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SPRINGFIELD POLICE CAPTAIN PAT MCLAUGHLIN RETIRES



*Chief Cook and Captain McLaughlin
with his PBA Appreciation Award.*

On Tuesday, March 27, Springfield PBA Local 76 held a surprise luncheon at Town Hall for Captain Pat McLaughlin who is retiring from the Springfield Police Department. Joining the Department in February of 1991, Captain McLaughlin served 27 years and 2 months with the Township starting as a Patrolman. From 1995 through 2007 he was assigned to the Union County Emergency Response Team and in 2004 assigned to the Union County Auto Theft Task Force. In 2006 he was assigned to the Detective Bureau and promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2008. In 2010 he was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant and in 2012 he was promoted to Captain. The PBA presented him with an appreciation award which read "In Appreciation for your years of dedicated service to the Township of Springfield and the Springfield Police Department" Chief Cook presented the award and commented "I am sorry to see Captain McLaughlin leave, but I am happy for him in his retirement, he will be missed in Town." Many Police Officers attended, both current and retired as well as Township employees. Captain McLaughlin's wife was there as well. At the Tuesday Township Committee meeting, Chief of Police John Cook read a proclamation acknowledging Captain McLaughlin's years of dedicated service.

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BY JESSE BROOME

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Springfield CERT Team, Scott Seidel OEM Coordinator, Herb Gersh, Jim Bonacorda, Kristen Gersh, Karen Bonacorda, Mayor Richard Huber (Craig Abrams not present)



Wally Schultz, Deputy OEM Coordinator, Apu Mullick, Newly Appointed Deputy OEM Coordinator, and Scott Seidel OEM Coordinator



Mayor Richard Huber and Michael McIntyre of the Salvation Army

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT DELIVERS BABY ON ROUTE 78



Chief Palumbo & Captain Mastroeni with the proud father and baby girl.

On March 20, 2018 at 8:14 a.m. the Springfield Fire Department was dispatched to Route 78 Westbound near milepost 50.2 for a report of a woman in labor.

Captain Mastroeni & Chief Palumbo were the first units to arrive and quickly recognized that the woman would be unable to make it to the hospital in time for delivery.

In the extreme weather conditions during rush hour traffic, delivery commenced. While the baby was being delivered, the umbilical cord became wrapped around the baby's neck. Captain Mastroeni was able to quickly remove the cord while coaching the mother with delivery procedures. Upon the final push the baby was successfully delivered at which time Chief Palumbo clamped and cut the umbilical cord.

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Message from the Mayor

Spring is in the air, well at least I hope it is. As I sit here typing this, I am watching the snow fall on April 2, whoever would have thought! With that being said I want to commend the job that our Department of Public works has done over the course of the past month. It has not been easy. First, we had a severe wind and rain storm that knocked over numerous trees and power lines, then our first nor'easter which dropped heavy wet snow and caused almost all of Springfield to lose power. A few weeks after that another storm which dropped a substantial amount of snow and finally our latest storm, all have put much pressure on our DPW and they have performed admirably.

I know our storm in early March was very taxing on our residents but I want you to know that the Township is working diligently to make sure all the necessary upgrades and repairs are done to JCP&L's infrastructure. I want to thank the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Police Auxiliary, CERT Team and the Office of Emergency Management for keeping us safe during the power outage. I would like to thank the Recreation Department for their work in keeping the Chisholm Community center running as a shelter for those who needed it. Finally, I would like to thank Township Business Administrator Ziad Shehady for all his hard work during the storm.

As we move into the spring, Springfield said goodbye to two beloved members of our community, Richard Colandrea and Sylvester (Poochie) Boettcher. Richard Colandrea was the chairman of the Planning Board, a member of the Board of Adjustment, and was the President of the Springfield Senior Citizens Building. Poochie Boettcher, as many residents knew him, began working with the Department of Public Works in 1956 and rose through the ranks, eventually becoming the Supervisor of the Department before he retired in 1997.

Springfest 2018 was held on March 24 at Chisholm Community center and it truly was a wonderful event. This event would not be possible without the help of our sponsors. Thank you to the Springfield Recreation Department, Rotary Club, US Sports Institute, Springfield Business Improvement District, and Mike Scalera State farm Insurance Agency for making this event possible. Recently the Township Committee adopted our 2018 municipal budget. We will have an information session at our April 24 meeting for any residents who have questions or concerns. If any residents have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at mayor@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2018

REGISTER FOR POOL AND CAMPS



The Springfield Community Pool -- featuring a brand new pool building with new locker rooms, meeting space, and a fitness room -- opens next month. Online registration for pool membership, day camp, swim team, and swim lessons, as well as Chisholm Playground Camp, is available at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. You may also register in-person at the Springfield Recreation Department at the Chisholm Community Center (100 South Springfield Avenue) on weekdays from 8:00 am-6:00 pm. For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.



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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Township Committee meetings at 7:00 pm in Town Hall
Tuesday April 24

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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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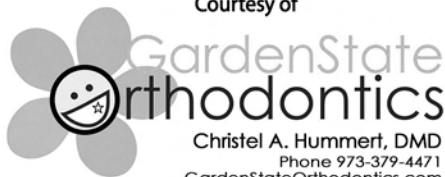
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TBAY MITZVAH DAY WAS HELD AT TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL ON MARCH 4TH



Over 75 people participated in community service activities for all ages. Some of the activities included: Friendship bracelets for families who have lost children due to illness, letters to Lone Soldiers (those who do not have family living in Israel) serving in the Israeli army, cooking meals for families living in a shelter in Elizabeth, and boxing Shabbat Kits for Jewish patients in hospitals. The successful program will become an annual event. Over 75 people participated in community service activities for all ages. Some of the activities

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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Now that spring is finally upon us, though the weather may not be fully cooperating... warmer days will soon return, and people will be heading back outdoors to enjoy the season. Residents may notice an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as an increased enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers. Officers will be conducting a variety of enforcement activities, including "cops in crosswalks" pedestrian enforcement, distracted driving and hands-free cellular device enforcement, and speeding enforcement. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility, and our goal is to educate drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists in the proper use of the roadways, and reduce the number of traffic-related incidents that occur in Springfield.

Motorists must come to a complete stop and remain stopped when a pedestrian is crossing in a marked crosswalk. This includes motorists who are making turns while pedestrians are crossing. Marked crosswalks are designated with painted lines and/or stripes, and have yellow warning signs posted as motorists approach. Marked crosswalks can be within intersections controlled with traffic signals, uncontrolled intersections, or mid-block. Crosswalks can also be unmarked, which include all intersections of streets normally considered to represent crosswalks but are not physically painted or striped. At these intersections with unmarked crosswalks, motorists must yield to the right-of-way of pedestrians and allow them to cross.

Pedestrians are reminded to cross only where legally permitted. At intersections with traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the signal, and cross only when the "WALK" symbol is displayed. If an intersection is not equipped with pedestrian signals, pedestrians should cross with the green light. At uncontrolled intersections or at mid-block crosswalks, pedestrians must remember to cross only when there is an appropriate gap in traffic. Pedestrians should never suddenly leave the curb and begin crossing into the path a vehicle that is so close it would be impossible for the driver to stop or yield. Pedestrians should always be alert and wear bright reflective clothing (especially if walking at night or early morning).

Cyclists must remember that they have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. Cyclists should always ride on the right side of the road, obey all signs and traffic signals, and ride with the flow of traffic. Cyclists should always be alert, wear bright reflective clothing (especially if cycling at night or early morning), and properly maintain their bicycles in good working order – including reflectors and lights. NJ law mandates that all riders 17 years and younger (including children strapped in attached child-seats) must wear an approved, properly fitting helmet, but it is recommended for all cyclists to use one to protect themselves.

Parents are reminded that their children should not be permitted to play on public roads, even on quiet cul-de-sacs or side streets. Public roads are intended for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic only, and should never be utilized for children's games or other activities.

As our police officers will begin additional enforcement details, I remind motorists of NJ's "Move Over Law", which requires drivers to change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles...not only for police, but for fire department, first aid squad, and tow trucks/driver assistance vehicles as well. If changing lanes is impossible, or if the roadway is only one lane, drivers must slow down to below the posted speed limit, and prepare to stop as they approach the emergency vehicle.

Together, we can make Springfield's roads safer for everyone.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT DANIELLA YOVEL ON DISPLAY IN SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY'S PALMER MUSEUM APRIL 9-MAY 3

"The Secret Life of Things," a collection of illustrations by Springfield artist Daniella Yovel, will be on display in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from April 9 through May 3, 2018. As described by Ms. Yovel, these pencil drawings "take a playful dip into the artist's interpretation of the paranormal and explore the idea of worlds existing beyond our common perception. Ethereal and light, the images walk the line between the beautiful and the bizarre and have a fairy-tale like quality. Infused with simplicity and subtle humor, the odd women in the drawings hold sweet secrets which they will never reveal."

Daniella Yovel graduated with an MFA from the University of Cincinnati where she focused on printmaking and Victorian literature. Over the past 15 years, the artist has exhibited her work in Ohio, New York and New Jersey. Members of the public will have the opportunity to meet the artist at a reception to be held in the Palmer Museum from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 26. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is a part of the Springfield Free Public Library.



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determination and the road to freedom. We will also hear our students sing songs composed in the ghettos and concentrations camps, as taught by our inspiring speaker, Dr. Tamara Freeman, Holocaust ethnomusicologist, educator and recitalist. Dr. Freeman will share stories of Shoah composers, and play their evocative music on her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola, a Holocaust relic. This powerful presentation will be followed by our annual ceremony of Candle Lighting for the Six Million, followed by a visit and prayers in our Holocaust Memorial Garden. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to daniellaweinberg18@yahoo.com. This is a free event.



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This month focuses on the effects of alcohol and how it can increase people's risk of injuries, violence, liver disease, and different types of cancer types of cancer.

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Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women or 2 drinks a day for men.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Choose a day each week when you will not drink.
- Don't drink when you are upset.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you keep at home.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink.
- If you are interested in helping the fight against substance abuse in your community consider joining your local Municipal Alliance.

For more information, visit:

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BABY ON ROUTE 78

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The baby girl was immediately wrapped in towels and blankets and stimulated to aid her breathing. The baby let out two cries and then was quickly moved to a heated ambulance where both she and her mother were transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Later that morning, Chief Palumbo and Captain Mastroeni visited the baby girl and her proud parents in the hospital. The healthy baby girl weighed in at 6 lbs. while her mother rested comfortably.

SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE



On Thursday, March 15, Springfield senior citizens visited the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton for a lunch performance of "Steel Magnolias." The bus trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and was chaperoned by Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator (pictured, right).



CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES CONCLUDE RECREATION BASKETBALL SEASON

The recreation basketball season concluded on Sunday, March 25, with championship games held at Florence Gaudineer Middle School. The season was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association (SBA), and was made possible thanks to hundreds of youth players, volunteer coaches, SBA board members, custodians, officials, score keepers, and township staff. Pictured are the champions of the 3rd-5th grade girls division, coached by Michael Graziano (left) and Kevin Ruggiero (right).

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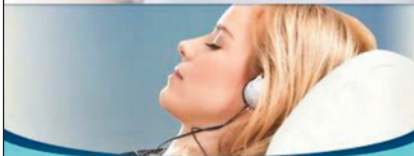
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Children's And Young Adult Book Sale Sponsored By Springfield Library Friends April 26-28, 2018

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public will hold their Children's and Young Adult Book and Mini Jewelry Sale Thursday - Saturday, April 26 – 28, 2018, 10am-4pm in the Meeting Room at the Springfield Free Public Library.

The sale will include Children's and YA books (Hard and Paperback), Educational Games/Toys, Adult Paperbacks, and DVD's, CD's, and Puzzles for all ages. There will also be a selection of Costume Jewelry.

All proceeds will benefit the Springfield Library's Summer Reading Program.

Bluegrass Band "Blue Plate Special" To Perform At Springfield Library Sunday, May 6

The Springfield Free Public Library will host a performance by the bluegrass band "Blue Plate Special" at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 6, in the library's Palmer Museum. Mixing bluegrass with gospel and Americana, the band's songs range from the hopeless ("You Can Never Go Home Again") to the uplifting ("Hallelujah Glory"), to a woman scorned ("Nothin") and a man who hits bottom ("Midnight Train"). The band is made up of vocalist Jay Friedman, vocalist and mandolin player David Gross, bassist Tom Wise, banjoist Dan Whitener, and guitarist James Hempfling. More information about Blue Plate Special can be found at <https://www.blueplatespecialmusic.com>

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Space is limited and seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Spring International Film Festival Concludes At The Springfield Free Public Library

The Spring International Film Festival concludes at the Springfield Free Public Library on Thursday, May 17. The library will screen After the Storm (2016) at 1:00 and 6:45 pm. After the death of his father, a private detective struggles to find child support money and reconnect with his son and ex-wife. In Japanese with English subtitles. Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda. Starring Hiroshi Abe, Yoko Maki and Satomi Kobayashi. 118 minutes. Not rated.

Funding for the film program has been made possible by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding is also provided by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free.

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Township Committeeman Christopher Capodice, Assistant Director of Recreation Michael Butrico, Mayor Richard Huber



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A few days after a major snowstorm -- with the snow already melted and the sun shining -- the Springfield Recreation Department sponsored the annual Spring Fest & Egg Hunt at Chisholm Park on Saturday, March 24. Spring Fest was co-sponsored by Mike Scalera State Farm Insurance, Spring-

field Business Improvement District, Springfield Rotary Club, Starr Apparel, TD Pizza, Grooming by Brandy, U.S. Sports Institute, Springfield Orthodontics, ANEW Kitchen & Bath Design, Kiddie Academy, and AMP Yoga Studio -- and was attended by close to 400 children and family members.

Spring Fest included egg hunts for two separate age groups, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an inflatable Sesame Street bounce house by Amazing Amusements, DJ music by Joe Volfman, face painting and sand art by Party Maniacs, and a mini sports clinic by U.S. Sports Institute. Gift card

prizes were provided by Spirit (formerly McLynn's), Anthony Fonseca Progressive Insurance, TD Pizza, and Sofia's. Special thanks to the staff of Department of Public Works and the Auxiliary Police for their assistance, as well as the many volunteers.

SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTO ON PAGE 9



50/50 RAFFLE

PRIZE: 50% OF PROCEEDS
50% PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MCF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"HELP US HELP THEM"

DONATION: \$20.00

DRAWING: 5:00PM TO 8:00PM

THURSDAY – MAY 17, 2018

SPIRIT (FORMERLY McLYNN'S PUB) - 250 MORRIS AVE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

- WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT – PRIZE SUBJECT TO IRS REGULATIONS
- MCF IS A 501(c)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION # 47-3559551

CONTACT: Ed McNany – 973.580.3568

McNany Charitable Foundation Inc.

mcfinc2015@gmail.com & mcnanyfoundation.com



ID#: 1-4-4155

RL#:1294

PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOOKS AHEAD TO A SLEW OF SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY EVENTS

Despite the morning snow on the ground, more than 25 business owners and community leaders came out for Thursday's Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Kicking off the meeting, Springfield Township Business Administrator, Ziad Shehady, recognized Scott Seidel, Patriot Chamber of Commerce co-chair, for a job well done during Winter Storm Quinn. Seidel worked tirelessly at the Office of Emergency Management during the early March nor'easter, which left almost 70 percent of Springfield residents and businesses without power. Shehady also highlighted the reaccreditation by the Springfield Police Department, an arduous process which many departments throughout New Jersey lack. In his final thoughts, Shehady mentioned the Grand Opening of the new pool building, slated for May 25, 2018. There will be a community event open to the public free-of-charge and details will be forthcoming.



Meeting Sponsor Dr. Gary Hecht with Scott Seidel, Chamber Co-Chair left, Elliot Merkin, Chamber VP, Hecht and Mike Scalera, Chamber Co-Chair.

The Springfield Library also has a variety of events upcoming for the end of March and throughout April. Library Director, Dale Spindel, first announced Big Feet: The Dinosaur Show, which will take place on Friday, March 30 at 11:00 AM. Join Muscle Man Mike as he entertains children of all ages with dinosaur facts, music, and magic. The library is also seeking gently used children's books, DVDs, puzzles, and toys for their Children's & Young Adult Book Sale taking place on April 26 through April 28.

Rounding out the community updates was an announcement by Dr. Gary Hecht regarding the Taste of the Towns event presented by the Rotary Club of Springfield. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include five tickets for a tricky tray basket auction. Dr. Gary Hecht of Hecht Family Chiropractic Care was also the meeting sponsor and spoke about his practice and his community work in Springfield. Dr. Hecht is affiliated with Springfield Rotary, Springfield H.O.P.E., and LeTip International, to name a few.

thank you to all the egg hunt sponsors...



Holy Cross Nursery School celebrated Dr. Seuss week by listening to Lieutenant Rachel and Officer Cunha from the Springfield Police Department read "A Great Day For UP", by Dr. Seuss followed by an up close look at a Springfield Police car. The children also gave the officers kindness bags they made for each member of the police department as a part of Random Acts of Kindness week and to thank them for keeping Springfield safe.



SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 20, 2018

The minutes of the February Board meeting were unanimously approved. The Treasurers Report was unanimously approved.

Ziad Shehady reported to the BID Board the following:

- The Township Budget will be introduced and presented on March 27. There will be a public presentation of the budget on April 7. The budget will be adopted on April 24. The budget will maintain exist-

ing services along with new projects and initiatives. The increase in the budget is just under the 2% budget cap. Increases in the budget are due to the new garbage and recycling contracts which increased approximately \$400,000.00

- The Gomes Redevelopment Project on Morris Ave. is moving along waiting for State Approvals. They are waiting for official notification that the DEP has received all of the necessary elements to review the project. The Board discussed

the process and the time frame for this redevelopment project to move forward.

- The Board discussed how to move forward with facilitating redevelopment and facade improvements to the properties on Morris Ave. The group agreed to develop a plan with different options to have an improved downtown. It was agreed that the Board needs to develop a plan that will incorporate the changes in driving habits in the future that will effect parking.

- Beth Lippman and Mike Scalera met

with the landscape architect to discuss the construction plans for the remainder of the streetscape project on Mountain Ave. He will begin work on the drawings and develop an estimate for the construction work.

- Window Graphics on the Gomes building will be completed and repaired once the weather breaks.
- There are a group of Springfield business owners that meet once a month to network.

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RUNNING CLUB Spring 2018 Grades K-2nd & Grades 3rd-8th
Our co-ed running club with Coach Mike Czech helps improve your child's speed and agility!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for all children and young athletes. In the Springfield running club, children learn to run faster over short distances. Agility drills and injury prevention techniques will also be covered, as well as an introduction to endurance running. The club is open to Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools. A minimum of six children are required for the club. In the event of rain or snow, every effort will be made to reschedule classes. No refunds will be provided.

Session 2: Mondays from May 7-June 18 (no class on May 28th), at Meisel Avenue Park
Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$65 per session (payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction, shirt
Register by mail or in person at the Springfield Recreation Department.
Or register online with a credit card at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 processing fee for credit cards)

(973) 912-2227 Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm
Contact Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us.

US SPORTS institute **U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE**
SPRING / SUMMER SEASON 2018

TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS (age 3 to 5): Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

SPRING CLASSES April 15 - June 10
Sundays, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (NO class 5/27)
Chisholm Park

TOTAL SPORTS - PARENT & ME SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3): With a parent participating by their side, this program will stimulate a child's imagination, develop motor skills and encourage social interaction.

SPRING CLASSES April 15 - June 10
Sundays, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (NO class 5/27)
Chisholm Park

SUMMER WEEKLY CAMPS
June 27 - August 1
Wednesdays

PARENT & ME MULTI SPORTS SQUIRTS (age 2 to 3)
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS (age 3 to 5)
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For more information, visit
USsportsInstitute.com or
call 732 563 2520

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES GRANT FOR ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

The Township of Springfield has received a "Level the Playing Field" \$25,470 grant from the Union County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund that will be used to construct an addition to the Chisholm Park playground for accessible play elements. Thanks to a joint effort between the Springfield Recreation Department and the Township's grant writer Millennium Strategies, several modern and accessible play elements and a new playground entrance were identified and will be constructed at one of Springfield's most centrally-located and popular parks later in 2018.

Springfield Recreation Department Senior Citizen Bus Trip
9/11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM
Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:30 am
Bus will return to Chisholm at approximately 3:00 pm
\$40 per person

Payment is due by Monday, May 14, 2018
Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department
Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
Includes: Museum admittance. Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, and breakfast treat.
***Lunch is on your own**

Questions: Springfield Recreation Department, (973) 912-2227
Please note, transportation to your residency is not available when the bus returns to Chisholm.

Learn to Play Golf at the Chisholm Community Center!!

TGA brings the golf course to you making it convenient and affordable to learn and play golf in a fun and safe environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop golf skills and knowledge, while using the sport to teach valuable life honesty and sportsmanship.

Every TGA Class Includes:
All Necessary Equipment
Individual & Team Instruction
Sport Rules & Etiquette
Academic Concepts & STEAM Labs
Physical Activity
Life Lessons in Preserverance & Leadership

Golf Class Details:
Day: Fridays
Dates: 4/20/2018 - 6/8/2018
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Cost: \$160.00/8 weeks
Who: All kids ages 6 -11
Location: Chisholm Park

For more info contact: Nick Meltzer at (732) 835-8TGA or nmeltzer@playtga.com
Facebook.com/TGAPremierSports • Instagram.com/TGAPremierSports

Learn to Play Tennis at the Chisholm Community Center!!

TGA brings the tennis court to you making it convenient and affordable to learn and play tennis in a fun and safe environment. Kid-friendly instructors help students develop tennis skills and knowledge, while using the sport to teach valuable life lessons like honesty and sportsmanship.

Every TGA Class Includes:
All Necessary Equipment
Individual & Team Instruction
Sport Rules & Etiquette
Academic Concepts & STEAM Labs
Physical Activity
Life Lessons in Perseverance & Leadership

Tennis Class Details
Day: Tuesdays
Dates: 4/17/2018 - 6/5/2018
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Cost: \$160.00/8 weeks
Who: All kids ages - 5 -11
Where: Irwin Park Tennis Courts (101 Adams Terrace)

For more info contact: Nick Meltzer at (732) 835-8TGA or nmeltzer@playtga.com
Facebook.com/TGAPremierSports • Instagram.com/TGAPremierSports

DECORATING AND BAKING CLASS
Join Sweet Samantha for an incredible learning experience
(ages 8-16) all about baking and decorating!
6 Weeks of hands-on projects!

Class 1 - Spring Topiary Big 3D Cookie - Learn to make roses, use dusting colors, pipe leaves
Class 2 - Baking with Soda! Cookies and Cakes using 7UP, Coca Cola, & Root Beer!
Class 3 - Sponge Bob Square Pants! This edible character is made step by step for an impressive treat!
Class 4 - Spring Baking with Berries! - Berry Cobbler, Strawberry Butter cream, and Berry Gallette Pie
Class 5 - Mans Shirt and Tie! Learn to make fondant from scratch and accomplish this 5" showstopper!
Class 6 - Chocolate Techniques! Wrap a cupcake in chocolate lace, make chocolate sauce, modeling chocolate ruffles, chocolate curls, and white chocolate butter cream! Yum!

TUESDAY or THURSDAY evening session available @ 6:00-7:30 pm, at the
Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081
Class Dates: Tues: 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 OR Thurs: 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
Price \$195 - Includes all materials, tools, and recipes

Please contact Samantha with any questions and to register at: samilynn9@aol.com
www.sweet-samantha.com - (973) 445-1620

HEALTHY FAMILY CHALLENGE PRESENTS:

Reading Food Labels Tuesday, May 8th 6:00PM-7:00PM	Taste the Rainbow Tuesday, May 15th 6:00PM-7:00PM	Healthy Snacks Tuesday, May 22nd 6:00PM-7:00PM
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Win a ShopRite Gift card!

Raymond Chisholm Community Center
100 S Springfield Ave, NJ 07081
To register please contact: Lindsay Prewitt
Prewittl@rosenet.org 973- 418-3747

www.springfieldpatriot.com/news/2018/04/06/healthy-family-challenge

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2018

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUGUST 2018

Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents. Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from October 3, 2017 to August 28, 2018 from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium. You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

Senior Citizen Bus Trip

Harrah's Atlantic City

Located in the Marina District

On-site Gambling, Restaurants, and Shops

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

Bus will depart from Chisholm Community Center at 9:00 am
Bus will depart from Harrah's at approximately 5:00 pm

\$30
per
person

Payment is due by Monday April 16, 2018

Seats are first-come, first-serve. No refunds.

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department

Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue

Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, breakfast treat, and \$20 slot play (photo ID required)

Questions: Springfield Recreation Department, (973) 912-2227

Please note, transportation to your residency is not available when the bus returns to Chisholm.

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES APRIL/MAY 2018 CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Monday, April 16 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, April 17 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Thursday, April 19 - Bus trip to Harrah's, Atlantic City @ 9:00 am (RSVP)
Friday, April 20 - Walk Talk Tone @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, April 23 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, April 24 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, April 25 - Forever Fit @ 11:00 am
Thursday, April 26 - Club birthday luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
Friday, April 27 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, April 30 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 1 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, May 2 - Bus trip to Whole Foods Market, Vauxhall @ 1:00 pm (RSVP)
Thursday, May 4 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, May 7 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 8 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Thursday, May 10 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
Friday, May 11 - Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, May 14 - Mother's Day breakfast @ 10:00 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm (RSVP)
Tuesday, May 15 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, May 16 - Bus trip to American Candle, Bartonsville, PA @ 9:00 am (RSVP)

SWIM TEAM 2018

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
5 TO 17 YEARS OLD

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

Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 23rd @ 7:00 pm
Chisholm Community Center

Two Fees:
\$80 payable to:
Township of Springfield
\$20 payable to:
Swim Team Parent
Association
(separate check only)

The Springfield Swim Team is open to girls and boys from 5-17 years old. The Swim Team will be divided into two groups: The Developmental Team will be made up of children 8 years old and younger who need more instruction and guidance. Developmental Team participants initially must be able to demonstrate the ability to submerge themselves underwater, swim freestyle for at least 15 yards, be able to swim on their back, and be willing and able to swim in the 5 foot and 12 foot sections of the main pool. Children who do not meet these expectations – or who the coaches feel are unable to do so without support – will be placed in group Swim Lessons (see previous page) that are not affiliated with the Swim Team. The Swim Team Parent Association check will be returned to you in that circumstance. Coaches will assess these registrants during the first week of practice and will determine if a child is assigned to the Developmental Team or placed in Swim Lessons. All Regular Team registrants who are 9-17 years old do not need to try out. But in order to become a member of the Swim Team, participants must be able to swim a lap of the main pool without stopping and be comfortable swimming in deep water.

Practices will begin after school starting Tuesday, June 5th, and in the mornings beginning Monday, June 25th. Swim meets (mostly evenings) run from Monday, June 25th, to Friday, July 27th. Springfield residents are eligible to participate on the Springfield Swim Team without being a pool member. Non-residents who wish to participate must be a pool member.

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading Fall 2018 Grades 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2018.
- 1-2 practices per week starting in August. Schedule to be determined.
- Sunday games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for the Jr. Dawgs football teams.
- Multiple grades may be combined into a squad if necessary based on enrollment.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.
- Fees include: Loaned uniform (uniform sizing will take place in June), loaned pom-poms, t-shirt and two hair bows to keep, end-of-season party, award.
- Fees do not include: Leggings, bodysuit, bloomers, sweatshirt or jacket, plain white sneakers. These apparel items are mandatory and must be purchased separately.

FEES:

\$70.00 payable to Township of Springfield
\$40.00 payable to Springfield Cheerleading
No refunds after program begins.

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 18, 2018
No registrations will be accepted after this date.
No exceptions.

REGISTER ONLINE:

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

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL:

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

QUESTIONS?

Call the Springfield Recreation Department at
(973) 912-2227

Email Danielle McLeer, recreation program coordinator,
at danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us



NETTES CELEBRATE 40 YEARS WITH FRITZEN TRIBUTE

On March 19, Nettes players, coaches, and parents gathered to celebrate the end of the winter basketball season and the 40th anniversary of the girl's travel basketball program that is co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association. The highlight of the dessert party was a tribute to Elizabeth Fritzen (pictured, right), founder of the Nettes, by Deputy Mayor Erica DuBois (pictured left). Longtime Nettes coach Albert Nittolo addressed the crowd, as did David Rennie, head coach of the Jonathan Dayton High School girls varsity basketball team.

Play Golf at Baltusrol !!!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Springfield Mayor's Day
Golf Committee, Inc.
PO Box 242, Springfield, NJ 07081

The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a very limited number of foursomes, for the upper course only, available for this year's tournament to be held on **Tuesday, September 4** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. Check our website for detailed information at www.springfieldmayorsday.com. Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

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CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP SUMMER 2018

Chisholm Playground Camp operates outside at Chisholm Park and inside the Chisholm Community Center at 100 South Springfield Avenue. It is a morning program (8:30 am-12:30 pm) that is supervised by an adult camp director and counselors (15 years old and older). Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking/baking, theme days, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, one field trip, and much more! The camp runs for eight individual weeks. You may register for any number of weeks. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 13, and is limited to the first 100 campers registered per week. Campers must be potty-trained. Snacks are included in the camp fee. Parents should provide children with a drink.

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

DATES (check applicable):

- ☐ **Week #1:** June 25th-29th
- ☐ **Week #2:** July 2nd-6th
(no camp July 4th)
- ☐ **Week #3:** July 9th-13th
- ☐ **Week #4:** July 16th-20th
- ☐ **Week #5:** July 23rd-27th
- ☐ **Week #6:** July 30th-August 3rd
- ☐ **Week #7:** August 6th-10th
- ☐ **Week #8:** August 13th-17th

FEES:
Resident first child: **\$55 per week**
Resident additional child: **\$50 per week**
Non-Resident child: **\$65 per week**
No refunds (Payable to Township of Springfield. No refunds.)

REGISTER:
• Online (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>.
• In-person (check, cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, on weekdays between 8:00 am-6:00 pm.
• Mail (check, money order) to Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

DEADLINE: Thursday prior to each camp week

QUESTIONS: Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us. Visit us on the web at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation and LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

Call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need. Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

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**QUALITY ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND
THE SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT
SPRING SESSION WITH ALL NEW CLASSES**

The Science Exploration Class

Geared for our future Scientists! Fostering Curiosity, Exploration and Experimentation. Back with **ALL NEW** experiments/projects with the program **QUALITY** you've come to expect. Your child will have a blast learning and exploring age-appropriate scientific concepts while using **real child-friendly science tools** with a focus on S.T.E.A.M. Projects/Experiments such as:

- *Engineering
- *Plant Life Cycle
- *Magnets
- *Human Body

Kindergarten to 3rd Grade
Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave
Fridays: May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
\$110 CASH or CHECKS to Kiddies Kaleidoscope collected at sign-in.

Please register at: www.KiddiesKaleidoscope.com

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

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

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.


SPRINGFIELD CERT TEAM MAKES A DIFFERENCE

It seems like severe weather is becoming a more frequent occurrence these days and for Springfield, the Emergency Management CERT team is playing a more and more active role in helping residents get through these emergencies.

CERT, the acronym for Community Emergency Response Team, was formed by former OEM Coordinator John Cottage and headed by long time OEM volunteer Mitch Janklow in 2006. Simply stated – its neighbors helping neighbors. Local residents were recruited and trained to help their neighbors in times of emergency. While the unit trained and assisted with various Township activities for several years, it was after hurricane Irene, in 2011, that residents stepped forward like never before and a more vibrant group took shape.

Today, the unit is headed by long time volunteer Jim Sedlak. During the recent storm “Quinn”, the CERT team volunteers were very active manning the shelter at the Chisholm Community Center to assist residents who had no electrical power for several days. Two such volunteers are the husband and wife team of Karen and Jim Bonacorda. As residents of Marion Ave, the Bonacordas saw extensive flooding in their neighborhood during Irene and afterwards joined up along with several other neighborhood residents. Jim, a former member of the Auxiliary Police from 1992 to 2005, was familiar with OEM and was right at home joining the program.

During “Quinn”, the Bonacordas reported to OEM HQ where they met up with other CERT members Herb and Kristen Gersh and Craig Abrams.



Springfield OEM CERT members Karen Bonacorda, Craig Abrams, Jim Bonacorda and Jim Sedlak in front of Springfield's CERT Trailer.

Together they began to assess what was needed. They went over to Chisholm which was initially set up as a warming station but eventually became a full blown shelter that housed close to 25 residents for 2 nights and 3 days. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Jim Bonacorda said “I was overwhelmed by how the entire community came together, not just the CERT team, to help out”. Karen commented “It took me back to Sandy where people offered what they had to help each other and be good neighbors”.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the CERT team and helping their neighbors in time of need is encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 973-376-1058.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield
973-376-4930

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

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytime Yoga 11:00 am Fridays April 13 & 20 for ages 2 & up. Please register.

Mommy & Me Crafts for our youngest patrons (ages 2-4) 10:30 am **Selected days: Wednesday April 4, Thursday April 19, Tuesday April 24.** Please register.

Zumba Kids: 4pm **Selected days: Friday April 20.** All ages, drop-in!

Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! LITTLE LEGOS are out all day! Drop by, join your friends and impress us with a magnificent creation-we'll put it on display!

Crafty Mondays @ 4:00pm. Ages 4 to 8. Must register. No crafters under age 4. **Mondays April 16, 23 & 30.**

Crafty Fridays @ 4:00pm. Ages 4 to 8. April 27. Please register.

Campfire Stories now at 5:30pm! Thursdays Join Ms. Kathy around our cozy campfire for great stories. All ages. Drop in.

Bingo! Thursdays April 19 and 26. Tuesdays April 17 & 24. Please sign up.

Wii Games Wednesdays @ 4:00. Ages 6 to 11. We play Super Smash Bros. Drop in.

Math Help Wednesdays @ 4:00. Certified teacher for grades 1 to 8. Drop in & bring your homework!

Page Flippers 4pm Thurs April 19. Grades 3 & 4. Meets 1x/month to talk about our fave books, have a snack, do a craft. Please register.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 **selected days --** Babies, toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay for a while! **Tuesday 17, Wednesdays April 18 & 25, Thursday April 12, Friday April 27, and all Saturdays of the month.**

April is National Poetry Month: Check out a poetry book and enjoy some candy while you read! Present your checkout slip to us and fulfill your reading and sugar craving in one go!

TEENS:

Felt Animals Thursday, April 12 & 19 from 3pm-4pm Hand stitch tiny felt animals and other shapes! Participants must be able to closely follow directions and practice personal safety when handling needles. Program is open to Grades 6+. Registration required.

Monday, April 30 @ 6pm Teen Advisory Group: Grades 6-12 are invited to plan, assist, and lead young adult programs. Enjoy snacks, socialize, and be part of the library. Current meeting date is subject to change, please see the Young Adult Librarian about joining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 8 – May 3 Daniella Yovel art show.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 pm “Poetry in Motion” with Ms. Zey. Poetry Month Celebration.

Fridays, April 20 & May 4, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm “Princess Ida”: Concert performance by Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company.

Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 29, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friends of the Library Children's Book Sale.

Sunday, May 6, 2:00 pm Bluegrass Concert by the Blue Plate Special band.

LECTURES

Wednesday, May 2, 10:30 am “Fall Prevention”: lecture by Horizon-BCBSNJ representative.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, April 19, 10:00 am Great Books: “The City of God” by Saint Augustine.

Fridays, April 20 & May 4, 1:30 pm Short Story class.

Thursdays, April 26 & May 12 Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, May 3, 7:00 pm Really Good Book discussion: “The Circle” by Dave Eggers.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with developmental disabilities.

FILMS

Thursday, April 19, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
International Film: “Franz” (2016).

Monday, April 23th at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: “Hail Caesar” (1916). Starring George Clooney & Josh Brolin.

Monday, May 7, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film: “I’ll See You in My Dreams” (2015). Starring Blythe Danner.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Monday, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm Canasta Club.

Every Tuesday (except April 24) Afternoon Mahjong Club. 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

Every first Saturday of the month, 11:30 am
Needle Crafts and Fiber Arts.

INSTRUCTION

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

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

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH ON APRIL 18 WITH MULTIMEDIA PERFORMANCE BY MS. ZEY

Join us at the Springfield Free Public Library from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18, for a multimedia celebration of National Poetry Month with Ms. Zey. While Ms. Zey reads both her own original poetry and favorites by other poets, artist Malik Hill will use the poetry as a springboard to created original pastel paintings. This program is free and open to all members of the general public.

Ms. Zey, otherwise known as Zanzel Kathy Roach, is the author of the recently published poetry anthology, *Something Beautiful: A Look at Life Through Poetry*. In addition to holding a Bachelor’s Degree in African, African American and Caribbean Studies from William Paterson College and a Master’s Degree in Special Education from New Jersey City University, Ms. Zey has had numerous speaking appearances at Black History

Month and Women’s History Month celebrations throughout the area. More information about Ms. Zey can be found at www.zanzel.com.

National Poetry Month was introduced in April of 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States and has been celebrated every April since that time. More information about the Academy of American Poets and National Poetry Month can be found at <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO HOST CONCERT PERFORMANCE OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN’S PRINCESS IDA ON APRIL 22

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to welcome back the members of the Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 22, for a concert performance of *Princess Ida*, a rarely performed musical gem. The only one of Gilbert & Sullivan’s operettas with dialog written entirely in blank verse, *Princess Ida* is the story of a heroic princess who runs a women’s college and the prince who loves her. The operetta, with a larger than normal cast and lead role for a stronger soprano voice than is usually found in Gilbert & Sullivan compositions, humorously tosses about topics that were – and continue to be – newsworthy and controversial, including feminism, women’s colleges, and Darwin’s theory of evolution. Those with a keen memory and a good ear may recognize the source of Tom Lehrer’s musical parody, “The Professor’s Song” as well as music heard in Mickey, Donald, Goofy: The Three Musketeers.

The Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company has been staging performances of the complete works of Gilbert & Sullivan for more than 75 years. More information about this group can be found at their website, www.gilbertandsullivanridgewood.com.

This performance is free and open to all members of the general public. The performance will be held in the library’s Donald B. Palmer Museum; seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

DISCUSSION GROUP READS THE CIRCLE BY DAVE EGGERS

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. Mae Holland is hired to work for the Circle, the world’s most powerful internet company. The story of one woman’s ambition and idealism becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy and democracy.

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in the Staff Room. Refreshments are served. New members are welcome. To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email: questions@sfplnj.org.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY HOSTING MONTHLY NEEDLE- CRAFT AND FIBER ARTS CLUB

Knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, weavers, and anyone else who enjoys working with fiber and fabric is invited to join the library's new needle craft and fiber arts club. The group will meet from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on the first Saturday of each month. No pre-registration is required, just bring whatever you are working on and be prepared to meet others who share your interest.

Participation in this club is open to all members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Springfield and all skill levels are welcome.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 2ND TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Report cards for the 2nd trimester were a little delayed due to the snow and nor'easter-like conditions which closed school for three days. The names of Saint James students earning Honor Roll were announced during our morning prayer on Monday, March 19 and students received their certificates. Congratulations to the following students on their achievement:

FIRST HONORS

Grade 4 – Alexander Kieschke, Isabella Laura, Si'vana Shivers, Colby Tavares
Grade 5 – Gavin Diaz, Jayson Gbologa, Emmanuelle Jules, Alexandra Morales, Aiden Ricketts
Grade 6 – Delilah Garrett, Jamie Jules, Ethan Pinho
Grade 7 – Georgiana Tillinghast
Grade 8 – Yvonne Agyapong, Sophia Ilagan, Grace Roethlin, Steven Rotolo

SECOND HONORS

Grade 4 – Magdalene Battista, Abigail Jules, Isabella Martins, Christopher Rotolo, Cheyenne Simon
Grade 5 – Damian Brown, Andrew Filipe, Tayjaah Janvier, Paul Knecht, Julia Landicho;
Grade 6 – Dahlia Brown, Jon-Paul Farris, Kumud Neupane, Brian Pareja, Daniel Rueda, Ethan Stewart, Tierney Vesey;

Grade 7 – Michael Cangiano, Jack Chacon, Adam Cordeiro, Andrea Falar, Sierra Latonnel, Elizabeth Lopez, Katie Pascuite, Karla Perez-Palacios, Brielle Pierre Philippe, Angelina Robledo, Samantha Wolf; **Grade 8** – Nicholas Battista, Natalyah Cadiche, Kennedy Kwinta, Christopher Lopez, Jonathan Malavé, Benedict Martinez, Goda Pocius, Braeh Simon



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

POWER OUTAGES: BASIC SAFETY

BEFORE A POWER OUTAGE

- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flash light, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.
- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone and any device that requires power.
- Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car's gas tank full-gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by visiting your state's or local website so you can locate the closest cooling and warning shelters.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan

DURING A POWER OUTAGE: SAFETY TIPS

- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Take steps to remain cool if it is hot outside. In intense heat when the power may be off for a long time, consider going to a movie theater, shopping mall or "cooling shelter" that may be open in your community. If you remain at home, move to the lowest level of your home, since cool air falls. Wear lightweight clothing. Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Put layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location. (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power "surge" that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.
- If you are considering purchasing a generator for your home, consult a licensed electrician or engineer before purchasing and installing.
- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system.

B'NAI B'RITH DONATES FUNDS TO LOCAL SYNAGOGUE AND NAMES ITS' 2018 HONOREES



Pictured above presenting a check to Temple Beth Ahm are (l to r) Mark Samuel Ross, Esq. and Joseph Tenenbaum, Co-Presidents of the Union County Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Ilene Shewitz Temple President, and Andy Schuyler, Temple Treasurer of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield. The funds were raised by the Lodge at its 61st annual dinner dance held last year honoring Robin L. Ross, Dr. Gary Hecht, Rabbi Cecelia Beyer, Brett Ari Fischer and the 50 year members of the lodge. The Lodge raised \$5,000.00 for B'nai B'rith International and their world-wide charitable endeavors and \$2,500.00 for Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield in honor of the synagogue members who were honored at the dinner dance.

Additionally, the Lodge has announced its honorees for 2018 who will be recognized at the Lodge's 62nd annual dinner dance later this year. At that time the Lodge will honor; Barbara Wind of the MetroWest Holocaust Council with the B'nai B'rith International Eleanor Roosevelt Award, Steven Goldstein, Esq., the former Mayor of Springfield, who will receive the B'nai B'rith International Community Service and Civic Affairs Award. Also honored will be Caren Manders, a community volunteer, who will receive the Eshet Chayil (women of valor) award, Mark Samuel Ross, Esq., the long-time chairman of the dinner dance and a current member of the B'nai B'rith International Executive Board, who will receive the Keter Shem Tov (master of a good name) award, and Stuart Maslow, the chief of the Springfield Rescue Squad, who will receive the Young Leadership Award. Also to be recognized is B'nai B'rith itself which will be celebrating its 175th anniversary.

B'nai B'rith, at 175, is the worlds oldest humanitarian service organization, serving the needs of both Jews and non-Jews throughout the world and maintains lodges and units in the U.S. and in over 50 countries throughout the world. Few other Jewish organization have such global reach or is as respected as B'nai B'rith. Our leaders meet often with heads of state and government officials in defense of the Jewish people and as advocates for Israel.

Join the Township Committee, Department of Public Works, Environmental Commission and Greening Springfield for:

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 27 at 10 am - Veterans Memorial Park

- TREE SEEDLINGS GIVEAWAY • TREE PLANTING
- TREE PRUNING EXHIBITION

www.springfieldpatriot.com/news/2018/04/03/arbor-day-celebration-april-27th

2018 BUDGET

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Mayor Richard Huber, Abundant Life Church Pastor Rob Stoppielo, Pastor Gina Stoppielo and Scott Seidel OEM Coordinator



Mayor Richard Huber, Abundant Life Church Staff Members Anthony Foster and Victor West

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Wally Schultz OEM Deputy Coordinator, Sara Abraham, Steven Friedman, Melissa Mendes, Frank Applegate, Robert Abraham, Marcelo Montagna, Jose Camacho, Jennifer Sherman, Scott Seidel, Mayor Richard Huber



Township
Volunteers



A large crowd packed the Springfield Municipal Building for the Springfield Township Committee on Tuesday, March 27 to acknowledge individuals who volunteered during the aftermath of Winter Storm Quinn. In addition to 50+ members of the community, Mayor Rich Huber recognized the following individuals and groups for their tireless commitment to Springfield families faced with the extensive power outage resulting from the storm:

- The Springfield Recreation Department
- Karen Bonacorda, Jim Bonacorda, Kristen Gersh, Herb Gersh, and Craig Abrams of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Mike McIntyre of the Salvation Army
- Tim Johnston of the Red Cross
- Pastor Robert Stoppielo and Pastor Gina Stoppielo of the Abundant Life Church
- The Springfield Auxiliary Police, The Springfield Office of Emergency Management

A number of announcements also capped off the start of the Township Committee Meeting, most notably:

•Apu Mullick was named Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator via Proclamation. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel commented "Apu will be a great benefit to our staff at OEM. He is a long time member of the Springfield First Aid Squad and is very familiar with our procedures and operations. He was a great asset to us during Winter Storm "Quinn".

•A presentation from StigmaFree Springfield, entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight." The event is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 28 at Chisholm Community Center. Special Agent Timothy McMahon of the DEA will be the presenter.

•Municipal Offices are closed on Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday.

•Mobile Paper Shredding is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the

Springfield Community Pool

•Springfield Hadassah will host the Annual Holocaust Commemoration on Thursday, April 12, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the Springfield Free Public Library

The committee also extended their condolences to Mayor Rich Huber and his wife Ginnie on the passing of Ginnie's mother, Dorothy Ruhrort, to DPW Supervisor Robert Boettcher and his family on the passing of his father, Sylvester "Pooch" Boettcher, and to the family of Richard Colandrea on his passing.

The second half of the Township Committee Meeting was dedicated to a lengthy presentation of the budget. Beth Lippman, Consultant to the Springfield Business Improvement District, first presented the budget for the Springfield Community Partnership. The Springfield Community Partnership, funded by neighborhood businesses, includes monies for downtown redevelopment and local business promotion.

Following the short presentation of the Springfield Community Partnership, each department head of the Springfield Township had an opportunity to discuss the 2018 Municipal Budget. Prior to the reports by each department, Township Administrator Ziad Shehady noted that 30% of the overall property taxes are directed towards the municipality and most of the budget is fixed due to contractual obligations for salary and wages.

Shehady also noted that the total budget for 2018 is \$32.9 million, a \$1.2 million increase from 2017; however, the increase was offset by anticipated revenues of approximately \$700,000. The budget increase amounts to an average of \$70 per household.

During public comment, Police Chief John Cook read a proclamation for Captain

Captain Patrick McLaughlin, who is retiring after more than 28 years with the Springfield Police Department.

PT LIBRARY ASSISTANT NEEDED

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Computer skills & HS grad req.
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