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MR. BURNS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

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(l to r) The host, son Larry Burns, Mayor Alex Keiser, Mr. Burns, and son Vincent Burns. Mr. Burns' sash reads "100 never looked so good"!

SPRINGFIELD HILLSIDE ELKS **LODGE #2004 DONATE TO VETERANS** (story on page 8)



(l to r) Geri Ann Kazimar, ER Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge #2004 with Richard Woodward, Veterans Chair and Robert Dobler packing boxes to donate to Veterans.

JANICE SMITH, LONG-TIME LIBRARY EMPLOYEE, RETIRES



Janice Smith (center), with Dale Spindel, Library Director (left), and Tricia Golden, Library Board President (right), receives retirement recognition for her 19 years of service at the Springfield Free Public Library.

SPRINGFIELD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DRAWS A LARGE CROWD







Springfield's National Night Out 2022 (NNO) proved to be a big success and a popular event for the residents of Springfield. Starting at 6 pm featuring Fire Trucks, a Humvee, Ambulances, Front End Loaders, Police Vehicles and Military Vehicles all on display. (continued on page 4 - more photos on page 8)

SPRINGFIELD BID CONCERT

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FALL FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW OCTOBER 16, 2022

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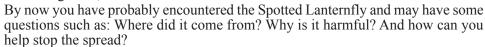
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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,



The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive pest, native to China, India and Vietnam. It was first detected in Pennsylvania in 2014 and has since spread to at least 15 states including New Jersey.

It does not fly long distances but rather hitchhikes a ride on surfaces. In the fall, it seeks outdoor surfaces such as trees, plants and outdoor items like sheds, grills,

patio furniture and vehicles to lay its eggs.

While it is not directly harmful to humans or animals, if it is allowed to spread it will seriously impact our country's agriculture and logging industries. It is known to feed on 70 different species of trees, shrubs and vines. Its feeding weakens and damages the plant and leads to the plants' decreased health and potential death. It also secretes a sticky sugary substance, called "honeydew," which promotes the growth of mold on any surfaces where it feeds.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture asks you to: "Join the Battle, Beat the Bug! Stomp It Out!"

Here are some suggestions from Union County that you can take to help control the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly:

STOMPING: Crush the Spotted Lanternfly on sight.

REDUCE THEIR HABITAT: The Ailanthus, commonly known as the Tree-of-Heaven, is the primary host for the Spotted Lanternfly. It should be removed from all properties.

SCRAPING: In the fall, the Spotted Lanternfly lays egg masses on many different kinds of outdoor surfaces. The egg masses look like flat, textured grayish patches. While they may be difficult to find on tree trunks, they are easily identified on vehicles, patio furniture and other surfaces. Inspect your property from fall through early spring and scrape them off and crush them.

NEVER USE: Glue traps on Spotted Lanternflies. Glue traps can catch and kill birds, butterflies and other wildlife and should not be used.

For more guidance, please visit the following Union County website: ucnj.org/slf.

Best wishes for a safe, fun and restful remainder of the summer. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at alexander.keiser@springfield-nj.us. I also encourage you to follow my Mayor Alex Keiser Facebook page @Keiser4Springfield for updates.

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

SPRINGFIELD BID CONCERT

(more photos on page 8)

The Springfield BID (Business Improvement District) sponsored a concert on Thursday, July 28 in front of Town Hall. Over 200 people attended this event that was organized to bring the community together and thank them for supporting Springfield businesses during the past year. The music was performed by "DISTORTION" a local rock band and free ice cream was provided by a "Scream Truck", a Springfield business. The lawn in front of Town Hall was alive with parents, children and pets enjoying a beautiful night out! The BID paid for the ice cream to make this a fun evening for all.

GIRL SCOUTS WANTED!

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Questions?

Email: SpringfieldNJGirlScouts@gmail.com

SPRINGFIELD GIRL SCOUTS TRAVEL TO EUROPE



After more than 2 years of planning, the Girls Scouts of Springfield traveled to London and Paris in July. The picture above is from a visit to PAX Lodge, the World Association of Girl Guides, and Girl Scouts World Centre in Hampstead, London, England. It was opened on 15 March 1991 and welcomes members from across the globe.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Tuesdays August 23 and Tuesday, September 13 (7 pm) Workshop Wednesday, September 7

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, $7:00~\mathrm{pm}$ at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Between 6pm-8pm on the Town Hall Lawn (100 Mountain Ave)

LIVE MUSIC BY:

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Ice cream courtesy of the Springfield BID while supplies last

You're welcome to bring your dinner to the show. Don't forget a blanket or chairs to make yourself comfortable!

MR. BURNS

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Saturday, July 31st was the date and Mosaico was the place for a very special celebration for a very special person as Mr. Lawrence V. Burns turned 100 years old. The party was hosted by his son Larry and daughter-in-law Lisa; in attendance were their son Ryan, brother Vincent and many other relatives and friends. Mr. Burns' eldest son Michael was unable to be present but was fondly included in everyone's thoughts.

The man affectionately known by everyone as "Mr. Burns" was born in West Orange on July 31,1922. Drafted into the Army in 1942, he served in China and the Burma India theater, helping to build the infamous Burma Road (experiences he is happy to share anytime). After his military service Mr. Burns worked several jobs and in 1960 he and his late wife Carmen moved to Springfield. It was in The Square that they raised their three sons and he began his 28-year service as a Springfield postman while conducting a janitorial service at night, also finding time to be active in community affairs. He was a longtime member of the Springfield Environmental Committee.

A proud veteran seldom seen without his WW2 Veteran hat, Mr. Burns was the recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, and was recommended in 1944 for the Soldiers' Medal which he has yet to receive. At Saturday's party, Mayor Alexander Keiser presented Mr. Burns with a proclamation from the Township of Springfield, along with letters of congratulations from Senator Cory Booker and Governor Phil Murphy. A flag flown over the Capitol on June 7, 2022 was sent by Congressman Tom Malinowski.

The party was a warm, wonderful testament to a quiet man whose strength of character and breadth of influence are appreciated and loved by several generations of Springfield residents. A further celebration was held via Zoom on Sunday by The Square Reunion group, organized by Sherri Franklin and hosted by Ted Parker. Many current and former residents of Springfield from far and near shared their memories and thanks for the benevolent influence of our beloved Mr. Burns. It was a weekend worthy of a century of a life well-lived.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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Hundreds of residents turned out to meet and chat with Emergency responders from the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Auxiliary Police, CERT Team, Springfield PBA LOCAL 76 and Springfield FMBA Local 57, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Offices, Mountain Valley Communications Office and the County SWAT

There were plenty of free giveaways from local, county and state agencies. Food trucks offered a wide range of food to snack on and there were several free inflatable rides for children. Shop-Rite and Regal Bank were on hand proving useful information and giving out free gifts as well.

The very popular local band "Twice Heard" performed one last time before several member's head off to college in the fall. Some of the band members are continuing to pursue their music careers as well.

Jennifer Sherman, Springfield OEM Administrative Assistant, the Event Organizer and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce coordinated setting up the children's attractions, food trucks and in cooperation with all local and county First responders to provide a safe environment to promote community partnerships and neighborhood unity.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring

emergency responders and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel noted: "All too often someone may only interact with the Police or Emergency Responders when something is going wrong, an accident, natural disaster or other situation requiring emergency response. NNO is a great opportunity to interact with first responders in a relaxed friendly and fun setting. National Night Out is an excellent program and builds relationships within the community and first responders. "The event was organized by Springfield Emergency Management in cooperation with the Springfield Board of Education. Apu Mullick, Springfield OEM Deputy Coordinator and EMS Chief commented to the Patriot Times: "Parents and their children have the opportunity to see police cars, various emergency response vehicles, and even a medical helicopter. They can learn about a wide variety of safety topics and partake innumerous interactive family friendly activities. There were even two new front end loaders from the Department of Public Works for the kids to climb on. Emergency vehicles have been used to rescue people from flooded homes." OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel commented: This is the second time Springfield has hosted their own event. In the past, Union County hosted the event at Meisel Field and a few towns, including Springfield, would join them at their event. After the success of last years' event and knowing that the County had not scheduled the event, we decided early on to do it on our own once again. There was even a flyover of the State Police Medical Helicopter "Northstar" early in the evening. The Police, Fire, OEM, EMS and DPW all supported the event as well with personnel, free handouts and vehicles on display. The Union County Prosecutors Office and SWAT Team also had tables to interact with the community.

OEM Deputy Coordinators Police Lieutenant Ryan Westover and Frank Applegate lined up the logistical support.

Mayor Alex Keiser commented to the Patriot Times: "Doing this at our local High School, on our own, makes it a much more "localized" event which draws out our residents which is what National Night Out" is all about." Our thanks for all Responders and Township of Springfield Departments for making this a successful event!



SPRINGFIELD AMERICAN LEGION CONTINENTAL POST 228 APPOINTS NEW COMMANDER

The American Legion Continental Post 228 of Springfield held a special meeting on August 2nd at the Elks Lodge in Springfield to swear in new leadership for 2022-2023. Geraldine (Gerry) McManus was sworn in by Union County American Legion Commander, Robert Paige Gentry.

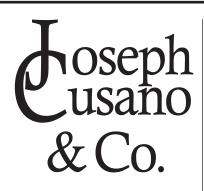
McManus is Navy veteran who served at the Groton - New London submarine base in Connecticut as a dental officer from 1982 through 1985 and earned the rank of Lieutenant. McManus continued to serve in the Navy Reserve and then the New York National Guard.

In addition to the private practice of dentistry, McManus has devoted over 27 years to the dental care of special needs patients as a volunteer for Catholic Charities Brooklyn NY and was named a Catholic Charities NY Volunteer of the Year in 2005 and was selected as a finalist for the Catholic Charities USA award that year as well. I continue in dentistry as both a practitioner and active member of both the American Dental Association, the New York Academy of Dentistry and the American College of Dentists.

"My husband Paul and I enjoy this wonderful, active town and look forward to my term as Commander of Continental Post 228 Springfield," said Commander McManus, "Our post will continue to focus on service to our fellow veterans and we embrace our youth as the future of our community and country.

McManus stated her goals for the coming year will be to strive to continue the post's patriotic and fervent Americanism traditions with the continued support and involvement of this town of Springfield. The post will reach out to our school district to involve our students in the ideals that the American Legion supports. Any veteran is always invited to come to an American Legion meeting that are held the first Wednesday of

the month at 7 p.m. at the Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge.



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First and foremost, consider your family's health and safety.

Entering a wet basement could be hazardous! Before you enter your basement, consider the following:

Electrical Shock – When your basement is wet, there is a legitimate risk of electrical shock. If you are positive that you can safely do so, turn off your home's power at the main breaker switches.

Gas leaks – Protect yourself against gas leaks. If you smell gas, leave the house right away and then contact Utilities Kingston immediately by calling 613-546-1181.

Pollutants – Sewage can contain bacteria and transmit disease and the floodwater in your basement may have originated from the sanitary sewer and contain raw sewage. Wear protective items including gloves, safety glasses, a face mask and be sure to wash thoroughly after any contact with sewage or items touched by sewage.

Chemicals – Cleaning may expose you to a wide range of contaminants, including those from the cleaning agents being used, as well as those that may have entered from flood waters. When you get to the cleaning stage, be sure to ventilate well and limit your exposure to contact and exposure as best you can.

Structural damage – While this is not that common, a flood with certain conditions may weaken walls or even ceiling structures. If there is any concern that structural integrity has been compromised or you simply don't know, leave the area and call 911.

Depending of the nature of the flooding, also consider...

If the flooding is due to a burst water supply pipe in your home, and if you are safely able to do so, shut off the main incoming water valve as this could help minimize the damage. You will probably know this is the case because the water will be clean, and likely coming down through the house from an upper level. In the future, make note of where this shut-off is and keep access clear.

If the flooding is due to a sewage backup (or you are not sure), do not flush the toilet, run a washing machine, dishwasher or any other feature with a drain since this is likely to increase the flooding. Report your backup to the municipality.

In the event there is major flooding in the area, Keep in mind you may not be the only resident experiencing the emergency.



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ELKS DONATE TO VETERANS

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Springfield Hillside Elks Lodge packed 50 boxes to deliver to Veterans transitioning into housing. They were at the Veterans Annex in Stirling. Each Veteran received a Welcome Kit which included a box of cleaning supplies, shower curtain, mats, towels, toaster, coffee pot, pots and pans, flatware, bed, night stand, dresser, sofa, lamps, bed in a bag, microwave, dining table and chairs. All items that would be needed when moving into a new apartment. All items are brand new, purchased with grant money from our Elks National Foundation.

More than 25 Elks from different Lodges came out to work with organizer Kelly Mazzocchi, ER from Stirling and the District Veteran Chair.





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- The Intrepid, Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex
- The Morris Museum
- Storm King Arts Center-New!
- The Newark Museum of Art-coming soon!

One-week loan period per pass. Check our library webpage for rules and policies pertaining to the museum pass program: https://www.sfplnj.org/ or see here https://tinyurl.com/museumpasses2022

*Please note Grounds for Sculpture no longer supports a library museum pass program.

LIBRARY FRIENDS VINTAGE JEWELRY SALE RETURNS OCTOBER 13-15

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their Fall Vintage Jewelry Sale Thursday – Saturday, October 13 – 15, 2022 at the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. Sale hours will be Thursday 12-7pm, Friday and Saturday 10am – 4pm in the lobby Meeting Room of the Library. There will be a large selection of Rings, Bracelets, Necklaces, Pins and Earrings (pierced, clip and screw back). Fashion accessories such as handbags, wallets, belts, hats, and scarves will also be for sale.

The Friends accept donations of fine and costume jewelry all year. Donations of children's' books, paperbacks, and current magazines (within 3 months of issue) are also accepted all year and they are for sale in the Library's lobby. Donations of fashion accessories will be accepted September 10-October 10 only. All donations must be clean, undamaged and suitable for resale and may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk during regular business hours.

The Friends also have a selection of fine jewelry for sale that are on display in the Library's museum cases near the Circulation Desk. Potential buyers may leave their contact information with the Desk staff and a member of the Friends will be in touch to arrange a date and time to complete the sale. The Friends can also be reached by email at Friendssfpl66@aol.com. and by sending a message through their Facebook page.

The Friends is a separate, non-profit organization. All money raised during the sale will go to support resources and programs for children, teens, and adults at the Library. To keep up with the Friends, check out its new Facebook page "Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library - Union County, NI"

GREAT SONGS OF THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES ON TOWN HALL FRONT LAWN, 7:00 PM ON AUGUST 16

Remember how great you felt when you heard "Groovin" by the Rascals or how moved you were to hear "Superstar" by Karen Carpenter? We all surried down to a "Stoned Soul Picnic" by the Fifth Dimension and sang along with Otis' "Dock of the Bay". Let's recapture those feelings and memories together as Christine and Elliot Spero explore the Great Songs of the '60s and '70s.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Attendees will need to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets as seating will not be provided.

For more information, contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org

MAKE YOUR OWN FLAVORED VINEGAR, IN PERSON AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY MONDAY AUGUST 22 (6:15 PM)



Capture summer's bounty for your pantry in this 90 minute hands-on workshop in which every participant will make their own bottle of herbal vinegar. Herbal vinegar can be used in salad dressings, marinades, pickling, velveting, gravlax, sushi rice, all kinds of refreshing summer drinks, and even for dessert (think grilled peaches with lavender balsamic vinegar.) Add layers of flavor to your cooking with this easy to master skill. Learn how to harvest herbs and prepare them, what equipment to use, savvy techniques and tips, and proper storage. A recipe handout will also be provided.

There is no charge for attending this program, but attendees will need to bring the following equipment on the evening of the workshop:

One 8-10 ounce clean, glass bottle with the lid. The kind that has held salad dressing, a marinade, oil or vinegar is best.

One small cutting board

One small knife for cutting herbs

Preregistration is required as class size is limited and preference will be given to Springfield residents. If space permits, out of town residents will be permitted to register, beginning August 19. To register, email dspindel@sfplnj.org or call 973 376-4930, ext. 227

REALLY GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION: THE PROFESSOR AND THE MADMAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (7:00 PM)

Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. to discuss Simon Winchester's historical account, *The Professor and the Madman:* The Oxford English Dictionary, begun in 1857, was one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken. As definitions were collected, the overseeing committee, led by Prof. James Murray, discovered that Dr. W.C. Minor, had submitted more than ten thousand entries. When the committee insisted on honoring him, a shocking truth came to light: Dr. Minor was also an inmate at an asylum for the criminally insane.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS REAP PRODUCE FROM CHISHOLM GARDEN

(see photo on page 7)

The senior citizen garden at the Chisholm Community Center continues to bloom with bountiful crops thanks to the efforts of volunteers led by Patricia Martin (pictured in photo on Page 7). Planted in the garden plot are flowers and vegetables -- such as beets, lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, cucumbers, chard, and various spices -- that are enjoyed by senior citizens who frequent the building. A comfortable seating area is enjoyed adjacent to the garden.

To volunteer in the garden, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ilene. wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



Pastor Brennan leads the Group in prayer with Ed Salanzo seated.



Ed Salzano Addresses the group.

VIGIL HELD FOR JEANNETTE DEPALMA

Ed Salzano who runs the "Justice for Jeanette" website organized and held a vigil on Sunday, August 7, 2022. Pastor Kevin Brennan who is the pastor of Evangel Church in Scotch Plains where Jeanette and her family attended spoke at the Vigil.

Pastor Brennan conducted a 50th year Prayer Vigil on the steps of Springfield Town Hall that evening. About 30 people attended, Ed Salzano, Deputy Mayor Chris Weber and Pastor Kevin Brennan all addressed the group. Pastor Brenan led the service in a prayer for Jeannette DePalma and that her 50-year-old murder would be solved.

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U.S. Sports Institute returned to the Chisholm Community Center on Friday, July 22, to continue to teach the game of pickleball to beginner players over age 55. In addition to occasional lessons, the Springfield Recreation Department offers indoor pickleball open play several times per week. To join, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj. us or (973) 912-2227. New this summer, a temporary court is also available at the Springfield Community Pool for members and guests on Friday afternoons through Sunday evenings. For more information, contact the Summit Area YMCA at (908) 273-3330.



SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT ASBURY PARK ON RECREATION SUMMER BUS TRIP



With shore temperatures in the low-80s, Springfield Recreation Department's senior citizens traveled to Asbury Park for a day at the beach, boardwalk, lunch, and convention hall shops on Wednesday, July 27. The popular summer bus trip was chaperoned by Tony Losito, Recreation Bus Driver, and Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator. For information on future senior citizen bus trips, contact Ilene at (973) 912-2227.

Summer Improvements at Springfield Parks









Various Springfield parks, fields, and playgrounds received attention this summer by the Department of Public Works and Recreation Department. Projects included power washing, painting, and new padding in the Roessner Field dugouts at Irwin Park; renovated bullpen and batting cage at Ruby Park, along with seeding; irrigation system repairs at Chisholm Park, Roessner Field, and Ruby Park; various tree trimming and playground power washing; Chisholm Park playground repairs; and replacement woodcarpet surfacing in the playgrounds at Chisholm Park, Alvin Park, Denham Park, Laurel Park, and Cohn Park. Additional woodcarpet is on the way to Ruby Park, Smithfield Park, Patriot Park, and Henshaw before the end of the summer. According to Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, "This summer provided the perfect opportunity for several departments and outside contractors to come together to provide some needed maintenance and miscellaneous improvements to our parks. We want our residents of all ages to continue to benefit from high quality playgrounds and sports fields."

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Calendar is subject to change. For complete and current listing, visit the Chisholm Community Center bulletin board or download the calendar at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation.

Monday, August 15 - Bingo @ 11:45 am, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm Tuesday, August 16 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 17 - "Trivia Fun" and snacks @ 12:30-2:30 pm (RSVP)

Friday, August 19 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm

Monday, August 22 - Bingo @ 11:45 am, Pickleball @ 1:00-2:45 pm Tuesday, August 23 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am, Mahjong @ 12:00 pm

Thursday, August 25 - Springfield Senior Citizens Club meeting and lunch featuring "Music of Marybeth Yates" (RSVP and pay \$7 by Friday, August 19)

Friday, August 26 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm

Monday, August 29 - Bus trip to Springfield Farmer's Market and TD Pizza @ 11:00 am (RSVP)

Tuesday, August 30 - , Mahjong @ 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 31 - Bingo @ 11:45 am (snacks sponsored by Arbor Terrace Mountainside)

Friday, September 2 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm

Tuesday, September 6 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,

Wednesday, September 7 - Bingo @ 11:45 am

Friday, September 9 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominoes @ 1:00 pm

Monday, September 12 - Bingo @ 11:45 am

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Foundation Tennis	8 to 11	Thu	4:30 PM	5:20 PM	15-Sep	27-Oct	\$180
Foundation Tennis	11 to 14	Thu	5:30 PM	6:20 PM	15-Sep	27-Oct	\$180
Level	Age	Day	StartTime	EndTime	StartDate	EndDate	Price
Foundation Tennis	5 to 8	Sun	9:00 AM	9:50 AM	18-Sep	6-Nov	\$180
Foundation Tennis	5 to 8	Sun	10:00 AM	10:50 AM	18-Sep	6-Nov	\$180
Foundation Tennis	8 to 11	Sun	11:00 AM	11:50 AM	18-Sep	6-Nov	\$180
Foundation Tennis	11 to 14	Sun	12:00 PM	12:50 PM	18-Sep	6-Nov	\$180

Day StartTime EndTime StartDate

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REGISTRATION FEE \$179

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PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

All Abilities: 5 to 11 years olds

BOYS &

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LIMITED SPACE

REGISTRATION
Online or by phone. Register soon



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INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING AT CHISHOLM?

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



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Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages 5-6 8:30am - 9:20am Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2-3 9:30am - 10:20am Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 10:30am - 11 :20am Soccer Squirts: Ages 4-5 11 :30am - 12:20pm All programs will follow NJ DOH, CDC and local Covid guidelines.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

BOYS & GIRLS All Abilities: 2 to 6 vears olds

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RUNNING CLUB FALL 2022 - GRADES K-9

Coach-supervised running, fitness training, stretching, injury prevention techniques, and agility drills!



MONDAYS & THURSDAYS MEISEL AVENUE PARK

Details and online registration at: https://register.communitypass. net/springfield

joani.lico@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227

2022-2023 MEN'S 35+ BASKETBALL

JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm FLORENCE GAUDINEER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT & LACROSSE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD LACROSSE

CLINICS PRE K-1ST Fall '22

Sundays 10:00-11:00 am **Chisholm Park**

Details and online registration at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield



Bus Trip to Resorts Casino Friday, October 7, 2022

\$45 per person

Payment due by Friday, September 30 2022 Seats are limited, and first-come first-served. No refunds.

Bus will depart the Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am Bus will depart Resorts Casino at approximately 4:30 pm

Register online with a credit card at: https://register.communitypass.net/springfield Or make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, morning snack, \$18 slot play (photo ID required)



FLAG CHEER!

FALL 2022 - GRADES K-2

PRACTICES

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

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

<u>FEE</u>

\$100

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7 Weeks Of Baking!

Ages 6-12 join Samantha for 7 weeks of Baking Fun — FALL THEME! We will be working together to learn measuring, mixing, sifting, how to use baking tools, and more! Collectively we will bake a fall treat each week and the kids will go home with a portion, as well as have a tasting sample at the end of each class! Themes will be: Apple Cider Cupcakes, Cinnamon Crumb Cake, Pumpkin Muffin Tops, Maple Snickerdoodle Cookies, Pear Cobbler & Whip Cream, Apple Pie, Caramel White Chocolate Biscotti Cookies

All supplies included. Class will take place at: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 \$245 per 7 Week Session – Tues @ 5:15-6:15 pm Class will begin September 13th and will run consecutive 7 weeks.



7 Weeks of Relax & Paint!

Ages 6-12 join Samantha for 7 weeks of Painting Fun! We will be creating step by step a variety of awesome acrylic painted creations! We will be working on 5"x7" canvas boards for each class and every child will have their own mini easel to work on. Children will learn techniques about texture, color, & more! We will be listening to relaxing music while creating beautiful art inspired by the photos below...No prior art experience needed!

• Theme this session will be Favorite Foods!

All supplies included. Class will take place at: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 \$220 per 7 Week Session – Tues @ 3:45-4:45 pm Class will begin September 13, 2022, and will run consecutive.



7 Weeks of Learn To Draw!

Ages 6-12 join Samantha for 7 weeks of LEARN TO DRAW Fun! Each class will feature how to draw step by step cartoon style animals, foods, plants, and more! Each child will receive and work with their own sketch book and colored pencils...No prior art experience needed!

All supplies included. Class will take place at: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 \$220 per 7 Week Session – Thurs @ 3:45-4:45 pm Class will begin September 15, 2022, and will run consecutive.



7 Weeks of Cake/Cupcake/Cookie Decorating!

Ages 6-12 join Samantha for 7 weeks of Decorating Fun! We will be working with a variety of buttercreams, fondants, and toppings to create either 2-3 cupcakes/cookies per session or a mini cake! Themes will include: Summer Fun Cupcakes, Minion Cake, Geode Cookies, Mouse on a cheese slice cake, Peas in a pod minis, Food Imposters -Fishsticks/Fries/Peas & Teddy Bear Cake pops.

All supplies included. Class will take place at: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 \$255 per 7 Week Session – Thurs @ 5:15-6:15 pm Class will begin September 15th and will run consecutive 7 weeks.



To register for any of the above classes, contact Samantha at samilynn9@aol.com. Please include the name/age of your child. Venmo payment is best and can be sent to @sweet-samantha.

www.sweet-samantha.com 973-445-1620



Online or by phone. Register soor as these classes typically sell out!



RECREATION TO HOST COACH CLINIC

(866) 345 BALL

New youth sports coaches are invited to attend a S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coach Clinic, sponsored by Rutgers University's Youth Sports Research Council -- a requirement for volunteering in Springfield's youth sports programs. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, from 6:30-9:30 pm, and costs \$35 per resident (\$40 per non-resident).

It will be held virtually. Attendees should be prepared to log in from an off-site computer. Virtual attendance will be confirmed by the Springfield Recreation Department. The clinic provides partial civil immunity to volunteer coaches under the state's Little League Law, and covers topics such as minimizing risk to young athletes, fundamental coaching concepts, legal and psychological aspects of coaching, conditioning techniques, concussions, lightning, and a first aid overview. Register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at https://register.communitypass.net/springfield. For more information, contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP VISITS BRANCHBURG SPORTS COMPLEX



On Wednesday, July 27, a busload of campers and staff from Springfield Recreation Department's Chisholm Playground Camp spent the morning at Branchburg Sports Complex. Campers enjoyed dodgeball, gaga, arcade games, a climbing structure, and other fun activities!

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 August 29th - September 2nd
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 \$255 per week

For registration please visit: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP A HIT AT CHISHOLM



Springfield Recreation Department attracted twenty girls in grades 6-12 for a volleyball camp at the Chisholm Community Center in August. The weeklong series of clinics were designed for both beginner and advanced players in separate sessions. Led by Kim Nunes, a former D1 volleyball player at Seton Hall University, the camp provided coaching instruction, skill building, and games.

TRYCAN

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156



Police Chief's Column

for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P.Cook

INTERNET CLASSIFIEDS SCAMS AND CRIMES - HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

More and more people are utilizing web-based classifieds sites such as Craigslist, OfferUp and Facebook Marketplace to buy and sell personal items. Most of the transactions that take place after people "connect" through these sites are done in person, but some may involve some type of electronic money transfer or mailing. Either way, things sometimes go wrong with these transactions, and the police become involved. Here are a few tips to keep in mind and red-flags you should look out for whenever you consider buying or selling an item this way. There are many criminals who browse these websites regularly looking for their next victim

As a seller of an item, you should always be wary of the following:

- · A "buyer" who is interested in purchasing your item sight-unseen, and immediately offers your full asking price without getting more details from you. Most real buyers will ask a lot questions and want to see the item in person (especially it it's expensive) before finalizing the deal.
- \cdot A "buyer" who wishes to send you a check or money order for your item and have one of their "agents" pick up the item. The check or money order will most likely be fraudulent, and you won't find out until after your item is gone.
- · A "buyer" who sends you a check or money order for an amount much more than your agreed upon price. The "buyer" will ask you to deposit the check and return the difference to them. You will most likely later find out the payment was fraudulent or lacked sufficient funds, and your money will be gone. The "buyer" was never actually interested in your item.

If the item you are selling is valuable, be especially careful of fraudulent checks or fake currency. It may be a good idea to complete the transaction at your local bank, where they can help you verify if the payment is legitimate. It can also be helpful to keep track of all emails and telephone numbers used during the transaction, as well as jotting down the license plate of the vehicle of the person you meet.

As a buyer of an item, you should always be wary of the following:

- · A "seller" who advertises brand-new items for sale, or who has multiples of the same items for sale. There is a good chance these items are stolen goods.
- \cdot A "seller" who advertises brand name items for very low prices. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. These items will most likely be low-quality knock-offs, imitations, or counterfeits.
- \cdot A "seller" who has trouble describing or provides sketchy background information on an item. This could be a sign that the item is stolen. Most legitimate sellers know exactly what they have when they list it for sale.
- · A "seller" who is overly eager to get rid of their item. If the price agreed upon is abnormally low, this could be another sign of a possible stolen item or a defective item

If you are purchasing a valuable item, do your research ahead of time, and have the seller provide documentation on the item. If buying a vehicle, consider using a vehicle history check service, such as CarFax, to avoid getting scammed.

Most importantly, whether you are buying or selling, you should NEVER meet an unknown person in a strange or isolated area. Always have someone else come along with you, or at least let someone else know where you are going. Use common sense – stick to busy public places that you are comfortable with, such as a shopping mall, a busy coffee shop, or even outside of your local police department.



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