

**NEXT
CHAMBER
MEETING**

**THURSDAY
MAY 26, 2016**

**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.*

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THE MAYOR, SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WELCOME EMPIRE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES TO TOWN



(l to r) Aaron Kessler, Empire Chief Operating Officer, Mayor Jerry Fernnandez, Empire President, Dr. Moaven, Springfield Business Improvement District Chairman, Mike Scalera, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Chairman Scott Seidel and Chamber Secretary and Vice President Elliot Merkin

Dr. Moaven thanked everyone for attending and visiting Empire Medical Associates beautiful new offices. He further commented: "This beautiful space will join our offices in Maplewood, Belleville, Bloomfield, Orange and West Orange in providing outstanding patient care to the residents of this community. I would like to specially thank our honorable guests for participating in our celebration today. Empire Medical is dedicated to deliver the highest quality healthcare in a patient oriented, community friendly environment. Our goal in every community we serve, is to be a comprehensive multispecialty group and to treat our patients with the same compassion and regards that we would have for our own family members. As we have grown, we have tried hard not to lose sight of the importance of the patient-physician relationship. As far as our new facility in Springfield is concerned, I would like to mention that even though the offices are new, the physicians and providers who will enjoy working in this facility are not new to this community and surrounding areas.

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Springfield's Volunteer Services organizations, The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, Springfield Volunteer Fire Department and Springfield Office of Emergency Management set up tables to sign up interested residents to volunteer on April 12.

Each organization received inquiries about their programs.

(l to r) Springfield Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, Emergency Management CERT Chief Jim Sedlak, and CERT Team leader Jim Bonacorda, Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo, First Aid Volunteer Dave Maas, Springfield Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz, CERT member Karen Bonacorda, Springfield First Aid members Lauren Siletski and Jeremy Salow and First Aid Captain Stu Maslow.

VOLUNTEER NIGHT



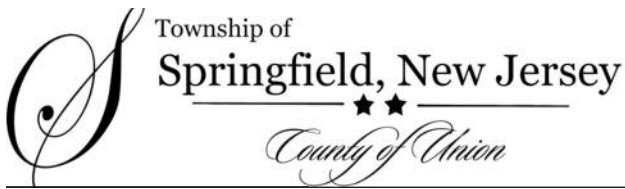
REGAL BANK ACQUISITION OF COMMUNITY FIRST



(l to r) Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Secretary Elliot Merkin, Michael Bono, VP, Raul Riveiro, Branch Manager, Thomas Lupo, President & CEO, David Orbach, Chairman, Deputy Mayor Ziad Shehady, Committeewoman Diane Stampoulos, Daniel Tower, EVP & COO, Monte Ehrenkranz, VP, Springfield BID Executive Director Beth Lippman, Chamber of Commerce Charman Scott Seidel and Springfield BID Chairman Mike Scalera

On Thursday, May 5, Regal Bank (formerly First Community Bank) hosted a reception and ribbon-cutting event at their Mountain Ave. branch. According to Regal Bank President Thomas Lupo, "It's very exciting to see the continued growth of our Regal Bank family. The opening of this new branch enables us to bring outstanding customer service to even more residents and businesses, helping communities in Union and Somerset Counties to prosper."

**Memorial Day Parade
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Message from the Mayor

It is hard to believe that Summer is around the corner. Memorial Day is fast approaching. We are looking for volunteers, participants and floats to help with this year's Memorial Day Parade. This year's parade starts at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. Anyone interested can call or email our town clerk Linda Donnelly at 973-912-2201/linda.donnelly@springfield-nj.us.

Our community pool will open at the end of this month on Memorial Day Weekend. Pre-Season Weekends run from May 28th-June 19th. Then normal summer hours weekdays and weekends starting June 25th- Sept 5th. The pool offers something for everyone – including a day camp, main pool and baby pool, five large shade structures, water slide, diving board, playground, basketball, sand volleyball, shuffleboard, bocce, tetherball,

horse shoes, street hockey, evening swims, group and private swim lessons, and more! Our activities director plans a full calendar of holiday programs, arts and crafts, water exercise classes, tournaments, contests, float nights, bingo, live music, and socials. Enjoy a delicious meal, drink, or dessert prepared fresh daily by our new snack bar operator, Matthew Applebaum of Catering 101, who will also offer tastings, theme days, and cookouts. The pool can also host your child's birthday party. Feel free to register either at the Chisholm Community Center or online on our Township website.

The budget sub-committee has continued to finalize our township budget. A second public meeting is an "Evening Session" on Tuesday, May 24th at 6 p.m. There will be a third public hearing before adoption of the budget scheduled for May 24th at 7 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Municipal Building (100 Mountain Avenue), 2nd Floor. Copies of the 2016 budget can be seen on our town website.

The community is invited to participate in the first town-wide garage sale of 2016 on Saturday, June 4th – Sunday, June 5th. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration is not required and there are no permit fees. Participating households are encouraged to fill out the online form on our Town Website to be included on a comprehensive listing of garage sale locations that will be posted in an interactive map on the Township website and on Facebook.

Our Township Committee will continue to work hard for Springfield. If anyone would like to discuss any town issues, please feel free to call me at 908-868-0898 or e-mail me at jerry.fernandez@springfield-nj.us.

Mayor Jerry Fernandez

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 17 at 2 pm – Civics Day

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 pm

Tuesday, June 14 at 7 pm

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 pm

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 COUNCIL

Contact the Recreation Department for meeting schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the

Chisholm Community Center

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Monday May 30, 2016

MAKE YOUR OWN FLOAT... ALL FLOATS ARE WELCOME IN PARADE!

Ceremony 10am Sharp @ Veterans Memorial Park

Marching down Mountain Ave. to the Jonathon Dayton High School

Where the Springfield-Hillside Elks will Host a Picnic for All Attendees

Come down and get a free hot dog & drink

Stay & Watch a Springfield Jr. Baseball Game on the New Turf Field

Special Guest Speaker

Come & Show Your Support for All Veterans by Attending:

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| • American Legion Veterans | • Springfield CERT Team | • Springfield Lacrosse |
| • Jewish War Veterans | • Springfield Hillside Elks #2004 | • Springfield Softball |
| • Springfield Police Dept | • Boy Scouts Troop 73 | • Springfield Baseball |
| • Springfield Fire Dept | • Cub Scouts Troop 73 | • Soccer Club of Springfield |
| • Springfield Auxiliary Police | • Springfield Girl Scouts | • Antique Cars |
| • Office of Emergency Mgmt | • Jonathan Dayton High School | • Decorated Bicycles |
| • Springfield Historical Society | • Marching Band | • Senior Citizens Bus |
| • Catie Hodic-National Anthem | • St James the Apostle School | • Kean University Trolley |
| • Springfield Township Committee | • Church & Cannon DAR | • Many other groups & |
| • Springfield First Aid Squad | • Springfield Garden Club | • some surprises |

Decorate Your Bicycle with a Patriotic Theme & Ride it in the Parade

(make sure to wear your helmet)

Would your organization like to march? It's not too late! For more info, to volunteer or if you have questions, please email Geri Bujnowski at memorialday@springfieldnj.us. Veterans please call 973-912-2201 to let us know you are attending

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Business Improvement District

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**HAVE A MEETING OR EVENT
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ON THE SPRINGFIELD APP?**



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SAINT JAMES IN SPACE!

On April 6, Saint James the Apostle School students in Grades 4-6 participated in the unforgettable Living in Space Experience. This in-school field trip provided the students the opportunity to learn more about space travel, space shuttles, astronaut preparation, and some of the difficulties experienced while living on the space station. Commander Lisa Irwin and Commander KB Burwell selected student volunteers to demonstrate how difficult it is for astronauts to scratch an itch while in their space suits and also what it's like for them to sleep in sleeping bags that are attached to a wall!



Students loved the hands-on aspect of the program. In pairs, they were able to simulate activities that real astronauts may practice before they blast off into space. These activities included things that test disorientation activities, reaction times, and tests that restrict movement.

Playing Perfection in Space (from left to right) are Ethan Pinho, Jon-Paul Farris, and Jorge Cubero. Students tested their fine motor skills maneuvering small game pieces into their proper place playing the game of Perfection wearing oversized gloves in 45 seconds.

Maybe one day we will see one of our Saint James students become a real astronaut and take off on a space adventure!

Saint James the Apostle School has been serving the parishioners of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield and surrounding communities since 1953. Saint James the Apostle School offers students from PreK-3 through grade eight a Roman Catholic faith-based education which acknowledges each child's individual ability to achieve their fullest potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

Saint James the Apostle School is located at 41 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Call 973-376-5194 or email sjschool@sjspringfield.org for more information.

14TH ANNUAL CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY

The Springfield Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works teamed up for the 14th Annual Clean Community Day on Sunday, April 24.

"It is a wonderful event that teaches the kids what happens to garbage if they litter," Alyson Miller, SEC Chairwoman said. "The children feel a real sense of accomplishment after picking up all of the trash and recyclables that wind up in the woods and river."



Mayor Jerry Fernandez and Alyson Miller, Springfield Environmental Commission Chairwoman, with some of Springfield's youngest environmentalists at Laurel Park with some of the debris they pulled out of the Rahway River that runs behind the park.



Gemma and Judah Krauss after helping cleaning up Smithfield Park.

Fifty five Volunteers as young as 5 years old were at Patriot Park, Laurel Park, Smithfield Park, Roesner Park and Meisel Park picking up garbage and debris along Rahway River that runs behind the parks.

"It's great to see our community come together for our environment," Mayor Fernandez added. "A special thank you to the Springfield Environmental Commission, The Green Team and Alyson Miller."

Springfield DPW provided rakes, garbage bags, shovels, and picked up all the garbage from each of the parks.



Mayor Fernandez behind in the Rahway River behind Laurel Park with volunteers.

"It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Elizabeth Rodriguez, Betzabe Blondet, Margaret Bandrowski and Robert Boettcher," Alyson Miller concluded.

The SEC meets on the third Monday of each month at the Chisholm Community Center at 7 pm. All Springfield residents are welcome to attend.

Volunteers are always needed to join the Springfield Green Team. The Green Team meets on the last Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Annex (by Town Hall). For more information, contact Betzabe Blondet, betzabefb@gmail.com.

The Springfield Environmental Commission and the Green Team have Facebook pages that they encourage you to "like" to keep posted of upcoming events and environmentally related news in town.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

Women due for a gynecological check up are invited to sign up for an appointment with the Madison Health Department. The check ups are open to all women who live in Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Springfield, including nannies and other household employees and those without health insurance coverage. Regular check-ups are an important part of staying healthy.

The screening will be held at the Madison Health Department located in the Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison on Monday, May 16th starting at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext.1 beginning immediately. A \$25.00 fee may apply if a Pap test is indicated.

This comprehensive check up for women will include manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks and education on the technique of monthly breast self examination for each participant. Dr. Rohini Jobanputra will determine with each woman if a Pap test is advisable for her.

Healthy habits for women in addition to annual check-ups include engaging in physical activity most days of the week, eating a nutritious diet that includes lots of fruits and vegetables, and avoiding high risk behaviors like smoking and not wearing a seatbelt. Women are often the caregivers for their spouses, children and parents and forget to focus on their own health. Research shows that when women take care of themselves, the health of their family improves. When women take even the simplest steps to improve their health, the results can be significant and everyone will benefit.

The Madison Health Department encourages women to sign up for the screening and also to pass the word along to other resident women who may not know about this service. Call the Madison Health Dept. (973-593-3079 ext.1) for an appointment for yourself or a loved one. Participants should have their physician's name and address ready when they call.

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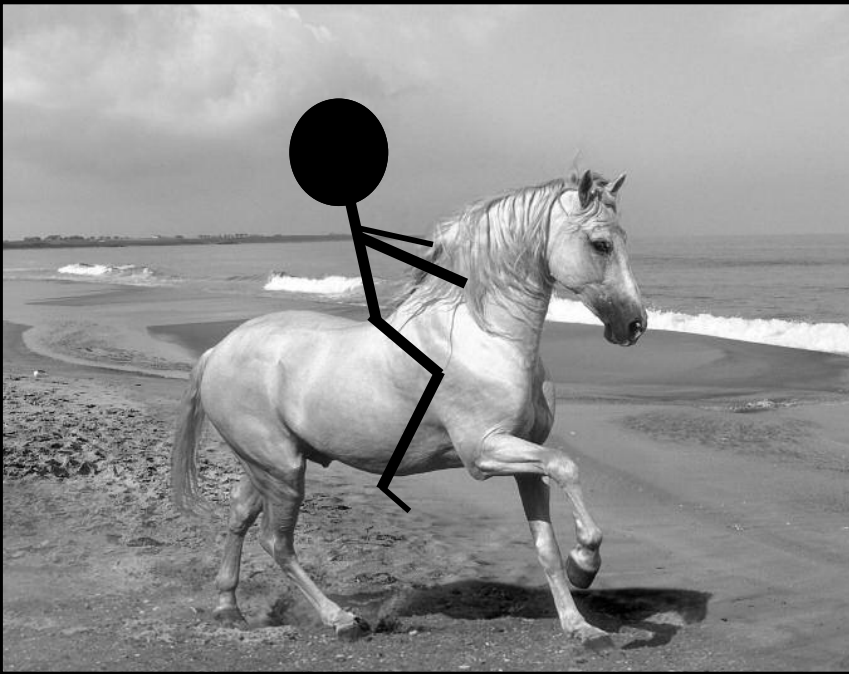
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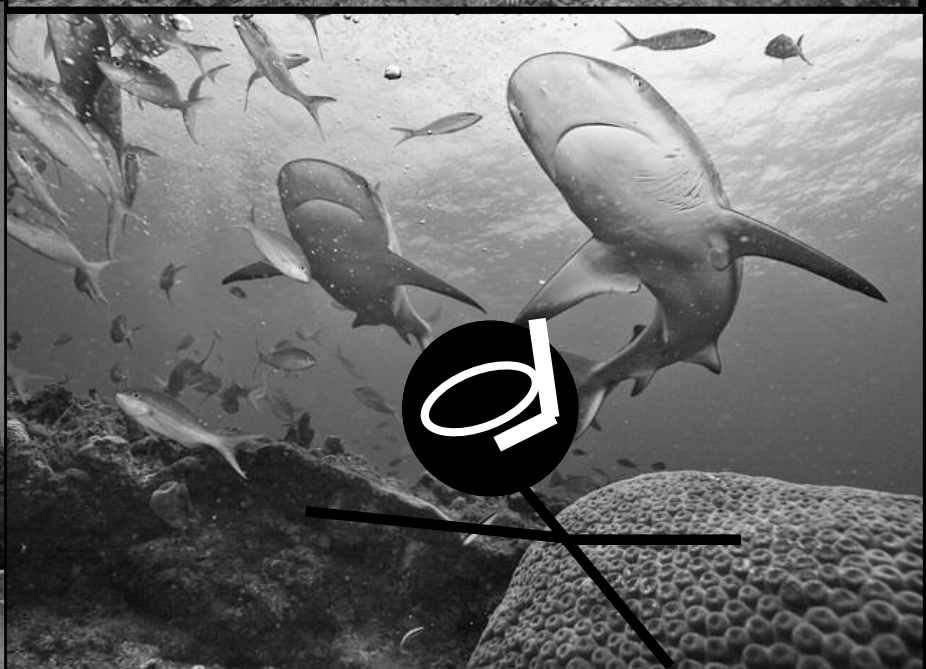
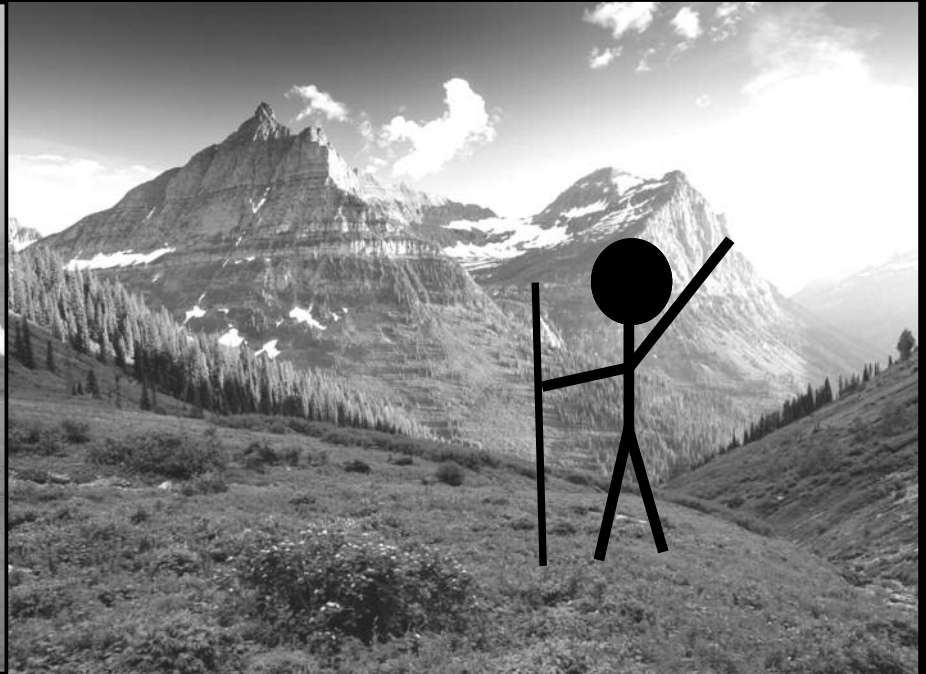
For more information and an application, visit Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at www.Springfield-nj.us or call **973-467-3388**.



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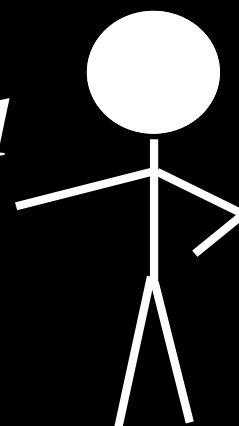
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Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, welcomes Drew University Assistant Professor Jonathan Golden, the temple's 2016 Scholar in Residence. Shown are: Naomi Yablonsky; Lenny Zucker; Cantor Amy Daniels; Sue Marcus, Committee Chair; Dave Mollen; Rabbi Renee Edelman and Professor Golden.

SPRINGFIELD REAL ESTATE AGENCY OWNER CROWNED TOP AGENT

The owner of a Springfield real estate agency has been named one of New Jersey's top agents by the New Jersey edition of national real estate magazine, Top Agent.

Michelle Pais, broker of record at Signature Realty in Springfield, received the honor because she sold more than 100 homes in one year and has built her five-year-old agency into one of the state's leading real estate brokerages, according to executive magazine publisher, Jessica S. Fisher.

Pais attributes her success to "building relationships and getting to know my clients personally. I take a lot of pride in the service I provide," she said.

Criteria for selection as a top agent include rapid and proven success, reputation for outstanding service, and community and charitable involvement.

The homes she and her brokerage sell in Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris Counties range from 'starters' to multi-million dollar mansions.

"I became a real estate agent by accident," Pais said. "I was a secretary for another agency and decided I might be good at it. I sold 25 homes my first year and was the top sales producer in the office."

She and her business participate in the American Cancer Society, Lupus Foundation and the American Heart Association, and contribute to local schools.

Her goal is to launch a local real estate television program to help single family homebuyers and sellers better understand the process and changing regulations that affect home sales and purchases.

Top Agent magazine reports it is the premier real estate magazine in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia that features the top-producing and most accomplished real estate professionals.

SPRINGFIELD DAR CHAPTER CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE



The Church and Cannon Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution based in Springfield, NJ, celebrated the 65th Anniversary of their charter on March 5 at the world famous and historic Baltusrol Golf Club. Chapter Regent, Barbara Pierson, presented 25 yr certificates to Nancy Donhauser and Linda Jurczak, and a 65 yr certificate to Dorothy Allers, an organizing member. All have family ties to Springfield.

Springfield Historical Society President, Margaret Bandrowski, was presented with the NSDAR Community Service Award for her dedication to organizing historic walking tours and presentations to the community. The walking tour begins at the Old Burial Ground on Mountain Avenue, which is owned by the DAR Chapter. Mrs. Jurczak presented a program entitled, "From Baltus Roll to Baltusrol", and chapter officers for the 2016-2019 term were installed by the State Regent, Mrs. Cornelia Olde.

The NSDAR is a lineage-based, patriotic organization that promotes education, historic preservation and patriotism.

The chapter will conduct it's annual Battle of Springfield Commemoration at the Old Burial Ground on June 23 at 7 pm. For more information, contact Mrs. Linda Jurczak at 973-493-6524.

Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Businesses have also been targeted in much the same way, but the caller claims to be from a utility company that threatens having the service shut down if a supposed unpaid utility bill is not satisfied immediately, or the caller will claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service demanding you pay supposed unpaid taxes immediately or you will be arrested.

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

On Tuesday April 19 the Springfield Lions Club hosted the Union County Association for the Blind. At the Parish House of the Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Our local club provided food and hospitality to the Union County Association of the Blind which is a group of those who are visually impaired and seeks to offer networking, support and encouragement for each other. The Lions Club has long supported outreach and support to the blind as well as other community service projects, scholarships and volunteer opportunities.

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SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

The Springfield Recreation Department offers FREE weekday morning bus transportation for senior citizen residents to locations within the township – such as the grocery store, doctors, gym, meetings, library, post office, and more! The bus service runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

**Please call (973) 912-2227
between 8:00-9:00 am on the
morning of your
transportation need.**

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of Senior Citizens of Springfield bus trips.

A GREAT SOCCER TEAM RIGHT HERE IN SPRINGFIELD

Our girls u-9 team has had great success early on. The team was formed in 2014. We had a combination of u-8 and u-9 girls at the time. In our first season, Fall 2014, the team was put into the lowest flight (division) in our travel league. That season the girls went 10-0 and won their flight. In the Spring of 2015, we were promoted from flight 7 to flight 5. That season we went 10-0. Then in the fall 2015 season we were again promoted to flight 3 and again went 10-0. We currently are in the top flight in our league and 3-1 so far.

NEW FLAGPOLE INSTALLED AT CHISHOLM PARK



(l-r) Girl's softball coordinator Paul Ciullo, women's softball coordinator Jennifer Cataldo, and recreation director Adam Lieb stand beside the new flagpole at Chisholm Park. The 25' high flagpole, American flag, and small garden at the base - located between the two softball field scoreboards - were installed in early-May. The project was co-financed by a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant and the Township of Springfield Capital Improvement Budget.

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB 'TASTE OF THE TOWN'



Enjoying the Food!



Dr. Gary Hecht, "MC"



Jerry Zelinskie, of Stu Leonards and Mayor Fernandez

The Springfield Rotary Club held our annual fund raising event this year at the Gallop ing Hills Golf Course Catering Hall, and it was a tremendous success. There were more than 25 food, beverage and dessert vendors, and in excess of 200 attendees. Since the weather was so cooperative, people were able to sit at tables on the balcony, outside the main ballroom, and listen to music and still participate in the activities going on inside . The club had about 50 Tricky Tray items, and another 20+ items that were auctioned off by our club's in-house auctioneer, Dr. Gary Hecht. The auctioned items included things such as Broadway Show tickets, Disney World Park Hopper tickets, and tickets to Jets and Giants games. The event is a success because of the vendors and attendees, but also because of the efforts made by of all the club members. Rotary is a service organization and the money we raise is used for the betterment of our community and other projects. We look forward to serving our community each year and welcome the opportunity for people wishing to learn more about our club to contact our club President, Dr. Seth Hammer, at 973-376-7718, for more information; or join us at McLynn's on Tuesday's at 12:15 for lunch .

Read The Patriot each month and keep an eye out for our next event wh ich will be held in August .

YOUTH BASEBALL HOLDS OPENING DAY



(l to r) SNJBL President David Wightman, Mayor Jerry Fernandez, player E.J. Serio, and Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady.

The Springfield New Jersey Baseball League (SNJBL) held it's annual Opening Day festivities on Sunday, April 10th, at Roessner Field at Irwin Park. The event included a parade, ceremony, team photos, bounce house, food, apparel sales, and more.

\$64,000.00 CHECK PRESENTED TO TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD



Freeholder Chairman and Springfield resident Bruce Bergen (left) presents a \$64,000.00 check to Township Committee-member Rich Huber (right), Township Clerk Linda Donnelly and Sam Mardini, Director of Engineering, as part of the 2016 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Program. During the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting on April 28, 2016, checks totaling \$1.5 million were presented to mayors and representatives from all 21 Union County municipalities.

WELCOME EMPIRE MEDICAL

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Opening up a new office is never easy and Empire surely had a great team led by Aaron Kessler, our Chief Operating Officer that helped to make today a reality. Special thanks and acknowledgment to Beth Burke, our practice administrator, Reza Honary, our Chief Financial Officer, and all of the managers and staff members that worked tirelessly to prepare this beautiful facility. And of course I would like to thank all of you for joining us on this special occasion and wish you a nice rest of the evening. I will leave you with a quote from a holy man that I believe defines our goal as Empire Medical: " Good, better, best. Never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best " St. Jerome.

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WELCOME

Community First Bank is now Regal Bank. Our new branches are made possible by our thriving growth and strong roots in the community. We extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors and look forward to providing you with smart financial solutions and exceptional service with a hometown feel.

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BRICKS 4 KIDZ SUMMER CAMP IN SPRINGFIELD SUMMER 2016



we learn, we build, we play with
LEGO® Bricks

“Galaxy Far Far Away” Space Camp (7/11 - 7/15) 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Inspired by NASA and Star Wars™, our Space Adventures Camp is packed full of models that will make your imagination blast off! Each day, campers will learn about real-life space exploration and build models related to the NASA space program. In addition, the day includes LEGO® Star Wars™ themed models, video games, group games, challenges and more. Bricks 4 Kidz Space Adventure camp provides the spark for imagination and creativity to take off on an adventure that's out of this world!

Superhero Academy And Remote Control Mania (7/25 - 7/29) 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Join Bricks 4 Kidz camp for a week to enjoy two of our best camps combined in one. Campers will be building Superheroes with LEGO® bricks and superhero vehicles controlled with wireless remote controls. Together, the campers will create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil arch enemies with custom contraptions made with LEGO® bricks - both motorized models and 3-D superhero figures. Each day, campers will also use fascinating and challenging LEGO® components to create dynamic vehicles, inventions, machines and more. Campers will also learn how to magnify, diminish and redirect force to move objects at different speeds and in different directions. This camp is loads of fun and learning for budding builders.

Location: Chisholm Community Center,
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Ages: 5-11 **Camp Schedule & Costs**
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (\$160 per week)

Note: For campers at Chisholm playground camp, there will be supervised lunch session from 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Parents please pack lunch for the campers.



Please register at www.brick4kidz.com/cnj

For additional information about our program offerings, please visit our website at www.brick4kidz.com/cnj (908) 866-1066 or (908) 616-0492

SWIM TEAM 2016 OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

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

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 25th @ 7:00 pm
Chisholm Community Center

Fees:
\$60 payable to:
Township of Springfield
\$20 payable to:
Swim Team
Parent Association
Please make two
[2] separate checks

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 7th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 27th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 27th, to Friday, July 29th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades
What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Department staff
Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
When: Monday-Friday (closed on municipal holidays)
Time: 2:30-8:00 pm (school year)
How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID
Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us
Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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

Springfield Recreation Department
Monmouth Park Bus Trip
Racetrack, Private Room, Buffet Luncheon

Friday, June 10, 2016

Bus will depart Chisholm Community Center at 11:00 am
Bus will depart Monmouth Park at approximately 5:00 pm

\$35 – senior citizen club members

\$45 – non-members and guests

Payment due by Friday, June 3, 2016
Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department
Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, track admission, air-conditioned private room, buffet luncheon, official track program and pen. Questions: (973) 912-2227

Bus Trip to Monmouth Park – Friday, June 10, 2016 (one form per person)

Name: _____ Member: Yes _____ No _____
Street Address: _____ Town _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Emergency contact name/number: _____
Enclosed is my check payable to Springfield Recreation Department for \$ _____

SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Sundays from May 29th – August 28th 6:30–8:00 pm
Check-in starts at 6:15 pm

Come join the Springfield Jr. Dawgs every Sunday night for some football. This is a great time to come and play and learn the sport of football. If you are a first-time player or already a Jr. Dawg, it will give you an awesome training experience!

Program open to: Springfield residents entering grades 3 to 8 in Fall 2016
\$75.00 for 16 weeks (includes water and t-shirt)

Jonathan Dayton High School Turf Field, 139 Mountain Avenue
Make checks payable to: Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization

Mail checks to: PO Box 16, Springfield, NJ 07081

Registration is required by Sunday, May 22nd. Please visit:

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/formpreview.asp?sid=751312892&url=footballspfd&FormID=62694&fb=1>.
Questions? Email springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com

Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Basketball Association

Clinic with Bob Hurley

Head Coach of
St. Anthony's High School
Basketball Team

WHEN: Tuesday, May 24, 2016
TIMES: 6:00-9:00 pm
WHERE: Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Boy's Gym
COST: \$35 per child. Payable to Springfield Basketball Association.
Send form and payment to Mike Dzikowski, 27 Pitt Road, Springfield, NJ 07081
DEADLINE: Registrations must be received by Friday, May 21st.
Clinic is limited to the first 80 children who register.
WHO: Springfield boys and girls in 5th-9th grades
WHAT: Springfield congratulates Coach Hurley on the 2016 TOC Championship! His St. Anthony Friars finished their season a perfect 32-0, the eighth time Coach Hurley has had an undefeated season! This is Coach Hurley's 13th TOC Championship, which is also a state record. Come meet and work out for a few hours with the mastermind behind four National Championships and 25 State Titles. Don't miss your opportunity to learn the game from a three-time USA Today National Coach of the Year!

QUESTIONS: Email Mike Dzikowski at madzikowski@verizon.net.

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The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer youth tennis and golf lessons and clinics this spring and summer (ages 4-12). More information and online registration is available at: <http://playtga.com/unioncounty>.

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2016 Grades 3-8

- Program is open to Springfield residents entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2015.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Uniforms will be loaned to cheerleaders. Additional mandatory uniform purchases include leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, and sweatshirt or jacket.

FEES:

\$55.00 payable to Township of Springfield
\$35.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading
No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 13, 2016
No registrations will be accepted after this date.
No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

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

QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at
(973) 912-2227
Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator,
at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us

2016 SCHOOL'S OUT CAMPS

In association with Springfield Recreation Department



Register today:

- Registration is open!
- Schedules Listed Online
- One day camp
- Age 5-11
- All Abilities, Boys & Girls

Multi Sports:

- Experience up to 16 sports!
- Develop teamwork
- Good Sportsmanship
- Early drop off available
- Game Play & Scrimmages

SCHOOL'S OUT—May 20 Camp

Ages: 5 - 11 yrs

Date: Friday May 20

Time: 9am 12:30pm

Location: Chisholm Park

Early drop off add-on \$5 Time: 8am 9am

Price:
\$45

Details online at www.USsportsInstitute.com

Jr. Dawgs Football

For Children in Grades 3-8 (2016-17 School Year)
Tackle Registration Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22
Chisholm Community Center
Grades 3-8: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Bring Completed Form and Checks to Registration:

Fees: (Please note 2 Separate Checks are needed):

\$60.00 payable to "Township of Springfield" AND
\$175.00 payable to "Springfield Jr Dawgs Football Organization"
Discount provided for multiple players from same family:
\$150.00 per child to Springfield Jr Dawgs and \$60.00 per child
to Township of Springfield.

Season Runs September – Mid-November – Practice begins August 15th.
Practices 2 or 3 nights per week depending on age/coaches.

Program is open to Springfield residents or
children attending a school in Springfield.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR TOWNSHIP PORTION OF FEE:

<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Registration Deadline is Thursday, June 30th

Registrations received after Friday June 17th

MUST include a \$25.00 late fee payable to Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization

For information: Email: springfieldjrdawgsfootball@gmail.com or
danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us

SPORTS CAMPS & CLASSES 2016

In association with Springfield Recreation Department



Register today:

- Spring Registration Open
- Schedules Listed Online
- Weekly Classes & Schools Out Camps
- Look Out for our New Program Levels

Camp & Class Details:

- Ages 2 to 14
- All Abilities. Boys & Girls
- Daytime & Evening Classes
- Spring Break Camps

SUMMER WEEKLY CLASSES

(attend one class every week for up to 7 weeks)

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS:

T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more!

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Dates: Mondays June 27 to August 8
(6 week programs)

Time(s): 4:00pm-5:00pm
5:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Chisholm Park

Price: \$125

There will be no classes on Monday July 4

SUMMER CAMPS (attend every day for a full week)

MULTI SPORTS CAMP:

Play 15 different sports from around the world!

Ages: 5-11 yrs

Week Starting:

Aug 22 to 26,
Aug 29 to Sept 2

Time(s): 9am-4pm
9am-12:30pm
1pm-4pm

Location: Chisholm Park

Price: Starting at \$135

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS:

T-Ball, flag-football, soccer & much more!

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Week Starting:

Aug 22 to 26

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Location: Chisholm Park

Price: Starting at \$105



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>.

Women's Summer Softball League 2016

- Program is open to Springfield residents ages 21 and older.
- Games take place on weeknights and Sunday nights.
- Season runs from mid-June to mid-August.

FEES: \$300 per team (payable to Township of Springfield) No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE: Friday, May 29, 2016

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

TO BE PLACED ON A TEAM Contact Jen Cataldo, League Coordinator, at jencataldo@verizon.net

Contact Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227, or
Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us

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ADULT BOOT CAMP

SPRING 2016: SESSION 2

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
May 17 - June 21, 2016

FOR ADULTS 18+, CO-ED
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER



During this 6-week program, all recruits do a combination of cardio training, calisthenics, strength workouts, circuit training, obstacle courses, abdominal work and other fun surprises the coaches have in store for you each day. All classes end with stretching. The workouts are created to be fun and challenging at the same time! The more effort you put into the class, the more results you will get out of it!

The Boot Camp class is being coached by BootCampWF which is the premiere, healthy-living, fitness training program. BootCampWF is celebrating their 8th year in business and have classes year round, mostly held outdoors in parks. BootCampWF has many experienced and trained coaches who work with all skill levels.

COST IS \$110 PER PERSON

Registration will be available soon at <http://bootcampwf.com/enlist>, and forms will be available soon at the Springfield Recreation Department. Minimum 6 adults are needed to run this program. Payment must be submitted PRIOR to the first class.

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation
Questions? Contact Heather Re,
Assistant Recreation Director,
heather.re@springfield-nj.us

NEW FACES, IMPROVEMENTS, READY FOR SUMMER POOL SEASON SCHEDULED TO OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 28



Megan Rezvani
(pool manager)



Derek Keller
(assistant pool manager)



Brendan O'Reilly
(junior assistant
pool manager)



Matthew Applebaum
(partner, Catering 101)

The Springfield Community Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 28th, for Memorial Day Weekend! An experienced team will be on hand to welcome members and guests this summer. Megan Rezvani – Newark Academy teacher and former pool manager in Hershey, PA – will serve as pool manager. She will be joined by assistant pool manager Derek Keller (former junior assistant pool manager, lifeguard, and swim instructor) and junior assistant pool manager Brendan O'Reilly (former maintenance staff, lifeguard, and swim instructor). Former pool manager Brian Blondet remains on staff as the certified pool operator (CPO). Dawn Wilkenfeld returns as the activities director and is already hard at work planning a full calendar of special events, contests, float nights, and more! The Springfield Swim Team will be led by head coach Karen Bocian, who is serving her 18th summer. The snack bar will be operated by new concessionaire Matthew Applebaum of Catering 101. The snack bar will feature a delicious new menu of grilled cheese, wings, sausage and pepper sandwich, meatball parm sandwich, egg sandwich, grilled chicken, salads, burgers, hot dogs, pizza, drinks, ice cream, and more. Catering 101 will also offer specials, happy hours, theme nights, and camp cookouts. The pool will see a number of improvement projects this summer including: repainting of both pools, concrete deck repairs, two new water fountains, new kitchen appliances, 25 additional lounge chairs, demolition of the last racquetball court, automated chemical control system, roof repairs at snack bar and filter buildings, fence repairs at snack bar and campgrounds, walkie-talkies for managers, new playground element, and more. Pool memberships are available to residents and non-residents. Guest passes are also sold for one, two, and three days. Group and private swim lessons are available, as are private party rentals. For more information before the pool opens, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.

CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP – SUMMER 2016

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by a camp director and counselors (high school-age and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, theme days, Friday trips to the Springfield Community Pool, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

- Week #1: June 27th-July 1st
- Week #2: July 5th-July 8th
(no camp July 4th)
- Week #3: July 11th-July 15th
- Week #4: July 18th-July 22nd
- Week #5: July 25th-July 29th
- Week #6: August 1st-August 5th
- Week #7: August 8th-August 12th
- Week #8: August 15th-August 19th

TIMES: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Resident first child: \$45 per week - Resident additional child: \$40 per week

• Non-Resident child: \$55 per week

REGISTER: Online (credit card) at

<http://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

In person at Chisholm Community Center.

Payable to Township of Springfield. Call (973) 912-2227,
recreation@springfield-nj.us, or www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

CO-ED RUNNING SPRING 2016

Are your children interested in running and improving
their speed and agility?

Come join the Springfield Running Program!

Grades K-2nd

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th-June 13th at
5:00-6:00 pm at Chisholm Park

In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to
reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, grades
K-2nd. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young
children who would like to learn about speed and

Ages 8-14

Session 2 meets on Mondays from May 16th-June 13th at
5:00-6:00 pm at the Meisel Avenue Park Track

In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to
reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

This co-ed running program is open to children in Springfield schools, ages
8-14. Children will learn to run faster over short distances. It is ideal for young
athletes and children who would like to improve their speed and physical
fitness. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will be covered. It is an
excellent complement to previous Springfield Running Program classes that
featured endurance running. A minimum of six children are required for the
program.

Fee: \$55 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)

Includes: T-shirt, water bottle, and professional coaching instruction.
Register by mail or in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Questions? Contact Danielle McLeer, Recreation Program Coordinator,
at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us.

**Springfield Free
Public Library**
66 Mountain Avenue,
Springfield • 973-376-4930
Check Library website for
regular MGG schedule:
www.sfplnj.org

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Our programs are free and open to
the public, no matter what town or
county you live in!**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children ages 9 and under attending the library must have a parent/caregiver present with them.

Storycraft Mondays May 16 & 23 @ 4:00-4:30 pm. Ages 3 to 7 w/ a caregiver. Enjoy a story and a craft.

Campfire Stories 7pm Thursday May 19. Join Ms. Kathy around a cozy campfire fire for great stories and a sweet treat! Wear your PJs if you like and bring your Teddy.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers w/ a caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! **Tues May 17, Fri May 20, Tues May 24, Thurs May 26.**

Wii Games – Wednesdays May 18, 25 from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. Ages 6 to 11. Drop in. Students 9 and under must have parent present.

Lego Club meets each Tuesday after school until 4:45 pm **May 17, 24, 31.** All ages. Kids aged 9 and under need to have their parent present.

SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH JUNE 2 MEETING

The June 2 meeting of Springfield Hadassah will take place at the Springfield Public Library at 12:30 pm.

Emmy Hoffer a resident of Springfield and Deerfield Beach, Florida, will present a program of guitar, keyboard and Mandolin music. Her repertoire consists of folk songs, show tunes and Hebrew songs.

Mrs. Hoffer is the wife of David Hoffer, the mother of two sons and grandmother of seven granddaughters and one grandson. She is a retired special education teacher from the Bayonne Board of Education. She served as Sisterhood President of Congregation Israel of Springfield and was chairman of the Congregation's nursery school.

Coffee, tea and cake will be served. The public is invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Lorraine Seidel at 973-376-5067 or lorrainesideid@gmail.com.

Drop in Math Help – May Wednesdays @ 4:00-5:00 pm. Need some math help? Bring your homework and a certified math teacher is here to help!

TEENS:

Can't make it to the library?
Click on the World Book Banner on the Children's Page www.sfplnj.org/kids.
Feast your eyes (and brain) on every World Book title for students simply by using your library card.
All World Book quality non-fiction titles are available for your use on a PC, laptop, or tablet (sorry, not available on Kindle or Nook.)
Also available are hundreds of classic titles (mostly Adult) in the public domain! Books are available immediately—you will never have to wait for a book!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now thru May 30 Teen Arts show.

June 6 thru June 30

Art Show: Paintings of Michael Martin

Sunday, May 22, 2:00 pm
"Sinatra and Friends: a Musical Tribute"
presented by Dave DeLuca.

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 pm
Zinio introduction class.

Friday, May 27, 12:30 pm
Chair Yoga.

Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 pm
Star Trek 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 pm
"When the Braves Ruled the Diamond: Fourteen
Flags over Atlanta"- book discussion with author and veteran sportscaster Dan Schlossberg.

LECTURES

Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 pm
"The New Normal" – presentation on health and wellness of Cancer Survivors, Stem Cell Transplant Recovery & Survivorship, and Chronic Disease Survivors.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursdays, May 26 and June 9
Memoir Writing Group. 10:15 am.

Thursday, May 19, 10:00 am
Great Books Discussion: "On Tranquility of Mind"
by Seneca.

Thursday, June 2, 10:00 am
Really Good Book discussion: "The Hairstons:
The American Family in Black and White"
by Henry Wiencek.

FILMS

Thursday, May 19, 1:00pm & 7:00 pm
International film: "Jimmy's Hall". In English.
2014.

Monday, May 23, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – **SPRINGTIME MUSICALS:**
On-the-skids Parisian Victoria (Julie Andrews) is rescued by cabaret performer (Robert Preston) by suggesting she plays male impersonator pretending to be a woman. 1982.

Monday, June 6, 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – **REAL LIFE HEROES**
MINISERIES: A prestigious hotel manager (Don Cheadle) in Kigali helps minorities facing harassment and prosecution in 1994 campaign of genocide in Rwanda. 2004.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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, Wednesday and Thursday
One-to-One Computer Training
BY APPOINTMENT 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Drop-in Technical Help (Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more), no appointment necessary.



Children from Saint James School



(l to r) Robert Brennan, Maryellen Brennan,
Linda Donnelly, Margaret Bandrowski,
Sam Mercadante, Robert Boettcher and Ken Peters.

ARBOR DAY IN SPRINGFIELD

On Friday, April 29th, the Springfield DPW was pleased to plant a cherry tree in Veterans Park to celebrate Arbor Day and Springfield's status as a Tree City. The event was attended by all the students of St. James School

who were accompanied by Father Joseph Barbone, pastor, and Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal. Each of the children and faculty members went home with a sapling. The kids had a great time and the adults did, too. Robert Boettcher and the members of his DPW staff selected and planted the tree. Robert Brennan of the DPW explained the correct way to plant a tree, demonstrated by DPW members, and answered some really good questions from the kids. Assisting with the tree giveaway were Linda Donnelly, Township Clerk, and Maryellen Brennan, Deputy Clerk, and Margaret Bandrowski of the Environmental Commission and the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

PROPANE SAFETY

The leading equipment involving in LP-gas home structure fires was a grill, hibachi, or barbeque.

FACTS & FIGURES

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 1,170 home structure fires involving LP-gas in 2003-2007. These fires resulted in 34 civilian deaths, 135 civilian injuries and \$48 million in direct property damage.

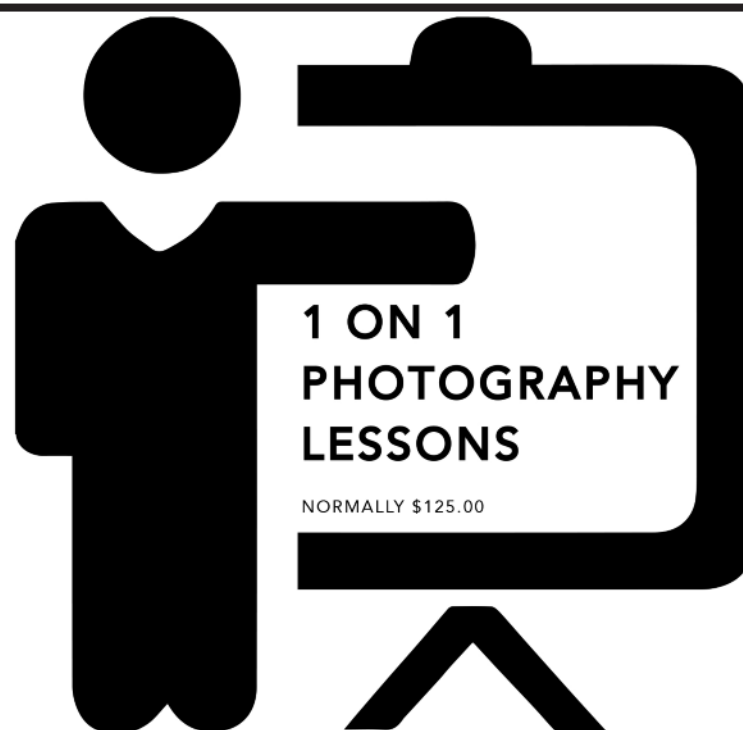
Spark, ember or flame from operating equipment was the leading heat source for LP-gas home structure fires.

- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions when lighting a pilot.
- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside the home.

An Overfilling Prevention Device (OPD) is a safety device incorporated into the filling valve of a propane cylinder (i.e., those used on gas grills, RVs, etc.). The device shuts off the flow of gas to a cylinder after 80% capacity has been reached. This limits the potential for release of gas when the cylinder is heated, averting a fire or possible injury.

As of April 1, 2002, OPDs are required on all propane cylinders between 4 and 40 pounds propane capacity. Cylinders of this size manufactured after September 30, 1998, were required to have an OPD. A typical gas grill cylinder holds about 20 pounds of propane.

Propane cylinders with OPDs can be identified by a triangular hand-wheel (pictured right). Some earlier model cylinders were produced with a round hand-wheel but "OPD" is stamped on the brass valve body. After April 1, 2002, propane cylinders not equipped with an OPD must be retrofitted with the device before refilling can occur or properly disposed of and replaced with an OPD-equipped cylinder. Many propane dealers will retrofit older cylinders with an OPD. As there is a charge for this, it may be more economical to replace the entire cylinder, especially if it is rusty. In many parts of the U.S., exchange cylinder racks can be used to swap an empty cylinder without an OPD for a full cylinder equipped with an OPD, for a nominal fee, eliminating the need to dispose of the cylinder or to have it retrofitted. Dispose of propane cylinders safely. Questions about safe disposal should be answered by local fire departments, hazardous waste collection sites, or propane re-fillers.



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