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SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD HOLDS INSTALLATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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(l to r) Chief Stuart Maslow, Apu Mullick and President Elizabeth J. Fritzen Longtime volunteer Apu Mullick received both the Ilya Fasman Award and Daniel D. Kalem Award. Apu was honored for answering the highest number of second calls in 2017 and for his lifetime of dedication and service to the Squad and the people of Springfield.



EMT Evan Jenkins, Chief Stuart Maslow, Deputy Chief Wally Lutz and EMT Adam Foti

KIDDIE ACADEMY GRAND OPENING

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(l to r) Jeff Pleis, Kiddie Academy Corporate, Nancy Kovacs, Center Director, Aanal Parikh, Owner, Mike Scalera, Chamber Co-Chair, Springfield Police Captain Pat McLaughlin and Lieutenant Jon Rachel, Chamber Co-Chair Scott Seidel and Chamber VP Elliot Merkin.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE HOLD AWARDS DINNER

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Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year, Officer Frank Applegate with Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, left, and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz, second from right and Chief of Police John Cook right.



Rookie of the Year, Auxiliary Police Officer Steven Freidman with Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel, left, and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Wally Schultz

SPRINGFIELD ORIENTAL GENIUS ACADEMY

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(l to r) Mike Scalera, Co-Chairman Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce; Elliot Merkin, Vice President of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce; Jack Ouyang, one of the founders and principal of the Millburn Huaxia Chinese School; Roy You, former president of the Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association; Peter Liu, who donated a grand piano to Springfield Genius Academy; David Yen; Margaret Lam, founder of the annual NJ Chinese Festival; Mayor Richard Huber, Weilai Fong and Liuxia Lu -- founders of Springfield Genius Academy, Mei Liu; Xueyan Xu; Louie Shen, member of the Board of Education in Millburn; Deputy Mayor Erica Dubois; Township Committeeman Chris Capodice; Liwu Hong, member of the Board of Education in East Brunswick; Jerry Shi, the President of the Board of Education in Edison.



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Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone's 2018 is off to a great start! I would like to begin by congratulating both Jon Rachel and Dan Zieser on their recent promotions. Sergeant Rachel was promoted to Lieutenant, and Officer Zieser was promoted to Sergeant. Also, our public safety department welcomed two new members. Officer Matt Nolan was added to our Police Department and James Ellmer was recently added to the Fire Department. Matt and James, welcome to Springfield and I wish you all the best. Continuing in Public Safety, our Auxiliary police recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a wonderful reception at Baltusrol Golf Club.

Our winter recreation programs are in full swing. I have dropped in to visit several different programs and have been very impressed with all the action I have seen. Adam, Mike, Amefika, and everyone else involved, keep up the great work! Renovations to the community pool are progressing as scheduled.

Our Rabies Clinic will be held on February 24 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Chisholm Community Center. Finally, registration for spring activities has begun. Please check our website <http://springfield-nj.us/> for more information.

I and other members of the Township Committee will be holding open office hours in the near future. If you have a chance, please stop by. We look forward to the opportunity to meet you and discuss any concerns you may have. Unfortunately as of now, we have not solidified an exact time for these office hours, but please check the board in front of town hall for more information. Once again if you need to contact me, please email me at mayor@springfield-nj.us.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2018

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OVAL OFFICE TIME AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., will be open on Sunday, February 18 from 2-4 pm. In honor of it being Presidents' Day weekend, two samples of presidential penmanship will be displayed. One is a letter that George Washington wrote from Springfield during the Revolutionary War, while the other is a piece of correspondence from Herbert Hoover. These letters are only displayed once a year; so do not miss the opportunity to see them at the Historic Cannon Ball House.

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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

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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KIDDIE ACADEMY

CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

On Friday, January 25 at 11 am the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce held a ceremonial "ribbon cutting" at the Kiddie Academy located at 25 Route 22 East in Springfield. On hand were Chamber Co-Chairs Scott Seidel and Mike Scalera, Chamber VP Elliot Merkin, and Springfield Police Captain Pat McLaughlin, and Lieutenant Jon Rachel. Mike Scalera noted to the Patriot Times, "The Chamber has been doing many ribbon cuttings lately, an indication that more businesses are choosing Springfield in which to operate, a very positive sign for our local economy." The Chamber Officers were treated to a tour of the facility, which is all brand new and state of the art. Children are already signed up and attending the Academy.



On Saturday morning, there was a grand opening party. There was dancing and refreshments for those that attended. Aanal Parikh, owner of this Kiddie Academy Location, commented to the Patriot Times: "Come move with us at Kiddie Academy of Springfield's Grand Opening Celebration and Dance Party! Come one, come one! DJ, Balloon artist, Face Painting, Games, Art, food, Prizes and lots of Fun! Enrollments now open for Infants through Kindergarten. Take advantage of our Grand Opening Special offer." They can be reached at 973-315-3177.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Over the past several weeks, the Police Department has seen an increase in internet and phone initiated scams targeting the public. While these scams may unfold in different ways, the end result is always the same – the perpetrators defraud the victims of their money. Many of the suspects involved in these scams operate from foreign countries, and prosecution is all but impossible. Luckily, many financial institutions will rectify fraudulent transactions, but full resolution of these situations can turn into major hassles for victims. Thieves may attempt to use their victim's breached personal information to open unauthorized accounts or make fraudulent purchases for a long time after the initial fraud is detected. So, the best way to deal with these types of frauds is to be able to recognize and identify the scam before you become a victim. Here are some warning flags to look out for:

- If you receive an email or phone call indicating you won a prize, but must pay some type of "fee" before you can collect a prize, it is a scam. If you did not personally enter a sweepstakes or lottery, hang up the phone immediately or delete the email. Do not reply, and do not provide any personal information. Any legitimate prize will not require a pre-payment of any sort.
 - If you are selling an item or offering a service online, and someone wants to give you a check made out for more than you are asking, it is a scam. These perpetrators will ask you to wire or transfer the difference from your bank account before the check is discovered to be counterfeit.
 - If you receive an email from a bank or credit card company requesting you to click on an included link to access your account, it is probably a scam. If the link directs you to enter personal information in addition to your account information, it is definitely a scam. Some of these emails look very convincing, and can fool almost anyone. If you are not sure, but want to check your account anyway, don't click the included link, but rather manually type the bank's web address or call the phone number listed on your card or statement.
 - If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of your bank or credit card company, and they ask for your personal information to "verify" your identity, it is a scam. These perpetrators will try to get you to divulge your confidential information, such as your social security number, to commit frauds against you. Any legitimate caller will already know who you are and will not ask you to provide confidential information to prove your identity.
 - If you receive a call or email from someone claiming to be a foreign law enforcement official, who asks you to pay bail for one of your relatives who was jailed abroad, it is a scam. Fraudsters will browse Facebook accounts looking for people who are posting photos while on vacation in foreign countries, and track down their relatives who they will try to scam.
 - If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a police officer or federal agent and tells you there is a warrant for your arrest that you can pay over the phone, it is a scam. If there really is a warrant issued for your arrest, police will come to your home or business to arrest you, but will never call ahead and agree to accept bail payment over the phone in lieu of arrest.
 - If you receive a call from someone purporting to be a sheriff's officer who says you missed jury duty and must pay a fine or be arrested, it is a scam. These scammers will even use the names of actual judges in your area to make the call seem more authentic. One recent victim was asked to purchase a pre-paid debit card to use for payment, but then the brazen caller told the person to actually go to the Sheriff's Office where he would be met outside to pay the "fine." Luckily, this person insisted on going inside since he knew several officers there, and the caller hung up and never called back. Remember, police will never call ahead and agree to accept payment for bail or a fine over the phone in lieu of arrest.
 - If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of a utility company, and threatens to disconnect a utility unless you make a payment over the phone, it is a scam. Sometimes these callers will request payment to be made with a pre-paid debit card or bank transfer. If in doubt, always contact your utility directly to verify your account status.
 - Phony IRS scams also increase during this time of year. You may receive phone calls or emails that appear to be authentic indicating you owe taxes or have other problems with the IRS. Do not click on any links in these emails, and do not provide the callers with any information. Remember, the IRS will not contact you by telephone or email to request personal or financial information, or threaten arrest if immediate payment is not made. Any official correspondence will be made via the US Postal Service.
- Very few instances exist in which you may have to provide confidential personal information over the phone, text message, or email. You should take every precaution to safeguard your social security number, bank account numbers, credit/debit card numbers, and other personal identifying information. If you feel you may have fallen victim to one of these scams, contact the Police Department for assistance and for more information.

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On Wednesday evening March 14 at 7:00 Temple Sha'arey Shalom will host a discussion about a new book about men and women in the rabbinate, titled "The Sacred Calling". The conversation will be led by the current rabbi of the congregation, Renee Edelman, and the congregation's rabbi emeritus, Joshua Goldstein. The book was edited by Rabbi Edelman and won the 2016 National Book Award in women's studies.

**SPRINGFIELD ANNOUNCES RADON
AWARENESS PROGRAM**

The Township of Springfield is designating March 5 - March 9 as Radon Action Week. In partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), this program will provide a limited number of free radon kits to residents on a first come, first serve basis.

Township Administrator Ziad Andrew Shehady commented, "We are proud to announce that Springfield received a grant from the DEP to provide a valuable life-saving service to residents at no cost. Residents are encouraged to test their homes and learn more about the risks of radon. Testing is easy and steps can be taken to mitigate problems if found."

Radon is a serious health risk. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Radon is an invisible and odorless radioactive gas that occurs naturally and can move up through the soil into homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around pumps, pipes and drains. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency both recommend that you take action to mitigate your home if test results indicate radon levels of 4 pCi/L of radon or higher.

Residents who are interested should reserve a free radon kit by visiting www.springfield-nj.us/radon. Kits can be picked from the Building Department located in the Springfield Municipal Annex at 20 North Trivett Avenue between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during Radon Action Week. To learn more about radon, visit www.njradon.org.



During the month of January, the children at Holy Cross Nursery School collected donations for The Seeing Eye.

They also enjoyed a visit from one of the "puppies in training" affectionately known as Miles and learned more about how dogs can assist those with visual disabilities. To learn more about The Seeing Eye visit www.seeingeye.org.





On January 13, a multi-generational group of volunteers from Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, packed over 100 lunches for clients of Bridges Outreach. Bridges Outreach in Summit NJ brings the housed and homeless together in community. Temple Sha'arey Shalom participates annually with Bridges Outreach in making meals and delivering clothing and food to homeless and needy clients in Irvington.

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Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. To prevent heart disease and increase awareness of its effects, The Health Department is proudly participating in American Heart Month.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

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SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

On January 25, the Springfield Auxiliary Police held their annual awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel welcomed the members of the Auxiliary Police and the CERT Team, their guests and township officials who were in attendance. Mayor Richard Huber addressed the gathering and thanked the volunteers for their efforts.

After the meal, Seidel started the awards program by commenting that in 2017, the Auxiliary Police performed 1,856 hours of service, which probably represented over \$100,000 in volunteer service to the township. The Auxiliary Police duty hours consist of routine training patrols, court duty, special events, emergencies and of course the two "flagship" events, the Fourth of July celebration and the Chamber of Commerce Festival and Car Show. A substantial amount of hours was performed on the Fourth of July. On the Fourth, everyone would like to be with their families, but for the Auxiliary Police as well as the many other Emergency Management and CERT Volunteers, it means spending time away from their families to make sure the Township runs a safe and secure event.

In 2017 the Unit worked 1,103 hours at special events and special details, 155 hours at emergencies, 18 hours in court and 580 hours of patrol. The annual requirement is 96 hours per year and most members surpassed that benchmark in 2017. The first presentation was for the Chief Harry Vargas Rookie of the Year Award, which is given when a new or "rookie" officer stands out in his performance for his initial year of service. Since Chief Vargas has been retired for many years and is living in Florida and could not attend, Coordinator Seidel and Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz presented the award. Seidel commented, "This year, our Rookie of the Year is Steven Friedman. He performed 194 hours of duty, far more than his required 96 hours of duty for 2017 in only 7 months since graduating the Police Academy. In addition to his duty hours, he spent over 150 hours at the Academy in training."

The next award was the Chief Harold Liebeskind Auxiliary Officer of the Year presentation. Deputy Coordinator Schultz commented, "This award is presented to an officer who stands out among his peers in his performance and is not necessarily given for the officer with the most amount of hours worked, although in 2017, the Officer of the Year fulfills both categories.

This year's recipient for 2017 is Officer Frank Applegate. Frank won the award in 2016 as well. Officer Applegate performed over 350 hours of duty in 2017.

Springfield Chief of Police John Cook also addressed the unit and thanked them for their service to Springfield. Chief Cook commented on a member of the unit who passed away in 2011 but who exemplified the spirit of volunteerism, Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Tony Sidar. Marking this bittersweet moment was Lieutenant Sidar's son, Erkon Sidar, who was present at the dinner as he is also a member of Emergency Management. Erkon commented to the group how his father was an inspiration to him and when there was a call out for the Auxiliary Police, his dad would call home and ask Erkon to "get my uniform ready." Erkon said, "He felt like he was helping superman by getting his suit out for him to go out and help the town." Lieutenant Sidar's other son, Ercan Sidar, is currently serving as an officer with the Springfield Police Department.

As this was the 50th anniversary of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Coordinator Seidel presented 50-year lapel pins to the guests and members and a special award citation pin to each auxiliary officer to be worn on their uniforms. Seidel noted that while the unit existed as the Springfield Police Reserve prior to 1968, and dates back to the late 1940's and mid 1950's, events taking place in the United States caused the Township to re-organize the unit and create a better trained more prepared organization. You can read more about the history of the Auxiliary Police in this month's Patriot Profiles on Page 8.



CHISHOLM EXPANDS YOUTH EXTRA- CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The Springfield Recreation Department recently welcomed partner Kiddies Kaleidoscope to its slate of

after-school and weekend extra-curricular programs for youth.

Company owner and Springfield resident Ingrid Battista is presenting her Science Exploration Class (pictured) on Friday afternoons at the Chisholm Community Center. This winter and spring, Chisholm is also hosting tennis and golf by TGA of Union County, cooking by Lilly Sprouts, baking by Sweet Samantha, and multi-sports classes and school's out camps by U.S. Sports Institute. More information is available at www.springfield-nj.us/recreation.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pictured below: Seated (l to r) Lt. Robert Abraham, Lt. Howard Apsan, Sgt. David Root, Chief Angelo Palumbo, Captain Wally Schultz Standing (l to r) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Trevor Barnes, Carl Walker, Steve Friedman, Sara Abraham, Marcelo Montagna, Bill Epstein, Antonio Nacci, Frank Applegate, Springfield Police Chief John Cook (not pictured) Lt. Kenny Rygiel, Officers Joe Teixeira, Scott Schumacher, Ricky Bace and Jose Camacho



It was the summer of 1967 and civil unrest was a concern in Springfield. The possibility of the Springfield Police Department being called out of town to assist other municipalities caused the governing body to ask then Civil Defense Director Saul Freeman to reactivate the Auxiliary Police (then known as the Police Reserve) so that the township would always have police coverage. A unit had existed in the 50s and again in the early 60s but became inactive. Director Freeman, working with publisher Milt Keshen, placed an ad in the local paper - The Springfield Sun – asking for volunteers to sign up for the “new” unit. Many applications came in, and in early January 1968 the new volunteers held their first meeting. Present at that meeting were Mayor Hardgrove who addressed the new volunteers, Harry Vargas, who would go on to become the unit’s second chief, and recently retired Auxiliary Officer Ronnie Mitnitsky. Harry, who currently resides in Florida, in an exclusive interview

with the Patriot Times, commented: “I saw the ad in the local paper and called the number. After speaking with Saul I signed up. I never realized that this would become a major portion of my life. As I sit here today and think about all the times we served the residents of Springfield and surrounding communities, it’s a great feeling.”

Over the past 50 years, the Township has benefitted from a unit having some of the finest volunteers imaginable. Men and women who donated hundreds and in some cases thousands of hours of their time to help the residents of Springfield in times of disasters as well as in times of celebration. Hurricanes Floyd, Irene and Sandy hit the township hard. Fires, major traffic accidents and even emergencies out of town like the explosion and fire at the Exxon Refinery in Linden caused the unit to be activated. Major celebrations like the 200th Anniversary of the Township in 1994 and the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield in 2005 became multi day events that could not have happened without the countless hours put in by members of the Auxiliary Police.

Civil Defense became Emergency Management and over the years the ongoing training of the members became more intense and even a monthly activity. Emergency Management Coordinator Emeritus John Cottage Sr. who managed the unit from 1975 until his retirement in 2012, commented, “It takes a special kind of volunteer to undergo the training required to become an Auxiliary officer. Some fail but many have succeeded and go on to represent the Township honorably.”

Since 2012, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel and Deputy Coordinator Wally Schultz have overseen the operation of the unit of 20+ volunteers. Seidel commented: “It is an honor and privilege to serve the community alongside these volunteers—to leave your home and family during a disaster to help others requires a very exceptional individual.”

The Auxiliary Police is a volunteer unit and is part of the Office of Emergency Management. Anyone wishing to join should call them at 973-467-3388 or email them at oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us.



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- Disconnect garden hoses.
- Insulate pipes in crawlspaces and attics.
- Seal cold air leaks near pipes.
- Run a trickle of water.
- Keep your thermostat at 55°F or above.

**Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®**

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POOL AND CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22



The excitement is growing for the opening of the brand new Springfield Community Pool building! Online registration for pool membership, day camp, swim team, and swim lessons, as well as Chisholm Playground Camp, opens on Thursday, February 22, 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. Watch your mailbox for the full-color summer brochure! For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD'S
ANNUAL TASTE OF THE TOWNS
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 (6-9 PM)
HILTON GARDEN INN, ROUTE 22, SPRINGFIELD
FOR INFO OR TICKETS CALL: 973.564.5885
RESERVED TABLES AVAILABLE**

ORIENTAL GENIUS ACADEMY

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Springfield Genius Academy, located at 66 Morris Ave. in Springfield, has been educating young students for nearly ten years, with a focus on Chinese language and cultural education. The Springfield Oriental Genius Academy is a preschool that provides optimized and consistent Chinese language exposure as well by providing stimulating, innovative, and diverse curriculum and enrichment programs in Chinese, Math, Social Studies and Culture, Science and Technology, and the Arts and Music. They aim to provide students with a friendly, fun, and active learning experience. The Chinese-immersion preschool program (age 2½ - 6 years) offers a robust bilingual curriculum, with classes like reading, math, social studies, science, music/arts taught in Chinese, as well as an English language arts class. Their goal is for each student to master Chinese language fluency in speaking, reading, and writing, and be able to fully express themselves through daily conversation, songs, and stories.



Because each child learns in different ways, they use a thematic approach that incorporates hands-on activities, songs, and art projects to encourage each child's curiosity, confidence, and imagination. Their new, state-of-the-art facility includes indoor and outdoor play areas, music rooms, and a dance studio to stimulate each child's intellectual and social growth. All of these programs may be tailored to each child's unique needs. They have interactive equipment and classroom environments to spark creativity, exploration, and free-choice learning. Additionally, there are indoor and outdoor play areas to encourage intellectual, social, and emotional growth. Call 732-213-9618, visit their web site at noec.org or email them at info@noec.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Tuskegee Airman and a Negro League Baseball player resided in Springfield?
- Are you familiar with the time Sojourner Truth stepped foot into Springfield?
- How about when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke in Springfield?

Springfield is full of incredibly amazing historical events, many of which took place in "The Square."

But, what is "The Square?" How did it come to be?

**WELCOME TO THE SQUARE:
CELEBRATE SPRINGFIELD'S RICH
BLACK HISTORY FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

7:00 - 9:30 PM at Chisholm Community Center

For more info or if your child is interested in participating in the event, contact Erica.dubois@springfield-nj.us or chris.capodice@springfield-nj.us

Current residents will be sharing fantastic memories of an incredible place right here in town! Young people from the community will share songs, poetry, and poignant excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's speeches.

Join us
to learn
more.

OPEN
TO ALL
Refreshments
will be served

SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD

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Springfield First Aid Squad Second Lt. James Baxter and Chief Stuart Maslow



Cardiac arrest survivor Hank Rottenberg and his wife Ilene were introduced to Telecommunicator Evelyn Rodriguez, who answered the 9-1-1 call, and EMT Matthew Raymond, Crew Chief of the crew that helped save his life. Also pictured are Chief Stuart Maslow and President Elizabeth J. Fritzen

On Jan 20, the Springfield First Aid Squad held its annual Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony dinner at the new Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield. It was an opportunity to celebrate the work of the Squad's personnel in 2017 and kick off 2018 on a high note. The Squad's officers were sworn into office, and individual accomplishments were recognized. Several special guests and community members were honored as well. The Squad is energized and ready to continue its mission of providing 24/7/365 emergency medical services (EMS) to the residents of Springfield, those who work and play in town, and those who are just passing through.

If you are interested in joining, a membership application is available online at www.springfieldfas.org or you can email them at membership@springfieldfas.org or call 973-908-8EMS and leave a message. They will get in touch with you to answer any questions and, if you are interested, arrange for you to ride-along with one of their crews for up to a month to see if this is a commitment that is for you.

SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield Library Every Wednesday until April 11, AARP tax volunteers will be on hand to help with taxes. Appointment needed (973) 376-4930.

February 25 - "America's Story Through Folk Songs" is the theme of a musical program to be performed by New Jersey singer/songwriter Spook Handy at 2:00 pm in the Donald B. Palmer Museum.

Rotary Club April 23 - Taste of the Town from 6-9. (Ticket Price is \$40).

Lions Club February 20 - Wine & Food at Marco Polo @ 7:00

Springfield Historical Society

February 18 from 2-4 Open House with George Washington Letter on Display. Asking for a \$2.00 donation.

Miscellaneous

Chamber Gala Event Need Sponsors. Looking at possibly in May however no official date.

September 30 - Fall Festival

September 4 - Mayor's Day at the Baltusrol Golf Club.

See www.springfieldmayorsday.com.

**Next Chamber
Meeting
February 22**



*Sponsor,
Paula Kaiser
of
Connectone Bank,
with Chamber VP
Elliot Merkin, left,
and
Chamber Co-Chairs
Mike Scalera and
Scott Seidel (right)*

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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BOYS LACROSSE SPRING 2018

Lacrosse is the fastest-growing sport in Springfield, and is known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Program Details:
The program is open to boys in Springfield schools in 1st-8th grades.
In our travel league, 3rd-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 1st-2nd graders play fewer games (small-sided), but also play surrounding towns.
1st-8th grade players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre-K-K, and 1st graders is offered. No equipment is required. See separate registration form.

Practices and Field Information:
New this year: Some pre-season practices may be scheduled at the Chisholm Community Center. Summer practices, clinics, and tournaments may be added for registered players.
Practice fields and game fields are TBD, and are subject to change. Practice times are TBD.
Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
1st-2nd grade team practices Monday and Saturday.
3rd-4th grade team practices Monday and Saturday.
5th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
6th-7th grade team practices Tuesday and Thursday.
8th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Three Fees:
\$65 – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form. Or online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee for credit cards) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
Prior to Friday, February 16th, take advantage of early-bird discount: \$150 (5th-8th grade) or \$60 (1st-4th grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at www.springfieldlaxnj.com.
Starting on Friday, February 16th: \$170 (5th-8th grade) or \$80 (1st-4th grade) – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at www.springfieldlaxnj.com.
\$30 – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at www.uslacrosse.org.

What's Included:
Required membership in U.S. Lacrosse, which includes a magazine.
Registration with the North Jersey Junior Lacrosse League.
Loaned helmet (if needed) and game/practice jersey to use for the season.
Lacrosse coaching! Tons of playing time!

What's Not Included:
Elbow/arm pads, gloves, shoulder pads, athletic supporter, cleats, mouthpiece, stick.
End-of-season family BBQ (separate registration required).

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, February 28th
After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2018

Lacrosse is the fastest-growing sport in Springfield, and is known as the fastest sport on two feet! The Lacrosse Club of Springfield focuses on fun and development. This has been the key to our rapid growth in Springfield!

Registration Deadline:
• Wednesday, February 28th
• After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.

Program Details:
• The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 3rd-9th grades.
• In our travel league, teams play games against surrounding towns home and away.
• Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.

Practices and Field Information:
• New this year: Some pre-season practices may be scheduled at the Chisholm Community Center. Summer practices, clinics, and tournaments may be added for registered players.
• Practice fields and game fields will be announced and are subject to change. Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). We plan to schedule games on weekend mornings, and some weeknights if possible.
• 3rd-4th grade team practices on Tuesday and Thursday (time to be determined).
• 5th-6th grade team practices on Tuesday and Thursday (time to be determined).
• 7th-9th grade team practices on Tuesday and Thursday (time to be determined).

Three Fees:
• \$65 – Payable to Township of Springfield. Check/cash/money order in-person or by mail using rear of form. Or online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee for credit cards) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
• Prior to Friday, February 16th, take advantage of early-bird discount: \$70 – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at www.springfieldlaxnj.com
Starting on Friday, February 16th: \$90 – Payable to Lacrosse Club of Springfield. Credit card online at www.springfieldlaxnj.com
• \$30 – Payable to U.S. Lacrosse. Credit card online at www.uslacrosse.org

What's Included:
• Lacrosse coaching. Tons of playing time!
• Required membership in U.S. Lacrosse, which includes a magazine.
• Registration with the Jersey Girls Lacrosse Association (JGLA).
• Loaned game/practice jersey to use for the season.
• Loaned to goalies: stick, helmet, throat guard, gloves, pelvic protection, thigh and shin protector, chest protector.

What's Not Included:
• Non-goalies: stick, goggles, mouth guard, cleats/sneakers.
• Goalies: mouth guard, cleats/sneakers
• End-of-season family BBQ (separate registration required).

Co-ed Lacrosse Clinics

Spring 2018 Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade

Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's spring clinics!
Clinics meet on six Sundays at Chisholm Park, from April 8th-May 20th @ 10:00-11:00 am. No clinic on May 13th. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

Fee: \$65 Payable to Township of Springfield. Register by mail or in-person with cash, check, or money order. Or register online with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> (\$0 processing fee for credit cards) **Fee includes:** coaching, t-shirt, loaned equipment, balls

Chisholm Community Center • 100 South Springfield Avenue
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm (973) 912-2227
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • recreation@springfield-nj.us

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 1:
Mondays from March 19-26, at Chisholm Community Center
Mondays from April 9-30 (no class on April 2nd), at Meisel Avenue Park
Grades K-2nd @ 4:30-5:00 pm • Grades 3rd-8th @ 5:00-6:00 pm

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.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Spring 2018/Grades 3-9

Coach Mike Czech is back this Spring! New and returning team members are encouraged to join for professional training, endurance running, and 5K competitions!

The cross country team is a co-ed travel sport for Springfield residents and children in Springfield schools in grades 3-9.

The team meets on
WEDNESDAYS 4:45 - 5:45 and FRIDAYS 4:30 -- 5:30 pm at the Briant Park Jogging Path.

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)

Pre Season
Wednesday, February 28 - Tuesday, April 10
Train on your own with a program provided by the coach.

Race Season
Wednesday, April 11 - Friday, June 8
(End date may be extended once all races are finalized.)
Team practices and official races.

Two Fees
\$65 (Payable to Township of Springfield. See below for options.)
\$225 (Payable to Coach Michael Czech.)

Includes
Uniform to keep, pre-season training program, professional coaching instruction, race entry fees, and end-of-season pizza party.
No refunds will be provided.

Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue
Contact Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, at amefika.gray@springfield-nj.us.

Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Hampton, NJ

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Bus will leave the Chisholm Community Center at 10:00 am
Bus will return following the conclusion of the 11:30 am show and lunch

Seats are first-come, first-serve.
No refunds unless seat is resold.

\$60 - Springfield residents and Senior Citizens Club members
\$70 - non-residents and non-Senior Citizens Club members
Payment due by Wednesday, February 21, 2018

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, lunch, dessert buffet, and show
Questions: Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, (973) 912-2227

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

The Recreation Department hosts a scrapbooking meet-up at Chisholm Community Center one Saturday per month. If you are interested in learning more about the art and hobby of scrapbooking, or want to bring your own supplies to the meet-up and have company to scrapbook with, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or recreation@springfield-nj.us for more information.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2018

Grades 1-9 Open to Students in Springfield Schools

Instructional League Grades 1-2 Lower League Grades 3-5*

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA)

Upper League Grades 6-9** **9th Graders Not Playing High School Softball

Two Fees

\$55 — Payable to Springfield Girls Softball, Inc. (check, cash, money order)

\$65 — Payable to Township of Springfield (check, cash, money order, credit card)

Register online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (\$0 processing fee) at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>

Or, complete the form below and return it with both payments to: Springfield Recreation Department, Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

Deadline

Friday, February 23rd — After, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team

What's Included

Uniform to keep (shirt, pants); medals for 1st-2nd graders; loaned equipment (helmet, catcher's gear, bats, balls); league fees

What's Not Included

Cleats; end-of-season picnic at pool (separate registration required); summer and fall travel team registration fees; winter workout fees

Summer and Fall Travel Teams (Springfield Storm)

Registration in Spring softball league and minimum attendance required for tryouts

Questions?

Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227



SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY TRIP TO KOKI BUFFET

Springfield senior citizens ventured to Koki Buffet in Five Points in Union for a delicious Asian lunch. The bus trip was sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and chaperoned by bus driver Tony Losito (not pictured).

SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE

SPRING 2018 REGISTRATION • PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at www.leaguelineup.com/sjbl

SPRINGFIELD BASEBALL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MOUNTAINSIDE AND BERKELEY HEIGHTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND MAJOR LEAGUE LEVELS!!!!

GAMES AT THESE LEVELS WILL TYPICALLY TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK ALLOWING FOR SPRING TRAVEL LEAGUES TO TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKENDS. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

DIVISIONS FOLLOW BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN AGE ASSIGNMENTS:

A LEAGUE	PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
AA LEAGUE	1st GRADE
MINOR LEAGUE	2nd & 3rd GRADE
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	4th GRADE or 10 yrs old as of 4/30/2018
MAJOR LEAGUE	11 - 12 yrs old as of 4/30/2018
PONY LEAGUE	13 - 14 yrs old as of 4/30/2018



PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:

- Pre-Season Clinics will be held for all players, 2nd grade and older (dates TBD). To ensure competitive and balanced teams are created, all players must attend at least one of these free training sessions for skill assessment. Check our website regularly for updates.
- The SNJBL Board of Directors will have the flexibility to move players to appropriate divisions to address player welfare and competitive balance.

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION COMPLETED AND PAYMENT RECEIVED BY:	ALL LEAGUES
JANUARY 15, 2018	\$125 (EARLY BIRD FEE!)
MARCH 1, 2018	\$150
AFTER MARCH 1, 2018	\$175 (Requires board approval and subject to available roster positions)

ANNUAL PINK ZONE BASKETBALL CLINIC AND FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

On Sunday, February 4th, the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Basketball Association co-sponsored the Pink Zone fundraiser at Jonathan Dayton High School. The annual youth basketball clinic was led by coaches and players from Moravian College and Jonathan Dayton High School. The event raised thousands of dollars to support breast cancer research and awareness for the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund. Over 100 children participated in dribbling and shooting drills, and learned competitive game skills. The event received support from the McNany Charitable Foundation, Smilow Family Dentistry, Springfield PBA Local #76, and TD Pizza.



(l-r) Nancy Janker, Marci Calderon, Glenn Wohl, Brandon Whol, Maya Dvorchik, Director of Recreation Adam Lieb, Alyssa Calderon, Lawrence Dvorchik, Hannah Dvorchik, and Adrienne Dvorchik.



Participants practice shooting and rebounding drills.



(l-r) Sara Steinman and Coach Mary Beth Spirk of Moravian College



(l-r) Coaches David Rennie and Robert Martin of Jonathan Dayton High School Dayton Basketball



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer golf and tennis clinics this winter and spring (ages 5-11). More information and online registration are available at: <http://play.tga.com/unioncounty>.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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.

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 55+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to Springfield residents ages 55 and older. Basketball will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Edward V. Walton School.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to school events or holidays.

All players must complete the form below and return it with a copy of your driver's license and registration fee payable to Township of Springfield. Program runs from October 2017-August 2018.

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

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GET OUT AND PLAY!

MUSIC, DANCING, PARACHUTES & MORE!

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MONDAYS 10-11AM CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER

8 WEEK SESSION \$140

FEBRUARY 12, 19, 26 • MARCH 5, 12, 19 • APRIL 2, 9

Register at
www.ellifun.com/toddlers



SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY / MARCH 2018

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 20th - Cards @ 11:30 am, Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, February 21st - Forever Fit @ 11:00 am
Thursday, February 22nd - Club birthday luncheon @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
Friday, February 23rd - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, February 26th - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, February 27th - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 28th - Define & Sculpt @ 11:00 am
Friday, March 1st - Shape Up @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, March 5th - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, March 6th - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, March 7th - Zoom Ba @ 11:00 am
Thursday, March 8th - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am (RSVP)
Friday, March 9th - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, March 12th - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, March 13th - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Thursday, March 15th - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse bus trip @ 10:00 am (RSVP)
Friday, March 16th - Walk Talk Tone @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm

WINTER COOKING CLASSES



Healthy Kids Today, A Brighter Tomorrow!

SUNDAYS 4th-8th Graders

SUNDAY SESSION 10 am-12 pm

4 WEEKS 2 hours each class

FEB 11th, 18th, 25th and March 4th

SATURDAYS K-3rd Graders

SATURDAY SESSION K-3rd 10am-12pm

4 WEEKS 2 hours each class

FEB 10th, 17th, 24th and March 3rd



CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Instructor adapts to all ages during instruction

Raymond Chisholm Community Center

100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ

\$220 - Includes educational materials, recipes, cooking supplies & food

www.LillySprouts.com

To reserve a spot for your child please go to www.LillySprouts.com Click on Upcoming Classes, find SPRINGFIELD Kids Cooking Classes and register for the SUNDAY 4th-8th grade class.

Payment available online or by check to LillySprouts. Classes will close at 15 students.

Any questions contact Lilly Bussin @ LillySprouts@gmail.com or 908-499-0270

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Adult CoEd Social Sports

KICKBALL

Tuesday nights @ Pool Softball Field

Registration begins February 19th

League begins April 17th



VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday nights @ Chisholm Community Center

Registration open now and ends March 1st

League begins March 21st

DODGEBALL

Thursday nights @ Chisholm Community Center

Registration open now and ends March 1st

League begins March 21st

To Register & Learn More, visit www.ZogSportsNJ.com
Please email Joe@ZogSportsNJ.com for more details & to register!



U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE SPRING 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

SPRING BREAK April 2- April 6

MULTI SPORTS - CAMP

(age 5 to 11): Players will have the opportunity to experience up to 4 different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more!

Chisholm Park

TIME OPTIONS:

Early Drop off Available 8:00 am-9:00 am

9:00 am-3:00 pm (Full Day)

9:00 am-12:30 pm (Morning)

For more information, visit

USsportsInstitute.com or

call 732 563 2520

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

The Library will be closed on Monday, February
19th, Presidents' Day.

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Intro to Martial Arts 4pm Friday 16. Ages 3 to 7.
Learn basic skills (and how to break a board!). Please
register at Youth Desk.

Storytime Yoga Fridays Feb 16. Ideal for ages 3-up.
Space is limited—Register early!

**Mommy & Me. Crafts for our youngest patrons (ages
2-4) 10:30 am Wednesdays Feb 21, 28.** Space is
limited—Register early!

**ZumbaKids 4pm Thursday Feb 22 and Tuesday Feb
27.** 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!
Build with Ethan the LEGOmaniac @ **1:00-3:00 pm.**

Crafty Mondays @ 4:00 pm. Ages 4 to 8. Must regis-
ter. No crafters under age 4. **Monday Feb 26.**

Crafty Friday Feb 23 @ 4:00 pm. Ages 4 to 8.

Campfire Stories is now at 5:30pm! Thursdays Join
Ms. Kathy around our cozy campfire for great stories
and a snack. All ages.

Origami Club Wednesdays @ 4:00. All ages, Drop-
in. Paper folding fun!

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 Feb 15. Grades 3 & 4. Meets
1x/month to talk about our fave books, have a snack, do
a craft.

**Celebrate Black History Month Thursday Feb 15 @
4pm** with a special empowering and enlightening pres-
entation with activities. Recommended for school-age
kids.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies,
toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay
for a while! **Tuesdays Feb. 20 and 27; Thursday Feb
22; Friday Feb 23; Saturdays Feb 17, 24.**

**Read Across America! Sunday March 11 @ 2:00-3:30
pm. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!** Face painting!
Birthday cake! Crafts! Reading! All ages, a family
program.

TEENS:

3D Pen Art: Wednesday, Feb 21 at 3:00 PM. Bring
your imagination to life! Build 3D structures and ob-
jects. Open to Grades 5+. Registration not required, but
space is limited.

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 20 – March 29
Jonathan Dayton High School Students Art exhibit.
Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with
developmental disabilities.

Every Wednesday, February 7 to April 11
FREE AARP Tax Assistance Program –
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, February 25, 2:00 pm
“America's Story Through Folk Songs” performed
by singer/songwriter Spook Handy.

Friday, March 9, 12:30 pm Chair Yoga.

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, February 15
Great Books: “A Good Man is Hard to Find” by
Flannery O'Connor. 10:00 am

Thursdays, February 22 & March 8
Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: “The Woodlanders”
by Thomas Hardy.

Thursday, March 15, 10:00 am
Great Books: “O' Pioneers!” by Willa Cather.

FILMS

Monday, February 26 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: “Loving” (2016). Starring Joel
Edgerton & Ruth Negga.

Monday, March 12 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: “The Truman Show” (1998). Star-
ring Jim Carrey.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

Every Monday, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Canasta Club.

Every Tuesday, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Afternoon Mahjong Club.

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.

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

AARP TAX VOLUNTEERS RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

The Springfield Free Public Library is now taking
reservations for people wishing to make an appointment
with an AARP income tax volunteer. Sessions will be
held at the library from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednes-
days, beginning February 7 and continuing through
April 11. Appointments can be made in person at the
circulation desk or by calling 973 376-4930 during
regular library hours. Time slots fill up quickly and
people interested in using this service are encouraged to
make their appointments in a timely manner. The
volunteers will not be able to accommodate people who
come to the library without an appointment.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO PRESENT “AMERICA'S STORY THROUGH FOLK SONGS” WITH SINGER/SONGWRITER SPOOK HANDY AT 2:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 25

“America's Story Through Folk Songs” is the theme of
a musical program to be performed by New Jersey
singer/songwriter Spook Handy at 2:00 PM on Sunday,
February 25, in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the
Springfield Free Public Library. Scheduled in honor of
President's Day, the program tells the story of America
over the past eighty years, through the songs of folk
troubadours ranging from Woody Guthrie and Pete
Seeger through Peter Paul and Mary and Bob Dylan.
Songs inspired by the Dust Bowl, Great Depression,
Civil Rights Movement and the Peace Movement of the
60s and 70s are interwoven with songs about American
contemporary life that Spook was inspired to write dur-
ing his travels around the United States.

Mr. Handy currently has five full length CDs to his
credit with his new CD, Pete, Woody & Me, Volume 1
– Keep the Flame Alive, charting at number 3 on the
International Folk Radio charts in both June and July of
2016. Between 2003 and 2013, he performed alongside
Pete Seeger at festivals and concerts more than fifty
times. He is currently in the midst of a three year
“Remembering Pete Seeger” tour throughout all fifty
states, all ten Canadian provinces as well as in other
countries. More information about Spook Handy can be
found at www.spookhandy.com.

This program is free and open to all members of the
general public. Seating is limited and on a first come,
first served basis. The Springfield Free Public Library
is located at 66 Mountain Avenue.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP READS THE WOODLANDERS BY THOMAS HARDY

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!)
Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March
1 at 7 p.m. to discuss The Woodlanders by Thomas
Hardy. One of his Wessex novels, it was serialized from
May 1886 to April 1887 in Macmillan's Magazine. The
work was Hardy's eleventh novel, and said to be the
author's favorite. The story takes place in a small wood-
land village called Little Hintock, and concerns the
efforts of an honest woodsman to marry his childhood
sweetheart. The Woodlanders marks the beginnings of
controversy for Hardy's novels, but at this point in his
career, he was established enough as a writer to take
risks, often involving topics related to sex, marriage,
divorce and marital fidelity.

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.

LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUES ON FEB. 12, 2018

Springfield Free Public Library will show Norman
(2016) as part of its lunchtime film series on Monday,
February 12th. Additional films will be shown on
Monday, February 26th and Monday, March 12th.
Admission is FREE. Screenings start at 1:00 pm.

For more information, stop by the library or call
(973)376-4930. Springfield Free Public Library is
located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081.

Funding for this program is made possible in part by
the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner
agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through
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Abrams, Jim Bonacorda and
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Springfield Emergency Management under Departments tab at
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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER 2018 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Positions Available:

- ◆ Pool Lifeguard ◆ Pool Maintenance ◆ Pool Front Desk
- ◆ Pool Camp Group Leader ◆ Pool Camp Counselor
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Group Leader
- ◆ Chisholm Playground Camp Counselor ◆ Substitute Counselor

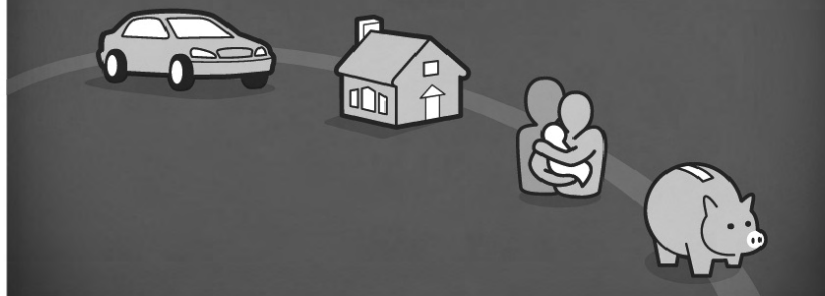


- All new staff members must be at least 15 years old by Saturday, May 19th.
- Lifeguards must have a current lifeguard certification by the start of the pool season.
- Pool season is Saturday, May 26th, to Monday, September 3rd.
- Summer pool hours are weekdays 12:00-8:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Pre-summer weekend and holiday hours vary.
- Pool Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, from June 25th- August 17th. Extended weeks are August 20th-31st. There is no camp on Wednesday, July 4th.
- Chisholm Playground Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, from June 25th- August 17th. There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th.
- All staff members are paid hourly only for the hours they work, other than designated paid time off.
- All camp staff members must be available to work the entire initial 8 week session. Do not schedule vacations or other extended leaves during this period.
- Attendance at a pre-summer staff orientation is mandatory.
- First Aid/CPR/AED training may be required of certain staff members.
- Working papers are required for all staff members under 18 years old.
- Criminal background checks are required for staff members 18 years old or older.

Please visit the following website to complete the required online application:
http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment
You may be contacted for an in-person interview in the Spring.
The online application deadline is Friday, March 2nd.

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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

HEATING SYSTEM SAFETY

As we find ourselves coming into another heating season, the Springfield Fire Department wants all Springfield Patriot Times readers to think about the proper servicing of our heating systems. While there are many ways to heat your home, there is one common element to virtually all heating systems – a chimney, flue or vent system. The chimney is an area of your home that goes unnoticed until there is a problem.

The first question many homeowners have is "How often should chimney be inspected and swept?" There is no exact answer because there are different factors that need to be considered, such as what the chimney is used for and its frequency of use. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 211 says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary."

Homeowners commonly think that if they don't have a wood burning fireplace, that the chimney doesn't need sweeping or inspection. In reality, oil and gas fired appliances, especially high efficiency models, can leave high levels of condensation and acidic moisture in the flue, which can produce corrosive deposits and deterioration of the clay liner and brick work. Flues should be inspected to ensure that the flue gases, including carbon monox-

ide, are vented properly up the chimney and are not coming back into the house. Flue cracks can allow a cozy wood burning fireplace to become a chimney fire without warning. How would you know if you have a chimney fire? As the fire burns, it draws air up the chimney and sounds like a jet engine. If that happens, get out and call the fire department immediately.

How does a homeowner avoid being scammed by people claiming to be chimney sweeps? Scam artist use high pressure, aggressive sales tactics. These questionable contractors usually prey upon senior citizens and people living alone because they would rather deal with a lone decision maker who may be frightened by a potentially dangerous situation that "must be corrected immediately". They may also offer "special prices" that cannot be passed up because of huge savings.

If faced with a costly repair estimate, don't take one person's word for it. No reputable contractor should object to your getting a second opinion and obtaining several estimates. Before you let someone do any work, ask for a business card and references. Chimney contractors are required to have a home improvement license through NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. A building permit will be required if the proposed work exceeds a minor repair. The key to a safe chimney is to be informed.



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

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JOIN TODAY! COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. CERT is a nationwide initiative.

The events of September 11 will never be forgotten; also not forgotten is how the spirit of America was awakened that day and citizens came forth to volunteer their services. President George W. Bush harnessed this spirit of volunteerism with the Citizen Corps program. CERT is a part of the Citizen Corps Program.

Role of CERTs in an Emergency:

- CERTS have been used to:
- Search for lost or kidnaped children
- Staff Emergency Operations Centers and monitor events
- Emergency Operations Center security; driving, information, assisting disabled visitors and minor first aid
- Manage "spontaneous/convergent" volunteers
- Assist Red Cross and other relief organizations on mass care

Emergency Preparedness Tips

FEMA REGION II

- FLU PREPAREDNESS TIP -

- Take time to get a flu vaccine every year.
- Use injectable vaccines during 2018 and avoid the nasal spray..
- Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand run.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect objects that could carry germs.
- While sick, stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone.

- SNOW SHOVELING TIPS -

- Follow your doctor's advice about whether you should be shoveling.
- Push the snow, do not lift it.
- Dress warmly and work slowly.
- Stay dry.
- Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.
- Keep your steps and walkways free of ice by using rock salt or similar.

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