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#### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2014

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

Members and nonmembers are invited to Chamber meetings. Free coffee and donuts are served.

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#### **NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS APPROVED**



(l to r) Fire Chief James Sanford, Rachel Giordino, Mayor Richard Huber and Volunteer Firefighter Carmen Giordino

On April 22nd, Carmen Giordino and Nicholos Garciano were appointed to the Springfield Fire Department by the Township Committee. They are Springfield residents each with some previous volunteer firefighting training and experience. Their firefighter certifications will allow them to be integrated into the Springfield Fire Department much sooner than regular recruits. They will be taught Springfield's response procedures and get familiarized with the equipment.

The Springfield Fire Department utilized a federal homeland security grant to recruit these new voluteer fire-fighters. The SAFER grant program is designed for recruiting volunteer firefighters to enhance Springfield Fire Department's career personnel for an adequate fire and emergency response. As a combination fire department, Springfield needs volunteer firefighters to serve as force multipliers to keep fire losses at a minimum, effectively handle major emergencies, and provide necessary staffing.

To find out how you can become a volunteer fire fighter, please call 973-912-2211 or 800-FIRE LINE. Be a positive force in the community's fire protection and public safety.

# THE SPRINGFIELD DPW AND THE SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SPONSOR A CONTEST EVERY YEAR FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE OR ATTEND SCHOOL IN SPRINGFIELD

The contest has changed over the years - originally it was just a poster design contest to help advertise Clean Communities Day, then designing magnets to remind people to recycle. Last year the contest evolved to Recycling Garbage Can Stickers because we now recycle once a week. Due to demand and overwhelming requests for the stickers, this year's contest was for stickers.

346 students from Walton, Sandmeier, Caldwell, and St. James submitted entries - and all of those 44 received either Honorable Mention Awards or their design was chosen for posters or stickers.

One of the designs will be printed on T-Shirts to be given to all of the people who volunteered and helped clean the town on Clean Communities Day, which was Sunday, April 27th.



SEE PAGE 15 FOR CONTEST WINNERS

#### NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 18-24, 2014

National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." National EMS Week 2014 is May 18-24 with a theme of "EMS: Dedicated. For Life."

In addition to EMS-focused events at various hospitals and agencies in the area, the Springfield First Aid Squad has planned two public events in town, for the residents.

The Squad will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 18th from 8 AM to Noon at our building, 10 N. Trivett Ave. (across from the Municipal Building). The event is kosher. A donation of \$5 (\$3 for children) is requested.

Then, on Tuesday May 20th, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, the Squad

will offer a blood pressure screening event at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. This event is provided free to our community.

The Springfield First Aid Squad is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency medical treatment & ambulance transportation to those that live, work or just pass through our town. New volunteers are always in need; no prior experience is required as the Squad will provide the training. Donations are equally welcome as, without the community's support, the Squad would not be able to operate.

In an emergency, always call 9-1-1. For a non-emergency, call 973-908-8EMS or visit www.SpringfieldFAS.org



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#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Recreation Department	973-912-2227
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### Message from the Mayor

As April ends and May begins, we are beginning to see our spring programs kick into gear. Our baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and softball programs are all well on their ways to having fun and enjoyable seasons. I had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch to open the Springfield Junior Baseball season on Saturday, April 12 at Roessner Field. Being on the field brought back some great memories of coaching the kids in town and the great friends I have made here in Springfield.

Sunday, April 27, Springfield celebrated "Clean Community Day." Teams of volunteers worked to clean the parks and waterways in our town. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time for this wonderful event. Congratulations to Alyson Miller who was named Union County Environmental Woman of the Year. Alyson was presented with a proclamation at our April 22 meeting by Committeewoman Margaret

Bandrowski. The Township Committee would also like to thank all the students who participated in the Recycling Garbage Can Sticker contest, and congratulations to all our winners. Prior to our April 22 meeting, we presented our 2014 budget; if you were unable to attend and if you have any questions, please contact me at Richard.huber@springfield-nj.us.

I would like to thank our police, fire, and first aid squads for their quick action in saving a man's life at Town Hall on April 7. The quick response by these three departments helped avoid a tremendous tragedy. As the weather continues to get warmer and we spend more time outside, remember to drive carefully and watch for pedestrians and bike riders. Also remember it is THE LAW to yield to all pedestrians in a cross walk. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Richard.huber@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2014

### 2014 SPRINGFIELD COURT SUMMER COURT SESSION SCHEDULE

JUNE

Monday - 5:00 PM June 9 & June 16 Wednesday - 9:00 AM June 25

JUL

Monday – 5:00 PM July 14 & July 28 Wednesday – 9:00 AM July 9

**AUGUST** 

Monday – 5:00 PM August 4 & August 18 Wednesday – 9:00 AM August 13

#### **VOTING SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY, MAY 13, Last day to register to vote for the June Primary Election. Township Clerk's Office open until 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, Last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot for the June Primary Election.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, Last day to apply in person for a Mail-In Ballot before 3 p.m. in the County Clerk Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, Primary Election Day: Polls are open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Springfield resident, Lea Moelk (Mrs. New Jersey International 2014), a statewide advocate for the prevention and awareness of child abuse, received a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month at the April 8, 2014 Township Committee meeting.

#### **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, May 12, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department Tuesday, May 13, Regular Meeting, 2:00 pm at the Town Hall Tuesday, May 27, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

Monday, June 9, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department Tuesday, June 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall Tuesday, June 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

**PLANNING BOARD** 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW** 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm at the Municipal Building

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

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 pm at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

#### THE BID AT WORK

# Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey www.springfieldbid.com

#### REDEVELOPMENT:

The Township is moving forward and working on the development of a Redevelopment Plan. Agreements with two property owners have been signed. A timeline is in place and the goal is to have a shovel in the ground on these properties by next spring.

#### **Way-Finding Signage:**

The BID is going to hire a company to put together a sign program that will include indentifying locations to direct people to, and working with the County and DOT for approvals on locating these signs.

#### **Streetscape Design:**

The BID is working with the Town to secure grant monies to help pay for the streetscape improvements on Mountain Avenue. We have put out requests for proposals for landscape architects to design these improvements. The design will include Morris Ave. as well.

#### **Marketing Our Businesses:**

The BID has been offering to make a 30-second video to our professional companies and our new businesses. So far, 6 videos have been made and we have another 6 that people have scheduled an in-house video production. If you are a professional company or new business in the Springfield BID and you are interested in having a video made, please email us at: springfieldnjbid @gmail.com.

Our Facebook promoted posts are amazing...garnering 5-12,000 views each time and lots of engagement. If you are interested in a promoted post on our Facebook page, contact us at: Spring-fieldnjbid@gmail.com.

We've picked up almost 200 new fans in the last two months!

#### **Spring Fling Event.....**

Spring Fling was a great success with over 40 businesses participating. We received over 700 entries for the iPad mini.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Springfield BID's SPRING FLING event last week and took advantage of the many wonderful deals from your local Springfield businesses. You can watch the video at Facebook.com/springfieldnewjersey to see the lucky winner of the iPad mini courtesy of Wolf Premier Properties...at Wolf Premier Properties.

# Summer Jazz Concerts in Springfield Returning this Summer!!

The BID is in the process of scheduling jazz concerts for this summer. We look forward to celebrating summer with jazz nights out for all to enjoy!

#### **APRIL 7 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING RECAP**

The April 7, 2014 workshop meeting of the Township Committee was held as usual at the Firehouse. Also as usual, reports were made by all department heads who were available to respond to any concerns from members of the public. Of special interest is the submission of a grant application for a new Senior bus and also the posting on the township website of a survey for residents to complete to indicate what they might want to see change at the Municipal Pool. The survey will also be included with membership renewal form and every resident is urged to participate. Congratulations to the Police Department for their actions resulting in a couple of significant arrests during March and to the Fire Departments and OEM for their handling of two recent house fires. Gina Corcione reported on ongoing efforts to collect approximately \$350,000 from FEMA for reimbursements related to the 2012 storm. These have been held up by paperwork issues at FEMA.

A major topic of discussion at both the Workshop and executive sessions was the dissatisfaction of residents at the lack of access to the new turf field for non-school associated athletes. This is a huge concern for everyone and the Township is working with the Board of Education to resolve the issues.

The executive session held on Tuesday, April 8, began with Proclamations from the Freeholders and the Township Committee celebrating the 220th Anniversary of

Springfield. It was capped by the presentation of a facsimile volume of the original committee meeting minutes from the first meeting on April 14, 1794, through 1909. The presentation was made by Library Director Dale Spindel and previous Director Susan Permahos, who was responsible for obtaining the grant enabling the digitization of the minutes and the preservation of the originals. At this meeting and the executive session of April 22, routine resolutions were passed along with approval of the Township expenditures for the previous weeks. The annual awards for entries in the poster/label/tee shirt contest marking Clean Communities Day on April 27 were handed out to a group of very excited students from the participating Springfield schools. A proclamation was also read in honor of Alyson Miller who is being recognized by the Union County Freeholders as Environmental Woman of the year. Congrats, Aly! One of the two new volunteer firemen was also sworn in at this meeting.

Of special note was the presentation by the Finance Committee, Deputy Mayor David Barnett and Mayor Richard Huber, of the Budget for 2014. The tax increase per average household in Springfield will be approximately \$48.42 for the year. This represents the increase to the municipal portion of your tax bill only; the municipal tax levy is the only portion of your total tax assessment over which the Township has any

control. Congratulations to all department heads, to CFO Michael Quick, Township Administrator Anthony Cancro, and the Finance Committee for their achievement in keeping the increase to a bare minimum without cutting services.

A meeting at which the Army Corps of Engineers gave several options for dealing with flood control in the Rahway River Flood zones was attended by Mayor Huber and Board of Health Attorney Rajah Sadeeh. A meeting of local mayors was scheduled for April 24 at which these options will be discussed. Report to follow.

These meetings are open to the public and your attendance and participation is welcome! Workshop meeting at the Firehouse at 7:30 on the Monday preceding the first executive session of the month.

Executive sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Courtroom, Town Hall. The next workshop meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 PM. The next Executive Session will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 2 pm. School students will be observing Civics Day, shadowing township employees for the day and participating with committee members at the meeting. Seniors and all residents are encouraged to attend!

#### ADULT HEALTH AND MEN'S CANCER SCREENING

Two important health screening events are offered to Madison and Springfield adults in June. Adult men are encouraged to attend the men's cancer screening on Monday, June 9 starting at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Kelly Krueger will perform testicular, prostate, and colo-rectal examinations for the men's screening. Men aged 15-35 are at risk of developing testicular cancer, whereas prostate cancer is more common in men over 55. Colo-rectal cancer is most frequently found in men over 40. Yearly check-ups are recommended for all men.

Both men and women are encouraged to check their heart health at the Adult Health Screening on Saturday, June 7, 2014 starting at 8 a.m. The screening includes the CMP (comprehensive metabolic profile blood analysis), blood pressure checks, information on cholesterol and diet, fitness and preventing osteoporosis. The CMP analysis includes total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, CBC and other blood components. Registration is required for each program.

Registrations may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext.

1 on weekdays starting May 15. Residents are charged a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for the CMP blood test payable within the registration period. There is no charge for the men's cancer screening.

Obesity and overweight have increased to an estimated 60% of the population in the U.S., cholesterol has also risen to dangerous levels. A cholesterol reading of under 200ml/dl is recommended, but the levels of HDL and LDL, components of cholesterol, are also of major importance for good heart health. Information on lowering cholesterol levels will be available at the screening.

The screenings are offered by the Madison Health Department in their offices at the Madison Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street with parking behind the building. Entrance is through the glass doors on the side of the building and down the stairs to the offices on the right.

All residents of Madison and Springfield may participate annually in either screening. Participants should have their physician's name, address and telephone number ready when they call.

#### AN EGGS-TRA SPECIAL DAY!



Mayor Huber poses with the Easter Bunny at Springfield's annual Egg Hunt held at Chisholm Park on April 19. The children, grouped by age, eagerly awaited the signal to rush forward and gather as many eggs as they could. Inside each egg was a piece of candy and some special eggs contained a ticket entitling that child to a prize - a candy and toy filled Easter Basket and a free photo with the Bunny! Special thanks to Mike Tennaro and the Rec Department for making it happen.

# Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

## SPRINGFIELD FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK FOR 2014!

The Township is bringing back the Farmer's Market for 2014. This is a great opportunity to buy local, fresh foods.

Some changes to this year's market:

**New Location** – corner of Morris Avenue (226 Morris Avenue) and Church Mall in the municipal parking lot.

**New Dates** - starting June 16th and ending October 27th.

**New Times** - Mondays from 11 am - 6 pm.

Come support the Springfield Farmer's Market. Any questions regarding the market should be directed to Maryellen Brennan, Farmer's Market Manager at 973-912-2202.

#### 2014 SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED

The Springfield Township Committee introduced the Municipal budget on April 8, 2014. The budget, if adopted on May 13, 2014, will result in a 1.49 percent increase, representing 13 cents per day or \$48.42 increase per year for the average home in the Township. The budget represents only the municipal share of the total budget and does not include the County or Board of Education budgets.

#### The Township 2014 budget has several important objectives including:

- Minimizing the tax burden to residents and commercial establishments
- Maintaining a high level of municipal services to residents and businesses
- Actively controlling spending and overtime
- Reducing dependence on use of surplus and maintain a strong bond rating
- Continuing efforts to improve operations and government effectiveness
- Staying focused on Business District redevelopment efforts

# The budget also invests \$3,000,000 for long-term capital improvements for the future needs of Springfield including:

- New road paving and other road improvements
- Renovation to Chisholm Youth Center
- Flood prevention upgrades
- New Jitney Bus
- Replace obsolete equipment and vehicles
- Sewer and Storm Improvements
- New fire safety equipment
- Continue downtown redevelopment efforts

Residents are encouraged to attend the budget hearing and adoption on May 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Town Hall. For more budget information, please call 973-912-2201 or 2202.

#### REGISTRATION IS OPEN! 2014 SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

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

(973)-912-2227 www.springfield-nj.us

The Springfield Community Pool is an accessible facility. Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. All checks payable to: Township of Springfield. Online registration now available. To register online, go to: https://register.community-pass.net/springfield.

All members will be required to get a new identification picture to be taken at the Chisholm Office or at the Community Pool. You must register in the office or online before you get a picture.

No registration will be accepted at the pool facility. POOL LOCATION: 44 Morrison Road, Springfield, NJ (973)-912-0039. POOL OPENS MAY 24, 2014.

#### CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM MAKES INQUIRIES EASIER



The Township of Springfield launched a new citizen service request management system to allow for better tracking of resident inquiries.

The web-based software tool is intended to allow Township officials to increase efficiency and shorten the response time. By using the system, Township officials will be able to quickly accept service requests and route them directly to the department responsible for resolving the issue. Each entry is automatically assigned a tracking number and instantly routed via e-mail to the department responsible for handling the service request.

Citizens expect a certain level of services and this new method is an easy, on-line way of letting the Township know of your service inquiry request needs.

To submit a citizen service request, look for the logo above on the Township home page at http://springfield-nj.us.

#### FREE SPRING HEALTH CHECK

....Take it From the Top

Check your gums, tongue, cheeks, lips and blood pressure, weight and vaccines. For adults only. Dr. Allison Adams, DMD of Madison, will perform a 5 minute, painless oral exam.

Any follow up will be provided free of charge.

• Who: Residents unable to afford dental care from Madison, Chatham Borough, ChathamTownship and Springfield

• When: Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

• Where: Madison Health Department 28 Walnut Street, Madison

• How: Appointments at 973 593-3079 x 1 or stop by the Health Department

Ouestions? Call 973 593-3079 x 9.

Sponsored by Multistate Oral Cancer Consortium, supported by the Rutgers Dental School and other dental schools and hospitals working to raise awareness and distribute information on the prevention and detection of oral cancer.

#### Tis the season to be planting...

If you need a place to grow a garden the Community Gardens has avaliable plots. Please call (973) 912-2201 or (973) 912-2202 and reserve space now.

#### THIRD ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – JUNE 21!

- Based on the success of last year's Town-wide Community Garage Sale, the Township Committee approved two dates: Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The purpose is to have a coordinated community event to get people to explore Springfield and appreciate the pride of Springfield!
- Both dates are prior to bulk garbage pickup so what you don't sell you can discard if you wish.
- Plan now and hold the sale on the same day as your friends and neighbors.
- There is no registration or permit fee but we would like to post locations on the Township website and Facebook. Let us know your address so we can post it by sending it to communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us or by calling Town Hall at 973-912-2285.

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### POLICE TRADE WIGHT

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On Monday 04-07-2014 a township resident filed a police report with the Springfield Police Department reporting the theft and fraudulent use of a bank debit card. The homeowner reported that on Friday 04-04-2014 a

delivery of pizzas was made to the victim's home in Springfield from a pizza restaurant located in Union, NJ. The delivery was paid for by the use of the debit card. Unknown to the homeowner at the time, the pizza delivery person had failed to return the debit card.

Officer Jose Agrelo took a report from the victim who became aware of the theft of the card after an unauthorized charge appeared on the cardholder's bank statement. Officer Agrelo was able to determine that the fraudulent charge, in the amount of \$591, was made at the Sam Ash Music Store located on Route 22 East in Springfield on 04-04-2014 at 7:54 pm which was shortly after the pizzas had been delivered to the house in Springfield.

The case was turned over to Detective James Mirabile, who verified the fraud use of the debit card at the music store in Springfield. It was noted that atop the store receipt for the transaction was the written name "Andrew Melo" and this was explained as the store has a discount rewards type policy for repeat customers and when the repeat customer takes advantage of this and gives their name it is written on the receipt so they receive credit for the purchase. In this case an individual using a stolen debit card actually gave their true name to tally up credit for a \$591 purchase they made fraudulently. Upon contacting the pizza restaurant it was verified that Andrew Melo, age 19 of Elizabeth NJ, was the employee who had made the delivery to the house in Springfield shortly after 7:00 pm on 04-04-2014. Melo was contacted by police and came to Springfield PD where he returned the merchandise he had fraudulently purchased with the debit card that he failed to return on 04-04-2014. After consultation with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Springfield Police arrested and charged Melo on 04-10-2014 with Theft of Movable Property (for knowingly retaining possession of a debit card) as well as Theft by Deception (for his subsequent fraudulent use of the card). He was released on a complaint summons and he has an initial court appearance set in the Springfield Municipal Court on Monday 05-12-2014

On 04-10-2014, Springfield Police assisted by Manalapan Police apprended an individual who had committed a burglary to, and the theft from, a home located in Springfield. Shawn Mayerik, age 37, who had resided in Fanwood and is currently residing in Manalapan, was located and arrested without incident at 6:00 p.m.

On 03-24-2014, residents of Garden Oval in Springfield reported a burglary had been committed at their house sometime during the day. The thief entered by breaking a rear ground floor window and subsequently searched the second floor bedrooms. Jewelry valued in

excess of \$2000 and prescription narcotics were stolen. Springfield Police Detective James Mirabile and Detective AnthonyVoorhees conducted the burglary investigation and were able to locate multiple homes in the area of the burglarized house where the homeowners had exterior video surveillance cameras. These cameras yielded video showing a vehicle park in the driveway of the targeted house and the burglar, later identified as Mayerik, going to the rear of the home at 3:30 pm on 03-24-2014. On a hunch the detectives checked the surveillance camera located at the red light camera intersection of nearby Morris Avenue and Maple Avenue for the time period around 3:30 pm and the same vehicle was observed and identified. The owner of the vehicle, who had nothing to do with the crime, was contacted and Mayerik was identified as the suspect who was inside of the vehicle at 3:30 pm.

Statewide police alerts were issued and this resulted in Scotch Plains PD detectives contacting Springfield PD to report that they too had an active warrant for the arrest of Mayerik for the charge of burglary.

On 04-10-2014, Detective Mirabile and Officer Ryan Westover went to Manalapan to arrest Mayerik and bring him back to Springfield. Mayerik was charged with the 3rd degree crimes of Burglary, Theft of Movable Property (in excess of \$500) and Theft of Controlled Dangerous Substance (the prescription narcotic medication) as well as a charge of Criminal Mischief for breaking a window at the house and an interior door. He was further arrested for the burglary warrant issued by Scotch Plains PD. He has been remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth in lieu of bail in the amount of \$100,000 and has an initial court appearance date in the Union County Superior Court on Friday 04-25-2014.

According to Chief of Police John Cook,"When house burglaries occur, one follow-up procedure has always been for officers to speak with neighbors to see if they had seen anyone in the area of the crime. Nowadays the detectives drive about the area looking for homes with external cameras that may capture images of a suspect or a motor vehicle used by a suspect. This case highlights how the blending of old fashioned detective work with newer digital technology along with the aid of town residents who turnedover their camera images can solve what initially was an unwitnessed and covert crime committed by an unknown individual."

On Friday 04/18/2014 at 4:00 pm, Springfield police officers responded to Walgreens Pharmacy 125 Morris Avenue on a report of an individual attempting to pass a fraudulent prescription. A pharmacist who received a prescription for Promethazine Codeine, a narcotic cough syrup, thought the prescription was counterfeit and verified that it was fraudulent after contacting the doctor in Bloomfield whose name was listed on the script. Prescriptions for cough syrup with Codeine are closely inspected by many pharmacists as it is commonly also used illegally as a recreational drug.

Vanessa Vivor, age 24 of Irvington, was arrested by

Officer Joseph Leniart at the store. Subsequent to her arrest, additional counterfeit prescriptions were found in her possession, also made out for the narcotic cough syrup. Vivor charged with Attempting to Obtain a Controlled

Dangerous Substance by Fraud and Possession and Uttering of Forged Instruments. Two males who had accompanied Vivor to the store were not linked to the attempt to obtain a narcotic by fraud but both were arrested after it was found there were active warrants from the City of Newark for their arrest.

Quasean Fields, age 22 of Irvington, was arrested by Corporal Marc McBratney for traffic warrants issued by the Newark Municipal Court for contempt of court. The second male, Jamar Robinson, age 18 of Newark, was wanted for failing to appear in the Newark Municipal Court on an assault charge and was arrested by Officer Keith Christopher.

Robinson was further charged with Hindering Apprehension and Obstruction of a Police Investigation for his continual use of false identity information to attempt to conceal his status as a wanted fugitive. Initially Robinson had identified himself falsely as being "Jaquan Swint" but used different dates of birth each time he was asked to repeat his identity information. At Springfield police headquarters his fingerprints were checked where they matched to a criminal arrest record having the name "Jamil Brown" and this is the name he then admitted to being his true identity. When signing paperwork, the officers observed that he inadvertently signed his name as "Jamar Robinson". After it was finally verified that Robinson was his true name the subject admitted that the name "Jamil Brown" that was linked to his fingerprints was a false name he had used when arrested and fingerprinted by the Newark Police for a March 2014 assault charge that he had failed to appear in court on.

After bail requirements were satisfied, all three were released with Vivor and Robinson having a court appearance set in the Union County Superior Court in Elizabeth on 04/28/2014 to answer charges signed by Springfield Police. According to Police Chief John Cook, "The abuse of cough syrup with Codeine is an increasing problem due to its publicized use by various music and sports celebrities. The narcotic mixed with soda is known on the street as Sizzurp or Purple Drank, the latter due to the color of the syrup, and the abuse of this mixture can cause respirtory or heart failure which might result in death."

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by detectives to see if additional fraudulent prescriptions from the same doctor have been passed and to locate the source of the counterfeit prescription forms being used. The Newark Police Department and the Newark Municipal Court were notified of Robinson using a false identity when he had been arrested in March of this year.

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**Storycraft Fridays** @ **4:00 pm** a story and a fun craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with caregiver. Tues May 6, Fri May 9, Tues May 13, Fri May 16, Sat May 17, Tues May 20, Fri May 23, Thurs May 29, Sat May 31 @ 10:30.

We will be kicking off our Summer Reading Program with online registration beginning June 1st with your library card! When you register, you'll get a fun prize (while supplies last), and can begin logging in your reading stats when school is out, June 23rd. Prizes for reading-wow!

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

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday June 25th @ 7pm. Robert Rivest, world-celebrated MIME will kick off our Summer Reading Program. Registered readers will get first chance at tickets to this event!

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Friday, May 16th & 23rd, 12:30 pm Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon.

Wednesday, May 21st, 6:30 pm "Created Equal" Series – Documentary & discussion, "The Loving Story".

Wednesday, May 28st, 7:00 pm "Created Equal" Series – Documentary & discussion, "Freedom Riders".

# DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursdays, May 22nd, 10:15 am
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:00 pm "Topics of Interest" with Bobby Fewell

**Thursday, June 5st, 7:00 pm** (Really Good) Book Discussion – "**The Lowland**" by Jhumpa Lahiri.

#### **FILMS**

Tuesday, May 27th, 1:00 pm

Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THIS SERIES: Seth Rogen, Jay Baruchel, Danny McBride, Jonah Hill & Craig Robinson star as themselves in this end of the world comedy hiding out with James Franco in his apartment.

Monday, June 9th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film – DID YOU MISS THIS SERIES:

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# SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH AND SPRINGFIELD JEWISH WOMEN INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 22, 2014

Join Springfield Hadassah and Springfield Jewish Women International for a joint meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 12:30 pm at the Springfield Library when we sponsor a Rachel Coalition Program: IN HER SHOES, an experiential and interactive workshop for the community.

Do You Ever Wonder:

- Why a woman stays in an abusive relationship?
- Why a woman makes the choices she does?
- How a woman copes?

This workshop will allow INDIVIDUALS to experience what a victim of domestic violence has to do once she decides to reach out for help.

Participants will explore:

The challenges and frustrations experienced by women suffering from domestic violence

- The community response to domestic violence
- Ways individuals can help

IN HER SHOES workshop will help participants understand in a very compressed period of time, the ups and downs a victim of domestic violence experiences over the course of many years.

Rachel Coalition is the domestic violence agency serving our MetroWest community.

A min-lunch will be served. The program is open to all interested participants. If you are not a member of either organization and would like to attend the meeting, please contact Lois Kaish, 973-379-9402 or loiskaish@verizon.net.

Springfield's American Legion Continental Post #228 will again be participating in the annual red remembrance poppy campaign around the Memorial Day holiday season. Legionnaires of the post will distribute free red crepe-paper poppies in exchange for donations in front of businesses around town during the two weekends before Memorial Day this year - the weekends of May 17th and May 24th. The donations are used by the American Legion to support philanthropic veterans causes.

Academy-award winner Tom Hanks in the true story of Richard Phillips, the cargo-ship captain of the US-flagged ship MV Maersk Alabama who surrendered himself to Somali pirates so that his crew would be freed.

# HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess club

#### **INSTRUCTION**

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

# BENEFITS AT BARNES & NOBLE MAY BOOK FAIR

Bring your family to Barnes & Noble's Book Fair on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2014. Your local Barnes & Noble at 240 US Highway 22 West has scheduled many special events throughout the weekend: a Saturday morning story time "Oh the Places You'll go" by Dr. Seuss, a Scavenger Hunt for the whole family Saturday afternoon, a Children's author and a Lego building challenge Sunday afternoon, and more. All purchases in the store, including the Starbucks Café, can benefit the Friends of the Springfield Public Library. All you need to do is mention you are supporting the Springfield Public Library and tell the sales associate the Coupon #11331568. The store is open 9am-11pm on Saturdays and 10am-9pm on Sundays.

Tell your family and friends too. If they shop at any Barnes & Noble bookstore, anywhere in the country that weekend, they too can participate. Just give them the coupon #11331568 to pass along to the sales person when they make their purchases. This will work for online purchases too (May 17 – 23!) so even if you can't make it to the store, you can still do your part to help the Friends help the Springfield Public Library. Please pass this along to all your Facebook and Twitter friends and family too. The Friends will receive a percentage of all proceeds recorded that weekend that are attributed to the Springfield Public Library and its Friends.

All money raised by the Friends goes to help support the Springfield Public Library. Chair Yoga for adults, the Ancestry Library (online genealogical research site), Standard and Poor's Outlook subscription, the new Wowbrary, the children's Puppet Theater and hand puppets, and the Summer Reading Club party and prizes for young people are just a few of the many programs, materials, and services that the Friends pay for through their fundraising efforts.

The annual Springfield Hadassah Holocaust meeting took place on Thursday April 24. The featured speaker was Janet Ettelman of Union, seen above.

#### **ALYSON MILLER OF SPRINGFIELD NAMED UNION COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR**



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Arbor Day Proclamation—presented by Mayor Huber to Denise DeVone, Chair of Springfield Environmental Commission

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#### SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS CAN WIN A PLAYGROUND FROM SHOPRITE AND COLGATE

Global oral care leader Colgate and Northeast grocery store ShopRite have partnered with recycling pioneer TerraCycle for the Recycled Playground Challenge. From now through June 30, 2014, schools in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut and Maryland can compete to win a new playground by recycling toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers through the Oral Care Brigade program. This recycling program from Colgate and TerraCycle is open to anyone and participation is

free. Schools earn one Playground Credit for each shipment of waste sent during the contest window. They can earn more points by encouraging the community to vote online at http://www.t erracycle.com/en-US/colgateshopriteplayground. The winner's playground will be made using recycled oral care waste collected through the program.

Your local ShopRite store located at 727 Morris Turnpike has a special display about the contest.

### SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AT THE SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER, 100 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE. (unless otherwise noted) MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

#### Women's Summer Softball League

Interested in getting out at night? Do you want to get some exercise?

Come join the Women's Summer Softball League!

Women's softball runs June to end of August Games take place during the week in the evening; Must be 21 and over Please contact Jen Cataldo at jencataldo@verizon.net to be placed on a team

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

# CARDIO TENNIS

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

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



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

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

Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.uswith any questions

#### *■CO-ED RUNNING PROGRAM*

Is your child interested in running or improving their speed and agility?

Come join the Springfield Running Program!

6 week session
beginning Friday
May 1st through
Friday June 6th
(every Friday for 6weeks)
Minimum 6 kids
to run this program

This running program, suitable for children in grades Kindergarten and 1st, (coed) will feature how to run faster over short distances. Will meet every Friday 4:00-4:30 pm, location Chisholm Community Center (in gym, once weather gets warmer we will move this outside) Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$50

Register at Springfield Recreation, Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave.; 973-912-2226

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm or mail in form to above address
Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us with any questions

## COREY M. NOTIS MD COMPLETES MEDICAL MISSION TO ECUADOR



Dr. Corey, Bonnie and Alex Notis with Dr. Edie Icaza (in surgical scrubs), as representatives of Funcrisa accept the school supplies donated by Dr. Notis and the Spanish Club of Tenafly High School.

Dr. Corey Notis, a Springfield ophthalmologist/cataract surgeon, together with his son, Alex, a sophomore at Tenafly High School, and wife, Bonnie, traveled on a medical mission to Guayaquil, Ecuador, where they volunteered at the medical clinic, La Fundacion Cristiana Para La Salud – Funcrisa – Organization. Dr. Notis, who is fluent in Spanish, performed cataract surgery and provided medical care to indigent Ecuadorians. Mrs. Notis, and Alex, who are also fluent in Spanish,

#### YOUTH TENNIS

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

WHERE: Irwin Tennis Courts; 199 Irwin Street
WHEN: Beginning week of April 7th through May 17th

#### Tuesday

Pre-K am session 9:00 a.m. — 9:55 a.m. Pre-K pm session 1:00 p.m. — 1:55 p.m. Pre-K session will be held at Chisholm Community Center in the gym

#### Thursday K-2 grades 3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

3rd/4th grade 4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. 5th-8th grade 5:30 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.

#### Saturday

Kindergarten 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. 1st/2nd grade 10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. 3rd/4th grade 12:30 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. 5th – 8th grade 1:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

#### **SPORTS SUMMER CAMP**

If your child is active and would like to learn and experience different sports (or show off their stuff) come to our summer afternoon sports camp! Coach Mike Czech will be running this camp! He owns his own personal training company (fitfastnj.com) and has grown the recreation's running program to a very popular program. He is thrilled to be teaching this summer camp for the children of Springfield!

Each day your counselors will set up, teach and officiate different sports such as: wiffle ball, basketball, kickball, tennis, soccer, running and more to keep your children active and develop skills to improve and become more athletic. All games are played in an instructional and friendly manner. Boys and girls are welcome! Games and other fun events are planned, but either way your child will stay active all summer long! This camp is rain or shine! Space is limited, sign up early!

WHERE: Chisholm Community Center WHO: Any Boy Or Girl In Grades 2-5th Time: 1:00-4:00 P.M.				
Session 1	Session 4	Cost of Camp		
June 23-July 3rd (no camp on 7/4)				
	August 4th- August 15th	2 week session - \$300		
Session 2		Late fee of \$50 to be applied after 6/1		
July 7th- July 18th	Session 5			
	August 18th - August 29th			
Session 3				
July 21st - August 1st				

Register at Springfield Recreation Chisholm Community Center; 100 S. Springfield Ave.; 973-912-2226

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Monday-Friday 8am-4pm or mail in form to above address. Please contact Danielle McLeer at Danielle.mcleer@springfield-nj.us with any question

#### CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP

JUNE 23 - AUGUST 15 [New format-pay per week] There will be no camp Friday July 4
This is a supervised outdoor playground camp that operates at the Chisholm Community Center 100 South
Springfield Avenue in the playground area and gym. The camp runs for eight weeks in one week increments.
Camp is available for boys and girls age 3 to 13, (children must be potty-trained). Activities include games,
crafts, athletics, special events and trips to the pool, parties, sports tournaments, and much more!

Snacks are included in camp fees. Parents must provide child with a drink.

REGISTRATION FEES: Residents- \$35 per week Non-Residents- \$45 per week Second Child or More will be \$30 per week for residents ONLY. We offer eight [1-week sessions] THIS PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CHILDREN REGISTERED PER SESSION 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Daily

Register at: ONLINE – https://register.communitypass.net/springfield or Register and PAY BY CHECK at Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Avenue 973-912-2227

assisted with patient care and interpretation for the patients and their families. They traveled under the auspices of SEE International (Surgical Eye Expeditions), a non-profit, humanitarian organization with the primary objective of restoring sight to the underprivileged worldwide. Since 1974, they have facilitated more than 400,000 surgeries in developing countries. Guayaquil, Ecuador is located in western part of Ecuador and is 165 miles from its capital city of Quito. The city is the most populated in Ecuador and is the commercial center of the country. The community, however, is a very poor one and underserved for sight impaired patients.

Alex educated the Spanish Club at Tenafly High School about his family's initiative and led the Club in collecting much needed supplies for the community such as warm weather clothing for children, bi-lingual (Spanish/English) dictionaries, construction paper, and many other school supplies to be used by the children at the Funcrisa School. These items were taken along with more than 10 large boxes of other much needed supplies including the intraocular lenses as well medications. All were carried by the Notis family and hand delivered to the clinic. According to Dr. Eddie Icaza, the Medical Director of Funcrisa, who also provided housing for the Notis family at his own home, "The Notis family were extremely helpful as they left the safety of their nation, work, and extended family while dealing with the extreme snowstorm, which nearly cancelled their trip and made their journey even more challenging. We are forever grateful to them for their cooperation with our project in Ecuador".





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# Police Chief's Column Chief John P. Cook BURGLARY PREVENTION

In good economic times or bad economic times, there will always be various types of thefts of opportunity that are committed such as shoplifting, break-ins to motor vehicles and burglaries to houses or businesses. The following information, for both resident and business recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times, describes some ways to prevent being the victim of a burglary to your house or car or a theft of your property.

Now that the winter weather has subsided, the windows in homes are being opened but home owners must remember that a closed window is not a locked window as burglars will initially walk around a house to see if a door has been inadvertently left unlocked or if a window was closed but not locked by the homeowner. Whether you leave your house for the entire day or just an hour...always lock all doors and windows. Homeowners do not usually lock second story windows believing they are not accessible to a thief but in some cases a burglar will use lawn furniture or storage bins in the rear yard to be able to reach a higher window or a lower roof in order to open an unlocked upper floor window.

While the best deterrent to either commercial or residential burglaries is an alarm system, there are other things that can be done to prevent a burglary. Houses with dogs as pets are least favored by most thieves who do not want to encounter a potentially unfriendly dog within the house and to this point, homeowners with or without a dog will buy and post a "beware of dog" sign on their property as an added deterrent. At night, lighting is another deterrent to crime as lights at houses gives an appearance that the house is occupied and lighting at businesses limits the ability for burglars to work on prying open a window or door.

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

Businesses with cash registers should have the register drawer left in the open position when the business is closed as the main focus of any retail burglary is to take the money in the register drawer. An open drawer, whether empty or containing a small amount of money, will save a business an added expense of having to replace an entire cash register.

As the price of gold and silver have never been so high this has resulted in house burglars going directly to master bedrooms to seek out and steal gold and silver jewelry and this is usually found both in jewelry boxes atop the dressers or stored inside of dresser drawers. Jewelry, especially items not worn on a regular basis, should be kept in a secure location that is not located within the master bedroom as burglars are prone to only spend minutes inside of a house and usually only search the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry.

Motor vehicles when parked should have the doors locked and windows fully closed and no visible enticements to thieves such as GPS units on dash board or a pocketbook or a computer case on the seat as car burglars will usually look into a car and see an item they want and will then break in or they will merely go car to car seeing if doors are unlocked.

Recently an individual was identified and arrested for breaking into a home in town and this would not have been possible if residents, in the area of the house broken into, had not assisted by viewing their home surveillance camera systems and giving detectives images of the burglar and his motor vehicle. Burglary is a covert crime that is usually both unwitnessed and committed by an unknown suspect, but this crime can be prevented or the suspect apprehended when the residents of this community work with their police department. Calling police headquarters when you see something that you feel may be suspicious or out of the ordinary is one of the best tools officers have in stopping crimes from occurring or identifying and apprehending those persons who committed a crime.



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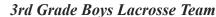
#### SPRINGFIELD LACROSSE CLUB

The Springfield Lacrosse Club kicked off their season playing against Cranford and the 3rd and 4th grade teams came out with a win!

The Springfield Lacrosse Club began last year with 1 team comprised of 2/3/4th graders.

This year we have grown from 1 team to 4 with a 1st-3rd grade team, 4th grade team, 5th grade team and a 6/7th grade team!







4th Grade Boys Lacrosse Team



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# UNANIMOUS MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL URGES PROGRESS ON FLOOD MITIGATION INCLUDING ORANGE RESERVOIR AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control at its April 24 meeting at the Galloping Hill Golf Club unanimously recommended to the New Jersey State DEP and US Army Corps of Engineers that it will focus its attention on the modification of the Orange Reservoir and downstream channel improvements in Kenilworth and Cranford as the solutions to flooding in the region.

The Mayors Council determined that the benefit cost ratio of the modification of the reservoir and channel improvements developed by the US Army Corps was significant enough to warrant being the priority project that will help to reduce flooding. The project includes constructing two new outlets at the Orange Reservoir in South Mountain Reservation and a new protocol about releasing storm water to create reservoir capacity. The project also includes channel improvements in Cranford to deepen river bed and restore banks. A storage project in Rahway is also being considered.

The Mayors Council was represented by Mayor Robert Tillotson, (Millburn), Mayor Victor Deluca (Maplewood), Mayor Clifton People (Union), Mayor Richard Huber (Springfield), Mayor Andis Kalnins (Cranford), Mayor Scott Klinder (Kenilworth) and Mayor Samson Steinman (Rahway). The organization was formed after Irene in October 2011 at Union County College and has worked cooperatively with the US Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to evaluate ten alternatives.

The recent decision narrowed the list of priority projects to two including the lifting or acquisition of the most affected homes in the flood damaged areas. The Mayors recommended to the US Army Corps to set to the side the proposed controversial South Mountain Regional Detention Basin in favor of the Orange Reservoir modification.

The strong support for what is known as Alternative 4 from the impacted communities is a positive step. The next step in the evaluation process is the US Army Corps of Engineers holds public hearings on the alternative and then formally selects a plan to focus environmental and design review and then recommendation to the US Congress for funding.

For more information please contact: Dan Aschenbach, Mayors Council Rahway River watershed Flood Control at @verizon.netdaschenbach.

# SPECIAL INVISALIGN OFFER FROM SPRINGFIELD ORTHODONITCS

Springfield Orthodontics is offering a special one evening only Invisalign Event with special incentive pricing. Drs. Lee Kaswiner and Brett Handsman, specialists in orthodontics, are celebrating their new distinction as Elite Invisalign Providers, with a new patient "thank you". The Elite level of Invisalign providers is awarded to specialists who have treated at least 300 total Invisalign cases and 50 patients with Invisalign in the past 6 months. This is the highest level in Invisalign treatment. Over the years, Drs. Lee and Brett have actually treated more than 700 Invisalign patients. They are also classified as "Teen Invisalign Providers" treating many teenage patients with Invisalign therapy. Springfield Orthodontics has been offering Invisalign since 2002.

Invisalign uses clear, comfortable, plastic trays to align crooked teeth, close spacing and improve bites. They are removable, so eating and oral care are the same as usual. They are virtually invisible and do not affect speech. Springfield Orthodontics is also one of the few offices in the state to offer the Itero Scanner which eliminates the need for old fashioned "goopy/gaggy" impressions. The scanner produces precisely accurate models of teeth using 3-D laser imaging; this allows for extremely well-fitting aligners and shortens the start time for treatment. There is NO additional cost for this wonderful service.

Our one night special event is Wednesday evening, May 14 from 5 to 8 PM. During this evening session we will be offering free x-rays and Itero scans and reduced fees for Invisalign treatment, up to a \$880 total savings. Special financing packages will also be offered. Refreshments will be served as well. Please call us at 973-379-3803 to set up an appointment for your evaluation or stop to meet us and learn more about our office and Invisalign. Check out our website at www.springfieldorthodontics.net.





Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

**Grilling Fire Safety Tips** 

Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer. Some of us will be starting up their barbecue grill for the season. Here are some tips to keep your barbecue fun and safe.

Each year, fire departments nationally respond to nearly 8,000 grill fires. Nearly 3,000 of those fires spread to a nearby structure – usually the house. Grill fires cause an annual average of 10 deaths, 120 reported injuries, and \$80 million in direct property damage. In half of the grill-related home fires, 86% of the time the fire started when either the flammable or combustible gas or liquid propane caught fire

One-third of the structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch, which is why for people living in multiple residential properties (multi-family homes, apartments and condominiums), open flame cooking devices are prohibited for use on balconies. Portable LP-gas grills are not to be stored indoors or within 5 feet of combustible portions of the building.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 5 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep matches, lighters, and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- · Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long barbecue mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect the chef from heat and flames when cooking.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

If your grill does catch fire, turn off the gas, do not pour water (or any other liquid!) on a grease fire, keep the lid closed to deprive the fire of oxygen, and call the fire department. We'll do our best to save your barbecue.

#### **☆☆ MEMORIAL DAY PARADE NEW ROUTE ☆☆**

Ceremony will commence at 10:00 am sharp at Veterans Park, then march down Mountain Avenue. The Elks of Springfield-Hillside BPOE#2004 will be sponsoring & distributing a free hot dog and soda to all who attend at the Jonathon Dayton High School and invite all spectators and marchers to come on over.

We hope you can all stay and watch a baseball game with our Springfield Jr. Baseball Players.

We would like to honor all Veterans in the town for their service during the ceremony please let us know who you are so you can be recognized with a token of our appreciation. If you are a Veteran and will be attending please call Town Hall at 973-912-2201.

Anyone interested in decorating your bicycle will be invited to ride down Mountain Ave during the parade. Catie Hodic will be singing the National Anthem, the Jonathon Dayton High School Marching Band will be performing, as well as having all Civic Organizations and Sports Teams in town marching. And maybe even some surprises.

Please come and help us in honoring and remembering our men and women who have died in helping keep America free from the Springfield Minutemen to our troops in Afghanistan and all around the globe.

We would like for this year to have the biggest turnout for the parade. If you can't march, please come and watch, grab a hot dog and thank a Veteran.

We need volunteers to help during the parade, if you can please email Geri Bujnowski geribuj@gmail.com.

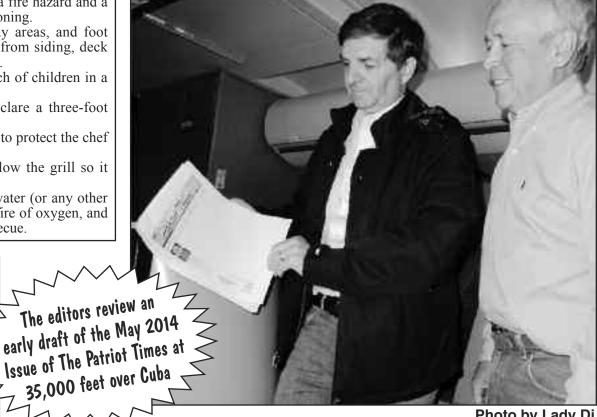


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#### SPRING WALK IN THE HOUDAILLE QUARRY

The Houdaille Quarry, often called the "Grand Canyon of Union County," and normally closed to the public, will be open on Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 PM for walking tours sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission.

The Quarry is an ecologically unique wild area in Springfield, located between Rt.78 and Mount View Rd., with trails to a deep basin and to a beautiful pond where wild turkeys, foxes, coyotes and colorful migrating birds have been spotted. It is an important part of the greenway linking Briant Park, Hidden Valley Park, and Watchung Reservation.

Basalt, a hard black volcanic rock, was once quarried here, and crushed to make gravel for road construction. Later, during the construction of Route 78, the building debris (rocks, dirt and gravel) was used to fill in sections of the area. Now the quarry is the site of the largest leaf composting facility in the Union County and services 10 municipalities.

The Springfield Environmental Commission will lead moderately strenuous two mile round trips down to the pond with the possibility of some shorter walks to scenic viewpoints. Sturdy shoes, long pants, and long sleeved shirts are recommended. Binoculars and cameras are suggested. Responsible adults must accompany children.

Going from Springfield to Summit along Shunpike Rd., make a left after the Baltusrol Golf course on to Mount View Rd. The Quarry entrance is on the right about one mile up Mount View Road – look for the signs. Enter the gate and park in the designated parking area.

The tour will be held rain or shine - only severe weather will cancel it. There is no rain date. For more information, contact the Springfield Environmental Commission Facebook page.





# DEBRIS BLOCKS BRIDGE IN SPRINGFIELD DURING APRIL 30TH STORM

Police Chief John Cook coordinated with the Director of Public Works & Facilities for Union County, Joe Graziano, to clear two 32'x 36" sections of corrugated drain pipe that got jammed under the bridge blocking the flow of water. While the County used their crane to lift the pipe out of the river, the Springfield Fire and Police Departments, Office of Emergency Management and the DPW assisted the County.

# Union County's FREE JCEED Cancer Screening Program

FREE Breast, Cervical, Colorectal & Prostate Cancer Screening
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Plainfield	Neighborhood Health Services 1700 - 58 Myrtle Avenue	Yes	908-753-6401
Rahway	Robert Wood Johnson Univ. Hospital 865 Stone Street	Yes	732-499-6082

This project is made possible by Grants from: The New Jersey Department of Health Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Control / New Jersey Cancer Education & Early Detection Program (NJCEED Program)

\*Limited to uninsured and underinsured women & men age 40-64 with income less than 250% of federal poverty guidelines who receive cancer screening at one of the participating provider sites in Union County. Cervical cancer screening age limits are 18 to 64. Those women under age 40 with a distroty of breast cancer in their immediate family & meet income requirements also qualify. The number of women & men who will receive free cancer screening at these sites is limited by availability of public funds to pay for these services.

### CLEAN COMMUNITIES' DAY 2014 RECYCLING GARBAGE CAN STICKER CONTEST

#### 1st Place - Stickers

6th - 8th Grade Kevin Duffy St. James 7th 5th Grade Karen Menezes Sandmeier 5th 4th Grade Megan Vesey Sandmeier 4th 2nd & 3rd Grade Olivia Landei Walton 2nd PK - 1st Grade Noa Zylbershlag Walton 1st Thea Stratman-Olibrice St. James 8th St. James 7th

**Honorable Mention - Stickers** 6th - 8th Grades Natalie Dombroski Kendall Ellmer Arthur Anigbogu Ryan Zimbalist 5th Grade Jéremy Dash Sara Spinner Abby Wilson Isabel Grussgott 4th Grade Kaya Waltzer Paul Stillman James Garcia Leah Sklar Jessica Hecking Annie Lupton Gianna Iuliano Kennedy Kwinta 2nd & 3rd Sanuthi Perera Chandler Mury Riley Jason Calderon Ayana Alles

Kennedy Kwinta Sanuthi Perera Chandler Mury Rile Jason Calderon Ayana Alles Andrea Falar Krish Singla Ava Matthews Maren Roy Dahlia Brown Maya Dvorchik Max Harner Isabella Lila Carroll Isabella Martins

Laura Schubert

Madalyn Polinger

**Honorable Mention - T-shirt** 

1st Place - T-shirt

Pre-K - 1st

Isabella Schubert
Jocelyn Duallo
Julia Goldman
Rachel Rodrick
Abigail Glass
Lucas Zarember

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