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Message from the Mayor

Greetings!

As we end the summer months move into the fall season, we have seen a major development in progress downtown. Excavation of the Gomes Redevelopment site began and approximately 80 truck trips per day have been carrying excavated soil off the site. Permits have been issued for construction of the new building foundation. Demolition of two residential structures will be performed in the near future. A Redevelopment agreement has been prepared and unanimously passed by the Township Committee.

The Larkin redevelopment project located at the corner of Morris Avenue, Church Mall and Walnut Court is under construction. Foundation, floor, and steel construction has been performed. Upper floor framing has commenced and will continue over the next 2-3 months.

Our Department of Public Works has completed cleanup of curbside debris, streams and culverts that were completely blocked from storm debris. Blockages were also cleared at the Morris Ave bridge, in addition to trees that fell further down the Rahway River. We are proud to report that the DPW cleanup was done with no overtime costs to the town. We are always appreciative of their efforts!

The State of New Jersey approved our request of an extension to complete our Revaluation of Springfield. The Union County Board of Taxation will monitor the progress of the program and ensure necessary steps are taken to successfully complete the update for the 2022 tax year. Our objective is to resume the revaluation once protocols indicate it is safe to do so.

The Springfield Free Public Library began to offer entry inside the library building to Springfield residents ages 18 and older. Library patrons may sign up for thirty minute time slots. All guests entering the library will be required to wear a mask and have their temperatures taken upon entering. To register, please call the library at (973) 376-4930, ext. 221. If you have any questions, please contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org.

Vote by mail ballots will be mailed in waves very soon. All registered active voters will automatically get a vote by mail ballot, regardless of party affiliation. For more information, or you have a question, contact the Union County Clerk's Office at ucvote@ucnj.org or 908-527-4996. Please don't forget to vote.

Lastly, please be aware garbage collection returns to it's regularly scheduled pickup on Thursdays and Fridays. Recycling remains on Wednesday. If you should have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 973-912-2225.

Stay safe!

Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.

STATE OF NJ APPROVES SPRINGFIELD EXTENSION FOR REVALUATION

The Division of Taxation, State of New Jersey, approved the extension of time from 2021 to the tax year 2022 to complete their Revaluation. The COVID-19 pandemic and the public health emergency declared by the Governor were overriding factors in the Board's decision. The Union County Board of Taxation will monitor the progress and ensure the necessary steps are taken to successfully complete the updates for the 2022 tax year. The goal is for Springfield to resume revaluation once guidance indicates it is safe to do so.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce regrets that the Fall Festival can not be held in a safe manner. We hope to be back and see everyone next Fall for the Festival.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE

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"The Class started in February but was halted in Mid March due to the COVID-19 pandemic" noted Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel. "They were able to reinstate the class in August and graduate the 3 candidates." The Basic Auxiliary Police Class is presented approximately once a year and conducted by County Emergency Management offices. In this case, noted Springfield OEM Deputy Coordinator and Springfield Police Sergeant, Ryan Westover, "I was able to secure 3 places in a class in Bergen County as Union County did not conduct a class this year. A bit of a ride but that just shows the dedication of these volunteers to "go the distance" to get their training and be able to serve the community." More information about the Auxiliary Police can be found at: <https://springfield-nj.us/departments/emergency-management/>

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Due to the COVID-19 situation Meetings may be cancelled or held with public call in only. Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meetings, Tuesday, September 22,
October 13 and 27 at 7 pm

The following meetings may not be held in September
Check the Township's website springfield-nj.us

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 Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4, 2020 thru October 10, 2020

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 95 years, has announced "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 4th thru 10th, 2020. NFPA's focus on cooking fire safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires.

"Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The good news is that the vast majority of these fires are highly preventable. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them."

This year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely. "As the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well." Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" will include the following:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Springfield Fire Department will get a jump on the message during the month of October, with presentations among classrooms throughout the Township of Springfield. Springfield Firefighters look forward to conducting pumper visits/assemblies for Pre K through 3rd grade reinforcing the message of "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen"

Springfield Free Public Library
66 Mountain Avenue
973-376-4930

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

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY OFFERS VIRTUAL FOREIGN FILM SERIES W/LECTURES AND DISCUSSION

The Springfield Free Public Library has found a way to continue its annual foreign film series, even as the COVID-19 pandemic keeps us from meeting in person inside the library. In a slight departure from its usual format, the library has scheduled virtual lectures by Gerard Amsellem, an artist, educator and filmmaker who has made the study of international films his passion. Scheduled for 7:00 pm one Thursday evening a month from September through December, the series will cover the following topics:

September 24 – French Cinema, with a specific focus on the 2007 film *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*
October 8 – Italian Cinema, with a specific focus on the 1988 film *Cinema Paradiso*
November 12 – German Cinema, with a specific focus on the 2005 film *Sophie Scholl*
December 10 – New Zealand Cinema, with a specific focus on the 2002 film *Whale Rider*

Although the library will not be able to provide in-house screenings of these movies due to the current pandemic, Springfield Library patrons have free access to all four of these films through the library's participation in Hoopla. People interested in viewing these films are encouraged to watch them in advance of each of the scheduled programs and there are no limits on the number of library patrons who are able to view the film through the library's Hoopla account at any one time. For library patrons who already have a library card but are not yet registered with Hoopla, registration can be accomplished within about thirty seconds by going to <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> and then clicking on the link to get started. If you are not already registered as a patron at the Springfield Free Public Library, you must first go to www.springfieldpublic-library.com where you will see a link on the picture stream that will get you started with a temporary library card.

These films are accessible through Hoopla to residents of other communities that belong to the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC). In addition to Springfield, other libraries in Union County that are members of LMxAC include Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Plainfield, Roselle and Roselle Park. Residents of other communities may check with their libraries to see if these films are available for viewing through digital or streaming services or in DVD format.

The zoom link for the September 24 program is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89515113472?pwd=STJqNDIKZH03YkxwM2RnRlliUjFrUT09>

The links for the subsequent programs in the series will be publicized during the week before each session.

Each of the four sessions that Mr. Amsellem will present will cover the history of cinema in the country

being spotlighted, followed by a discussion of the film itself, including the background of the director. This will be followed by a question and answer session with those in attendance.

Raised in France, Gerard Amsellem moved to the United States in 1982 after having studied painting at the University of Paris and after having earned Master's Degrees in both French Literature and Art History. He then studied film at the Tisch School at New York University. He is passionate about getting people to understand film as an art form and teaching them how to "read" a film. His non-profit organization, New Wave Productions (www.NewWaveProductions.org), focuses on art history and film.

This program is made possible by funding from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Funding is also provided by a generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For your safety and for the safety of the library staff, please do not use the book and AV drops at the Hannah Street (front) entrance to the library while caution tape remains in place because of downed trees.

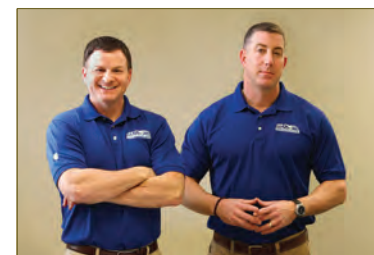
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9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

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At 9:03 am, the time when Flight 175 crashed into the south tower there was a second salute and ringing of the bell commenced again.

After the Salute, Mayor Christopher Capodice read a Proclamation and the group moved to Patriot Park to the Adler-Heltibridle Community Garden named after the two Township residents that perished in the Tower collapse. Police Chief John Cook and Fire Captain Michael Mastroeni placed the wreath at the garden.

In total, 2,595 people inside and near the towers were killed, along with the 157 people who were aboard the flights on September 11, 2001.



MAYOR'S DAY

The Committee presents the Mayor with his framed picture of the course. (l to r, Dr. Gary Hecht, Michael Quick, Scott Seidel, Mayor Christopher Capodice and Joel Millman)



Raffle Winners, Steve Fischbein (left) won the BMW Bicycle and Matt Fleissner (2nd from left) won the TV.



Low Net Winner John Trainor receives his prize.



Low Gross Winner Tom Collins receives his prize.

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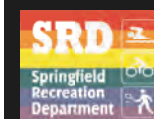
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Movie in Chisholm Park

Love, Simon

Thursday, October 1
(Rain date Sunday, October 4)

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6:30 pm - Front & Center
6:45 pm - Remarks
7:00 pm - Movie



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TOWNSHIP SEEKS SURVEY RESPONSES ON LOCAL TV PROGRAMMING

The Township of Springfield is exploring the expansion of its TV station programming during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to provide new and more relevant opportunities for residents of all ages to improve their mental health, educate themselves on diverse topics, and maintain active and healthy lifestyles. Content will be produced and provided by the Township of Springfield, Springfield Recreation Department, Summit Area YMCA, Springfield Public Schools, and other local entities. We want to hear from you! Please fill out the short survey at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mGsqCezWz7iuW3rbBaoLXdqavLNA54XZEMJFRfMwmo> and let us know the types of programs you are interested in viewing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

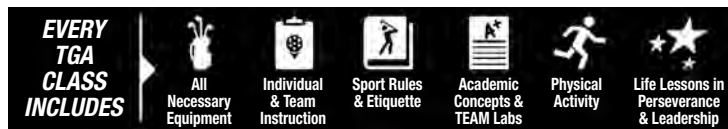
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Day: THURSDAYS

Dates: 9/17/2020 - 10/22/2020

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Cost: \$135.00 / 6 weeks

Who: All kids ages 6 -11

Location: Chisholm Park

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SPRINGFIELD HELPING SENIORS

WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19?
DO YOU NEED HELP MINIMIZING YOUR EXPOSURE?

A group of neighbors has volunteered to do limited emergency grocery shopping and pick-up prescriptions for Springfield's elderly residents.

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MAYOR'S DAY

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The tournament, started in 1960, raises money for Jonathan Dayton High School Seniors. Scott Seidel, Tournament Chairman, commented, "2020 is a challenging year for any event and we were very fortunate and pleased to have been able to hold this event at all. With Baltustol's Lower Course still closed for major renovations, we were able to hold the event on the Upper Course with about half our number of players. But with COVID-19 Concerns as well, it was a challenge. The weather was perfect and the golfers enjoyed a great day!" Everyone wore masks and remained socially distance from the other groups.

"To be able to play on this world famous golf course is always a rare privilege and a thrill, and despite the COVID-19 imposed restrictions everyone enjoyed the day" commented long time golfer in the tournament and committee member Joel Millman. Committee member Michael Quick said "We were at about 50% or less of our normal capacity but we hope to be able to make a nice donation to the Scholarship Fund in June of 2021." Dr. Gary Hecht, the Fourth Committee member, said, "Even though it's been four years, the 2016 PGA Championship which was held at Baltusrol has certainly helped keep our event very popular." A cocktail hour was held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm and then dinner and awards followed at 5:30 pm. Jennifer Sherman greeted all the players as they arrived and checked them in, handing out masks if needed. Gennifer Abraham and Amy Roselle, office managers for Seidel and Hecht respectively, provided logistical support in keeping track of all the golfers and their Registrations.

Seidel further commented to the Patriot Times, "Without the generous support of Baltusrol, its Board of Directors, General Manager Kevin Vitale, Head Pro Ryan Fountaine, and all their staff, this event would simply not be possible. I would also like to thank our major sponsors: Our "Hole in One" sponsor, Autoland of Springfield, who unfortunately was able to take their cars back after the Tournament! BMW of Springfield provided the grand raffle prize, a BMW bicycle, two BMW Golf Bags and Umbrellas. Sofias, Spanish Tavern and Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance all donated \$100 Gift Certificates which were used as prizes as well. This past June the Committee donated \$20,000 to Jonathan Dayton High School Seniors."

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION FALL 2020 MULTI SPORTS CAMP

CLASS HELD OUTDOORS AT CHISHOLM PARK

**SEPTEMBER 28
AND OCTOBER 12
FULL OR HALF DAY**

Full Day Program
9 am - 4 pm
\$80

Half Day Program
9 am - 12 pm
\$50

Participants will enjoy a variety of different sports throughout the day learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. This camp is outdoor only. This camp is outdoor only. NJ Department of Health guidelines will be followed. For more information on how the program will operate please visit USsportsInstitute.com

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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

**AGES 5 - 11
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS**

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Wear face covering when necessary

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PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

(ALMOST) BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY

Even though some of the local school districts have started this school year fully virtual, some are back in session, and students are traveling back and forth to school each day. Hopefully in the near future, as we make more positive progress in dealing with this pandemic, all schools will be operating in-person again. So despite the limited in-person school openings, and with anticipation that more and more schools will soon move toward in-person classes, I want to take this opportunity to remind the readers of the Springfield Patriot Times of some back-to-school traffic safety tips that will help keep everyone safer while on the road. While the police officers and crossing guards who are posted throughout town do their best to keep our roadways safe, EVERYONE must do their part to ensure we all reach our destinations safely.

All motorists must bring their vehicle to a complete stop at least 25 feet away from a school bus with flashing red lights. This applies to traffic in both directions. Vehicles must remain stopped until the bus deactivates its red lights and continues. The only exception to this rule is if the bus is on the opposite side of the road with a median in the middle, you must then slow down to 10 mph.

As per NJ motor vehicle law, the speed limit is 25mph when passing through a school zone during recess, when the presence of children is clearly visible from the roadway, or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours. In Springfield, most of our school zones have reduced speed warnings with flashing signs when this 25mph limit applies, as a reminder to motorists. However, drivers should always slow down and be extra cautious anytime they pass through school areas when school is in session. Sports events and other extracurricular activities often run after the regular school day ends, and some activities are held before the normal school day begins.

Anyone driving on school properties should drive slowly and with extreme caution, especially during the times students are being dropped off or picked up. Children lack auditory localization, and may unexpectedly dart in front of oncoming vehicles if they're not paying full attention. In addition, idling of vehicles for more than 2 minutes is prohibited on all school properties. This applies to vehicles waiting in a large queue within the school lots (such as the Walton School line in the morning and afternoon), but not for vehicles stuck in traffic on the main roadways who are waiting to enter the lot. These vehicles must remain running, with the proper turn signal activated, until traffic begins moving again.

Pedestrians are reminded to utilize crosswalks and obey traffic signals when crossing the street, and to only cross when it is safe to do so. Motorists must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Crossing guards are posted throughout the town during the school year to ensure children pedestrians cross safely. Even though crossing guards are only responsible for children pedestrians, I urge adults to set a good example for their children and obey the crossing guards' directions as well.

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VETERANS CORNER

By Gerry Gebauer

The state has loosened the restrictions on meetings for organizations. Many American Legion and other veteran organizations are opening their post's building again. The number of attendees may be limited but you can go into a post for drink, if you wear a mask and keep social distance. Continental Post 228 of the American Legion in Springfield will hold meetings starting this September 10th and every second Thursday of the month for the rest of the year. We meet at Millburn Post 140, 200 Main Street, Millburn. The Post has a meeting room big enough for everyone to be ten feet apart. Post 228 is the lone remaining veteran's organization in Springfield. Any veteran interested in joining our organization can call me, Gerry Gebauer, Commander, at 908-358-2517 for membership application.

SUMMER DRIVE-IN MOVIE

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Families set up picnics with food from home or had dinner delivered directly to their cars via advance purchase from the Boxcar app courtesy of local restaurant partners TD Pizza, Super Stuffed Burgers, and Alen's Deli & Catering. Complimentary goody bags were prepared and distributed by Mike Scalera and staff of Mike Scalera State Farm Insurance of Springfield.

"Secret Life of Pets 2" premiered in 2019 and was a sequel to the successful Universal Pictures and Illumination-produced 2016 animated film. The sequel focuses on the antics of a group of pets on a farm, in an apartment building, and on a moving train. Characters were voiced by Patton Oswalt ("The King of Queens"), Kevin Hart ("Ride Along"), Harrison Ford ("Star Wars," "Indiana Jones"), Eric Stonestreet ("Modern Family"), Jenny Slate ("SNL"), Lake Bell ("Harley Quinn"), Tiffany Haddish ("The Last O.G."), Ellie Kemper ("The Office"), Bobby Moynihan ("SNL"), and Dana Carvey ("SNL").

Parking lot preparation, logistical assistance, supplemental lighting, and medical stand-by support was provided by Boxcar, Springfield Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management, First Aid Squad, Department of Public Works, and Recreation Department. Boxcar is a Chatham-based integrated commuting company that specializes in on-demand train station parking, luxury motor coach service to Manhattan, grocery delivery, drive-in movies, car detailing, landscaping, and outdoor pools. Questions on upcoming special events? Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE SPONSORS

As the start of the 2020-2021 season of the Springfield Recreation Department's men's street hockey league gets underway, sponsors of the 2019-2020 season were recognized with custom hockey sticks as a show of thanks for their financial support of the league. Pictured with league commissioner Ken Harter are sponsors Dr. Josh Smilow of Smilow Family Dentistry, Joe Pereira of A&J Pereira Electrical Contracting, and Matthew Calderone of www.learn CPR.me. For more information on playing in the league or becoming a sponsor, please email recreation@springfield-nj.us.



2020 MEDICAL HONOREE FOR MARCH ON FOR BRAIN INJURY



Springfield resident Brian D. Greenwald, MD, is currently the Medical Director at the Center for Brain Injuries and the Associate Medical Director of JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute. He is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Core

Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Hackensack-Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University.

Dr. Greenwald is the Director for the Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute and is the Medical Director for the JFK Johnson Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems of care grant. He has been the recipient of multiple awards for his clinical work, research work, and teaching. Dr. Greenwald has published multiple articles and book chapters in the areas of brain injury rehabilitation. Currently he is involved in several research studies to improve the care of brain injury survivors.

Dr. Greenwald has served on the Board of Trustees for the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey for nearly 20 years and is currently Vice President of the Board of Trustees. He is well known and respected for the care of his patients both in New Jersey and New York. He resides in Springfield with his wife and children.

TOWNSHIP JOB OPENING ASSISTANT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Township of Springfield seeks a part-time Assistant to the Tax Collector. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, billing, reporting, enforcement and collection. This includes assisting the Collector with receipt, deposit, reconciliation and recording of payments received to the appropriate account ledgers, tax liens and/or delinquent ledgers. Assisting with preparation and mailing of tax bills and correspondence, as well as, preparation and conduct of the annual Tax sale. This position provides direct service to the general public, applicant must be motivated, have excellent communication skills and ability to work cooperatively with employees, local officials and other department heads. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required. Knowledge of Edmunds municipal software preferred. Hours preferred are Monday – Friday, 10:00 am -2:00 pm Send letter of interest and resume to Lauren Cacioppo, Tax Collector lauren.cacioppo@springfield-nj.us by September 30, 2020. The Township of Springfield is an E.O.E.



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BRAIN

Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways. Change mood and behavior, and make it harder to think clearly and move with coordination.

HEART

CARDIOMYOPATHY: stretching and drooping of heart muscle
ARRHYTHMIA: irregular heart beat
STROKE - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

LIVER

INFLAMMATION:
STEATOSIS OR FATTY LIVER
ALCOHOLIC HEPATITIS
FIBROSIS - CIRRHOSIS

CANCER

The more alcohol a person drinks particularly the more alcohol a person drinks regularly over time the higher his or her risk of developing an alcohol associated cancer.

Which are the following :

HEAD AND NECK CANCER
ESOPHAGEAL CANCER
LIVER CANCER - BREAST CANCER
COLORECTAL CANCER

PANCREAS

Produce toxic substances that can eventually lead to pancreatitis, dangerous inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels and prevent proper digestion

IMMUNE SYSTEM

Drinking too much can weaken your immune system, making your body a much easier target for disease.



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