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SPRINGFIELD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DRAWS HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS

Springfield's National Night Out 2021 (NNO) proved to be a big success and a popular event for the residents of Springfield. Starting at 6 pm and featuring Fire Trucks, a Rescue boat, Humvee, Ambulances, Front End Loaders and Police Vehicles all on display. Hundreds of residents turned out to meet and chat with Emergency responders from the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Auxiliary Police, CERT Team, Union County Prosecutor's Office and SWAT Team.

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SPRINGFIELD BID SPONSORS COMMUNITY CONCERT



Springfield BID Board Members, Co-Chair, Scott Seidel, Executive Director Beth Lippman, Anthony Fonseca, Mel Kevoe, Co-Chair Mike Scalera, Mayor Chris Weber, Deputy Mayor Alex Keiser, Township Committeeman Rich Huber



The Band "TreeOH"

The Springfield BID (Business Improvement District) sponsored a concert on Wednesday, July 21 in front of Town Hall. Over 200 people attended this event that was organized to bring the community together and thank them for supporting Springfield businesses during a very difficult year.

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THE SPRINGFIELD STREET FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW RETURNS SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

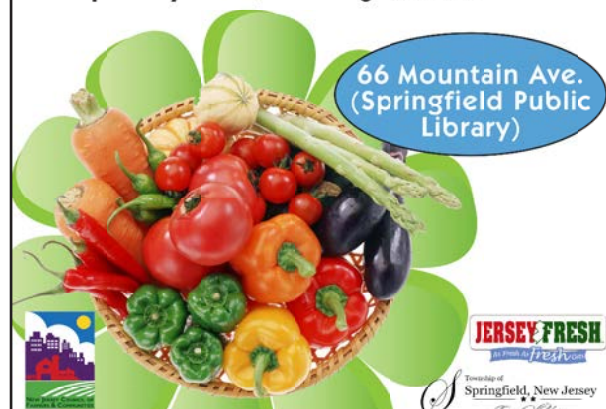
We are looking for local food vendors and regular and craft vendors. Please contact Monte Ehrenkrantz, Festival Chairman, at mehrenkrantz@regalbanknj.com if you would like to participate.

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JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD UNITY PROJECT ON SEPTEMBER 25 FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL DAVID MITCHELL COMMUNITY DAY

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Message from the Mayor

Happy August Springfield!

On August 4th, 2021 the Township Committee held a special meeting to discuss and vote on Springfield Ordinance 2021-19, which adds rules and regulations to the Township Code regarding recreational and medicinal cannabis within the Township. The Township Committee had two previous meetings for discussion on this, 08/04/2021, was the third meeting on this ordinance. Following the results of the 2020 election ballot question, where 67% of NJ and 69% of Springfield, voted to make cannabis legal in New Jersey, The Township Committee voted 4-1 in favor of allowing recreational sale within the Township of Springfield. The ordinance reads that sale of recreational cannabis will be allowed on our HC Zone / Highway Commercial Zone. This is located on the Route 22 corridor for Springfield. At this time, we feel that Route 22 is the best location for this type of retail. Springfield will be getting 2% from all receipt sales if a cannabis establishment does come to Springfield. Any money received will be placed right into our General Fund. We appreciate all the comments, questions and concerns from our Springfield residents on this. More details will be put out as we get them from the State.

A letter from myself is going to be mailed out with a breakdown of our taxes for the 2021 year. Please note, the final 2021 tax bill does not reflect the 2022 revaluations. The 2022 revaluation assessments will take effect January 2022 and will be reflected on the final 2022 3rd quarter (Aug) and 4th quarter (Nov) tax bills. This revaluation was mandated by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, and all of Union County has participated in this revaluation.

Please look at our Township of Springfield webpage. It is filled with all the information you need to know about our town. We have been working on the page and have made numerous changes for ease of use. Your continued feedback on the site is welcome. We are always looking for ways to improve the website user experience. The webpage address is <http://Springfield-nj.us>

Health and Happiness to all,
Chris Weber, Mayor

LOCAL AUTHOR UNRAVELS MYSTERY OF THE ZODIAC

By Scott Seidel



When local author and attorney Joe Cappa called me to say he has solved the mystery of the Zodiac, I have to admit I was a little confused. I didn’t realize there was still a mystery about the Zodiac to be solved! I thought it had to do with astrology and was not a mystery at all! I read up a little bit on the Zodiac online and then went to interview Joe about his book, The Zodiac Decoded and the mystery surrounding it. While most people associate the Zodiac with astrol-

ogy or the “Zodiac Killer” from California, there is much more to it according to Joe. I sat down with him in his living room last month and he proceeded to explain the mystery of the Zodiac to me. Joe says history tells us the zodiac was first written down by the Sumerians around 2,400-3,000 BC. It must have been important as it was one of the first things we humans wrote down. Not only that, it was then passed down to the Babylonians who invented astrology around 1,200 bce. After the Babylonians, the Greeks adopted the zodiac, and then the Romans, and then to the rest of the world. During the “dark” ages, it became punishable by death to study the zodiac. The zodiac was revived during the Renaissance but only as the pseudo-science of astrology. The question remains, “What was the zodiac for a thousand years before the invention of astrology that was so important that it has been passed down from empire to empire and throughout the ages”? Joe began to research the zodiac looking for its original meaning. He found that that almost everything we have been taught about the zodiac is wrong. For example, we were all taught that the word zodiac means “Circle of Animals” however the literal translation is “Exalted Circle of Life”. Joe theorized that the zodiac symbols, in the order they were in had to have an original meaning that was somehow lost or forgotten over the ages. The trick, he said, is to relearn how to read the zodiac.

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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.

- TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Tuesdays September 14 and 28
- PLANNING BOARD
1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building
- BOARD OF HEALTH
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

- RENT LEVELING BOARD
Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
- RECREATION COUNCIL
Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time
- ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center
- LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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VETERANS CORNER.....By Gerry Gebauer

Summer is almost over, and the Springfield American Legion Post 228 will be starting its Legion Year with a meeting starting on September 2nd. We are inviting all veterans in town to join our organization. The American Legion is the last remaining veteran's organization in our town. If you want to help veterans and yourself, then you need to be part of an organized voice for veterans. The Legion along with other veteran organization is a voice in Washington DC advocating for our current service men and women and for our fellow veterans. Come to our meeting and see what we are about and how we can help you, our fellow veteran. Meetings are held at Post 140 located at 200 Main Street, Millburn, NJ. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 from September to June.

Any question, call me 973-379-2292

COMMUNITY CONCERT

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The music was performed by *TreeOh*, a local rock band and free ice cream was provided by a "Scream Truck", a Springfield business. The lawn in front of Town Hall was alive with parents, children and pets enjoying a beautiful night out! The BID paid for the ice cream and provided giveaways for the kids to make this a fun evening for all.

The BID thanks Mayor Weber, members of the Township Committee, Township Manager, John Bussicula and Springfield employees and residents for supporting our small businesses during this pandemic. Your support will continue to be needed to help our business friends and neighbors continue to survive and thrive once we are out of this critical time.



Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

SEVERE WEATHER BLACKOUTS

Severe weather and storms can cause power outages and restoring power can take time. In some instances, such as during extended periods of hot weather, power companies may schedule periods of power outages to help conserve power across the board.

Before

- Conserve energy to help reduce the threat of a power outage.
- Have flashlights, a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, and extra batteries on hand.
- Set aside extra water and buy or make extra ice.
- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, keep plastic containers filled with water, leaving about an inch of space in each one. The chilled or frozen water will help keep food cool during power outages.
- Be prepared to cook outside.
- If you take any medications that must be refrigerated, check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine how long medications can last.
- Back up computer files regularly.
- Have some form of phone that does not require electricity, either a standard telephone or a cellular phone, rather than a cordless telephone.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.
- If you have any specific needs or disabilities that require electrical equipment, make plans for dealing with a power outage.

During

- Never use candles for emergency lighting, use flashlights.
- Turn off any electrical equipment you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so you know when the power returns.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- Use generators safely. Don't run a generator inside a home or garage. Connect the equipment you want to run directly to the generator. Do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system. Keep instructions with the generator and be familiar with its use.
- Use the telephone only for emergencies.
- Listen to the radio for updates.
- Eliminate unnecessary travel.
- If it is hot outside, take steps to remain cool. If it is cold, take steps to remain warm.
- If you are in your car when a power line falls on it, stay in the vehicle and do not touch anything on the outside of the vehicle. Use your horn or cell phone to signal for help.
- Short-term power outages usually occur during peak energy usage times, usually between 4:00 and 7:00 pm on weekdays, and typically last one hour.

After

- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Do not refreeze any dairy products, seafood, or food that has thawed completely and been above 40° for more than two hours, or anything with a questionable texture or smell. If in doubt, throw it out.

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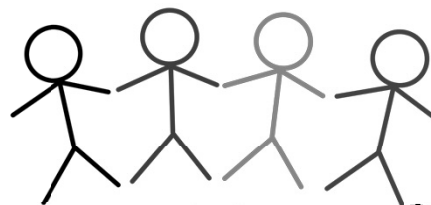
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RECREATION TRIP TO LONG BRANCH ATTRACTS SENIOR CITIZENS



Springfield senior citizens send greetings from the Jersey Shore! The Springfield Recreation Department's day trip to Pier Village in Long Branch on Thursday, July 15, 2021, attracted a busload! For information on other summer trips, contact the Springfield Recreation Department in the Chisholm Community Center at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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There were plenty of free giveaways as well. Six Food trucks offered a wide range of food to snack on and there was a bounce house and obstacle course, the cost of which was sponsored by Mike Scalera of State Farm Insurance, Scott Seidel of Cardinal Land Properties and the Springfield Unity Project. The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce coordinated setting up the children's attractions.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring emergency responders and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. Event organizer Scott Seidel noted: "All too often someone may only interact with the Police or Emergency Responders when something is going wrong, an accident, natural disaster or other situation requiring emergency response. NNO is a great opportunity to interact with first responders in a relaxed friendly and fun setting. National Night Out is an excellent program and builds relationships within the community and first responders."

The event was organized by Springfield Emergency Management in cooperation with the Springfield Board of Education and Springfield Recreation department.

Apu Mullick, Springfield OEM Deputy Coordinator and EMS Chief commented to the Patriot Times:

"Parents and their children have the opportunity to see police cars, various emergency response vehicles, and even a medical helicopter. They can learn about a wide variety of safety topics and partake in numerous interactive family friendly activities. There

were even two new front end loaders from the Department of Public Works for the kids to climb on. While not emergency vehicles, they have been used to rescue people from flooded homes."

OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel commented: This is the first time Springfield has hosted their own event. In the past Union County hosts the event at Meisel Field and a few towns, including Springfield, would join them at their event. I found out just after July 4th that the County was not hosting the event at Meisel Field this year so my Deputy Apu suggested we try to host our own NNO. Apu even arranged for a flyover of the State Police Medical Helicopter "Northstar". I reached out to Adam Lieb of the Recreation Department to see if he could line up a movie on a big outdoor screen for us—something typically done by the County at the event. My Administrative assistant, Jennifer Sherman lined up six food trucks, the bounce house and obstacle course. The Police, Fire, OEM, EMS and DPW all supported the event as well with personnel, free handouts and vehicles on display. The Union County Prosecutors Office and SWAT Team also had tables. The Springfield Police Department provided a free fingerprinting service for parents to have their children's fingerprints taken and then the cards are given to the parents for safe keeping. OEM Deputy Coordinators Police Sergeant Ryan Westover and Frank Applegate lined up the logistical support and helped position all the participants."

At the conclusion of the Emergency Vehicle display, at around 830 PM, approximately two hundred residents gathered in the back of the high school to watch *Toy Story 4* on a giant 28 foot wide screen.

Seidel noted he would like to see the Town continue hosting their own NNO as it was so well received.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!

**Reserve the date – Thursday August 26th
(with a rain date of Friday August 27)**

That will be Movie Night at Chisholm Park. The Springfield Recreation Department has planned a great family evening for the Township which will feature a screening of *The Lion King* (rated PG). The evening will start at 7:30PM with DJ music presented by Summit Soundz. The Movie, on a 25' Jumbo screen, will start at 8 PM and will run until around 10 PM. There will be free popcorn bags for all!

**To Pre-register for more information go to
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>**

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb said "Last summer during the COVID-19 pandemic, we held three sold-out drive-in movies that brought the community out of their homes for a safe and fun experience. To assist, we partnered with Boxcar for ticket sales and parking logistics and with local restaurants for dinner delivery. This summer, we decided to move away from cars in favor of a more relaxed outdoor movie in the park in which more people can gather on lawn chairs and blankets. We're giving out free popcorn and residents can bring their own picnic dinners."

"We're excited to show 'The Lion King' because it's the new version of a Disney classic that grandparents, parents, and children should all enjoy. Our production company is also going to provide DJ music before the movie so kids can dance in front of the big screen."

SPRINGFIELD STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Sharlyn Dubey from Springfield has been honored as one of the brightest students in the world by The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Dubey, a student at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, was honored for her exceptional performance on the SAT, ACT, or similar assessment taken as part of the CTY Talent Search. Dubey was one of nearly 19,000 students from 84 countries who joined CTY in the 2020-21 Talent Search year. Less than 20% percent of CTY Talent Search participants qualified for CTY High Honors Awards.

"We are thrilled to celebrate these students," said Virginia Roach, CTY's executive director. "In a year that was anything but ordinary, their love of learning shined through, and we are excited to help cultivate their growth as scholars and citizens throughout high school, college and beyond."

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SPRINGFIELD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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Movie in Chisholm Park

★ THE LION KING ★

★ Thursday, August 26, 2021 ★
(Rain date Friday, August 27, 2021)

7:30 pm – DJ Music by Summit Soundz
8:00 pm – Movie Begins
10:00 pm – Movie Ends

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DONORS NEEDED FOR
BLOOD DRIVE AT
CHISHOLM ON AUGUST 24

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, an emergency blood drive will be held at the Chisholm Community Center from 1:30-7:30 pm. The Springfield Recreation Department is hosting this summer blood drive sponsored by New Jersey Blood Services. Please sign up for an appointment ASAP at smarturl.it/NJBS_Drive. Sponsor Code 70915. Questions? Contact Genevieve at (732) 672-5281 or GToscana@nybc.org.

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Police Chief's Column

for readers of the Patriot Times

Chief John P. Cook

INTERNET CLASSIFIEDS SCAMS AND CRIMES – HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

More and more people are utilizing web-based classifieds sites such as Craigslist, OfferUp and Facebook Marketplace to buy and sell personal items. Most of the transactions that take place after people “connect” through these sites are done in person, but some may involve some type of electronic money transfer or mailing. Either way, things sometimes go wrong with these transactions, and the police become involved. Here are a few tips to keep in mind and red-flags you should look out for whenever you consider buying or selling an item this way. There are many criminals who browse these websites regularly looking for their next victim.

As a seller of an item, you should always be wary of the following:

- A “buyer” who is interested in purchasing your item sight-unseen, and immediately offers your full asking price without getting more details from you. Most real buyers will ask a lot of questions and want to see the item in person (especially if it’s expensive) before finalizing the deal.

- A “buyer” who wishes to send you a check or money order for your item and have one of their “agents” pick up the item. The check or money order will most likely be fraudulent, and you won’t find out until after your item is gone.

- A “buyer” who sends you a check or money order for an amount much more than your agreed upon price. The “buyer” will ask you to deposit the check and return the difference to them. You will most likely later find out the payment was fraudulent or lacked sufficient funds, and your money will be gone. The “buyer” was never actually interested in your item.

If the item you are selling is valuable, be especially careful of fraudulent checks or fake currency. It may be a good idea to complete the transaction at your local bank, where they can help you verify if the payment is legitimate. It can also be helpful to keep track of all emails and telephone numbers used during the transaction, as well as jotting down the license plate of the person you meet.

As a buyer of an item, you should always be wary of the following:

- A “seller” who advertises brand-new items for sale, or who has multiples of the same items for sale. There is a good chance these items are stolen goods.

- A “seller” who advertises brand name items for very low prices. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. These items will most likely be low-quality knock-offs, imitations, or counterfeits.

- A “seller” who has trouble describing or provides sketchy background information on an item. This could be a sign that the item is stolen. Most legitimate sellers know exactly what they have when they list it for sale.

- A “seller” who is overly eager to get rid of their item. If the price agreed upon is abnormally low, this could be another sign of a possible stolen item – or a defective item.

If you are purchasing a valuable item, do your research ahead of time, and have the seller provide documentation on the item. If buying a vehicle, consider using a vehicle history check service, such as CarFax, to avoid getting scammed.

Most importantly, whether you are buying or selling, you should NEVER meet an unknown person in a strange or isolated area. Always have someone else come along with you, or at least let someone else know where you are going. Use common sense – stick to busy public places that you are comfortable with, such as a shopping mall, a busy coffee shop, or even outside of your local police department.

MYSTERY OF THE ZODIAC

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Joe found that by reading the zodiac starting with the constellation Capricorn, and going clockwise across our sky, the zodiac forms an undeniable story told in a series of pictures, something we call a “pictograph”. It is the story of human life on this planet. It is the history of human civilization written in the stars by the ancients going all the way back to humanity’s infancy, approximately 21,700 bce. Among other things, the zodiac tells us that human civilization was devastated by comet impacts around 10,800 bce. Joe says his book demonstrates, “beyond any reasonable doubt”, that the zodiac is the true “story of us” written in the stars.

Want to know more? Log into Joe’s Springfield Library Zoom discussion on August 23rd at 7 PM and all will be revealed---or buy the book!

<https://www.sfplnj.org/programs/calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2021/08/23/6603//the-zodiac-decoded> or just go to www.sfplnj.org and select Programs and calendar

Those wishing to attend by dial in telephone access should call 1 646 876 9923; when prompted for the meeting ID, enter 874 9036 7644 and then enter 006688 when prompted for the passcode.

PRIME TIME MORTGAGE KIND SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Prime Time Mortgage Kind Scholars scholarship inaugural winners were Nikki Fiore and Olivia Pagnillo. Both recipients were dedicated peer mentors with Springfield Public School students. A special video presentation was developed by Ms. Fiore and Ms. Pagnillo to introduce JDHS to 8th grade students. They both showed dedication and honor in mentoring our youth.

Prime Time Mortgage President Michael A Graziano and Vice President Louis Schornstein met personally with the winners.

Prime Time Mortgage has been offering Mortgages to Springfield residents for over the past 17 years.



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2ND ANNUAL DAVID MITCHELL COMMUNITY DAY

September 25, 2021 • 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. • In front of Springfield Town Hall

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COMMUNITY DAY

Join the Springfield Unity Project on September 25 for our 2nd Annual David Mitchell Community Day in front of Springfield town hall! Community Day is a gathering where we support our first-responders and promote local businesses! We are dedicating Community Day to SUP member and long-time Springfield resident David Mitchell, who passed away in 2020.

Events include live music by TreeOh!, Twice Heard, and DJ J-Dub; a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Springfield First Aid Squad; a basket auction; food trucks; and games. The event itself is free, although some vendors (particularly the food trucks) will charge separately for any purchases. We will also host a VIP Tent to provide free food and drinks to our First Responders throughout the event as a huge THANK YOU to them! Sponsorship opportunities are available, for more information, email communityday@springfieldunityproject.org.

In case of rain, the event will take place on September 26.

SUP is a grassroots, non-partisan 501(c)3 group founded by Springfield residents to actively promote positive change, to combat bias and social injustice, and foster deeper and more meaningful understanding in our town. For more information, go to www.springfieldunityproject.org.



"TOUCH A TRUCK" EVENT

Not even the August heat could keep these kids from coming to the Springfield Free Public Library's first ever "Touch a Truck" event, held behind the library on Center Street on August 11. Vehicles included two fire trucks, several large vehicles from the Department of Public Works, including a flat bed truck and a front loader, a rescue squad ambulance, complete with stretcher, and an auxiliary police car. Kids were free to touch - and in some cases climb - on the trucks.

According to Library Director Dale Spindel, one of the library's main priorities has been to provide a variety of outdoor activities that parents can feel comfortable bringing their kids to, even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

"The fact that so many families came out for the touch a truck event, even in spite of the extreme heat, confirms that we are on the right track."

"This event could not have happened without the cooperation and active participation of the auxiliary police, the fire department, the rescue squad and the Department of Public Works, and I want to thank them for teaming up with the library to make this happen," Spindel added.

The Office Of Emergency Management CERT Team and Springfield Police Department assisted as well to make this a fun and safe event.



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CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP WRAPS UP AMAZING SUMMER



The final few weeks of the Springfield Recreation Department's Chisholm Playground Camp, which sold out all eight weeks, saw campers enjoying Color War, DIY crafts, Fridays at the Springfield Community Pool, a photo montage, and group games.

ARBOR TERRACE SPONSORS SENIOR CITIZEN SNACKS AT CHISHOLM



(l-r): Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation;
Donald Wilkenfeld, Recreation Bus Driver; Aranzullo;
Margaret Bandrowski, Springfield Senior Citizens
Club President; Sandy Tasch, Springfield Senior
Citizens Club Treasurer; and Marietta Peskin.

Arbor Terrace Mountainside sponsored donuts and coffee for senior citizens who gathered at the Chisholm Community Center on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Arbor Terrace is a private community in Mountainside on the Springfield border that offers assisted living, dementia/memory care, and a neighborhood devoted to socialization among residents with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Joan Aranzullo, Senior Care Counselor at Arbor Terrace, continued her monthly tradition of visiting Chisholm to talk about the living options that her community has to offer. Arbor Terrace can be reached at (908) 505-6115 with any questions.

Interested senior citizens may also view the website at <http://www.arbormountainside.com>.

STORM WINS D2 NJ PARKWAY LEAGUE 12U SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST MSO AT CHISHOLM



Regular season stat
8 wins, 1 lose, 1 tie.

Head Coach: Rick Tarrant

Asst Coaches:

Brian Cantagallo, Chris Riolo

Alyson Strasser, Mike Mortensen

Team: (not in order of picture)

Madison Tarrant

Peyton Riolo

Abigail Trenk

Abigail Strasser

Julianna Segro

Julianna Santangelo

Maggie Mortensen

Maggie Hildebrand

Aubrie Cantagallo

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Avital Kandel (not pictured)



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SDL PORTAL - Access Building Department Information Online

Springfield has launched SDL Portal, an online hub where residents, businesses and professionals can request inspections & access permit information 24/7.

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- Visit sdl.town/springfield and creat an account
- Request inspections. User can view availability & submit their preferred inspection dates
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• • • • • COMING SOON • • • • • SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS VINTAGE JEWELRY SALE OCT. 14 – 16, 2021

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will hold their Vintage Jewelry Sale Thursday through Saturday, October 14 - 16, 2021, 10-4 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. There will be a wide assortment of costume and fine jewelry including rings, bracelets, necklaces, pierced, clip, and screw back earrings, and watches offered for sale. All battery-operated watches come with brand new batteries.

The Sale in the Library's Meeting Room will also include a sampling of DVD's, Children's and Adult Books and more.

The Friends are an independent, tax-exempt organization dedicated to assisting the library and welcomes new members all year long. Memberships start at \$10. Applications are available at the Library. Applications can also be printed from the library's website: Springfieldpubliclibrary.com. Click on "About", then "Friends of the Library", and "click Here" to find the application form. Print the form and bring it or mail it to the library along with your dues.

**ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT LIBRARY RESOURCES
AND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS, YOUNG ADULTS, AND CHILDREN.**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



- PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - **ALCOHOL AWARENESS** **ALCOHOL EFFECTS ON THE BODY**

Drinking too much on a single occasion or over time
can take a serious toll on your health.
Here's how alcohol can affect your body:

BRAIN

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

HEART

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

LIVER

INFLAMMATION: STEATOSIS OR FATTY LIVER
ALCOHOLIC HEPATITIS - FIBROSIS - CIRRHOSIS

CANCER

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

Which are the following :

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LIVER CANCER - BREAST CANCER - COLORECTAL CANCER

PANCREAS

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, August 17 - Exercise class with Liz @ 10:30 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 18 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Thursday, August 19 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am
Friday, August 20 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 1:00 pm
Monday, August 23 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, August 24 - Bus trip to Asbury Park @ 10:00 am (RSVP),
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 25 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am,
Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Thursday, August 26 - Club meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
Friday, August 27 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am,
Pickleball @ 12:30 pm
Monday, August 30 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, August 31 - Exercise class with Liz @ 10:30 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, September 1 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Thursday, September 2 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 10:30 am
Friday, September 3 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am,
Pickleball @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, September 8 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Thursday, September 9 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am
Friday, September 10 - Rummikub @ 11:00 am,
Pickleball @ 11:00 am
Monday, September 13 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, September 14 - Exercise class with Liz @ 11:00 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday, September 15 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
(sponsored by Arbor Terrace Mountainside)
Friday, September 17 - Exercise class with Betsy @ 11:00 am,
Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Pickleball @ 12:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:

Computer Lab and Fitness Room @ 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Summer 2021 @ Chisholm

Kiddies Kaleidoscope Making Memories

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RISING K-5TH GRADERS

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Our Soccer camp gives campers the opportunity to receive soccer instruction at a level that will both challenge them and ensure they have a fantastic experience at camp.

(Ages 5-11) **AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3** 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT & SPRINGFIELD GIRLS SOFTBALL INC.

SOFTBALL CLINICS

**FALL 2021
K-2ND**

**SUNDAYS - 5:00-6:00 PM
CHISHOLM PARK**



DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION AT
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SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY LUNCH AT CHARLIE BROWN'S ON LATEST RECREATION BUS TRIP



By popular demand, Springfield Recreation Department's senior citizens enjoyed lunch at Charlie Brown's in Scotch Plains on a summer bus trip on Friday, July 23, 2021! For information on other summer bus trips, contact the Springfield Recreation Department in the Chisholm Community Center at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

TRYCAN
KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

RUNNING CLUB FALL 2021 - GRADES K-9

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All programs adhere to COVID-19 State and CDC guidelines. Visit our website for more program information.

TENNIS

ALL CLASSES HELD AT IRWIN PARK TENNIS COURTS



SUMMER CAMPS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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(Ages 5 -14)

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{Ages 5-6 5- 6:15 pm}

{Ages 7-8 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm}

i9 Sports and Springfield Recreation have partnered together to give you a Flag Football experience like no other! We will play a 7/ week season under the lights on Monday evenings in the fall.



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE

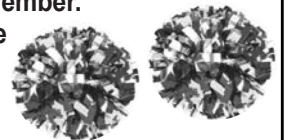
Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 at least one day prior to your transportation request. This service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain senior citizen bus trips.

Bus runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently or with their aide.

Jr. Dawgs Cheerleading

FALL 2021 • GRADES 3-8

- Cheerleading is open to children in Springfield and Millburn schools entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2021.
- 1-2 practices per week. Schedule to be announced.
- Sunday football games in September, October, and November.
- Participants will cheer at home and away games for one Jr. Dawgs football team.
- All grades will be combined into one cheerleading squad. Enrollment is limited to 25 cheerleaders.
- Additional cheerleading opportunities, such as tournaments or exhibitions, may be added.



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



RECREATION TO HOST COACH CLINIC

New youth sports coaches are invited to attend a S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coach Clinic, sponsored by the Youth Sports Research Council (YSRC) at Rutgers University -- a requirement for volunteering in Springfield's youth sports programs. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 6:00-9:00 pm, and costs \$35 per person. It will be held virtually, so attendees should be prepared to log in from an off-site computer. Virtual attendance will be confirmed by the Springfield Recreation Department. The clinic provides partial civil immunity to volunteer coaches under the state's Little League Law, and covers topics such as minimizing risk to young athletes, fundamental coaching concepts, legal and psychological aspects of coaching, conditioning techniques, concussions, lightning, and a first aid overview. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

FLAG CHEERLEADING

GRADES K-2



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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT & LACROSSE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD



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