leisure as it has links to our township website and services, push notifications (useful during severe storms and other governmental issues such as road or school closures), convenient access to our local shops and restaurants, and other items central to our town.

The township committee will be meeting only twice this month, July 22nd and 23rd, and twice in August, the 19th and the 20th. We will return to our regular schedule of three meetings in September. We will still be actively engaged in the day to day happenings in town through email and cell phones. In this regard, we can thank technology!

As a reminder, tax bills will go out during this month. The portion of your bill controlled by the township committee, which is split into two parts, municipal and library, has the smallest increase in over a decade, both in dollars and in percentage (I apologize if you feel you have read this many times already but I feel this is an important issue). I wish we also had control over the county and board of education portions but unfortunately we do not.

Please come out and enjoy our Free Summer Concert to be held at Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium on Monday night August 12, 2013. Jay and the Americans and The Tokens are the featured bands this year and it promises to be a great show! The flyer and details for the concert can be found in this issue of the Springfield Patriot Times, our hometown newspaper!

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our @springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

*David Amlen, Mayor 2013*

## COME CHECK US OUT 55 AND OLDER SENIORS

The group gets together at Sarah Bailey Center, 30 Church Mall  
twice monthly first & third Thursday of the month

Our meeting begins at 11:30am and members enjoy socializing, coffee and conversation with other seniors and visits from interesting speakers. It's a nice place to meet other friends. The center offers daily activities such as bingo, movies, cards and other games hopefully bringing back fitness for seniors like chair yoga and chair zumba. We also do trips to restaurant's around Springfield and other places. If interested please contact Pat at 917-797-4402 or email Pat.Imbriale@springfield-nj.us--

**Please have your submissions and news articles in by the end of the 3rd week of the month for the following month's Patriot!!!**

**Please send them to info@springfieldpatriot.com**

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, July 22, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall  
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

#### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

#### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

#### RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

## THE BID AT WORK

Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey  
www.springfieldbid.com

*Have you friended us on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for? We will be running weekly contests that you can enter to win gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses! Don't miss out, like us at Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey.*

### BID WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Business Improvement District Board of Directors would like to welcome our newest Board members, Kevin Vitale, Baltusrol and Paula Kaiser, Union Center National Bank. Kevin and Paula were both appointed by the Township Committee in June. The Township Committee

makes 3 appointments to the Board of Directors per the BID ordinance. The third appointment is the Committee Liaison. The 11 member Board includes the following business representatives and property owners:

Mike Scalera, Co-Chair, State Farm Insurance  
Scott Seidel, Co-Chair, Cardinal Land Properties, Inc.  
Dan Murphy, Treasurer, investors Bank  
Robert Abraham, Secretary  
David Barnett, Township Committee Liaison  
Ken Gruskin, The Gruskin Group  
Mel Kevoe, Mack Camera and Video Service  
Lee Kaswiner, Springfield Orthodontics  
Dana Zuber, Jack Zuber, DDS  
Kevin Vitale, Baltusrol Golf Club  
Paula Kaiser, Union Center National Bank

### BID REVIEWING MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FEES

A BID committee is reviewing parking Fees for the Municipal Parking lots. Recommendations for adjusting these fees will be made to the Township Committee in July.

## MARKETING

### "Savor Springfield" and "Jazz Concerts .... Coming in July!"

"Savor Springfield" on Thursday, July 18 bringing you great deals on eating at or taking out from your favorite Springfield restaurants is returning this summer along with Jazz music being offered that evening at three different locations!

### SAVE THE DATES!

The BID will be hosting three Jazz Concerts be held on July 18, August 1 and August 15. These concerts will be held at the following locations: Center Street and Morris Ave, Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, 201 Mountain Ave, and in front of Springfield Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall.

*Don't miss these fun summers evenings out in Springfield.*

## \*\*\*Happy 4th of July\*\*\*



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## TOWNSHIP TAKES ACTION TO PURCHASE LESS EXPENSIVE ELECTRIC FOR ITS RESIDENTS

The Township Committee voted to authorize the purchase of less expensive electricity through an auction process under a state law called Energy Aggregation. The Township hired Jersey Energy Group (JEG) to act as an energy aggregator to establish an energy aggregation program to purchase electricity for residential and non-residential customers in Springfield. The bulk or aggregated price for the customer base in Springfield "will increase the likelihood of lower electricity rates" according to the state law.

JEG will do an extensive education campaign for Springfield electric customers over the next 60 days. The auction will occur once the education process is completed, and if the auction rates are lower than customers are currently paying for Jersey Central Power & Light electricity, the Township will authorize a contract for a set period of time. Those customers that already have a third party electric provider will not be affected by the energy aggregation program. JEG will work with Princeton Public Affairs Group to ensure a thorough and comprehensive outreach program to inform and educate Springfield's electric customers. More information will be available on the Township web page at <http://www.springfield-nj.us>, the Township Facebook page and in the Patriot newspaper.

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# Police Chief’s Column

## Chief John P. Cook

Regardless of the economic conditions that exist in our society there will always be those individuals who will commit various types of crimes of opportunity such as theft, break-ins to motor vehicles and burglaries to homes. Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times should be aware of a few simple techniques that may prevent their homes from being targeted by thieves.

I would like all readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times to know that the easiest way for a burglar to enter your home is when you fail to recognize that a closed window is not a locked window and a closed door is not a locked door. Burglars will initially walk around a house to see if a door has been inadvertently left unlocked or if a window was closed but not locked by the homeowner. Whether you leave your house for the entire day or just an hour... always lock all doors and windows. Homeowners will not usually lock second story windows believing they are not accessible to a thief but in some cases the burglar may use lawn furniture, storage bins or other items in the rear yard to reach a higher window or a lower roof in order to open an unlocked upper floor window. Many residents who have long extension ladders will leave them in the rear yard propped up against the house or garage and this is an invitation for a thief to use the ladder to enter your home by accessing and opening an unlocked second floor window.

While the best deterrent to residential burglaries is an alarm system there are other things that can be done to prevent a burglary. Homes with dogs as pets are least favored by most thieves who do not want to encounter a potentially unfriendly dog within the house and to this point, homeowners with or without a dog will buy and post a “beware of dog” sign on their property as an added deterrent.

At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime. Exterior sensor lights and interior lights on a timer will make it appear as if your home is occupied at night when you are away. Many burglars will first ring the doorbell of a house they believe is unoccupied to see if anyone is at home because burglars too know all about lights on timers. To easily thwart this you should always leave the light on in a bathroom on a second floor of your house. Bathroom windows are easy to distinguish from other larger second floor windows and a burglar not seeing anyone answer the door after the bell was rung may lead the burglar to believe the resident is in the bathroom and could not hear the bell. Most burglars do not want to confront residents and this uncertainty will usually result in their passing up on breaking into your home. External lighting always limits the ability for burglars to covertly be able to work on trying to pry open a window or a door.

Homeowners on vacation should make sure to stop mail or newspaper deliveries and not have any empty garbage or recycling cans left out in front of house as these are signs the residents are away. Again, motion sensor and timer lights will give the appearance that you are home each night. If your home will not have any cars left in the driveway see if a neighbor, a relative or friend can park a car in your driveway so the home looks occupied.

As the price of gold and silver have never been so high this has resulted in house burglars going directly to master bedrooms to seek out and steal gold and silver jewelry and this is usually found both in jewelry boxes atop the dressers or stored inside of dresser drawers. Jewelry, especially items not worn on a regular basis, should be kept in a secure location that is not located within the master bedroom as burglars only spend a matter of minutes inside of a house and usually only search the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry. A common technique is to quickly pull out and dump the contents of dresser drawers to look for and retrieve any jewelry or cash and to look under the bed and in the closets of a master bedroom for any small metal security type lock box. These boxes, of which many are fireproof, are commonly used by residents to store money, jewelry, small handguns and many types of important documents ranging from passports to deeds. You must not leave this box anywhere in the master bedroom where it can be easily found as a burglar will always believe that this locked box will have something of value in it and as the box is portable the burglar will merely carry it off and break into it later on. The best locations to store these boxes containing your important papers is either atop a high shelf in your basement or in your attic as burglars never have the time or desire to search these areas.

Motor vehicles when parked, even in your driveway overnight, should have all of the doors locked and the windows fully closed. Eliminate visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units on dash board or a pocketbook, a computer case or a cellular phone on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in. The overwhelming majority of thefts from cars parked overnight in residential driveways in Springfield had the thief merely going from driveway to driveway checking to see if the doors on a parked car were left unlocked.

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times should be aware that they may already have a security alarm system for their house when they are home. If you have a car that has a remote control that you carry on your key chain then you have the ability to push a panic button on the alarm controller to activate the alarm on your car. If during the night you hear the sound of what may be someone trying to break into your home you should activate the car alarm as this will most likely cause the thief to flee. The non stopping alarm will rouse neighbors to look out their windows and contact the police if for no other reason than to complain about the annoying alarm. Simply leave your car keys on your bed table at night.

The best deterrent to these types of property crimes is for residents who see anything or anyone they deem to be suspicious to immediately contact the police department and to relay the activity they observed so police officers can investigate the situation. Each year your police department is able to apprehend persons engaged in burglaries and thefts due to the alert observations of residents who see something suspicious and called the police. I know that readers of my column in the Springfield Patriot Times may say that they “do not want to bother” the police by reporting something that may turn out to be nothing but this is definitely not a bother to my officers as your police department relies on this type of cooperation from the public to help us stop these crimes before they can occur.



### CORRECTION:

*We were advised by Anthony Cancro, Township Business Administrator and Richard Rosell, former Springfield Director of Public Safety, that in last month's Patriot Times, the date Chief Cook received the 200 Club Medal of Valor Award for which they had nominated him, was May 3, 2013 not June 3. We apologize for the error.*



## UNION COUNTY RECYCLING INFORMATION

Union County has many programs available to residents of the county. Please check the website for dates and locations: <http://ucnj.org/community/recycling>. You can also receive information by calling them at 973-912-2225.

### Computer and Electronics:

Springfield accepts computer and electronics collection on the first Saturday of the month at the Springfield Municipal Pool. There are other dates through Union County if you are unable to attend the Springfield dates.

### Paper Shredding:

This is the time of year that many of us have a mass amount of paper from post-tax cleaning. The county has numerous dates for you to take (a maximum of four bags/boxes) for on-premise shredding.

### Scrap Metal:

You can take old appliances, bicycles, lawn furniture, and many more types of scrap metal on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month.

### Medication:

Union County now has a permanent collection program for unused, unwanted and expired medication. The medication drop-off box is located at the County Police Department, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield in the Sheriff Froehlich Building and is available to residents 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

### Household Special Waste:

Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, oil-based paints, tires and more can be recycled through the County every other month.

## SPRINGFIELD 2013 SUMMER COURT SCHEDULE

### JULY

Monday - 5:00 PM July 15 • July 29

Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. July 10

(Red Light Camera)

July 24

### AUGUST

Monday - 5:00 P.M. August 12 • August 26

Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. August 7

August 21 (Red Light Camera)

## SPRINGFIELD'S BAGELS SUPREME ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE CELEBRATED THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Springfield Township Committee Member  
Ziad Shehady (left) and staff of Bagels Supreme

## CENTER BANCORP, INC.'S UNION CENTER NATIONAL BANK CELEBRATES 90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BY RINGING THE NASDAQ CLOSING BELL

Union Center National Bank ("UCNB" or the "Bank"), announced that its President & Chief Executive Officer Anthony C. Weagley rang the closing bell at NASDAQ on June 14, 2013 in celebration of the Bank's 90th anniversary milestone.

"I am thrilled to be joined by our Bank directors, shareholders, clients and team members in marking this Anniversary milestone with the closing bell at NASDAQ," said Anthony C. Weagley. "We believe that significant opportunities for franchise expansion into the New Jersey marketplace exists for Center," Mr. Weagley added, "and that we continue to have in place a flexible working strategic plan to generate superior value to shareholders."

Following recent announcements of top corporate earnings, increased quarterly dividend, and recognitions received placing Center on SNL Financial's annual ranking of 2012's 100 Top-Performing Community Banks of 2012 with \$500M to \$5B in assets in the country, among

others, the Bank will also be opening its 16th banking location and Private Banking & Loan Production Center in Princeton, NJ, the week of June 17, 2013.

The Bank currently operates 15 banking locations in Union, Morris and Bergen Counties in New Jersey. Banking centers are located in Union Township (5 locations), Berkeley Heights, Boonton/Mountain Lakes, Englewood, Madison, Millburn/Vauxhall, Morristown, Oakland, Saddle River, Springfield, and Summit, New Jersey. Center received approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to open a Private Banking and Loan Production Office in Princeton, NJ. The Bank's primary market area is comprised of central and northern New Jersey.

For further information regarding Center Bancorp, Inc., please visit our web site at <http://www.centerbancorp.com> or call (800) 862-3683. For information regarding Union Center National Bank, please visit our web site at <http://www.ucnb.com>.

## THOMAS A. SHAFFREY, MD, INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Thomas A. Shaffrey, MD, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1972, was installed as the President of the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians on June 22, 2013 at their annual convention held in Atlantic City. The Patriot was there to cover the event which was attended by over 120 friends, physicians and members of the NJAFP as well as their National President-Elect, Reid B. Blackwelder, M.D. of the American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP).

The NJAFP's mission is to promote excellence in the standards and practice of Family medicine to benefit the citizens of the State of New Jersey. Dr. Shaffrey has traveled many times to Washington DC to lobby on behalf of the Association, its members, the residents of New Jersey and Family Medicine in general.



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## JOE DOBOSH RECORDED A HOLE IN ONE



Joe Dobosh, a resident of Springfield and playing in a Cranford Golf Club tournament, recorded a Hole in One on May 4, 2013 at the Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes, NJ. He used a 5 iron on the 173 yard 15th hole. He played with Kevin Sullivan, Dwayne Seng and Charlie Parker.

## SPRINGFIELD BOY SCOUT TROOP 73 RECEIVES AWARDS



Alexander Wozniewicz, 16, of BSA Troop 73 earned scouting's highest ranking at his Eagle Board of Review, and was presented with this award recently at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Only four percent of scouting participants attain the coveted Eagle rank. Alexander Wozniewicz has been a member of the Springfield scouting community for almost six years, having "crossed over" from Cub Scout Pack 73 in 2009. Alex was also elected to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, in 2012, where he currently holds the Brotherhood rank at Woapalanne Lodge 43. To date, Alex has earned a very impressive 117 Merit Badges.

## MOLD GUIDELINES

The New Jersey Department of Health today released Mold Guidelines for New Jersey Residents pamphlet [http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/mold\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/mold_guidelines.pdf) created to provide direction to residents on addressing mold in homes in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The guidelines were developed to better inform homeowners on how to ensure their homes are cleaned and remediated properly to avoid mold problems now and in the future.

## SUN SAFETY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Most people enjoy spending time outside in the warmth of summer –especially after a long, cold winter like the one this year. The Springfield Board of Health encourages residents to enjoy summer activities and outdoor fun, but to protect their skin while doing so.

Applying "broad spectrum" sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is a must for everyone who goes outdoors, regardless of skin color. The sun's ultraviolet rays contain both UVA and UVB rays; UVA's are linked to wrinkles and UVB to the development of skin cancer, neither of which is desirable. It is also recommended to stay out of the sun between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest. If a person must be in the sun during this time, sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before going out and be reapplied every two hours and/or after swimming or sweating.

Families are especially urged to protect children from the sun! Consistent use of sunscreen on children before age 18 may reduce lifetime exposure of certain skin cancers by nearly 80 percent. Risk of skin cancer during a child's lifetime doubles if they get just 5 sunburns.

Children and adults should seek shade when outside, especially in the middle of the day. Practice the shadow rule: if your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest and should be avoided.

Contrary to popular belief, tanning the skin is not healthy. Getting tan is another sign of skin damage. Those who tan have more of certain chemicals that may help prevent burns, but exposure to sun still damages skin and leads to wrinkles and age spots. Tanning beds are NEVER good for skin. Experts now say that tanning is as dangerous as smoking cigarettes or being exposed to second hand smoke. Those who tan before age 30 are 75% more likely to develop skin cancer in their lives.

People who enjoy the appearance of a tan can use spray tanning products which are much safer- they give the look of a tan without the sun damage.

"Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap"! These simple steps can help anyone in the family take better care of their skin when they are out in the sun. "Slip" on a shirt or other protective clothing to cover as much of the body as possible; "Slop" sunscreen generously on any exposed skin, about a palmful or one ounce for an adult; "Slap" on a wide-brimmed hat to protect the neck and face; and finally, "Wrap" on sunglasses with 99-100% UV absorption to provide optimal eye protection.

In 2013 there is no excuse for leaving skin unprotected and exposed to the harshness of the sun's rays. Many excellent clothing, lotion, cosmetic and protective gear products are available to help protect skin from sun damage. People are urged to find what works best for them and then enjoy the fun of summer.

## MADISON HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASKS DONORS TO "JOIN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST HUDDLE" ON JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> FROM 1 PM - 7 PM

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, The Springfield Board of Health, and The Madison Health Department are asking current and potential donors to join The Super Community Blood Drive (aka "The World's Biggest Huddle") via NYBC's partnership with the Super Bowl Host Committee.

Our community blood supply depends on two thousand people rolling up their sleeves each and every day, our Super Bowl campaign is designed to recognize and reward their lifesaving gifts.

NYBC has joined with the 2014 New York/New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee on the Super Community Blood Drive, an eight month partnership aimed at motivating people to donate blood for hospital patients in New York and New Jersey. All presenting donors through January 17, 2014 who donate in New York City, Westchester or Rockland Counties, Long Island, or in New Jersey will be entered into a sweepstakes for a pair of tickets to SUPER BOWL XLVIII.

Each and every day there are patients – some who arrive in emergency rooms and others undergoing cancer treatment – who depend on the transfusion of red blood cells, platelets and plasma to stay alive. But blood can't be manufactured. It can only come from volunteer blood donors who take an hour to attend a blood drive or visit a donor center.

**In addition to the Superbowl  
Raffle, Each Donor Will Receive a  
Super Bowl T Shirt and Wristband.  
NYBC Will Also Be Giving Each  
Donor 2 Complimentary Tickets to an  
Upcoming Mets Game At Citi Field.**

Additional information can be found on Springfield's website and facebook pages. Walk-ins are always welcome but if you are interested in making an appointment please visit:

**To donate blood or for information on  
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## ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ THE AUGUST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (TASO) RETURNS

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) returns to Springfield for its annual summer concert at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28. The orchestra, led by maestro David Gilbert, will present Beethoven's Prometheus Overture, followed by Les Sylphides written by Chopin for ballet and arranged by Glazunov. Completing the program will be Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3, the "Scottish Symphony," inspired by the composer's walking tour through the Scottish Highlands in 1829.

The concert will be held in the air-conditioned auditorium of Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave. All are invited to attend this concert which is free. (Donations are welcome.) Please call (201) 969-0432 or go to the website [www.theaugustsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.theaugustsymphonyorchestra.org)

**Jersey Central Power and Light (JCPL) have announced a new mobile and website App for JCPL customers. The new app will provide on-the-go access to important information and service related to your electric account. The app will improve communications with customers, 24/7, including power center outage maps. Stay informed so you can plan better! For more information, go to: [www.jcp-l.com](http://www.jcp-l.com)**

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## •••• PRESS RELEASE •••• ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT OF HILLSIDE AVENUE CULVERT

Please be advised that Colonnelli Brothers Incorporated of Hackensack has been awarded a construction contract by the County of Union. They will be performing the replacement of Hillside Avenue culvert at the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Ann Place.

The construction will begin on or about Monday July 8, 2013, weather permitting. The work will generally be performed between the hours of 7 am and 4 pm on weekdays.

Detours will be in effect during the construction period. Hillside Avenue will be closed between Mountain Avenue and S. Springfield Avenue for approximately sixty (60) days but will be open for local traffic and for emergency vehicles.

At this time it is anticipated to keep on schedule. If you have any questions pertaining to this work please contact Colonnelli Brothers at (201) 440-1118. You may also call the Springfield Engineering Department at 973-912-2219 for project updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience it may cause and we appreciate your cooperation.



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

**SATURDAY (JULY & AUGUST)**  
**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY**  
**WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS IN**  
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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*Youth Services Events @ Springfield Free Public Library: Our programs are free and open to the public, no matter what town or county you live in!*

*Summer Reading is underway and will continue until August 10. Grades 1 through 4 can Dig into Reading, and Grades 5 and up can dive Beneath the Surface! Readers in Grades 1 through 6 will record their books read and receive a prize every week. This year they can also track their math activity with BedtimeMath.org. Expand your student's understanding of the library with our free activity book: Quest, full of simple fun activities.*

## SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY INCREASES AVAILABILITY OF SUMMER READING TITLES

In an ongoing effort to make books on the summer reading lists of the Springfield public schools available to as many town students as possible, the Springfield Free Public Library has amended its current policy so that all summer reading books may now be borrowed for a two week period with no renewals. Additionally, no more than two summer reading list books may be checked out on a library card at one time and only Springfield residents or out of town students legitimately registered in a Springfield public school will be permitted to check out titles on the summer reading lists. Out of town students wishing to check out summer reading books at the library are advised to bring with them proof of registration at one of Springfield's public schools.

According to Dale Spindel, Library Director, additional copies of some summer reading list books have been purchased in order to further increase the chance that students will be able to get the books that they need from the library. "Even just cutting the loan period on summer reading titles from four to two weeks doubles the number of students able to borrow these books; restricting their use to our students during the summer months is one way to show that service to the Springfield community is our main focus," she added.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com).

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WII games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11  
 Wednesdays @ 4pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

**Free Audiobook downloads for Teens.** Free audiobooks are offered all summer long. Two new titles every week for a limited time only. Go to [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com) and look for the Sync Audiobooks notice on the homepage or go to [www.audiobooksync.com](http://www.audiobooksync.com).

**Kindle raffles for Middle School and High School Readers.** For every 250 pages read, our 6-8 Grade students may enter a raffle to win a Kindle ereader. High Schoolers can enter a raffle for a Kindle Fire. Wacky Movie Wednesdays in July: **Mr. Bean's Holiday, July 10; Back to the Future, July 17; Ghostbusters, July 24; Mall Cop, July 31.** 2:00 in the Meeting Room.

**Mother Goose Group** with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Also: **Fridays, July 5 & 19, August 9, 16, 23.**

**Storytime Yoga:** Yoga comes to life as we read simple stories & act them out in yoga poses. Ages 3—7. **Fridays, July 12 & 26, August 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Chess Monday evenings @ 7 to 8 pm.** Ages 9 to 12 Drop by to play with a partner and test your skills! For knowledgeable players only—no beginners! **Craft Club for Teens and Tweens: July 18: Duct Tape Wallet; July 25: Charm Bracelet** (for grades 6 and up, call to pre-register); **August 1: Monogram Wall Hanging; August 8: re-invent your T-shirt** (Bring in a t-shirt and fabric scissors). Learn new skills and have fun with your friends. Call the Youth Services Dept. @ 973-376-4930 x 232 or x 233.

**Origami on Tuesdays:** come in at 3:00 on Tuesdays in July to learn some new origami patterns. Materials provided.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, June 16th to Friday, July 26**  
**Traveling Exhibition – "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War".**

**Thursday, August 8th, 9:30am-12:00 pm**  
**Friends of the Library Book Sale for FOL members only.**

**Wednesday July 17th, 7:00 pm**  
**Concert "Music of the Civil War – the Lighter Side" performed by the Cracked Walnuts.**

**Wednesday July 24th, 7:00 pm**  
 Dramatic Performance "Belle and the Backwoodsman" presented by Bob Gleason and Pat Jordan.

**Thursday, August 8th thru August 10th**  
**Friends of the Library book sale.**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

## DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

**Thursdays, July 25th and August 8th**  
**Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman**  
**10:15 am**

## FILMS

**Thursday, July 18th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - "Free Man" (2011), French.**

**Monday, July 22nd, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film Series: Books into Films, John Grisham.** Susan Sarandon plays Reggie Love, a lawyer who works to protect young boy (Brad Reinfro) who became a pawn in a battle between the police and the mob.

**Thursday, July 25th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - "Elena" (2011), Russian**

**Thursday, August 1st at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - "Quartet" (2012), English .**

**Monday, August 5th at 1:00 pm** **Lunchtime Film Series: Books into Films, John Grisham.** An idealistic young lawyer (Mathew McConaughey) and a savvy law student (Sandra Bullock) team up for seemingly hopeless defense of the man (Samuel L. Jackson) who kills two racist thugs who brutally assaulted his young daughter.

**Thursday, August 8th at 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm**  
**International Film Festival - "A Royal Affair" (2012), Danish.**

**Thursday, August 15th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - "A Simple Life" (2011), Cantonese.**

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

**Thursday, July 18th, 7:30 pm**  
 Board of Trustees meeting

**Monday, July 22th and August 12th**  
 Knits Wits Knitting Group  
 10:00 am

**Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm**  
 Chess Club

## INSTRUCTION

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

**Fridays, July 19 and 26, August 2 and 16**  
**Chair Yoga 12:30 pm**





**Police Chief's  
Special Advisory**  
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**"A Patriot Exclusive"**

No doubt that we have all heard about and/or seen the video of the vicious attack on a home owner in Millburn recently. This cowardly crime has caused great concern for a lot of people in all communities.

Know that all local police departments take crimes against their residents very seriously and certainly take a proactive tactic to such things by having aggressive patrols in our residential areas as well as serving the other needs of our respective Townships.

Though there is no way of guaranteeing that your home will not be broken into, there are ways to make your home less "appealing" to those persons who are looking to benefit from taking what you have worked hard for.

If you have an alarm system, always be sure to set it when you leave your home, even if you plan on returning in minutes. You can also set the alarm while you are home by putting it in "stay" mode. This will allow you to go about your normal routine while in your home but will set off the alarm should someone try to gain entry into your home through a window or door that is alarmed.

Whether you have an alarm system or not, placing placards and lawn signs indicating that you do can be enough of a deterrent to have a burglar go to a home that does not have such warnings.

Another idea, along the line of having the alarm warning signs, is to have "beware of dog" signs visible. Again, this simple sign, whether having a dog or not can be the difference of your home being chosen or not.

Consider leaving a radio on in the home while you are not there and lights on timers during night hours to give the appearance of someone being home. Also, having a vehicle in the driveway while you are away for a period of time is another way of giving an appearance that someone is around. If you do not have a vehicle that can be left out, tell a neighbor who may be home that they can park their car in your driveway if they like.

A very important point is to always lock your doors and windows while you are not at home, even if the windows are on a second floor as burglars seeing an open window will find a way to get to it if they want to get in bad enough.

Doors should be kept locked while you are home as well. People do like to leave windows open while they are home. This can still be done while offering a degree of safety. Newer windows have pins or some other locking device that will allow the window to open a small amount but not large enough for someone to fit through. If your windows do not have such a device, blocks of wood on the top frame of a double hung window can limit the amount of opening or, with wood frame double hung windows, a hole can be drilled through the two frames after you open the window to a desired opening size. A strong nail can then be inserted into the hole which will keep the windows from moving any further.

For doors, making sure that the deadbolt on a door is engaged at all times can determine if someone can get into your home easily or not. A lot of door handle locks can be defeated easily with simple tools that a burglar may carry such as a knife or screw driver. The deadbolt however offers much more resistance and security.

Being sure that you have the right type of deadbolt is important. If the door has glass that if broken would enable the burglar to simply reach the deadbolt from the outside you should have a double cylinder deadbolt. This is one in which you need a key from both the inside and the outside to operate. As logical as this may sound, do not leave the key in the cylinder to make it easier for you to unlock when you want to leave. Keep the key nearby on a hook or nail and be sure that everyone in the home knows where it is should there be an emergency and they need to exit.

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A single cylinder deadbolt is best for solid doors with no glass or windows close to the deadbolt.

One other thing that is often overlooked but is just as important as the deadbolt itself is the strike plate enforcement. The strike plate should be of heavy gauge steel and is the part of the lock system that is attached to the door frame into which the deadbolt goes into to lock the door. Be sure that the screws that are used to secure the strike plate to the door frame are at least three inch screws that will go through the door frame and into the 2 by 4 framing of the home as well. This gives much greater strength to the locking system to resist the door being kicked in and simply splitting the frame of the door.

Persons who are looking to burglarize a home or business are always looking for signs of police presence

before they engage in their criminal acts which is what makes it difficult to "catch" a burglar in the act. However, you, as neighbors, keeping an eye out for your neighborhoods and each other are a huge asset to your police department. You should always report anything or anyone suspicious to the police immediately. We will respond and determine if what someone was doing is legitimate or not. You can remain anonymous, but make the call. Do not assume that someone else will or that you don't want to bother the police with what is probably nothing.

We have had several crimes solved and many others averted because of the willingness of residents to get involved and call us.

*All of us working together is our best defense.*

## RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED STORM WATER ADVISORY BOARD URGES BETTER STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES BE ADMINISTERED

The Rahway River Watershed Storm water Advisory Board is in process of providing the Mayors, Planning Board and Zoning Board Chairmen and engineers a list of questions and a power point guide to all the communities in the watershed that focuses on ensuring each maintain their highest standards regarding storm water management best practices. The list of questions are questions that would be asked in any development application to ensure appropriate standards are met and mitigation measures are put in place. Despite years of overdevelopment and poor storm water management practices resulting in significant runoff, poorer water quality and an increase in peak river water elevations, additional efforts to mitigate some of the problem is starting to take place including some steps to establish stronger planning and zoning board standards in communities that make up the Rahway River Watershed.

The package provided to each community is modeled after a successful presentation that the Cranford Environmental Commission held with Chris Opropka of Rutgers University who laid out the problem; the state statute governing local storm water management; and some solutions. Cranford and the other watershed communities faced over \$100 million in damages from Hurricane Irene.

The board expects to followup later in 2013 with a proposal for upgraded training of planning and zoning board members in best storm water management practices.

While economic development remains important to New Jersey, enduring the dangers of storm runoff and overflowing river banks is an expensive problem to leave unresolved.

The board is also in the process of development a model storm water management ordinance stronger than state requirements.

The board was formed after Irene to encourage better storm water management practices and execution of programs to lower the peak water elevations

in the Rahway River. The board members include township officials; Environmental Commission members and engineers.

The board members include: Vaclav Benes (Millburn) , Bob Mc Coy (Maplewood) , Jim Houston (Rahway) ,Eric Benson (Essex County) ,Alyson Miller (Springfield) ,Hortense Dias (Springfield) ,C Lijoi, (Summit); Carol Berns (Cranford) , Ed OMalley (Cranford) , David Schwartzberg (Fanwood) , Frank Klapinski (Cranford),Jennifer Duckworth (Millburn and Essex County) , Betty Ann Kelly (Union County) Kaitalin Gordon (Orange) and John Hrebin (Cranford). The board advisors are Lynda Feder (Rahway River Association) Leo Coakley(Hatch Mott engineering); Julie Lange Groth (ANJEC).

The Rahway River Storm water Advisory Board next meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 7:30PM at the Millburn Library. Interested citizens are invited.

For additional information please contact Dan Aschenbach 908-468-8806

## SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE FOR CALDWELL FOURTH-GRADERS

Over the past three weeks, students from Springfield's James Caldwell Elementary School have been introduced to their town's colonial history via tours conducted by the Springfield Historical Society. These tours consisted of stops at three historic sites located in the heart of downtown Springfield; the DAR Cemetery, the Historic Cannon Ball House, and the First Presbyterian Church. Through visits to these sites the school children learned about the Battle of Springfield and the contrast between their own lives today and those of their ancestors over two hundred years ago. Also, instilled in them by these tours was a sense of community. A special speaker to the students on the last of these themes was Springfield's Chief of Police, John Cook. Also involved with assisting the Springfield Historical Society in presenting these tours were members of the First Presbyterian Church and new Springfield Public Library Director, Dale Spindel. In total, 110 fourth graders and their teachers now have a new appreciation for their town's rich past.

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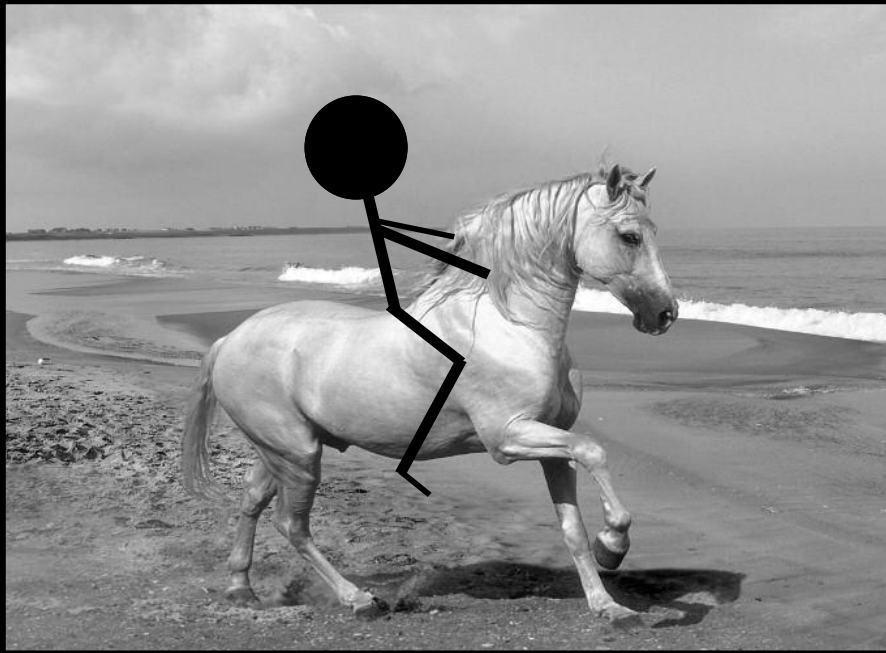


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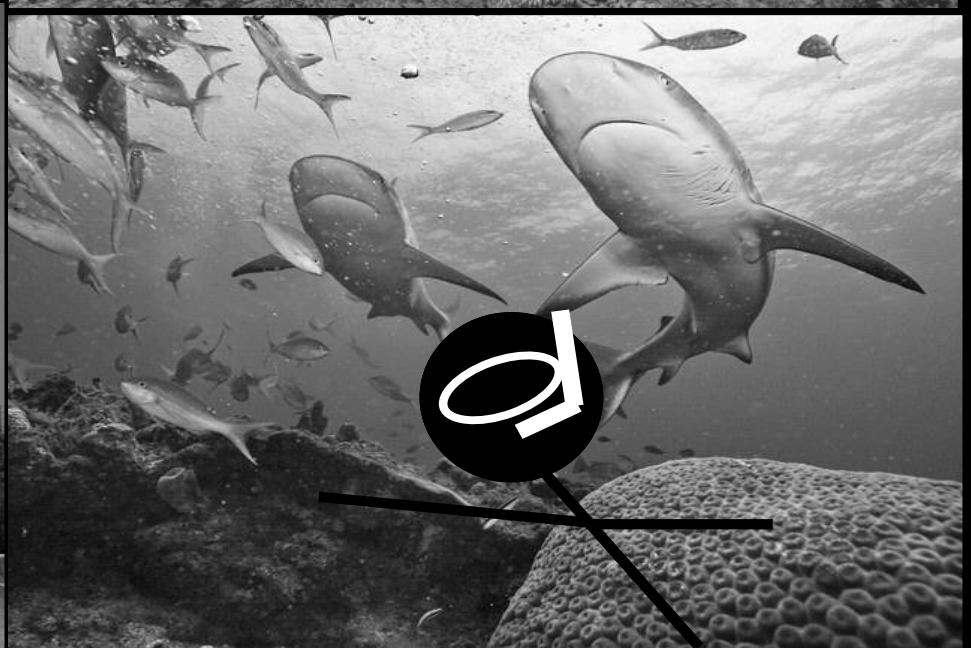
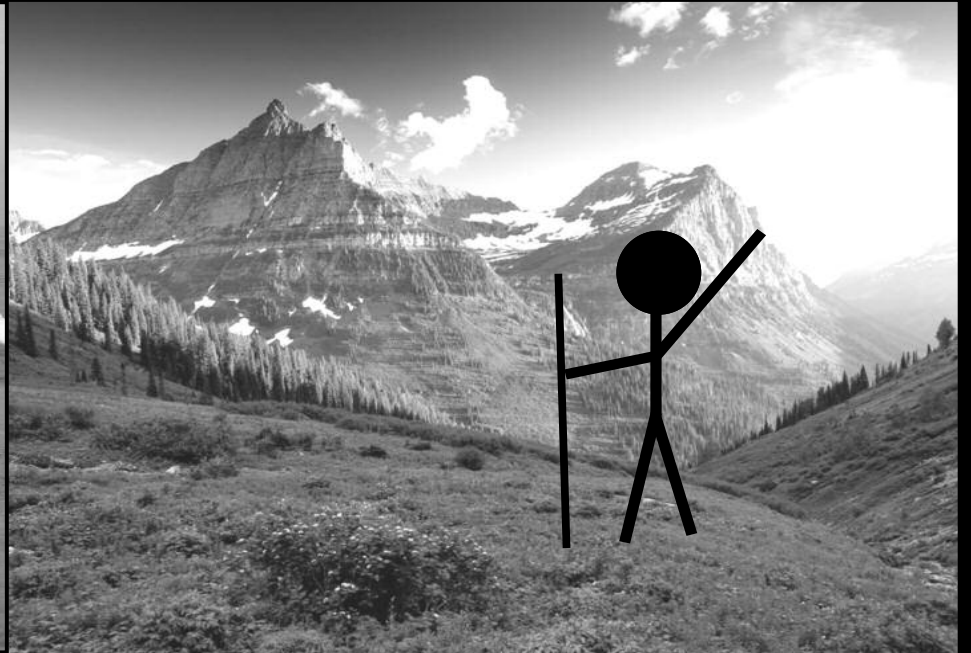
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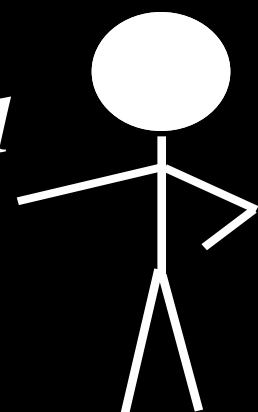
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## LONDON CALLING!



The Editors were on hand Westminster Abbey to cover the 60th Coronation of the Queen on June 2 and found the Patriot nestled between the Daily Telegraph and The Times!

A large crowd formed at Westminster Abbey but the Police didn't accept our press passes!!



### Springfield Flood Mitigation Meetings

- Thursday, July 11, 2013
- Thursday, August 8, 2013

7:30 pm at Sarah Bailey  
Recreation Center

### PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXPANDED HOURS FOR GRASSCLIPPING DROP-OFF AT 54 CENTER STREET, DPW GARAGE:

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Friday – 7 am -10 am – one extra hour  
Wednesday – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm –  
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Also, when electronic recycling occurs  
the first Saturday of every month, grass  
clipping can also be brought to the  
Community Pool location.

### FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY SEEK DONATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 2013 BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library will hold their annual Book Sale August 8-11, 2013 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Donations of clean, well kept, hard cover and paperback books, post cards, DVD's/CD's and talking books, and educational toys and puzzles may be brought to the library July 29 – August 7. Small donations may be brought to the library's circulation desk. For larger donations, please call 973-376-4930 ex 221 to arrange for a drop-off. Please place large donations in small to medium sized cartons. Books in poor condition, Readers Digest Condensed books, and text books are not saleable and will not be accepted. Recent popular magazines are accepted all year long for sale in the library's lobby.

There will be a preview sale on Thurs., Aug. 8, 10am – noon for members of the Friends. Memberships will be accepted the day of the sale. Memberships start at \$10. The Public sale will begin at noon on Aug. 8. Sale hours are: Thurs. Aug. 8th noon – 4pm, Fri. Aug. 9th and Sat. Aug. 10th 10 - 4, and will end with a bag sale on Sun. Aug. 11th noon - 4pm. On Sunday, each filled bag will cost \$5 and the Friends will provide the bags.

The sale will also include a selection of costume jewelry. Donations of costume and fine jewelry and watches are accepted all year long at the library's circulation desk. The Friends Annual Jewelry Sale will be October 18-20, 2013 with members' preview sale on October 17.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up, sale, and clean up. Those interested in helping with the sale should call Bill Holmes at 973-379-9637 or email him at global3032@yahoo.com.

## SPRINGFIELD'S Thursday Night JAZZ

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## Summer Line Up:

**Date:** July 18, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Location:** TBA

- QED Jazz
- The Jazz Lobsters
- Rio Clemente Trio

**Date:** August 1, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Location:** TBA

- Dick Coronny Trio
- Laura Hull & Ensemble
- Vanessa Perea & Ensemble

**Date:** August 15, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Location:** TBA

- Clem Ehoff Trio
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## JUNE 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP

The workshop meeting was held on its normal Monday night at the firehouse on June 10th. We reviewed reports from the township administrator, police and fire chiefs, public works and recreation department heads, our township CFO, and our township engineer. We also discussed the personnel hired for the summer season at the pool this year. As always, residents in attendance were encouraged to participate in the discussions. One topic of note involved our recently formed flood mitigation committee, whose members voiced concern over areas of the Rahway River that are in need of de-silting. A permit has been applied for with the DEP (this is a lengthy process that extends over many months) and our township assistant engineer continues to follow through on this.

The first legislative meeting of June was held on Tuesday, the 11th. We congratulated all the town employees and volunteers for making our Memorial Day recognition and celebration one of the best in recent years. We adopted an ordinance which codifies a full-time position that had previously been temporary. This position benefits the office of emergency management and finance, especially in the aftermath of any extraordinary events such as Superstorm Sandy by centralizing the acquisition of all data needed for funding and re-imbursement on the federal, state, and county levels. Additionally, we approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments, approved raffle licenses, and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep the township of Springfield running smoothly.

Our second legislative meeting of June took place on Tuesday, the 25th. We introduced an ordinance which clarifies traffic issues before snow storms (the language in the existing ordinance had contradictions). Our local BID made an exciting presentation (see the Mayor's letter this month for details). We re-appointed our wonderful township clerk, Linda Donnelly, for three more years. We entered into an energy aggregation agreement which will save each resident as much as hundreds of dollars per year. This agreement is strictly voluntary and any residents who have already switched their energy supplier from JCP&L will not be eligible, or affected. Additionally, any residents not wishing to participate don't have to. The final contract will be signed in the fall with more details to follow at that time. We entered in

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## Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this years' tournament to be held on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421 Detailed information on the outing is available at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

**Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.**

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Fire Chief's Column  
Chief James Sanford  
**Prevent the Unthinkable.**

A Parents' Guide to Fire Safety for Babies and Toddlers

New parents and others who care for babies and small children need to pay special attention to fire safety. Children under age 5 are twice more likely to die in a fire than adults. In fact, toddlers (age 3 to 4) actually cause a large number of home fires by playing with lighters and matches. And when fire breaks out, babies and toddlers can't escape without your help.

When fire breaks out, you have only seconds to escape its heat, black smoke and deadly gases. Working smoke alarms help you get out in time. Smoke alarms save lives.

- If you keep the door to your infant's room closed, keep a working smoke alarm inside the room and use a baby monitor so that you can hear the alarm sound.
- As soon as you know children are ready, familiarize them with the sound of your smoke alarms and teach them how to escape.
- Figure out the best way for you to help babies and toddlers get out.
- We suggest keeping a baby harness near the crib, to carry the baby and leave your hands free for another child.
- Have older children practice crawling, touching doors, or going to the window.
- Keep home exits clear of toys and debris.
- Have a safe meeting place outside the home and teach children never to go back inside.

Make your home safer by storing matches, lighters, and other fire-starters away from children. Children do not understand the dangers of fire.

- Calmly but firmly explain to your child that matches and lighters are tools for adults to use carefully.
- Teach young children to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters. Always store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Purchase only child-resistant lighters. Remember: no lighter is child proof!
- Never use lighters or matches for amusement. Children may imitate what you do.
- Always supervise young children closely.

When it comes to your family's smallest members, remember that "Love alone won't save them. Practicing fire safety will." For other fire safety topics, please visit the Springfield Patriot at [www.springfieldpatriot.com/](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com/) and look under monthly archive to reference other fire safety topics. Or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment](http://www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment).

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contract with our township engineering firm for the design phase of a road improvement project. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved the promotion of a fire officer, and approved resolutions similar to other previous meetings, including more raffle licenses.

The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses: [David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us](mailto:David.Amlen@springfield-nj.us), [Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us](mailto:Richard.Huber@springfield-nj.us), [David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us](mailto:David.Barnett@springfield-nj.us), [Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us](mailto:Margaret.Bandrowski@springfield-nj.us), and [Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us](mailto:Ziad.Shehady@springfield-nj.us), or via regular mail at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

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(L to R) Dawn Wilkenfeld, Selma Fein and Amanda Stein

**SUMMERTIME FUN!!! GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND  
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Visit the Springfield Recreation Department for discount tickets to the following water parks and aquariums!

**Adventure Aquarium (Camden, NJ)**

	Regular Price	Discount Price
Adult (Over 12 years old)	\$26.70	\$19.00
Child (ages 2-12 years old))	\$19.21	\$15.00

**Mountain Creek (McAfee, NJ)**

Adult (48" +)	\$38.99	\$28.00
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**Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)**

Adult (Over 12 years old)	\$66.33	\$35.00
Hurricane Harbor Adult	\$41.99	\$27.00
Parking Pass	\$20.00	\$19.00

**Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom (Allentown, NJ)**

Adult	\$49.99	\$39.00
Midweek	\$51.00	\$44.00

**Hersheypark (Hershey, PA)**

Adult (ages 9-54)	\$58.80	\$48.00
Junior (ages 3-8)	\$37.80	\$35.00

**Splash Zone (Wildwood, NJ) tickets never expire**

4 Hour Admission (over 48")	\$35.95	\$21.00
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**The Steel Pier (Atlantic City, NJ)**

35 Ride Ticket Book	\$30.00	\$23.00
Wristband Voucher	\$40.00	\$28.00



## WHAT IS "CUT IT & LEAVE IT" GRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM?

As a Springfield resident you probably already recycle paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and more. However, many people may not realize that another material that is easily recyclable is right under their feet, grass. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection estimates that as much as a ton of clippings is generated for every acre of turf grass each year. A lawn that is 5,000 square feet generates 75 pounds of grass clippings per mowing. By cutting it and leaving it, think of the amount of waste diverted from the solid waste stream.

Grass clippings can be added to the list of common home wastes that can be recycled. Simply leave your clippings on the lawn when you mow, and let nature do the recycling for you. Grass clippings will provide a natural fertilizer for a growing lawn which also helps retain moisture for your lawn, while reducing weed growth and soil erosion.

When "Cut it & Leave it" is properly done, clippings settle quickly between the growing blades of grass where they shelter the roots from the sun, and conserve moisture. As they break down, they release more moisture as well as nutrients into the soil. This means that grass needs to be watered less frequently. Clippings left on the lawn supply one-third or more of the nitrogen needed to keep your grass green and healthy.

### How to Cut and Leave it....

Why spending time and energy buying bags and throwing the grass clippings into them and then bringing them to the DPW garage....there is a better way...

Here is how - cut grass when dry and keep mower blades sharp. Follow the "1/3 Rule": mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut in any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn every 7 days when the lawn is growing fast but only every 7-14 days when the lawn is growing slowly.

The mower collection bag should be removed to allow clippings to drop on the lawn. However, if your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, it is important that you purchase a retrofit kit from your local retailer. Most lawnmower manufacturers have developed "mulching" mowers which cut grass blades into small pieces and force them into the soil. These types of mowers are effective in grass recycling and have become very popular. Make your next mower a mulching one.

Cut it and leave it is the natural way you can have a green, healthy lawn spending less time and money.

### FAQ ON GRASS RECYCLING

#### Do grass clippings cause thatch and lawn disease?

No. Research has shown that grass roots are the primary cause of thatch, not grass clippings. Thatch is composed primarily of roots, stems, rhizomes, and other plant materials. These plant materials contain large amounts of lignin (fibrous material) and decompose slowly. Grass clippings are approximately 80-85 percent water with only small amounts of lignin, and decompose rapidly.

#### Will grass clipping make your lawn look bad?

If a lawn is properly mowed, watered, and fertilized, grass clipping can actually produce a healthier looking lawn. It is important to cut the lawn frequently to produce small clippings that will decompose quickly. If a lawn is not cut frequently and clippings are left on the lawn, it will produce a "hay-like" look which can be unsightly.



## COME TOGETHER.... THROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGESALE

On June 25, the Township Committee approved the first and hopefully annual, "Town - Wide Garage Sale". The Township Committee waived registration and permit fees for the community garage sale scheduled on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 from 9 am to 6 pm. 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. E-Mail us at [communitygarage-sale@springfield-nj.us](mailto:communitygarage-sale@springfield-nj.us) and let us know the date(s) and location of your garage sale.

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I would like to express my complete satisfaction with regard to buying my two vehicles from Autoland in Springfield, NJ. From the minute I stepped into the showroom to the time I drove out with the vehicles, the staff had been courteous, informative and non-aggressive in their approach. The salesmen took the time to go over every detail with regard to the purchase. Being a business owner in Union and personally servicing the public for 15 years, I noticed the complete professionalism of the staff at Autoland and I would recommend this dealership to anyone looking to purchase a vehicle with complete confidence. Thank you to the staff at Autoland!

- 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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