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THURSDAY
DECEMBER 18, 2014

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION STATUS FROM NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE



Harry J. Delgado, a retired Police Captain from South Brunswick serving with the NJSACOP presents the Accreditation Certificate to Chief John P. Cook.

For the first time in its 90 year history, the Springfield Police Department received accreditation from The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The Accreditation process is a time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance. The foundation lies in the adoption of standards and best practices containing a clear statement of professional objectives. According to Chief Cook, "We reviewed our existing operations and then adapted them to meet or exceed the standards and objectives set forth for accreditation. I appointed Sergeant Jon Rachel as my Accreditation manager and he was responsible for ensuring all of the procedures and policies were in place." Once a department has all of its procedures in place, a team of trained, independent assessors verifies that the applicable standards have been successfully implemented.

"Being an accredited agency represents a significant professional achievement for our entire department and the system that we have in place makes everyone more accountable," stated Chief Cook. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has pursued the concept and development of a voluntary statewide law enforcement accreditation program for New Jersey which has resulted in the formation of the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, consisting of commissioners with the overall responsibility of adoption of program standards, as well as review of all assessment reports and approval of all recommendations for the granting of accredited status of applicant agencies.

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SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES THREE FIREFIGHTERS TO CAPTAIN AND APPOINTS THREE NEW PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS

Erwin Heinrich joined the Springfield Volunteer Company in January 2006. He was appointed to the career department in August 2006. Captain Heinrich is SFD's public education officer as well as the department's lead trainer for the Petzl bail-out system, where he recertifies all members in safety and survival techniques. Captain Heinrich is a NJ certified EMT, Fire Inspector and Level 1 Instructor.

Victor Kostin joined the Springfield Volunteer Company in August 1997. He was appointed to the career department in April 2004. He is in charge of creating and building training props to help enhance the skills and safety of the members of SFD. Captain Kostin is a NJ certified EMT, Fire Inspector and Level 1 Instructor.

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(l to r) Deputy Mayor David Barnett, Probationary Firefighter Timothy Hydock, Captain Victor Kostin, Captain Erwin Heinrich, Chief Carlo Palumbo, Captain Aldo Pagnotta, Probationary Firefighters Michael Santoro and Nicholas Garciano

SPRINGFIELD POLICE INVESTIGATOR JONATHAN RACHEL PROMOTED TO SERGEANT



Deputy Mayor David Barnett administers the oath of office to Investigator Jon Rachel promoting him to the rank of Sergeant. His children, Casey & Noelle, take part by holding the bible.

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Message from the Mayor

As December is upon us, I sit here writing my final “Message from the Mayor,” with many thoughts in my head. The first is that of thankfulness. I am extremely thankful that I was given this extraordinary opportunity to lead our fine town. I am thankful that you, the wonderful people of the community, trusted me to make the best decisions for this town. I also have the feeling of excitement running through my head. The town has been working on many wonderful projects over the last year and I am excited to see them come to fruition. Finally, I have the feeling of sadness. There are so many outstanding individuals in this town that I have met over the past year that I can only hope I will stay in contact with in the future.

Over the past month, Springfield has been a very busy town. Corporal John Rachel of the Springfield Police Department was promoted to Sergeant and several new firemen were added. We are, however, in need of more crossing guards. On August 25, 2014 Baltusrol Golf Course was declared a National Historical Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior. Phase 2 of the alterations to the Chisholm Community Center have begun. Finally, a proclamation for Gloria P. Simpson of Springfield has been recognized by the New Jersey State First Aid Council and she received a lifetime achievement award. Gloria has been a member of the First Aid Squad since 1963. Congratulations and thank you Gloria.

As I conclude my final message, I just want to once again say thank you. Thank you to our Police and Fire Departments for keeping our town safe. Thank you to our Department of Public Works for keeping our town beautiful. Thank you to all our Recreation staff for the wonderful programs you put together. Thank you to all the other town workers for all the hard work you do to make this a wonderful town. Thank you to all the teachers in this town for educating and nurturing our young children. Thank you to all the volunteers who sacrifice their time to make Springfield such a great town. Thank you to my fellow Township Committee members for helping me so much during the year. After one year I realized this is not a town that should be run by one person, rather it should be done by a group of individuals working together to make the best decisions for the people of Springfield. Finally I want to thank each and every resident in Springfield. Thank you for making this town the GREATEST town in the world!

Richard Huber, Mayor 2014

SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E. • SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT •

TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS

Springfield H.O.P.E. and the Springfield Fire Department have joined forces this year for another Toys for Springfield Kids campaign. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED TOY in one of our collection boxes located at Hecht Chiropractic, The Springfield Fire Department, in the schools and throughout town in our boxes with the Toys for Springfield Kids label on them.

Additional locations will be listed on our website, www.springfieldhope.com. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Springfield H.O.P.E and drop off or mail to Hecht Family Chiropractic Care, LLC, 201 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Toys are needed for children up to the age of 15. Older kids will receive a gift card, and distribution will be to the town’s needy. The drive will run from Monday, November 3 through Friday, December 19, 2014.

For info, e-mail Dr. Gary Hecht of Springfield Hope at toys@springfieldhope.com.

(Springfield HOPE is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation)

Toys For Springfield Kids Distribution Locations:

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| • Holy Cross Church | • Capelli E Mani Design Salon |
| • Edward V Walton School | • Hecht Family Chiropractic |
| • Thelma L Sandmeier School | • Springfield Fire Department |
| • Chisholm Community Center | • Springfield Town Hall |
| • Florence M Gaudineer School | • Springfield Free Public Library |
| • St. James The Apostle School | • James Caldwell School |

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 23, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Contact the Recreation Department For Future Meeting Schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

**The Township's Annual
Re-Organizational Meeting
will be held on January 1, 2015 at 2 PM**

Keep the *Cheer* Here

Independent local merchants return 68% of their revenue to the community.
Big boxes, national Chains? Only 13%-43% returns. Out-of-town websites? Zero.

Spend it here. Get more back.

**The Board Members of the
Springfield Business
Improvement District**
wish all of our
**friends and neighbors a
very happy holiday season
and a healthy, happy New Year!**

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ACCREDITATION STATUS

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Harry J. Delgado, a retired Police Captain from South Brunswick serving with the NJSACOP presented the Accreditation Certificate to Chief John Cook. Mr. Delgado holds an educational specialist degree and is Accreditation Program Manager for the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police along with continuing his dedication to work in public service. He commented in his remarks that only about 25% of the Police Departments in the state have achieved this recognition. Accreditation is an ongoing process that is constantly being maintained and updated and an agency must be reviewed every three years by the NJSACOP to maintain their accredited status.



Sergeant Rachel's grandfather, Alex Rachel, who is 98 years old and a retired Linden Fire Captain, pins on the Sergeant's badge completing the promotion!



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

Now that the winter season is upon us, I ask that all recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times take just a few minutes to read over these suggestions for winter driving safety.

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended as thieves can easily drive off with it especially if you leave your vehicle running when you stop to pick up coffee or a newspaper during your commute. It only takes seconds to drive off with your car.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid any freeze-up to the gas line.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Do not use a hand held cell phone to talk or text while driving and during times of bad weather limit external distractions so you can concentrate on road conditions.
- Use caution on roadways that have expansive overpasses. Treated road surfaces may be dry from the salting and the sun but some surfaces under an overpass may not receive sunlight and a driver can

encounter icy road conditions on what may otherwise be a dry roadway.

Tips for long-distance winter trips:

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
 - Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a reputable repair facility.
 - Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times.
 - Pack a cellular telephone with your local emergency telephone numbers, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.
 - If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
 - Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
 - Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
 - Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
 - Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
 - If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.
- Tips for driving in the snow:
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining

traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
 - The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
 - Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
 - Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
 - Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
 - Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
 - Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.
- On behalf of the officers of the Springfield Police Department, I wish all residents and all members of our business community a very safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.**

Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

- Recycle used motor oil.

- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.

- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.

- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.

- Look into alternatives for pesticides.

- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.

- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.

- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

- Participate in community cleanups.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021



www.cleanwaternj.org



2015 DOG & CAT LICENSES

Dog & cat licenses for 2015 are now available at the office of the Township Clerk from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for licensing your dog or cat is January 31, 2015; late fees will be applied after the 31st.

For further information, please call Jasmine Mathis at 973-912-2285 or visit springfield-nj.us/departments/registrar/.

FREE RABIES CLINIC:

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sarah Bailey Center

30 Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081

RABIES IMMUNIZATIONS AND PREVENTION

Residents are urged to bring their pets for a rabies shot, required every three years or annually for a first vaccination, and obtain the annual municipal pet license at the same time. Rabies continues to be a risk to both people and pets in New Jersey. Over the summer of 2014 there was a case of human contact with a rabid animal in Springfield. The incident was handled according to correct medical procedures and the case had a successful outcome. Any contact with the saliva or body fluids of an unknown animal should be reported to one's physician and the Health Department, advised Springfield Health Officer Lisa Gulla.

Gulla reminded residents to stay away from wild animals, any domesticated animals that they do not know, and to keep yards and home surroundings clear of overgrown shrubs, piles of wood, and other areas that attract raccoons, woodchucks groundhogs and other wildlife. Feeding wild or feral animals may attract rabid animals and put pets and people at risk. All strays or any ill wild animals should be reported to animal control by calling the Springfield Police Department at 973-376-0400.



Mayor Richard Huber congratulates Gloria Simpson on her New Jersey State First Aid Council Lifetime Achievement Award at the December 9th Township Committee meeting.

At the December 9th Township Committee meeting, The Township passed a resolution honoring Gloria Simpson for 52 years of volunteer service to the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad. She is the Squad's longest active RIDING member. Gloria joined the Springfield First Aid Squad in 1963, as a young wife and mother and earned her American Red Cross and first aid certificate. As the scope and practice of emergency first aiders expanded, Gloria advanced to "5-point" first aid, then "8-point" first aid and finally EMT, becoming driver and crew chief and remained current with training that includes C.E.V.O III and ICS-300.

Gloria has been awarded the Overlook Hospital Excellence in EMS Award and recognized on multiple occasions by the Springfield Township Committee.

She has served as a longtime Squad president, secretary, corresponding secretary and second lieutenant and currently holds a five-year term on the House Committee and plays an active role in Squad activities and fundraisers throughout the year.

REMINDER TO ALL SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

It's That Time Of Year Again! Annual Registration Of All Burglar Alarm Systems Are Due No Later Than January 15, 2015.

The springfield police department will be sending a renewal notice and registration form to all previous registrants. Residents and business owners who were not previously registered can obtain a registration form on our website, www.springfield-nj.us, or call the Springfield Police Department Record Bureau for assistance at (973) 912-2239.

Wishing Everyone A Safe, And Joyous Holiday Season!



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2014 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE A NEW APPROACH TO LEAF PICKUP

The 2014 Leaf Collection Program began on Monday, October 27, 2014. This year leaf pickup will be collected by areas on specific dates. We believe this new collection schedule will allow for a more systematic, timely and efficient pickup by the Department of Public Works staff. The Township is divided into (9) nine areas or neighborhoods. The dates and locations are listed below:

LEAF COLLECTION DATES AND AREA SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 18 AREAS 7, 8 & 9

DECEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 26 AREAS 1, 2 & 3

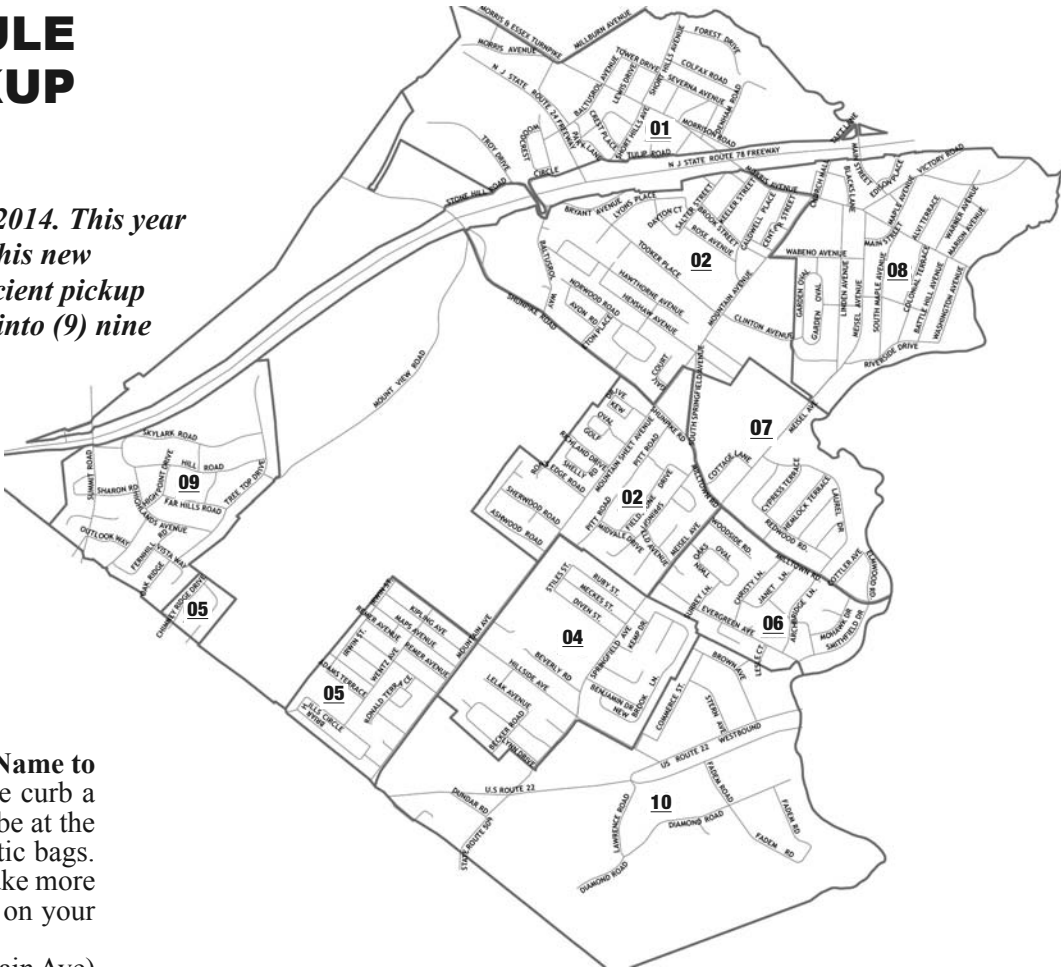
DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 2 AREAS 4, 5 & 6

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 8 AREAS 7, 8 & 9

Please refer to the table below for Leaf Collection Areas by Street Name to find out what area your property is located. Please rake leaves to the curb a few days prior to your Area’s scheduled leaf pickup days. Leaves must be at the curb by 5 AM on the first morning of collection for your Area. No plastic bags. Recyclable paper bags are acceptable. While the actual collections will take more than one day for a given Area, once the truck has completed collection on your street, it will not return (except for Areas 1, 2, & 3, as noted above).

Hard copies of the schedule will be available in Town Hall (100 Mountain Ave) and the Department of Public Works office (22 Mountain Ave). Otherwiswe, a link will be placed on our website that will provide residents with a version that can be printed out. Please make sure that all of this information is communicated to landscapers if you contract with one.

PLEASE DO NOT MIX ANY BRUSH, BRANCHES, OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL WITH THE LEAVES. OTHERWISE LEAVES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.



Residents who live on County Roads will have their leaves picked up by Union County. For more information regarding the County's leaf collection schedule, please call (908) 789-3660 or visit <http://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/LeafSched2014.pdf>.

This schedule does not reflect problems beyond the control of Public Works such as: break downs, weather related events, or contractors not picking up leaves. This will delay the schedule.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

Avoid Holiday Fire Disasters Through Safe Candle Use

Candles lend a special light to the holiday season. Candle safety is important 365 days a year, but especially during the December holiday season. Here are some basic rules that everyone should commit to memory.

- Young children should be taught to stay away from lit candles. Keep lit candles out of reach of children and pets. Candle lighting is not an appropriate activity for small children, so keep all matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children. Older children can learn to use them under adult supervision.
- Burn candles away from drafts, other heat sources, and all flammable objects or materials. In other words, never use candles near windows or exits. Don't place them on Christmas trees, real or artificial. Keep burning candles away from curtains, wrapping paper, combustible decorations and displays, flammable liquids, and aerosol sprays, such as hair spray, which can explode. Never allow a candle flame to touch any glass surface. Don't burn candles more than four hours at a time.
- Unattended candles are an invitation to disaster, so don't forget to snuff out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Blowing candles out doesn't do the trick: Extinguish them by wetting the wick. Here are some tips for burning candles safely:
- Candles other than jar candles must be used in an appropriate non-tipping, non-flammable holder. Make sure that candle containers and holders are made from tempered glass or have a proper glaze. All candles should be placed on a safe, heat-resistant dry surface. If possible, place glass chimneys or shades over them. For Christmas luminarias, use 15-hour votive candles in holders, placed in paper bags filled with at least 2 inches of sand. The candle must be of a size that will allow adequate space between the candle and bag so as not to ignite the bag.
- Remove labels and tags from candles before burning.
- Keep wicks trimmed to ¼ inch at all times. This inhibits smoking and carbon build-up at the tip of the wicks and provides a cleaner burn.
- Sometimes a layer of liquid wax forms that causes the wick to fall to the side. To maintain an even burn, keep the wick centered. This will also protect the candle holder, since a flame that's too close for too long may crack the holder.
- Keep the wax pool free of foreign objects such as wick trimmings and matches. They will interfere with proper burning and are flammable.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD MEMBER GLORIA SIMPSON HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Gloria P. Simpson, who has volunteered more than 50 years with the Springfield First Aid Squad, accepts the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from New Jersey State First Aid Council (NJSFAC) President Howard Meyer during the council's recent banquet. The 85-year-old nonprofit NJSFAC represents more than 20,000 EMS volunteers and 300 first aid and rescue squads throughout the state.

In recognition of her more than five decades of volunteer service with the Springfield First Aid Squad, Gloria P. Simpson recently received the New Jersey State First Aid Council's (NJSFAC) 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 85-year-old nonprofit NJSFAC represents more than 20,000 EMS volunteers and 300 first aid and rescue squads throughout the state.

Simpson joined the Springfield squad in 1963 as a young wife and mother, earning an American Red Cross first aid certificate and riding two nights a week. When she began working as secretary to the chief of police, records clerk, and matron for female prisoners at the Springfield Police Department, she started riding day shifts as well, answering calls from work with her partner, the police chief.

Simpson soon convinced her husband, the late Herbert Simpson, to join the squad. He dedicated 35 years to the organization. The Simpsons' daughter Elizabeth, who joined the squad as a high school

student, is a past captain and its current president, closing in on 40 years of service with the squad.

Although the Simpsons rode the ambulance on different days, the three of them were known to take backup calls together. Despite the fact that all three were crew chiefs on their respective duty shifts, everyone knew Gloria was in charge.

During her 51 years with the organization, Gloria Simpson has served as a longtime squad president, secretary, corresponding secretary and second lieutenant. She currently holds a five-year term on the House Committee and plays an active role in squad activities and fundraisers throughout the year, including the car wash and pancake breakfast.

During Hurricane Sandy, when all of Springfield lost power, Simpson responded to calls as part of the duty crew, spent numerous hours assisting at the town's shelter, and spent her days at the squad building helping with standby duty and answering back-up calls.

Simpson has remained current with training, and until this year, was the crew chief two days a week, playing a vital role in orienting and training new members.

After Simpson moved into Springfield senior housing several years ago, residents in the complex quickly learned that, in the event of an emergency, they should dial 911, then call Simpson, who often is at their door quickly.

As a longtime delegate for the NJSFAC's 2nd District, Simpson attends monthly district meetings, and hasn't missed a mid-year conference or annual convention in more than 40 years. She has served as 2nd District chairman, vice president and sergeant-at-arms, and has served on the NJSFAC's Banquet Committee.

In the past, Simpson received the Overlook Hospital Excellence in EMS Award and has been recognized several times by the Springfield Township Committee. In 2013, the Springfield FAS recognized Simpson for her five decades of service by presenting her with the first Daniel D. Kalem Memorial Award.

Around Springfield, Simpson often is greeted by strangers who thank her for having helped them or a loved one in a time of need.

REGISTER BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS BY JANUARY 15TH

The Springfield Police Department wants to remind all residents and businesses that utilize burglar alarm systems that all such alarms, by township ordinance, must be registered with the police department. The alarm registration process is an annual requirement and persons or businesses having alarms must re-register by January 15th of each year. One of the more frequent demands for police service involves the need for police personnel to respond to all activated alarms and as such the annual registration of alarms is vital so residents and businesses can be contacted when any problems are encountered with the alarm system such as repetitive false alarms or improper audible sirens or bells.

The false alarms still require police response as the reason for the alarm activation cannot be determined until police officers investigate the condition of the alarmed property. Accordingly, there is a monetary penalty for frequent false alarms as well as for the failure to initially register or annually re-register an alarm.

Residents and businesses should be aware that more than three (3) false alarms that occur with any 3-month calendar period will result in the issuance of a township ordinance summons. As it is understandable that there will be times a resident or business owner may inadvertently activate their alarm system, the alarm ordinance takes this into account and the alarm activation will not be deemed to be a false alarm if the resident or business employee immediately contacts police headquarters to report the accidental alarm activation so police response can be canceled.

The alarm ordinance specifically aims to standardize the types of alarm systems that are allowable so that alarm activations, especially repetitive false alarms, are not ongoing, disruptive to neighbors or an increasing demand for police services.

For alarm registration application forms, re-registration forms or information persons may go to the police department records unit located on the second floor of the township municipal building. The records unit can also be contacted directly at (973) 912-2239 and the necessary forms and information can be requested to be sent to you via email. The fee for registering your alarm is \$15.00.

Alarm ordinance forms and information are also available on the township web-site of: www.springfield-nj.us.

Please remember that when the ownership of a house changes a new owner who opts to retain and use an existing alarm system must register this alarm in their name.

NOVEMBER 20 SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Springfield Hadassah was held on November 20, 2014, at the Springfield Public Library.

Naomi Yablonsky, a retired educator who has spent many years acting and directing in community theater, reviewed Daniel Silva's novel, "The Heist". She discussed Martin Fletcher's book, Jacob's Oath. The books have varying points of view and comparisons were interesting.

Mrs. Yablonsky is a member of Hadassah, JWI, Temple Sha'arey Shalom and the League of Women Voters. She is married to Jerry Yablonsky, has two children, Lauren and Bruce and grandchildren.

In addition, Michael Scalera, chairman of the Springfield BID, discussed what the BID means for Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT ARLENE HOFFMAN APPOINTED AS AN OFFICER AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER FOR CW SOLUTIONS

CW Solutions, a national real estate services firm specializing in the utilities and wireless telecommunications industries, announced it has hired Arlene Hoffman as Office and Human Resources Manager. Hoffman brings more than 13 years of experience to the position and will be responsible for organizational effectiveness, compensation, benefits, and employee relations.

"Arlene's expertise and experience will serve us well as we continue to grow and expand our services," said Stacie Curtis, President and Founder. "She is a great addition to our corporate team."

Prior to joining CW Solutions, Hoffman served as HR Generalist for EverBank Commercial Finance, Parsippany, where she assisted with payroll, handled employee relation issues, and worked with health insurance carriers. Hoffman attended Raritan Valley Community College.

"CW Solutions has an incredible team, and I am very excited to be working in an environment that promotes camaraderie and collaboration," said Hoffman. "I look forward to supporting the company's success and momentum."

WALTON SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE



Micah played a game at the Pumpkin Patch while classmate Molly cheered him on.



Members of Springfield Rotary and Springfield HOPE pose in front of Whole Foods in Union with Whole Foods employee Jimmy Cottage after they loaded up their cars with 20 Turkeys and all the "fixins" for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. They then delivered the food to twenty families in need in Springfield. The turkeys, supplied by Stew Leonard's of Springfield, were paired with boxes of food paid for by the Springfield Rotarians and Springfield HOPE.



Springfield Hope and Springfield Rotary would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to Stew Leonard's for their donation of 20 turkeys to the needy families of Springfield. The recipients were grateful to Stew Leonard's for their company's generous support.

Care about Springfield? Join the Springfield CERT Team

To find out more about CERT and how you can help Springfield, contact the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. Supply your name, address, phone number, and email address.

Springfield Office of Emergency Management
200 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081
Phone: 973-467-3388 oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us

THE INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD PRESENTS A CHECK TO THE SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



(l to r) Robert Friedman, Kiwanis, Ruth Schwartz, Kiwanis, Margaret Bandrowski, President of The Springfield Historical Society, and Herb Slote of the Kiwanis Club

The gift will be used toward funding of an architectural assessment of The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. This assessment will enable needed structural work to be evaluated, and prioritized, and will allow funding efforts to be continued. Among its many charitable activities, the Kiwanis Club is a supporter of the Historical Society and the society's efforts to bring the history of the Township of Springfield to the public through tours and special events at the house.

NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS URGES SAFE AND LESS POLLUTING BURNING OF WOOD IN THE COLD WEATHER

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection is reminding New Jersey residents to take steps to reduce their impact on air quality when burning wood for heat as the weather turns colder, whether in fireplaces, wood stoves, or outdoor wood boilers. "While burning wood is very comforting and cozy, it's important to remember that wood smoke contains fine particles that contribute to air pollution," said Jane Herndon, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Management. "You can take a few simple steps, including having a properly maintained wood-stove or fireplace, to minimize your impact on the environment and your neighbors, while protecting your home and safety."

The DEP recommends following these simple guidelines:

- Allow wood to season before burning it. Seasoning entails allowing the wood to sit outdoors for at least six months. Seasoned wood is darker, has cracks in the end grain and sounds hollow when smacked against another piece of wood.
- Use a wood moisture meter to test the moisture content of wood. Wood burns most efficiently when its moisture content is below 20 percent.
- Stack wood neatly off the ground with the top covered to protect it against rain and snow.
- Keep fires burning hot.
- Regularly remove ashes to ensure proper airflow.
- Never burn garbage, cardboard, plastics, wrapping

materials, painted materials or other materials in your stove or fireplace.

• Keep anything flammable - including drapes, furniture, newspapers and books - far away from any wood-burning appliance. Keep an accessible and recently inspected fire extinguisher nearby. The DEP also urges residents to check local air quality at <http://www.njaqinow.net> prior to burning wood. Consider other heating alternatives on days the air quality is unhealthy.

State regulations and some municipal ordinances prohibit the emission of visible smoke from outdoor wood boilers. Wood boilers heat a fluid that is circulated in homes and buildings for heating purposes. Under state regulations, these boilers may only emit visible smoke for three minutes every half-hour to allow for start-up.

In deciding how to heat your home this winter and reduce your exposure to fine particles from wood smoke, DEP recommends upgrading to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified wood stove or fireplace insert. The newer equipment will reduce air pollution and is much more energy efficient.

For more information on wood burning in New Jersey, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/baqp/woodburning.html>.

For more on the EPA's Burnwise program, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise>.

Springfield Police Chief John Cook has announced that Springfield has joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative, and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters.



Today's announcement makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Springfield residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers.

"Project Medicine Drop is an exceptional addition to our commitment to improve public safety and quality of life in Springfield. We have been working with the NJ Attorney General's Office for several months to bring this project to Springfield. It will encourage our residents to become more aware of the potential for abuse presented by otherwise beneficial medications and allow them to become a part of making a positive difference," Springfield Police Chief John Cook stated.

The department's new Project Medicine Drop Box is located at 100 Mountain Avenue in the Police Lobby. Residents may visit the Springfield Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused or excess medications.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY



The students at Saint James the Apostle School showed their respect and admiration for veterans at Springfield's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. Carrying flags and wearing smiles on their faces, the students walked from school over to the park. Students in the 8th grade read what it means to be free, citing the many freedoms enjoyed as Americans living in country served and protected by servicemen and servicewomen in the military. The entire student body showed their appreciation and thanks by singing "God Bless America."

GARDEN CLUB ARCHIVES PRESENTED TO LIBRARY



The Springfield Garden Club presented archival materials on December 1, 2014 to the Springfield Public Library. This collection will be an excellent resource for sociologists, historians, and Springfield residents interested in local history. Founded in 1990, the club will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year.

When asked why the library was interested in the club's artifacts, Dale Spindel, library director, replied, "As I looked through the photographs of projects undertaken by the [Springfield] Garden Club in years past, I realized how integral the club's efforts have been in the making of many fond memories that people have of their hometown. It is gratifying to be a part of the effort to preserve and share these memories."

In addition to their home in the library, most of these materials can be viewed or heard on the Springfield Garden Club Facebook Page created by club member Alen Kalati.

The collection includes the following: a scrapbook detailing the history of the club, a slideshow highlighting club activities with soundtrack by current member Ted Brancato and lyrics by deceased member Arthur Thieberger, a CD singing of garden delights and other topics, entitled Grandma's Garden, by the aforementioned members, and two audio files recounting the history of the club through member interviews, along with accompanying transcripts.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

There was no Workshop meeting last month since the Monday date fell on a holiday. The November 10 Township Committee meeting was quiet, with the second and final reading of an ordinance prohibiting idling for longer than 2 minutes on any Municipal and/or Board of Education property. Eight routine resolutions were also approved, including a resolution in support of the referenced ordinance which is endorsed by the Sustainable NJ program. Springfield is actively pursuing status as a certified Sustainable NJ community in going green.

The meeting of November 25 was quite remarkable and the courtroom was filled to overflowing in recognition of the proceedings. The accreditation certificate of the Springfield Police Department was formally presented to Chief John Cook by Harry Delgado, an Accreditation Program Manager for the Association of Chiefs of Police. Mr. Delgado pointed out that only about 25% of police departments in the state are accredited and praised the Springfield force under Chief Cook as one of the best of them. The evening saw the promotion of Jonathan Rachel to the rank of Police Sergeant. Sgt. Rachel was one of the prime movers in the Accreditation process. And another officer, Robert Quinlan, was promoted to Sixth Class Patrol Officer and the hiring of Matthew Dougherty as a probationary officer.

Continuing the advancement of our public safety forces, three firemen were promoted to the rank of Captains and three new probationary firefighters were also sworn in, bringing the numbers up to a full complement. Congratulations to all those recognized and particularly to Chief Cook and Springfield Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo who has overseen several changes in the few months since he assumed the rank of Fire Chief.

In regular business, the hiring of several part-time employees of the Recreation Basketball program was approved. A second reading was held of the ordinance which updates and codifies Promotion Policy and Procedures for the Police Department.

After all the excitement of the above, several routine resolutions were passed. The Township Committee members also held a confidential Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations involving redevelopment.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

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Aldo Pagnotta joined the Springfield Volunteer Company in July 1989. He was appointed to the career department in September 1992. Captain Pagnotta serves as the department's lead SCBA Technician where he services, tests and certifies all SFD's breathing equipment. He is a NJ certified EMT, Fire Inspector and Level 1 Instructor.

The three Probationary Firefighters competed over a two month testing process, which included a written exam, physical agility exam and oral interview. Timothy Hydock, Michael Santoro and Nicholas Garciano were selected to become Springfield Fire Department's newest members. All three are NJ State Certified Firefighters which is a savings to the Township of Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Girls Softball 2015 Grades 1-9

Open to Springfield Residents Only

Registration can be completed online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

After January 6, 2015, a \$25 late fee payable to Girls Softball Parents Association will be assessed.

Instructional League for Grades 1&2 Lower League Grades 3,4,&5* Upper League Grades 6-9**

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association **9th Graders not playing High School softball

Registration Fees: \$55 payable to Township of Springfield
\$40 payable to Girls Softball Parents Association

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older.

Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm

and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 7:30-11:00 am.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

Register in person or by mail to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • (973) 912-2227 office (973) 912-8584 fax
recreation@springfield-nj.us www.springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation

WINTER CONDITIONING PROGRAM

Athletes need to spend time conditioning and winter is the perfect time to start! This clinic will demonstrate how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly and have fun!

Any athlete who desires more speed and wants to gain an advantage will benefit!

The program is open to Springfield residents in grades 2nd-8th

The program meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:15 pm at the Chisholm Community Center.

If weather is nice, we will meet outside. If not, we will meet inside the building.

Session #1 begins on November 5th and ends on December 12th

Session #2 begins on December 17th and ends on January 30th

Cost is \$50 for each session. No refunds will be provided.

Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield.

Minimum 6 participants are needed to run the program.

BOYS LACROSSE-SPRING 2015

Does your child want to try a fun, high-energy sport? Come and have them join the Springfield Lacrosse team!

Put a check in the box that you are registering for and get ready to have fun! Practices will start March 1st.

Practice fields TBD. Practice times are tentative, subject to change.

- ☐ 2nd/3rd grade practices will be Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Saturday 9:00-10:30 am
- ☐ 4th grade practices will be Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Saturday 9:00-10:30 am
- ☐ 5th grade practices will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 6:00-7:30 pm
- ☐ 6th grade practices will be Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 6:00-7:30 pm
- ☐ 7th/8th grade practices will be Monday 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday 7:30-9:00 pm

• Fee: \$55 (check made payable to Township of Springfield)

• Fee: \$135 (check made payable to Springfield Lacrosse Association)

○ This fee includes membership to US Lacrosse – insurance for players and coaches and six free copies of Lacrosse Magazine

○ NEW THIS YEAR...The Springfield Lacrosse Association will be offering shooting shirts for an additional \$35 if you would like to purchase for your player.

Register at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 or online at <http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Questions? Please email Danielle McLeer at danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCan, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://cityofsummit.org/trycan>.

TRYCAN
KIDS HELPING KIDS

SNACK BAR/CONCESSION STAND OPERATOR NEEDED

"The Springfield Recreation Department is seeking bids for a snack bar/concession stand operator at the Community Pool during the summer of 2015. All applicants must have a record of proven experience at a municipal pool of similar size, operation, and membership, or a minimum of five years retail food service/catering experience. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation, at adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us, for a copy of the bid specifications and submission information."

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



The Senior Citizens of Springfield annual holiday party was hosted by the Springfield Recreation Department on Friday, December 5th, at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. Close to 100 seniors were treated to a five-course lunch, DJ music by Housin Entertainment, remarks by Mayor Richard Huber, poinsettia table prizes, and a basket auction. Baskets were generously donated by Picante the Taste of Mexico, Bagels 4 U, Hair Core, Sofia's Restaurant, Checkers, Walgreen's, Deb Conklin, and Pat Imbriale.

SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers free weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizens to locations within the township, such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more. Residents can call (973) 912-2227 each day between 8:00-9:00 am to schedule an appointment for that morning. The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Monday-Friday, with the exception of municipal holidays and days when the Senior Citizens Club has morning bus trips. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

POOL MANAGER WANTED Springfield Community Pool

Duties include: managing, scheduling, and coordinating payroll for assistant manager, lifeguards, and maintenance staff; regulating water chemistry and filter operations; supervising the front gate; overseeing grounds work; acting as liaison with Recreation Department summer camps, concession operator, swim team, and contracted pool users such as private camps and swim clubs; assisting with regular activities and special events; interacting with patrons and providing customer service; and other duties as assigned. Certified Pool Operator (CPO) license and previous experience required. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation
Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081
adam.lieb@springfield-nj.us

MCLYNN'S CATERED THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON FOR SPRINGFIELD SENIORS



The Springfield Seniors enjoyed a splendid Thanksgiving luncheon catered by McLynn's for their November Birthday Bash at the Chisholm Center. The meal was served by Rec Director Adam Lieb, Asst Director Heather Re, Program Coordinator Danielle McLeer, and Township volunteers Sam Mardini, Jennifer Law, and Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski. A gorgeous Thanksgiving themed birthday cake from Natale's was dessert. The men of the Rec Dept, PJ Martin, Ronnie Tyburczy, and Tom Wisniewski made sure the walks were cleared, the cars were swept clean, and the Seniors safely escorted through the slush. A good time and great meal was enjoyed by all!

MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL REPORTS PROGRESS ON FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN

Recent developments have moved forward the flood mitigation efforts for the Rahway River. Damages in excess of \$100 million resulted from Hurricane Irene and a federal-state-local flood mitigation study to find solutions has been underway and next steps have been taken.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Flood Control recently met with the Essex County Executive who expressed support for a plan to modify the Orange Reservoir to provide additional storage capacity of storm water during peak storm conditions. The US Army Corps of Engineers and state Department of Environmental Commission are studying this plan and the executive's support will be conditioned on the protection of county facilities and the benefits downstream to communities such as Millburn and Maplewood. Meetings with the City of Orange are expected soon. Previously, a controversial plan to build a new detention basin was taken off the table due to potential environmental impacts.

The upstream storage created by lowering the reservoir by several feet prior to a major storm has the potential of lowering river elevations in Millburn by 2.6 feet and lowering river elevation down through Cranford during a storm event. The storage also permits channel improvements in Cranford including replacing or modifying two bridges and eliminating two dams. The channel work also includes increasing the capacity of the river bed in selected areas to yield further flood protection. In Cranford for example, the river elevation is forecasted to be 3.5 feet lower during peak storm conditions.

The Mayors Council has been actively working on seeking federal and state funding to complete the study to then be in line for federal appropriations that could fund 65% of the cost of any approved project. The state would also share in 25% of the costs. In September the Mayors visited Washington DC to urge congressional leaders to support the effort. Senator Cory Booker, Senator Bob Menendez, Congressman Leonard Lance and Congressman Payne each expressed strong support for the effort.

In a major recent decision, the Mayors Council became eligible to be included in the FY 2016 Obama Administration Federal Budget. The US Army Corps of Engineers Atlantic Division informed the Mayors of this decision which puts the projects in line for federal support.

The Mayors Council will be meeting in early December to extend the inter local agreement into 2015 between the seven communities to fund various local initiatives to further the flood mitigation effort.



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The Springfield Jr. Dawg cheerleading squads had another successful season cheering for our Football program. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication this season. The Springfield Recreation Department also would like to thank all of our volunteer coaches for another successful season!



Pictured: The Springfield Recreation Department's Jr. Dawgs cheerleading squads gathered at Café Z in Union for an end-of-season dinner and awards program.



Walton 2nd grader, Antonio, proudly displays his pumpkin at October's Pumpkin Patch

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMED BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

Springfield, Allendale, Ramapo Indian Hills and Matawan-Aberdeen School districts lead the way.

On November 13, 2014, Sustainable Jersey announced the first four school districts to register for the groundbreaking Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Just two weeks after the program's launch on October 28, four school districts have registered: Allendale School District (Bergen County), Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District (Bergen County), Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District (Monmouth) and Springfield School District (Union County). Each district passed a resolution of participation and initiated the process for beginning the certification program.

Based on the highly successful Sustainable Jersey certification program for municipalities (74% of New

Jersey municipalities are participating), Sustainable Jersey for Schools promotes a comprehensive and results-oriented approach to sustainability for schools. Participating schools can choose from 87 actions, such as performing energy audits, integrating sustainability into student learning, and boosting recycling efforts, to earn points for certification.

"The Springfield Public School District is excited to be one of the first districts to register for Sustainable Jersey for Schools," said Matthew Clarke, the school business administrator for Springfield Public Schools. "For many years, the District has recognized and embraced the three pillars of sustainability: people (opportunity for all), prosperity (support local economies and resources), and planet (practice responsible environmental management and conservation). We look forward to the opportunity to be a leader in sustainability for schools for years to come." In Allendale, the push to register the school district came from the existing Allendale municipal green team. This green team achieved the bronze-

level of certification in 2014 through the municipal Sustainable Jersey certification program.

Donna Drewes, co-director of Sustainable Jersey said, "We're thrilled to welcome the first four districts that have registered with Sustainable Jersey for Schools. These districts and their schools should be commended for being proactive in their pursuit of sustainability. The program will help schools improve efficiency, cut waste and contribute to students' education in the key areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, often referred to as STEM education."

Sustainable Jersey for Schools began as a partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA). "Sustainable practices result in healthier schools. They reduce operating costs and free up money for the classroom. And, in the end, they contribute to student success," said the NJSBA's executive director, Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod.

**SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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SATURDAYS 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH,
CHRISTMAS DAY, AND ON THURSDAY,
JANUARY 1ST, NEW YEAR'S DAY.**
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CHRISTMAS EVE, AND ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST,
NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storycraft Fridays December 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 4 pm
– Please note age change: Ages 4 to 8 w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft. Register at the Youth Services Desk.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver:
Tuesday 12/2, Wednesday 12/10, Wednesday 12/17, Wednesday 12/24, and Wednesday 12/26. Drop in.

Wii Games – Wednesdays December 3, 10, & 17 from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in.

P'Jama Storytime December Mondays (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) Join Miss Debbie for storytime, showcasing books on the first grade reading list. Ideal for ages 3 to 7. Wear your jammies and bring your favorite snuggly bear. Drop in.

Lego Club meets alternate Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:30 pm, December 2 & 16. Join us for a special **Lego Day Bonanza Dec. 30 from 2 pm - 4 pm.** Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Ages 6 and up.

Origami Club meets alternate Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:30 pm (12/9 & 12/23). Ages 8+ Sign up at Youth Desk.

Let's Play Chess December Thursdays (12/4, 12/11, and 12/18) 4:30 to 5:30 pm Ages 6 to 11. Sign up at Youth Services.

Drop in Math Help – December Wednesdays @ 4 pm. Need some math help? Bring your homework and we're here to help.

Music & More with Kelly – December 12 @ 11am. Experience the joy of family music in song, movement, rhythm and instruments. Perfect for infants through kindergartners with a caregiver. Drop in.

SMILE, Dental Storytime – Join Lisa Wortzel DMD and Mumta Hathiraman DMD of Integrative Dental Care in Mountainside for a fun and informative Dental Storytime. **Thursday, December 11 @ 10:30 am.** Register at the Youth Services Desk.

Jester Jim – December 28 @ 2 pm. Juggler and Entertainer Extraordinaire, Jester Jim is bringing his show to the library. All Ages.

Iris the Architect – December 13 @ 10:30 am. Author, Debra Lampert-Rudman will be here to read her picture book and lead students in the creation of a mural depicting their vision of the perfect home for homeless dogs.

Springfield Free Public Library

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

NEW! Playaway Views!

Your library now lends Playaway Views! Pre-loaded, self-playing Views are perfect for traveling or hanging out at home. Available in titles and subjects to appeal to kids of all ages: pre-school, elementary and 'tween.

TEENS:

Teens Read! -- 4:30 Wednesday, December 10. Join us in a book discussion of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Enjoy snacks and refreshments.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) – Earn volunteer hours and make your voices heard by joining TAB. From developing programs just for teens to helping the library select books you'd like to read, TAB is the perfect way to make the library all your own. **December 8 @ 6 pm.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, December 19th 12:30 pm.

Chair Yoga with Pamela Nixon

December 1st thru January 2nd

Art Exhibit – Danielle Auriemma-D'Amico.

January 5th thru January 30th

Art Exhibit – Joan Mazurkiewicz .

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, December 18th, 10:00 am

Great Books Discussion - “The Overcoat” by Gogol.

Thursday, January 8th, 7:00 pm

Real Good Book Discussion – “A Doll’s House” by Henric Ibsen.

Thursdays, January 8th, 10:15 am

Memoir Writing Group.

FILMS

Monday, December 22th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN: THREE MEMORABLE FILMS: An adaptation of John Patrick Stanley's award winning play of the events at a NYC catholic high school, when a charismatic priest (Hoffman) becomes involved in a battle of wills with a strict principal (Meryl Streep).

Monday, January 5th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THESE – HITS FROM 2014:

Science fiction thriller-space drama film starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts stranded in space after the mid-orbit destruction of their space shuttle and their subsequent attempt to return to Earth.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am

Knits Wits Knitting Group

Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

One-to-One Computer Training By Appointment

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF DANIELLE AURIEMMA-D'AMICO ON EXHIBIT IN SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S PALMER MUSEUM

Illustrations by New Jersey artist Danielle Auriemma-D'Amico will be on display in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from December 4 through January 2. The artist received a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the School of Visual Arts in New York City in 2006 and has also studied at the Parsons School of Design and the Art Students League, both also in New York City, as well as at the Polimoda in Florence, Italy. She is the owner of Danielle Studio, LLC, and is represented by the Juxtapose Gallery in Westfield, NJ. Her work has been exhibited extensively at a variety of locations throughout New Jersey as well as in New York City. More information about the artist and examples of her work can be found at www.daniellestudio.com.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. Regular library hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Please note that the closing time for the Palmer Museum is 30 minutes prior to the library closing. More information about the library and the Palmer Museum can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com or by calling 973 376-4930 during regular library hours.

WALTON SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE



Pumpkin Patch Chairperson, Hillary, stopped to smile with her daughter Peyton.



Dr. Hung and her Halloween princess stop to smile at the dance.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS SCHOOL



Walton Pre-K students, Sanuka and Isabella, proudly displayed their fire hats during a special School visit from Springfield Firefighters.



Walton's young students learned about fire safety and equipment during a special visit from Springfield Firefighters.



Walton Kindergartener, Jack, was all smiles with his dad, Springfield Firefighter Sal, during a special visit to School. Springfield's youngest students learned about fire safety and equipment from Sal and three of his fellow Firefighters.



Kindergarteners, Sophia and Adrian, smiled with Springfield Firefighters during a special visit to Walton.



Firefighter Sal removed his safety mask during a special visit to Walton. The Springfield firefighters taught students about fire safety and equipment.



COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Scott Seidel,
Emergency Management
Coordinator

With this issue of the Springfield Patriot Times you received a flyer and application for the Springfield Auxiliary Police. Please take a minute to review this brochure. If you are a Springfield resident, a US Citizen, are 18 years of age or older and have an interest in serving your community as a volunteer Auxiliary Police Officer, please take a moment to fill out the application and send it in to us.

**Wishing Everyone A Very
Happy, Healthy Holiday!**

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND TREE LIGHTING



Mayor Richard Huber, Adam Lieb, Recreation Director Deputy Mayor David Barnett and Township Committeeman Ziad Shehady welcome everyone to the event.

Despite a one day postponement due to inclement weather, the Township's annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting attracted over 500 people on Thursday, December 11th, from 5:00-8:00 pm. The free event was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and enhanced for 2014 -- featuring remarks by Mayor Richard Huber, tree lighting, pictures with Santa Claus, live winter

wonderland band, petting zoo, holiday hay rides, candy fun bounce house, toy soldier on stilts, strolling snowman and Grinch, donuts, popcorn, hot chocolate, pretzels, candy canes, and glow sticks.

When reached for comment by the Patriot Times in an exclusive interview about this year's program, Adam Lieb, the Township's Recreation Director, said, "I am extremely thankful that the community was able to come together to celebrate the holiday season tonight. I hope everyone had a fun time and enjoyed themselves. Springfield is fortunate to have so many dedicated people who helped make this event possible."

Community partners for the event included: Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Mack Camera, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Springfield H.O.P.E., Rotary, Business Improvement District, Township Committee, Municipal Alliance, Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management, F.M.B.A. Local #58, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, First Aid Squad, Administrator, and Township Clerk.

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The FMBA serves hot chocolate, donuts and pretzels in the First Aid Squad Garage.



The Crowd Welcomes Santa.



Santa and Adam Lieb prepare to lite up the tree.



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WALTON SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE



*Olivia's mom helped her pick a perfect pumpkin
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WALTON STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FINANCE



On November 13th, Walton students learned about finance in a child friendly way. In this photograph, each individual (Maayan, Mr. Zupp, Robert and David) is holding a cup to represent the various ways you can spend your money: spend now, spend soon, spend later or share with others. The presenter, Brad Zupp, entertained our students with a little fun and magic while teaching about the importance of saving your money, especially when you want something big or expensive. Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring this educational assembly program.

WALTON SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE



Daughters of Walton PTA President Melinda Krowicki stopped between sessions at the Halloween dance to pose for a picture



Kindergarteners Milo and Roby struck a pose at the Walton Halloween Dance



Max and Ryan were excited about the Halloween Dance



Leah and Ashley showed off their costumes at the Halloween Dance



Chase and Max were happy to play games at Walton's Pumpkin Patch

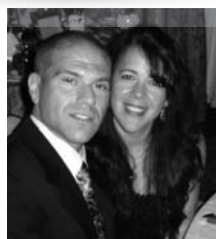
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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri
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