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LOCAL CANDIDATES FORUM SET FOR OCT. 29 & 30

The annual local candidates forum sponsored by Springfield Hadassah is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 30, 10:30 AM in the Springfield Public Library. The candidates for Springfield Township Committee have been invited to answer written questions submitted by those attending. The Hadassah American Affairs Committee will screen all questions. Questions of a personal nature will not be presented. Only issues pertinent to Township Committee matters will be discussed. Verbal questions will not be accepted. A non-partisan moderator will conduct the Forum.

This year, three candidates are competing for the single Township Committee slot that carries a three-year term.

The Democratic Candidate is Hugh Keffer. The Republican candidate is Jerry Fernandez. Councilman Steven Grau, an Incumbent, is running as an Independent.

Following the question and answer period, a light lunch will be served. The voting public is invited to attend. Individuals planning to attend, who are not Hadassah members, are urged to contact American Affairs Chair Lorraine Seidel 973.376.5067; lrse@aol.com. This response is requested to insure an adequate supply of refreshments.

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a local candidate’s night, tentatively scheduled for 7:30 PM on October 29 at Jonathan Dayton High School.

FIRST AID SQUAD MAKE GOOD USE OF STREET FAIR

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce, again put together another successful street fair in September. Along with the food and fun, the crafts and jewelry vendors, the home improvement, bank and insurance companies was our very own Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad who was out in full regalia.

Between that days emergency calls the squad had both ambulances available for even the youngest at the fair to get a tour inside and out.

This year the First Aid Squad also handed out First Aid coloring books for the younger attendees showing them the importance of safety and first aid.

The volunteer members of the Springfield First Aid Squad also spoke to many who attended about their need for new members. Members are the most important ingredient in the mix needed to provide quality care to our patients, your neighbors.

For the second time Greg Delano of ATA Martial Arts did a board breaking demo at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Fair to raise money for Springfield HOPE. Delano matched all donations dollar for dollar. During the year he has raised several hundred dollars for Springfield HOPE in this manner. Mr. Delano is the head instructor for ATA martial Arts, Karate for Kids located at 261 Morris Ave. in Springfield, NJ.



(above) Greg Delano performs a board breaking demo.



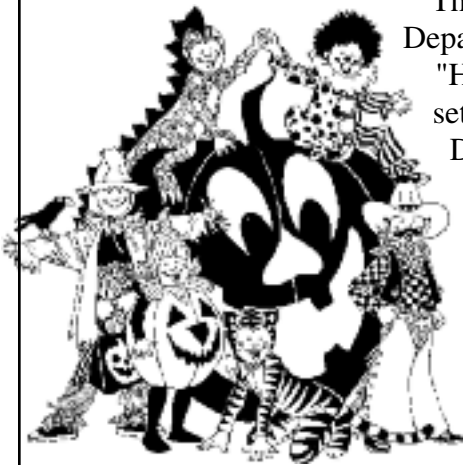
(above) Anna and Elisa of Percario General Contractors.



(above) Lisa Shemaly, Mike Scalera, Tricia Newkirk and Ann Sulzer of State Farm Insurance.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY

This years Halloween parade will be held on Sunday October 26th. Lineup will start at 12:30 pm at Jonathan Dayton High school. There will be a costume contest for different age groups sponsored by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and prizes will be awarded. Participants will march in the parade from the High School to the Chisholm Community Center for the Recreation Departments Halloween party to be held from 1:30 - 3:30 pm.



The Recreation Department will have their "Halloween Treat Street" set up in the gym and a DJ set up outside.

For further information please contact the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-467-4608.



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Message from the Mayor



I am pleased to report that each issue of the Springfield Patriot brings more positive comments from our residents. The reason most often given by people is that the Patriot provides information just about Springfield. It really is our own newspaper.

First I would like to congratulate the Dayton Bulldogs football team. At the time of this writing the team has started the season with two impressive shutout wins over South Hunterdon and Manville. The entire coaching staff and especially the players should be commended for their success. It's great to see high school football back in Springfield. I would also like to mention that our Minutemen football program is a great starting point for anyone interested in football. Please support our children by attending one of the games. It's exciting to watch them play and see the enthusiasm they have for football.

I would also like to mention the township committee approved the promotion of two patrolmen, Michael O. McNany and Patrick M. McLaughlin, to sergeants at our September meeting. They have served our community admirably for many years and we look forward to their continued service. These promotions did not change the overall members of our police department, but they did create a more efficient manner in which manpower is deployed.

I would also like to report that we are discussing the possibility of a long term lease agreement with the county for Meisel Field. Many people are aware the football/soccer field was badly damaged by overuse and a disregard for the property, by groups from outside of Springfield. The field has been deemed unusable by the town and the schools. Since Meisel Field is a county field, the county has every right to assign permits to any organization from within the county requesting use of the field. If a satisfactory agreement can be arranged with the county, in which Springfield has total control of the field, this will be beneficial to our town since it will only be used by Springfield residents and organizations.

These are just a few of the issues recently discussed during our township committee meetings. If you would like to be more informed about what is going on in town, feel free to attend our meetings which are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Town Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Bart Fraenkel

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETINGS

Mondays preceding Tuesday meeting, Annex Building

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,
Municipal Building

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

October 6, 20

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

October 2, 16, 30
November 13, 29
December 11, 27

CURBSIDE GRASS COLLECTION

Thru Oct 24

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

December 17-18

GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

10/10 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30 am Township of Winfield, Winfield, NJ

10/15 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 am Lana's Fine Dining, Clark, NJ

10/16 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING

11:45 amLa Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ

10/21 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) NETWORKING EVENT

6:00 am TBA

10/22 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am TBA

10/23 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am OEM, Springfield Firehouse, Springfield, NJ

10/24 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

8:00 am Royce Brook Golf & Country Club, Hillsborough, NJ

10/28 LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

8:30 am Hampton Inn @ Aviation Plaza, Linden, NJ

10/30 THE PURGATORY OF CALL ME BACK IN 2 WEEKS, PART II

presented by Sales Trainer Andy Gole, Bombadil LLC

8:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ

11/5 THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMY & THE ELECTION RESULTS

8:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ

11/6 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

8:45 am Gateway Chamber Downstairs Conference Room, Elizabeth, NJ

11/6 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING

7:45 am Perkins of Green Brook, Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Patriot continues to receive rave reviews from its readers. On Thursday, September 25, the Chamber held its Monthly Meeting which was attended by over 20 member of the Chamber. It was the first meeting after our summer break and we recapped the events that took place during the past 3 months and had reports from the Mayor, Deputy Police and Fire Chief along with Committee reports. We have a full fall schedule with the just concluded Annual Fall Street Fair. The Chamber will be sponsoring the upcoming Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 12:30 pm, as well as a local candidate's night, tentatively scheduled for 7:30 PM on October 29, 2008 at Jonathan Dayton High School. The final time and date for candidate's night will be posed to our website, www.springfieldpatriot.com as soon as we can

confirm the date. Other events that may be scheduled after our publication date will be posted to the website as well. The Chamber's Banner program is in full swing with over 30 banners that have been ordered. If your company would like to be involved the cost is \$200 each for Chamber members and \$240 each for non-members. The last banners lasted over 4 years so it is definitely a good buy for your advertising dollar. Our next regular Chamber meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 23, at the offices of the Office of Emergency Management, 200 Mountain Ave. at 8:30 a.m. Again, it is very important that we support our advertisers so we may continue the outstanding success of the Springfield Patriot.

Scott Seidel, Patrick Paoletta
Co-Chairs Springfield Chamber of Commerce

COMEDY NIGHT TO BENEFIT PROJECT GRADUATION

The Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO is sponsoring a comedy night to benefit the class of 2009 project graduation.

Friday, Oct. 17, 2008

8:00 PM

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OCT IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Junior League honors Springfield member with "Tie a Ribbon" campaign

In honor of member and Springfield resident Tracy Beveridge, the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) will participate in the Susan G. Komen "Tie a Ribbon" campaign for breast cancer awareness and education on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Volunteers from the league and the community will tie hot pink ribbons to trees throughout Springfield and Short Hills. Each ribbon has a tag delivering the Susan G. Komen three-step, life-saving message of early detection. The reverse side of the tags may be filled out in honor of friends or loved ones.

Last year, over 50 towns in Northern New Jersey participated, tying more than 11,700 ribbons. This year's goal is to double that number.

Anyone interested in tying ribbons or supporting the campaign with ribbons for their own yard should send an e-mail to mikeandanth@msn.com. Volunteers will meet and ribbons may be picked up at Walton Elementary School, 601 Mountain Ave., at 10 a.m. on Saturday. There is a suggested \$5 donation to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for the additional ribbons.

The James Caldwell School PTA
will host its annual

Fall Festival

36 Caldwell Place

Saturday, Oct. 18th

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine).

This promises to be a great day with new rides and games including mini-golf, a dunk tank, and more. Food, prizes, and a bake sale are available too. For adults, there will be a 50/50 and a Tin Can Auction featuring a huge selection of gift baskets and gift certificates. Join us for a day of fun for the whole family. There's something for everyone!



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SPRINGFIELD SQUAD TRAIN FOR AIRPORT INCIDENT

Going to the airport, unless for a vacation, is a chore most of us do not look forward to doing. Giving up a Saturday afternoon and night to do that is even a worse prospect. But, on Saturday, September 13th., several of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad Members did just that, spending several hours participating in a major incident exercise.

This drill simulated a full-scale incident: a jetliner on a working runway, with mass casualties and fatalities on-board. Multiple agencies participated, including those near the airport such as Springfield that would respond immediately to a real emergency and those from elsewhere in the state that would respond later to that incident. There was also Port Authority personnel and over 100 volunteer "patients." At an airport the size of Newark, a full-scale drill is required at least once every twelve months. The scope of the drill is determined by the largest type of aircraft permissible at the airport.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad participated in several aspects of the exercise which included being first on scene, setup the rehabilitation rehab station, emergency medical treatment and transportation of victims as well as "rehab" for all those involved.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad is prepared for this major incident exercise as a result of the time and training invested in their own Special Operations Group.

The Group is comprised of those volunteer members of the Squad that volunteer for additional training and responsibility.

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS ACCEPTING AUDITIONS FOR START OF 6th SEASON

The Springfield Community Children's Chorus is announcing the start of their sixth season. SCCC is a secular chorus comprised of children in grades 3-6 who love to sing, make friends, and help our community. Singers meet every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 in Springfield.

Leslie Adler, SCCC's director says," This chorus is very special. The children learn to use their voices to create incredible music, but at the same time, they're making lifelong friendships and helping our community. It's

truly a wonderful organization."

The choir has performed at township events such as Veterans and Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King celebrations. They have raised money for children's charities and have performed concerts and sing alongs at Manor Care.

Singing, friendship and community; that's what the Springfield Community Children's Chorus is all about. It's not too late to join. For information, or to schedule a friendly audition, call us at 973-912-9925.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief James Sanford

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL
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PREVENT HOME FIRES

Many people believe that their home is a castle, a place of comfort and security. But do people regularly check for home fire hazards? If not, there is the potential for danger. In the United States, fire departments responded to nearly 400,000 home fires in 2006. That's why this year's theme for Fire Prevention and Education is Prevent Home Fires!

From October 5th through 24th, the Springfield Fire Department will visit both the public and private schools to spread the word to the communities that, with a little extra caution, preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-materials – is within their power.

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Keep space heaters three feet from anything that can burn.

- Turn space heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Have your chimney and heating equipment inspected every year.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Have smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms so that when one sounds, they all sound.

In the past, we have relied on the children to take what they have learned from our school visit back to families. This year the Springfield Fire Department will be holding an open house at Fire Headquarters on Saturday, October 25th from 1pm to 4pm. We hope that the children will motivate their families to come down to the firehouse and learn more about home safety.

CONGRATS TO SGT. COOK & UCERT TEAM



Members of the Union County Emergency Response Team participated in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge from September 9-11, and won the Colt Armament trophy. The Union county team was the only New Jersey team entered and placed 5th overall behind 3 full-time police tactical teams and a full-time military team. They were also the top out of state team participating.

Special congratulations should go to Sgt. John Cook, of the Springfield police department, for representing us so well, in addition to the other members of the county team.

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WALTON SCHOOL “RECESS RUNNERS”

Christine Alamorian, Health/PE Teacher at the Walton School, has just started a new exercise program called, “Recess Runners”. The goals of this program are to provide students with the opportunity to increase their physical activity level/heart rates during recess. Other benefits of this program include curriculum integration, goal setting, team building, and individual recognition. This is an optional alternative for recess on Wednesdays, weather permitting, for second grade students. On the first day of the program, Wednesday, September 17, 2008, over one hundred second grade students came to run at their recess time. Students log their laps by collecting popsicle sticks for each lap they run and recording it with Mrs. Alamorian when they have completed their running. When students reach the “10 Mile Club”, they will receive special certificates and recognition.

(right) Recess Runner
Ryan Pagnillo.



(above) Teacher Christine Alamorian with Recess Runners Amanda Brown & Alexander Wolz.



WARMING UP AT THE SPRINGFIELD YMCA

The weather may be cooling down but things are just warming up this fall at the Springfield YMCA. From free one on one coaching for members to programs for the whole family, there is something for everyone at the Y.

The YMCA is offering swim classes at the Springfield Holiday Inn. The pool is guarded by a YMCA Lifeguard and lessons are taught by a YMCA professional.

At the YMCA your little ones don’t need to sit on the sidelines! They are keeping those kids in mind with a Rookies Basketball program created for children 4 to 6 and Sports Fun for 3 to 5. Back by popular demand is Youth Tennis which is offered for children from 3 to 11 with varying levels of difficulty.

Kids will have to have their thinking caps on to take this new classes: Engineering (beginner, 6-8 and elementary, 9-11) and Computer Tots (ages 3-5).

As always, the YMCA’s much loved Dance Classes with the addition of the new Dance Your Way to Broadway class will be available. For a parent/child bonding and socializing experience, check out Music for Me and Creation Station.

Those ‘tweens need something to do and where better to do it than at the YMCA? They can come to the YMCA to join in a friendly game of Dodgeball (ages 9 to 12) or co-ed and girls Volleyball (ages 8 to 13). A Fun in Training (F.I.T) program is a sure fire way for 9 to 11 year olds to stay healthy and get fit with the help of their own trainer. Baseball Winter Conditioning (8-12) will be run by a YMCA Personal Trainer.

Have a Bruce Lee on your hands? Try Beginner Aikido (7-11) and Karate (4-10) both taught by Masters of the art.

Twelve year olds no longer have to wait to get into the fitness center thanks to an Introduction

to Circuit Training class. Once 13, teens can be trained to use the weight room and cardio room as well as take part in the Y’s new Teen Exercise Classes.

YMCA adult members enjoy a variety of classes with their membership such as Cardio Kickboxing, Yoga, Pilates, Indoor Cycling and Beginner Tai Chi. Such specialty classes as Belly Dancing and Aikido are offered at an additional fee.

Registration begins for the fall session on Monday, November 3rd for family members and Tuesday, November 4th for youth. Non-members are invited to sign up on Monday November 10th. Classes begin the week of November 17th and run until February 1, 2009.

For information on membership or any of their programs, please call the YMCA directly at 973-467-0838.

(below, l-r) Yellow belts Alex Halpin and Patrick Bauman preparing for another fun Friday at the Springfield YMCA’s Karate class.



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CALDWELL SCHOOL BIKERS CONQUER FUN OBSTACLES, LEARN ABOUT SAFETY

James Caldwell School students rode their bicycles to school on Thursday, September 18 as part of the School’s special “Bike to School Day.”

Springfield Police Officers Angelo Bonavitacola, John Rowley, and John Rachel spent the day at James Caldwell School teaching the students important safety tips while guiding them through several obstacle courses set up on the School’s playground.

During the day’s events, James Caldwell School students in grades 3 to 5 picked up valuable lessons regarding appropriate hand signals, the importance of wearing a helmet, paying attention to traffic, and more.

On an average day, approximately five James Caldwell School students ride their bikes to school. On “Bike to School Day” 135 of the School’s 226 students took advantage of the opportunity to ride and learn.

“As our teachers do every day, the Police Department made its lessons fun and memorable,” said Dave Rennie, Principal of James Caldwell School. “Our students enjoyed the unique school-wide event, and had the opportunity to learn and test important ways to stay safe while on their bikes.”



(above) Officers Angelo Bonavitacola, John Rowley, John Rachel, and Principal of JCS, Dave Rennie. Bikers: Victoria Salguero, Levi Chaikin, and Kylie Francis.



(above) Officer Rowley gives JCS student bike tips while riding through the obstacle course.



(above) Officer Bonavitacola instructs JC students on important bike safety.



(above) A JCS student rides through obstacle course.



(above) JCS students prepare to take on obstacle course.

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“DRACULA” COMES TO JONATHAN DAYTON HS

Jonathan Dayton High School proudly presents “Dracula,” a play by Stephen Hotchner, adapted from Bram Stoker’s classic tale of terror. Anthony DeNicolo, of the English department, will be directing students as they diligently take on challenging roles in an effort to continually progress their acting skills. Already, “Dracula” has promised to create excitement for audiences, with over thirty students auditioning- a remarkably high number for a fall drama. Dayton has also made upgrades to its stage in Halsey Hall, refurbishing the floor, and painting it to create a black box feel. Performances will be Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2008. Tickets will be sold at the door; \$5:00 for students and senior citizens and \$8.00 for adults. This play may be unsuitable for small children.

HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES AFG ACCREDITATION

Jonathan Dayton High School is celebrating the success of its Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools’ accreditation process, the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) protocol. The school has succeeded admirably in imparting a sense of mission, which extends naturally to its expressed core values, and culminates in the ideal portrait of its graduates. The Middle States Commission has extended its congratulations to JDHS for this fine work.

The visiting Validation Team, a group of four educators from four high schools in New Jersey was impressed by the school’s strong commitment to, and skill in, establishing a planning ethic. The team spent three days in April 2008 visiting classrooms and talking with students, parents and teachers, who spoke about their involvement in creating the goals for the school for the next seven years.

The school’s goals are two-fold: the school

community will focus on increased student achievement as well as increased involvement in co-curricular activities. Among the particular strengths exhibited by the staff, students and parents was the development of its foundations documents, i.e., Mission, Belief Statements and Profile of Graduates. In general, the purpose of these three documents is to serve in unison to guide and drive the school in its quest for growth and improvement.

Ms. Jackie Gilbert, the Associate Director for the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools stated, “Jonathan Dayton High School has succeeded admirably in imparting a sense of mission, which extends naturally to its expressed core values, and culminates in the ideal portrait of its graduate.” In fact, Ms. Gilbert was so impressed with the school’s work that she has asked permission to use their documents for training of all schools about the enter the AFG process.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL PROJECT



Biology Honors classes at Jonathan Dayton High School recently took part in a collaborative Internet project with the Stevens University Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education (CIESE). Students were asked to compile data on a genetics question, “Is the dominant trait the most prevalent trait?”

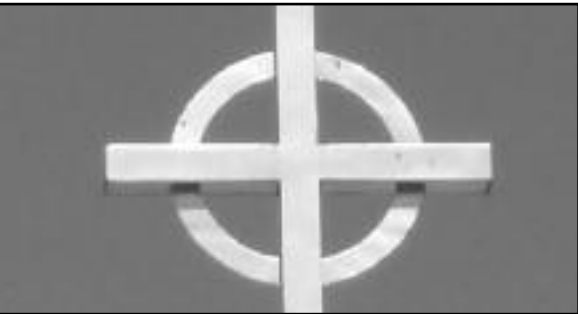
The students eagerly went on-line to describe Springfield and life at Jonathan Dayton to other participants around the world. After completing a survey of earlobes, hand characteristics and colorblindness, the students were able to add their findings to those of classes in Italy, Australia, Iran and the United States. Using laptop computers in the classroom enabled each

student to view the compiled data and post comments to the discussion section of the project.

Learning through real-world projects is a way to increase student interest and participation, according to their teacher Mrs. Irene Ornovitz. By extending the learning beyond the classroom, students can apply the content to the real world.

Edutopia.org, the George Lucas Education Foundation, recently interviewed Mrs. Ornovitz in an article about project-based learning at <http://edutopia.org>. More information can also be found on the CIESE website, <http://www.ciese.org> at curriculum K-12.

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AUTUMN LEAVE CLEAN-UP RULES - *Department of Public Works*

Autumn is approaching and with it comes the tradition of clearing our lawns and yards of the leaves that have fallen. The Township of Springfield collects leaves that are in trash can or paper biodegradable bags throughout the year. However, beginning on October 25 residents will be allowed to place their loose leaves in the curb area for collection by the Department of Public Works.

Each year the Department attempts to make this endeavor as easy as possible for our residents. There are however, certain mandates set forth by the State that we must adhere to. We must now operate within certain parameters to remain in compliance with these mandates that have been enacted. By cooperating with the simple rules set forth below we can be assured of problem free collection process.

If any resident has any questions they should contact the Department of Public Works at 972-912-2225.

1. Leaves cannot be placed loose in the curb area before October 25. They can however be placed in trash cans or paper recyclable bags for collection through October 31 as part of our regular grass collection program.

2. Please place only leaves in the curb area. No branches, stumps, logs, rocks, etc. will be collected. Piles of leaves with such debris will not be collected until the prohibited material is removed. The reason for this is that the Union County Compost facility where the material is taken only accepts leaves and grass. All truckloads are examined and if there is prohibited material within the load the entire load is rejected and reloaded onto the truck which is then returned to the Township where it must dump the load and the material must be separated. Obviously, this is a time and money consuming process that must be avoided.

3. No piles of leaves shall be placed within ten feet in either direction of a storm sewer/catch

basin. State regulations are quite explicit concerning the placement of material in the curb area adjacent to catch basins. The obvious reason for this is that material placed adjacent to a catch basins and storm sewers will eventually end up in the sewer lines and cause blockages that result in a possible flooding condition. Considering there are areas within the Township that are prone to flooding we trust that all residents will cooperate with this particular mandate. Another reason for not placing any debris or materials near a catch basin is that they drain into water supplies and can cause a pollution or contamination problem.

4. This is a very important rule that allows the Township to remain in compliance with the current stormwater regulations. Once leaves have been collected on a particular street residents must wait a period of five days before anymore leaves are placed curbside. Residents who employ landscapers must advise them of this very important rule. Although he may not be happy about this rule it is a rule that must be adhered to. If he has any questions he is free to call the Department for an explanation. Keep in mind that he is working for you and must adhere to your wishes and the State mandates and Township rules that apply to the collection process. The reason for this rule is so we can comply with the State mandates dictating that we have a certain amount of time to collect leaves that are placed loose in the streets. In order to accomplish this task with the amount of manpower available we require a five day window once your street is cleaned.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2008

Adult book discussion programs.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 AT 7 PM -

The (Really Good!)Book Discussion Group will be discussing THE GLASS CASTLE by Jeanette Walls.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15 AT 7 PM

The new Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will discuss THREE CUPS OF TEA by Greg Mortenson

THURSDAY, OCT. 16 AT 10 AM

The Great Books Discussion Group will discuss THE REPUBLIC by Plato.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 AT 7 PM

The (Really Good!) Book Discussion group will be presenting the author himself, Jeffrey Cohen, to discuss his hilarious mystery novel SOME LIKE IT HOT-BUTTERED.

YOUTH SERVICES

[includes children and young adult]

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SATURDAY OCT 4 @ 2PM

Ghost Hunting 101: Paranormal Investigating Find out about real NJ ghosts, ages 6+

SATURDAY OCT. 4 @ 3:45

The Thinking Reader's Book Club (grades 5-8), moderated by Mrs. Wendy Jones. Oct's book discussion is based on _The Adventures of Midnight Son_ by Denise Lewis Patrick. Call the youth services desk to get your copy. Nov's (Nov. 1) selection will be a fantasy. Refreshments.

SUNDAY OCT. 5 @ 2PM

Americana Family Jamboree – A sing-along for kids and adults.

SAT. OCT 18 @ 2PM

Teen Movie College Road Trip

WED. OCT. 22 @ 7PM

Artist Marcy Sukenick is back by popular demand with a new jewelry collage workshop—necklaces! Ideal craft for moms and daughters.

SUNDAY OCT 26 @ 2PM

Singing and Guitar playing duo Presley and Melody present an interactive program celebrating family and friendship. Funding for this program is provided by proceeds from the Springfield Pool Summer Camp's Penny War. Presley and Melody will sing a special song composed for these generous campers who unanimously voted to support the Springfield Free Public Library!

TUESDAY OCT 28 @ 10:30 AND

TUESDAY OCT. 14 @ 10:30

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MONDAY OCT. 20 & MONDAY OCT 28:

Campfire Stories @ 7pm. (Refreshments.)

Please call the library for exact schedule of the following programs:

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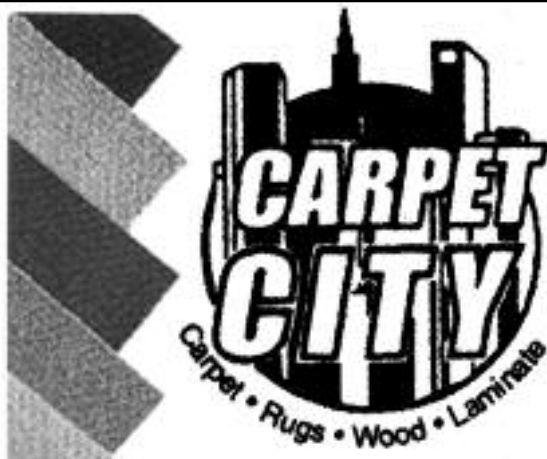
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- Bible Study every Wednesday @ 10:30am & 7pm
- Free Yoga every Thursday @ 9:15am (child care available)
- Gentle Arm-chair Yoga Thursdays @ 10:30am

Oct. 11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am

Oct. 12 Blessing of the Animals 2pm - Rain or Shine

Oct. 15 Lunch and a Movie - Noon

Oct. 18-19 "Four Centuries in a Weekend"

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Police Chief's Column

Chief William Chisholm

Following last month's column, the police department would like to continue to make the residents aware of issues that affect them throughout the summer and year.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Many new residents in the township are not familiar with the various parking regulations that deal with the parking of motor vehicles on township streets. The following areas discussed below are some common concerns and areas that all residents should be aware of that address parking. These are not all inclusive of the parking regulations but, are the more common problems the police department deals with daily and seasonally.

NO PARKING 2 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

No parking is allowed on any township street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. The township police department realizes that certain situations will arise that will necessitate temporary permission being granted to residents to allow parking of vehicles on the streets to accommodate specific problems. Some appropriate reasons for permission to be granted are: a paving or re-paving o driveway, an occasional visitor to the residence and the driveway is filled with other vehicles. The resident must contact

police headquarters on the business phone (973-376-0400) and request permission. Be prepared to provide the make and color of the vehicle, the license plate number of the vehicle and the period of time being requested. If deemed appropriate, the request will be honored for the specified period of time. Please Note! Should you be granted permission to leave a vehicle on the street overnight and it snows, your permission is automatically rescinded and you must remove the vehicle to allow for snow plowing.

TEMPORARY PARKING PROHIBITION FOR SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

Whenever snow or other precipitation has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers any roadway, highway, or street in the township, an emergency shall thereby exist, and no vehicle shall be parked on or so as to cover a street, roadway, highway, or any portion thereof. The restriction shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until any such roadway, highway, or street has been plowed sufficiently, or in any other manner cleared, so that such parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic or with the removal of snow. A vehicle in violation may be removed (towed) at the owner or operators cost after reasonable attempts have been made to contact the owner.

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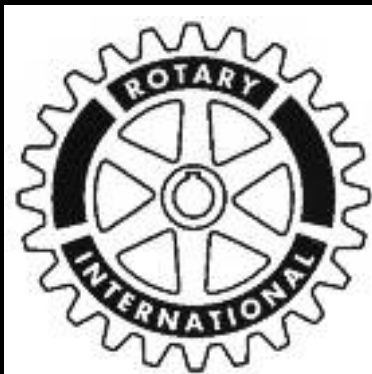
It is rapidly approaching flu season and the Springfield Board of Health will be conducting flu inoculation programs in conjunction with the Westfield Board of Health. Springfield residents can attend any of the following programs as a matter of convenience. Proof of residency may be required. Participants will be taken on a first come/first serve basis.

Anyone that is Medicare Part B eligible must please bring their card to the program

The following are groups recommended to receive influenza vaccine (i.e., the flu shot):

- Persons aged 65 years and older, with and without chronic health conditions
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Persons aged 2–64 years with chronic health conditions
- Children aged 6–59 months, who attend any licensed child care center or pre-school activity
- Pregnant women
- Health-care personnel who provide direct patient care
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged <6 months

For additional information, contact the Springfield Health Department at (908) 789-4070, Ext. #4077 or Westfield Health Department at (908) 789-4070.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008Summit – Senior Housing Center
(1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

12 Chestnut Avenue, Summit, NJ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008New Providence – Senior Citizens Center
(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

15 E. 4th Street, New Providence, NJ

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008Mountainside Municipal Building
(6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)

1385 Rt. #22 East, Mountainside, NJ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008Fanwood Recreation Center
(6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)

Forest Road, Fanwood, NJ

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008Springfield Municipal Building
(6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)

100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008Garwood Municipal Building
(6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)

403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ (Court Room)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008Roselle Park High School
(8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon)

185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, NJ

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPT RUNS TOYS FOR TOTS

We would like to thank all of you who donated toys for the 2007 Toys for Tots collection program, there were around 25,000 toys collected from our district.

This year there are children in our own local communities who won't know the joy of opening a gift this holiday season. The Springfield Fire Department, the Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Marine Corp Reserves once again have joined forces for a successful Toys for Tots program and we are asking for your help.

Please help by making a donation of a new, unwrapped toy and or a financial donation to this worthy cause. Toy's can be dropped off at the Fire Department or at the collection boxes in each School. Financial donations should be dropped off at the Fire Department or sent in an envelope to the attention of Alice Kerr, EV

Walton School, Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools Treasurer. All checks must be made payable to Marine Corp Reserves. Toys are collected for children up to the age of 15. Gift cards from Barnes & Noble are also accepted. All Houses of Worship and Civic Organizations are asked to participate. Please contact F/F Tom Ernst.

The Fire Department will distribute the toys to the town's needy and forward the rest to the Marine Corp Reserve unit. The drive kicks off on October 1st and will end for the season on December 12th. If you know of a needy Springfield family please contact Firefighter Tom Ernst. All calls will be kept confidential.

Firefighter Tom Ernst, Toys for Tots, Coordinator . Gloria P. Rego, President Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools Springfield Fire Department, 973-376-4485, CCGofSS@verizon.net

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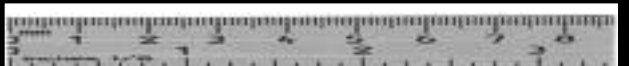
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