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RESIDENT RESCUED FROM SMOKE-FILLED APARTMENT

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Engine 3's crew encountered a moderate smoke condition coming from under the door of a second floor apartment. Upon confirming an active fire, Fire Captain James Anagnos transmitted a General Alarm calling for additional manpower. In the meantime, Firefighters Joseph Popolo and Walter Heckel entered the apartment with a hoseline to attack the fire. Firefighter Altay Vigilante secured a water supply from the hydrant. Firefighter Stewart Jurczak, using the thermal imaging camera, found a resident still sleeping. Firefighters were able to remove the disoriented man from his smoke-filled apartment.

The fire was confined to the apartment's kitchen and was quickly extinguished. Fire Chief James



(above) F/F Walter Heckel, Captain James Anagnos, F/F Stewart Jurczak, F/F Joseph Popolo, F/F Altay Vigilante

Sanford and the Ladder Company arrived and began assisting with ventilation/overhaul. The fire was placed under control at 3:18 am.

No injuries were reported to firefighters or residents. Residents of neighboring apartments were able to

return to their homes before 4 am. The point of origin of the fire was determined to be a trash can unintentional and the cause was unintentional. The smoke detector in the apartment was not operational at the time of the fire.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Springfield District Teacher of the Year 2010-2011 - Wendy Garrod



Jonathan Dayton High School, Lauren Rollis



Gaudineer Middle School, Sarah David



Walton School, Beth Elmo



Sandmeier School, LeEtta Palumbo



Caldwell School, Lynn Louis

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Message from the Mayor



I am happy to announce that I proclaimed May as Pedestrian Safety and Awareness Month in Springfield. Recently, the State of New Jersey revised traffic laws to provide additional protection for pedestrians. Our town has many active residents who wisely choose to walk instead of driving or walk for fitness reasons and the business community depends on patrons on foot. My initiative is possible thanks to cooperation from the Police Division under the leadership of Captain Davis. They have identified high traffic and dangerous crosswalks that they will target to ensure motorists are following the law which requires drivers to come to a complete stop when a pedestrian enters a crosswalk. Similar enforcement programs have worked successfully, especially in nearby communities, and reduce the number of pedestrian accidents.

In a continued effort to provide effective representation, Committeeman Marc Krauss and I are drafting an ordinance to address concerned residents who are bothered by door-to-door solicitors. The new law will provide residents an opportunity to “opt-out” by subscribing to a “do-not-knock” list similar to the “do-not-call” registry. More information will be forthcoming.

As a result of unfortunate circumstances, the Township Committee was forced to disassociate from the Springfield Volunteer Fire Company. They are an independently self-governed group with their own by-laws. We did not disband or dissolve that Company as we are an outside party without that authority. However, their own membership committee, comprised of two members who are suing the town for jobs, sent notices to most of their members advising them of their options to either resign or be terminated. This left the Company with only three active members. Volunteers and family members contacted me because they were distraught over these actions. It reflected poorly on the Township although it was not something we or their own President could control. After repeated attempts to embrace and accommodate the Volunteer Fire Company, it had become an inadequate and unsustainable organization that could not serve the best interests of the Township. This troubled me greatly because volunteer recruitment, recognition and appreciation has been and is a major focus of my term. In response, I proposed an ordinance, 2010-10, that creates a position for volunteers within the Fire Division under the authority of the Chief. The ordinance also provides the volunteers with incentives, an opportunity for compensation and reassurances of hiring priority as paid members. Additionally, the ordinance reiterates our commitment to ensure more than the present adequate staffing levels by directing the Chief to schedule volunteers alongside paid members. Furthermore, the F.M.B.A. union was using outdated language in the ordinances to claim that they were staffed at levels below the authorized Table of Organization. The ordinance amends the Table of Organization by removing those positions that were either civilianized or are obsolete.

Our Township Administrator, Mr. Anthony Cancro, instituted a new “customer service survey” program to help me improve accountability in Town Hall. These forms can be found throughout the various municipal offices and seek your feedback regarding any interaction you may have had with municipal employees. Please take the time to complete and return the survey so we can continue to make improvements.

On Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m., join me in Town Hall for a friendly Property Tax Forum to discuss local property taxes, the impact of the economy on the municipal budget, our efforts towards fiscal responsibility and your ideas to reduce taxes. I look forward to seeing you!

I am holding open office hours on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. Please e-mail me at mayor@zashehady.com or call 973-912-2299 to make an appointment or schedule alternate arrangements. Additionally, contact me if you would like to host coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) of concern to your group. For more frequent updates, visit my website at www.zashehady.com.

P.S. After many talks with Comcast and Verizon representatives, I am excited to announce that Springfield has its own public television channel to broadcast official information, notices and meetings. Our assigned channel on Comcast is #964 and Verizon is coming soon. Tune in but please be patient as we develop this new system.

Making Progress, Moving Forward!

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

REGISTRATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR DAY CAMP AND POOL

The 2010 summer is rapidly approaching and the recreation department has already begun accepting registrations for the day camp and municipal pool. The seasonal rates for the pool are the same as they were last year for residents, while they were increased slightly for non-residents. In an effort to respond to the suggestions of our residents, we are introducing a single day pass, as well as a 2-day and 3-day pass this year (these must be used on consecutive days) and are available for residents and non-residents. In addition we are offering a

seasonal weekend pass that will be available only for residents.

In past years residents were only allowed to join the pool as a seasonal member and could not even come in as a guest. We are hoping the new options will enable more residents to enjoy the pool this year.

Please call the recreation department with any questions about the new choices and enjoy the summer, the number is 973-912-2227. You can also find the pool and camp rates on the town website: www.Springfield-NJ.US

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

**NOTE: NEW AFTERNOON TIME
FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING!**

This is an excellent opportunity for senior citizens, night workers and busy parents to come to one of our meetings.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.
Regular meeting: May 11th
Executive Session 1:00 pm.
followed by Regular meeting 1:30 pm.

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 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, 7:30 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.
Meetings: April 12th
Reorganization meeting: April 26th

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES

April 15th & 29nd

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Springfield Garden Club will feature a talk on Flower Arranging at its meeting on Wednesday May 12th at 7:30 p.m. As flowers of all varieties are now appearing, arranging principals are important for showing your garden off to its best advantage.

Our speaker will be Peggy Stone of Lotus Petals Florist in Maplewood. There will be time for your questions and visitors are welcome. We meet at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall.
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people making great connections, and new
business, at these events. Don't miss this
opportunity to keep building your business.*

*Bring a friend, bring a few friends! This event
is open to everyone who wants to make new
connections and do more business.*

*Thank you to our host, Williams Nursery,
for providing the space and food!*

Chamber Members: \$10
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NETWORKING EVENT AT SOPHIA'S

Dozens of businesses turned out for a networking event held at Sofia's Italian Restaurant located on Morris Ave. in Springfield.



(above, l-r) Greg Roth, Rick Pavoni and Michael Scalera

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING PHOTOS

The Kiwanis Club hosted the Springfield Business Community at Echoqua Bistro on April 12th. For more information on Kiwanis activities call 908-432-1406.



(above, l-r) Deputy Mayor Bart Fraenkel; Tony Zeleniak, Kiwanis Club President and Mayor Ziad Shehady.



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30 YEARS OF COACHING BASKETBALL

Recreation Director Michael Tennaro presented Tom Wisniewski with a plaque for his 30 years of service to the basketball program.



BUCK-A-BOOK MONTH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Springfield Public Schools' All For One Fund succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. A total of 100 businesses and families sponsored classes, resulting in pledged donations of \$25,000! To earn this amount Springfield's students read an astounding 45,566 books/chapters!

Each school contributed to this total and each exceeded its goal of 250 books/chapters per class. The following classes read the most in their grades:

- WALTON:** Marketta Pre-K
O'Connor K
Ricardo 1st grade
Kinney 2nd grade
- SANDMEIER:** Frankhouser 3rd grade
Erickson 4th grade
Handy 5th grade
- CALDWELL:** Beirly/Chang 3rd grade
Friedman/Heron 4th grade
Lynn 5th grade
- FMG:** Compton 6th grade
Kanterman 7th grade
Schottland 8th grade
- JDHS:** Chomko Period 2 9th grade
Carlson Period 2 10th grade
Runne-Kuhn Period 2 11th grade
Rollis Period 2 12th grade

The class that did the most reading district wide was Mr. Erickson's 4th grade at Sandmeier who read 2,516 chapters all by themselves!

BUSINESS GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



(above) Scott Seidel, Lou Del Mauro and Mayor Ziad Shehady and Nina & Luigi Del Mauro.

Louis Del Mauro of L. Del Mauro & Sons Inc. and Del Mauro Construction Company of Springfield, presented checks to five Township Organizations at the Tuesday, April 13th Township Committee meeting. Checks were presented to Springfield Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair Scott Seidel to be distributed to the 5

groups. Checks were written to the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, Springfield PBA, Springfield FMBA and Springfield HOPE. Lou had stated last year that he would donate 5% of his earnings from his grass clipping removal earnings from Township residents in town back to these organizations

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CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY POSTER CONTEST

The Springfield Environmental Commission is pleased to announce the results of the Clean Communities Day Poster Contest. Out of 360 entries there were 12 Winners and 33 Honorable Mentions. The children who participated either live or go to school in Springfield.

PRE-K & K WINNER: Kylie Heath;

Honorable Mention: Linsey Cornelison, Chizimuzo Nnamani

1ST GRADE WINNER: Isabella Jeczo;

Honorable Mention: Giancarlo Fini

2ND GRADE WINNER: Zachary Gelo;

Honorable Mention: Evelyn Tilelli, Janna M. Wohl

3RD GRADE WINNER: Katherine Zarembers;

Honorable Mention: Arianna Braxton, Juliana DaSilva, Rayana Patania, Carina Servella

4TH GRADE WINNER: Lauren Rechner;

Honorable Mention: Adam Gelo, Adam Kaunfer, Jaime Kenter, Gabriella Petruzzella, Abhinit Sundar

4TH GRADE - ST. JAMES WINNERS:

Andrew Prescott, Camille Martinez;

Honorable Mention: Francisco Cunningham, Sherilynn Garcia, Thea Stratman-Olibrice

5TH GRADE WINNER: Surya Mahkar;

Honorable Mention: Emily Sickinger

5TH GRADE ST JAMES WINNER: Jennifer Masnyj;

Honorable Mention: Madison Jones, Samantha Jules Ingrid Veloso,

6TH - 8TH GRADES WINNERS:

Shakai Stepney, Diana Siuta;

Honorable Mention: Ariadna Cordova, Elizabeth Giambattista, Taylor Friedman, Lorenzo Nacci, Elana Neher, Johann Ryan, Vernon Videna

9TH - 12TH GRADE WINNER: Anna Czarny;

Honorable Mention: Giulia Arpino, Halay Lynn, Matt Micolta,

Amy Shtafman, Rachel Zolotarsky



In order to be certified as a “Bronze Level Sustainable Community” by the Sustainable Jersey program, Greening Springfield has identified and is implementing community initiatives that reflect our Township’s commitment to sustainability. Here are a few things that have already been accomplished by our active community:

- Created a demonstration rain garden in front of the annex building across from town hall
- Recycling in all municipal buildings
- Farmers Market in town which promotes local NJ farms
- Cut it and Leave it - Did you know that leaving cut grass on your lawn is better for the environment since the “waste” is converted to fertilizer and helps the sod to retain more moisture?

Department of Public Works has put recycling bins throughout the parks and fields including basketball courts, soccer fields, and playgrounds. Additional items that the team is working on

NEWS FROM THE DPW REGARDING GRASS CLIPPINGS

The Department of Public Works would like to advise Township residents that they may drop their grass clippings off at the DPW garage located at 54 Center Street from May 1st through October 23rd. The specific days the clippings may be dropped off are Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:00 am through 9:00 am. Clippings may be put in paper recyclable bags or in trash cans. Under no circumstances can Public Works accept any material placed in any type of plastic bag.

In the spirit of environmental responsibility, the Public Works Department requests that all residents consider adopting a “cut it and leave it” approach to lawn care. A few facts regarding

leaving grass clippings on the lawn after cutting are listed below.

- Using a mulching mower will chop the clippings into fine pieces that are barely visible.
- Grass clippings contain 80 to 85% water and decompose very quickly when left on the lawn.
- Clippings help keep moisture in the soil for a longer period of time, reducing the need for frequent watering.
- Up to 25% of a lawn’s total fertilizer needs can be met if cuttings are left on the lawn.
- Average mowing time can be reduced by 30% when clippings are not bagged.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES



Fifth grade students from James Caldwell School teamed up for some “yard work” around the school on Tuesday, April 20th. This activity was part of a week’s worth of events in celebration of Earth Day. Other activities included a presentation to fourth graders by

Union County Tree Stewards, saplings given to third graders to plant at home, and “Bike to School Day” on Friday, April 23rd. In addition, students took part in the second annual “Book Swap” in which students brought in old books to exchange with one another.

GREENING SPRINGFIELD IS ON TRACK TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION

to make Springfield green are:

- Energy Audits on municipal buildings
- Evaluating rooftops on municipal buildings for solar panels. This county program will allow us to install them free of charge benefit from a discount on our energy bills
- Putting together a Green Business Recognition Program, which will educate local businesses on sustainable practices and promote these businesses in the community.
- Establishment of a Greening Springfield Education Series, which held its first lecture on Your Carbon Footprint at the Springfield Library

Historic Preservation is also one of many ways to get points for community sustainability. The Springfield Historical Society is starting restoration work on the Cannon Ball House, which is an important part of Springfield’s revolutionary history. Structural restoration will make it possible for the house to be open to the public this summer.

FUTURE EVENTS:

On May 26th, Greening Springfield Education Series will be showing the short film “The Story of Stuff” (appropriate for all ages) followed by a discussion at the library at 7pm. In cartoon form, this film “takes viewers on a provocative and eye-opening tour of the real costs of our consumer driven culture—from resource extraction to iPod incineration.”

In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Greening Springfield is planning a street fair this October, where there will be a “green zone” comprised of green vendors and educational booths.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

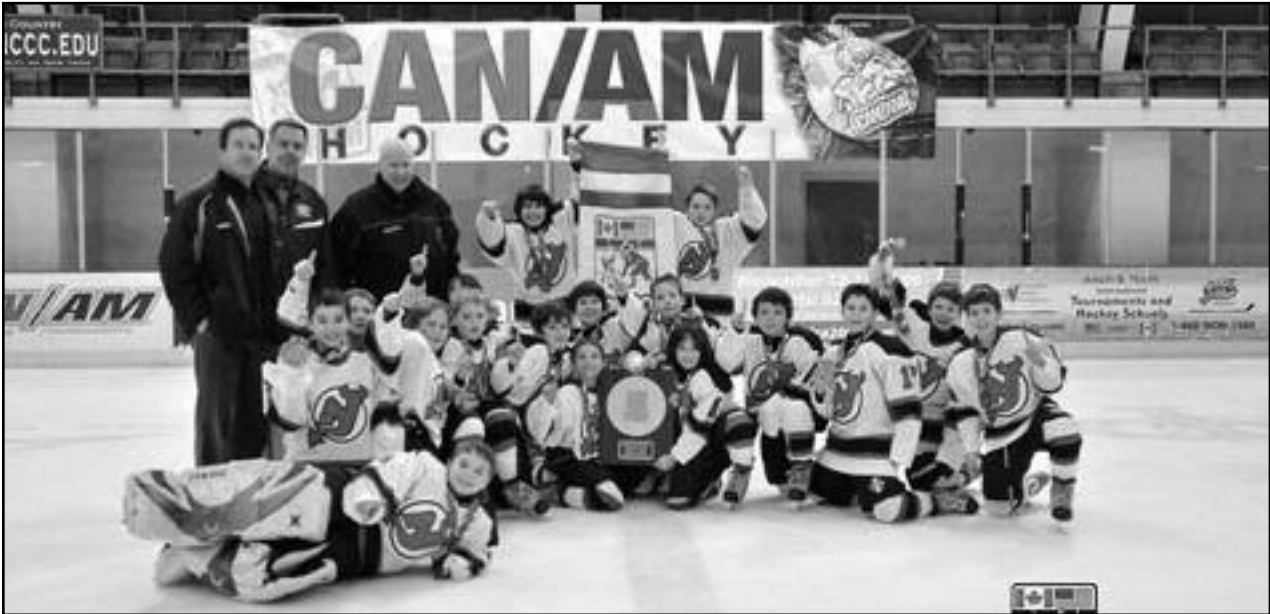
Looking to make a difference in our community? Greening Springfield is always looking for volunteers, for more information contact,

Lori Sandler
at greeningspringfield@springfield-nj.us

MINI MIRACLE ON ICE

The Squirt A Team of the NJ Devils Youth Hockey Club won the Can/Am Challenge Cup Tournament at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, NY the weekend of March 25-28. They beat the NJ Old Bridge Junior Knights in the

Gold Medal Game. The team finished the tournament with a perfect record of 5-0 and were lead offensively by Springfield residents, Stephen Buck and Charlie Buckley.



(above, Laying) Billy Naples. (Kneeling, l-r) Tommy Profaci, Charlie Buckley, Stephen Buck, Christian Della Rocco, Elliot LaGorce, Kenneth Meyer, Charlie Naples, Alek DeMaio, Wyatt Jannicelli, Jonny Scheer, John O Hern, Andy Antiles, Vincent Marino, Michael Antiles (Standing, l-r) Asst Coach Paul O Hern, Asst Coach Frank Jannicelli, Head Coach Pierre Pellaton, Daniel Triano, PJ Murphy.



GO, MOMS. GO!

Local Springfield moms finish first in the Amazing Race at the International MOMS Club Annual Luncheon in Philadelphia, PA on April 10, 2010

(above, l-r) Traci Glazner, Leslie Glass, Robin Cornelison, Gina Levy and Danielle McCleer.

HADASSAH OFFICERS

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah unanimously voted to approve the nominating committee's suggested slate of officers for the forthcoming year. The following officers were approved: presidium: Rona Zandell and Lorraine Seidel; vice presidents: education, Sheila Eidelman; fund raising, Pearl Kaplan; membership, Alice Weinstein; programs, Libby Bellin; corresponding secretary, Harriet Singer; recording, Selma Porter and treasurer, Iris Segal.

The election took place at the Hadassah General Meeting on April 21. The installation of officers will take place during the chapter's general meeting in May.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: GRILL SAFETY

Memorial Day is fast approaching and the holiday is a popular time to host a barbeque. Here are some tips to keep your barbeque memorable for all the right reasons.

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

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

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be located well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the tray below the grill. Never leave your grill unattended.

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add any flammable liquids to an existing fire and keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

Although gas grills are only used 1.5 times more often than charcoal grills, they were involved in five times as many fires. Each year you should check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose before turning it on. A propane leak in the hose will cause soap bubbles. If your grill has a propane gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the grill and the gas tank. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If your grill is natural gas, turn off the grill and the pipe running to the hose. If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill and immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

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

SPRINGFIELD POLICE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE



Captain Peter Davis, Detective Judd Levenson, Police Officer Joseph Cieri, and Police Officer Anthony Voorhees, Sergeant James W. Fine is not pictured, received certificates “in recognition and appreciation of their outstanding performance in the line of duty on February 17, 2010, which resulted in the apprehension of two burglary suspects on Lyons Place.”

protecting against and preventing **IDENTITY THEFT**

TYPES OF IDENTITY THEFT

- **APPLICATION FRAUD:** Using your Social Security Number or other personal information, an ID thief will open new credit accounts in your name.
- **ACCOUNT TAKEOVER:** Your existing account number and/or credit card are used to buy products or services.
- **CRIMINAL IDENTITY FRAUD:** Your identity can be taken to commit crimes, enter countries, or commit acts of terrorism.

HOW IT IS DONE

- They will get a credit report by posing as someone authorized to do so, like an employer or landlord.
- An Identity Thief will steal your wallet and/or mail that contains information about you, your credit and personal finances.
- They will get personal information about you from the internet and/or try to scam you via e-mail.

COMPUTER SAFETY

- Password-protect files that contain sensitive personal information.
- Install a virus protection program.
- Make sure you have a firewall installed on your computer to prevent hackers from accessing vital information on your hard drive.
- Before recycling your old computer, make sure you run a hard drive "wipe." This removes all data from your computer.



PROTECT & MONITOR YOUR MAILBOX

- Remove mail from your mailbox as soon as possible.
- Prevent Mail Theft: Install locks on your mailbox.
- When sending any sensitive information via mail, deposit it at your local post office.
- Deliver your mail to a secure PO box.



CREDIT CARDS

- Write "SEE ID" in large letters on the back of your credit card where the signature line is.
- Use as few credit cards as possible and monitor them frequently for fraudulent activity.
- Put your receipts in your wallet or pocket—do not leave them in the shopping bag.
- Keep your credit card in sight at all times.



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YOUR GARBAGE SAYS A LOT ABOUT YOU

- Prior to throwing away documents that have sensitive personal information, shred them using a cross-cut shredder.
- Cut up and make unrecognizable numbers on old credit & bank cards, etc., before throwing them away.
- Junk mail may have identifying information in it. Remove all sensitive information before throwing it away.



YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- If a business or individual asks for your Social Security Number, ask to use a different number instead.
- Carefully review your Social Security Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement each year and check that it is accurate and there is no fraud.
- Don't use your Social Security Number (SSN) on job applications. When needed, use it at the interview.

PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CHECKS

- Don't put your SSN, credit card account number or phone number on your checks.
- Use a permanent, fine tip pen or marker when writing checks.
- If you order new checks, have them sent to you at your local bank branch, not your home. You can pick them up at your bank after showing proper ID.



MONTHLY STATEMENTS

- Carefully review all statements from your bank, credit card, home and cell phone every month.
- If you receive your statement late or not at all, call to find out what happened. It may have been stolen or sent to another address.
- Report any mistakes, discrepancies or fraud immediately.



WATCH YOUR WALLET

- Don't keep bank account numbers, passwords or PINs in your wallet or purse.
- Don't have your social security card, birth certificate, passport or extra credit cards in your purse or wallet.
- Don't take out your wallet till you need it. Never leave your wallet or purse unattended.



MARKETING LISTS

- To remove yourself from these lists, write to: Equifax, Inc., Experian and TransUnion (addresses on back).

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UNWANTED SOLICITATIONS



- If you get called at home by a solicitor, never give out any personal information.
- Have your name removed from the phone book and/or reverse directories.
- Register at the FTC Do Not Call Registry at (1-888) 382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov.

MEDICAL & FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Ask doctors' offices, financial institutions, etc., what they do with your information, and make sure they keep it in a secure place.
- Keep all your medical, financial and sensitive personal information in a secure place at home, such as a safe.



ATMs, PASSWORDS & PINs



- Use Alpha-Numeric Passwords.
- Memorize all passwords and PINs—do not write them down or keep them with you.
- Don't use the same password and/or PIN for all your accounts.
- Try not to use private or odd-looking ATMs—they may have been manipulated to steal the data from your card.

CREDIT REPORTS

- Order your credit reports twice a year.
- Make sure ALL information is correct.
- Review your reports carefully looking for accounts you didn't open, unexplained debts, or inquiries you did not initiate.
- If you see anything fraudulent or suspicious, notify the credit bureau.



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DIAL:
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RECOVER FROM IDENTITY THEFT

What to do if you become
a victim of Identity Theft

If you are a victim of identity theft, the FTC recommends you take the following steps as soon as possible, and keep a record with the details of your conversations and copies of all correspondence.

- Place a "fraud alert" on your credit reports. Contact the three major credit bureaus to report the fraud and get free credit reports:
EQUIFAX – 1-800-525-6285 • www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 740241 – Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
EXPERIAN – 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 9532 – Allen, TX 75013
TRANSUNION – 1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com
Fraud Victim Assistance Division
P.O. Box 6790 – Fullerton, CA 92834-6790
- File a report with your local police department and/or with the police where the identity theft took place.
- Close all accounts that have been tampered with or fraudulently opened. If you close existing accounts, then open new ones; change your passwords and/or PINs.
- If checks have been stolen or used improperly, close the account and tell your bank to notify the appropriate check verification service.
- To find out if the thief has been passing bad checks in your name call **SCAN** (1-800) 262-7771.
- File a complaint with the FTC. Call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline at (1-877) 438-4338. Also visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft and/or write the Identity Theft Clearinghouse – Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Phone Numbers
Dial 911

- Police Division: (973) 376-0400
- Fire Division: (973) 376-7670
- First Aid Squad: (973) 376-0400
- Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

- Town Hall**
(973) 912-2200
- Court – Traffic Tickets, Violations**
(973) 912-2213
- Building – Construction Permits**
(973) 912-2220
- Engineering**
(973) 912-2219
- Public Works/Recycling**
(973) 912-8483
- Recreation/Senior Citizens (Sarah Bailey Civic Center)**
(973) 912-2227
- Board of Health**
(908) 789-4070
- Public Schools**
(973) 376-1025



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Saturday, May 15th, 9:15 a.m.

**American Association for Individual Investors –
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Sunday, May 16th, 2:00 p.m.
Concert - Banjo Rascals

Tuesday, May 18th, 12:00 noon

**Lunchtime Video—Jack Nicholson stars
in this 1970 film about an oil rig worker.**

Thursday, May 20th, 10:15 a.m.

**Great Books Discussion Group - The Grand Inquisitor
by Fyodor Dostoevsky**

Thursday, May 20th, 12:00 & 6:45 p.m.

International Film—Sunflower (Chinese)

Thursday, May 20th, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, May 24th, 10:00 a.m.
Knit Wits Knitting Group

Wednesday, May 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Greening Springfield film program

Wednesday, May 26th, 7:00 p.m.
Lecture—Latest Treatments for Hip & Knee Pain -
Dr. Michael H. Rieber, The Joint Institute of St.
Barnabas Medical Center

Thursday, May 27th, 10:15 a.m.
Memoir Writing Group

JUNE

Tuesday, June 1st, 12:00 noon

**Lunchtime Video – 1972 adaptation
of Kurt Vonnegut novel**

Wednesday, June 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Using Social Media for Business – Mike Kivowitz

Tuesday, June 8th, 12:00 noon

Lecture & FREE Hearing Screening – Hearing Loss

Thursday, June 10th, 10:15 a.m.

Memoir Writing Group

Monday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Tuesday, June 15th, 12:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video – 1979 comedy starring Peter Sellers
as Chance the gardener**

Thursday, June 17th, 10:15 a.m.

**Great Books Discussion Group – The Fall of the House
of Usher by Edgar Allan Poe**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Sat May 8, Friday May 21,

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7pm Thursday May 13

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Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the David Hendlin Memorial Fund.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For additional information, call 973-376-4930.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



Mayor Ziad Sheahdy presented Library Director Susan Permahos with a proclamation in recognition of National Library Week in Springfield from April 11-17. The Mayor encouraged all residents to visit the library to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at the Springfield Free Public Library. Communities thrive at the Springfield Free Public Library.

CANNON BALL HOUSE GETS FUNDING

After two years of effort, the Springfield Historical Society has finally found funds to proceed with urgently needed alterations at Cannon Ball House. “ This has been a very trying time” reported Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Society. “During this period, we went through the tedious process of applying for funds to a number of grant agencies. All were refused, citing the general economic climate. Now, at last, we’re able to proceed”.

Cannon Ball House is believed to date to 1741. It was built on the ground over a grid of unbarked tree trunks. In 1920, the building was raised and a cellar was constructed, retaining the original tree trunks as the support for the first floor. These ancient logs have gradually weakened to the point where it threatened the stability of the first floor. In the interest of safety the building was closed to the public, requiring

the cancellation of all public events.

The Society has already spent \$15,000 of its own money in preparatory work. For the actual construction, major funding is now being provided by the Preserve Union County Grant Program and by the Ambrose and Ida Fredrickson Foundation and by Kearney Federal Savings Bank.

These sums are sufficient to cover the first half of the project, which will permit reopening of the house to the public. A pending application for more funds may make it possible to complete the longer range program of improvements.

Bandrowski announced that a construction contract has been signed, after a competitive bidding process. The work will be done in accordance with designs by Keller & Kirkpatrick, Engineers and with the approval of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office.



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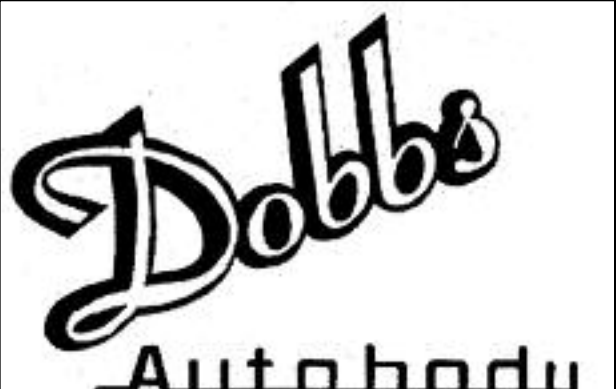
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The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Leadership Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at L’Affaire, RT 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:30 PM.

This year the Chamber will be honoring Rider Insurance as the Springfield Business of the Year and Linda Donnelly of the Township of Springfield as Volunteer of the Year.

A special recognition award will be presented to Pinkava’s Motor Company for celebrating 100 years in business in Springfield.

We invite you to select one of the following sponsorship opportunities for this year’s dinner.

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Contact Name _____
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