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TOWNSHIP MARKS
21ST ANNIVERSARY
OF 9-11 ATTACKS

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(l to r) Chief John Cook, Captain Jon Rachel, and OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel

"LIGHTYEAR"
OUTDOOR MOVIE
AND POPCORN
DRAWS CROWD

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Recreation Department Staff



OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS RECEIVE AWARDS
FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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(l to r) Sergeant Marcos Vaz, Detective Lieutenant James Mirabile, Lieutenant Ryan Westover, Chief John Cook, Officer Hope Arthur, Captain Jon Rachel, Officer Matt Nolan, Officer Matt Negron, Officer Brandon Manresa, Auxiliary Officer and OEM Deputy Coordinator Frank Appelgate and Investigator Rob Quinlan

STATE FARM
OPENS
NEW
OFFICE

(l to r) Lucy Diaz, Rosemarie Rodriguez, Lizbeth Figueroa, Terry Arroyo, Matthew Rodriguez, Megan Rodriguez, Lizette Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez (Agent), Mayor Alex Keiser, Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman, Andres Cardoso, Gabriel Vargas, DeeAnna Diego, Sandra Vasquez, Elliot Merkin Chamber Vice President and Mike Scalera Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman.

LOCAL REALTY OPENS FOR BUSINESS!

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(l to r) Elliot Merkin, Chamber Vice President, Alyssa Combs, Breanne Mooney, Caitlin Mooney-Cubukcu Agent, Mayor Alexander Keiser, Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman, Catherine Daly, John Cubukcu, Michael Scalera, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman

SOCIAL RECOVERY CENTER OPENS

(see story on page 5, additional photo on page 8)

(l to r) Melissa S (counselor) Katey M (lead counselor) Rebecka G (clinical director), Maria W (Social Outreach Coordinator) Mike Scalera Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman, TJ F (counselor) Francheska C (counselor) and Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman

STOP

ORDER ISSUED ON "GOMES" PROJECT

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Save the Date

Springfield Recreation Department's Halloween SPOOKTACULAR

Sunday, October 30, 2022

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a new expanded tax relief program launched by the State of New Jersey to help homeowners and renters save on property taxes.

As part of this year’s state budget, Governor Murphy announced the investment of \$2 billion in property tax relief. Under this largest tax relief program in state history, up to 2 million New Jersey taxpayers will now be eligible for a rebate or tax credit.

This new expanded program, now known as ANCHOR, short for the Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters, replaces the Homestead Rebate and expands the number of eligible residents. It has several different qualifications and new income limits so please read carefully to determine your eligibility.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

If you owned or rented your main residence on October 1, 2019 and meet the following income requirements, you qualify for property tax relief under the ANCHOR Program. Ownership and income requirements are based on your 2019 tax filing status.

- Property owners with incomes of less than \$150,000 are eligible for \$1,500 in property tax relief.
- Property owners with incomes between \$150,000 and \$250,000 are eligible for \$1,000 in property tax relief.
- Renters with incomes of less than \$150,000 will receive \$450 rebate.

HOW TO APPLY?

Most eligible residents should have received an ANCHOR mailing from the NJ Division of Taxation that includes your PIN and Login information to file online. If you have not received a mailing, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/> or call the helpline at 1-888-238-1233.

The application deadline for paper or electronic submission is December 30, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the ANCHOR Program, the NJ Division of Taxation has an FAQ page available online at: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml>.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at alexander.keiser@springfield-nj.us. I also encourage you to follow my Mayor Alex Keiser Facebook page @Keiser4Springfield for updates.

Mayor Alexander R. Keiser

STOP ORDER ISSUED ON “GOMES” PROJECT

Statement by Mayor Alex Keiser at the Township Committee Meeting:

“Today, the Township issued a Notice declaring Springfield Center Urban Renewal, the Redeveloper of the Morris Avenue Redevelopment Project, in default under the Redevelopment Agreement between the Township and the Redeveloper.

As you may be aware, the prior buildings were demolished in 2019. However, construction of the Project since then has been slow. The Township has been monitoring the progress at the site nearly daily and has exhausted other means in an effort to assist the Redeveloper in construction of the Redevelopment Project.

At this time, based on the fact the Redeveloper has not performed any meaningful work in some time, has failed to meet deadlines specified in the Redevelopment Agreement, failed to provide inspection and progress reports to the Township as required under the Redevelopment Agreement, and most recently, changed plans without proper approvals from Township officials, which caused the Township to issue a Stop Construction Order and a Notice of Unsafe Structure, the Township has issued the Default Notice to avail itself of certain legal remedies under the Redevelopment Agreement.

The Redeveloper now has a deadline to cure - or fix - all of the defaults. That time period can extend to 120 days, before the Township can take further action. The Township Committee and the Building Department remain concerned about the progress of construction on the site. The Township will do whatever is legally available to it to move this project forward and continue to develop the Township for the benefit of all our residents.”

9-11 ATTACKS

On Sunday morning, September 11th, Springfield’s Emergency responders from Police, Fire, OEM, DPW & EMS gathered at Town Hall on the 21st anniversary of the attacks to pay tribute to those that had given their lives in the attacks. The solemn ceremony commenced at 830 am with Mayor Alex Keiser addressing the crowd together with Township Committeeman Rich Huber.

At 8:46 am, the Fire Department rang their bell to signify the first plane striking the North Tower. Following the bell being rung. At 9:03 am the bell was rung once again, the time at which the second plane stuck the South Tower. After this ceremony the group adjourned to Patriot’s Park where a wreath was placed in front of the Adler-Heltibridle Memorial Garden. Elden Swindell, a Springfield Resident and piper, played Amazing Grace and Flowers of the Forest on his bagpipe.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 25, Wednesday November 9 (Election Date the 8) and Tuesday November 22	RENT LEVELING BOARD Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building
PLANNING BOARD 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building	RECREATION COUNCIL Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center
BOARD OF HEALTH 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse	LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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“LIGHTYEAR” OUTDOOR MOVIE

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The Springfield Recreation Department welcomed residents to the fall by screening “Lightyear” outdoors at Chisholm Park on Saturday night, September 24, 2022. Blue skies and cooler temperatures drew a crowd of several hundred children and adults with lawn chairs, blankets, and sweatshirts. Many residents enjoyed their own picnic dinners and boxes of pizza under the stars. After a DJ dance party by Summit Soundz, the new Disney-Pixar computer-animated film was presented on a jumbo screen at dusk. Mayor Alex Keiser was on hand popping fresh hot popcorn throughout the event. The Springfield Auxiliary Police and the Springfield First Aid Squad provided on-site emergency support for the event. Follow the Springfield Recreation Department on Facebook @springfieldnjrec

STATE FARM AGENCY

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State Farm Agency with Agent Angel Rodriguez in Springfield opened in June 2022. It’s Angel’s second office, his first office has opened in Elizabeth, NJ since 2009. Angel and his staff are very excited to be a part of this growing and welcoming community!

LOCAL
REALTY OPENS
FOR
BUSINESS!

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Say hello to your newest LOCAL real estate agents. Local Realty is a family owned boutique real estate brokerage with 15+ years of real estate experience located at 26 Linden Avenue in Springfield.

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Fire Chief’s Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

Before a hurricane

If conditions are right for a hurricane in your area, this is how you can prepare:

- Stay tuned to local radio, official news and/or community websites, and TV for warnings, safety announcements or instructions.
 - Have a bag ready and plan your evacuation route so you’re prepared if leaving the area becomes necessary.
 - Stock up on emergency supplies but be aware others will need supplies, too.
 - Reinforce the outside of your home, particularly doors, windows, walls and roofs.
 - Move anything inside that could become flying debris in high winds, but only if there’s enough time and it’s safe to do so.
 - Anchor outdoor items that are unsafe to bring inside, such as fuel tanks.
 - If emergency officials haven’t directed you to a public shelter, get your family to the basement, a closet, a small room or a hallway away from windows. The more walls between you and the outside, the better.
- Review insurance policies and catalog your belongings, if there is time.³

During the hurricane

The decisions you make during the storm are crucial. Here are some actions you can take:

- Follow any guidance from local officials. If you’re told to evacuate, follow the plan you made and do so. Make sure you bring essentials like the bag you prepared before the storm.
- Stay away from windows. Keep yourself to the lowest, most interior section of your home as possible.
- In the event of flooding, move to higher ground.
- Never attempt to walk or drive through floodwaters.³

After a hurricane has passed

If you and your family were evacuated from your home – or if it has been severely damaged from the hurricane – wait for authorities to give the all-clear to re-enter. Then:

- Look for flooding in the wake of a hurricane and avoid it. Never attempt to enter floodwater.
- Be on the lookout for downed power lines, trees and poles. Some may still be upright but could still be highly unstable.
- Do not enter your home until it has been inspected for damage to the electrical system, gas lines, septic systems, and water lines or wells.
- If dark, use a flashlight – not matches, a candle or a lighter. An open flame could ignite leaking gas.
- Avoid drinking any tap water until you get confirmation it’s safe from local officials.
- If there is water damage, consider hiring a professional water damage cleaning service.
- Begin your cleanup as soon as possible – washing and disinfecting items that have been touched by floodwater or disposing of items that cannot be saved. Protect yourself with gloves and sturdy, thick-soled shoes. Do not attempt to remove any heavy debris by yourself.
- Once you’ve gathered necessary documents and evidence of your claim (photos or video), contact your insurance company or agent.³

DAVE PILMENSTEIN
HALO ROASTERS ARTIST SPACE
October 7 - November 11, 2022

Halo Roasters at 228 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ will be displaying color photographs taken by area photographer and artist, Dave Pilmenstein.

Dave Pilmenstein is a photo and video-focused storyteller and founder of Activate Media, a boutique, cause-centric advertising agency. Born and raised in Springfield, he is a proud graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School and Rutgers University. In 2021, Activate took home their first Reed Award from Campaigns & Elections Magazine, and Dave was recognized in Insider NJ’s Insider 100 Millennial Power List.

In his spare time, Dave pursues photography, flies drones, and makes friends with every single dog on earth. He is very much happy to be here.

The Halo Roasters Artist Space is a place for artists to gain public exposure and allow neighborhood artists and enthusiasts to share ideas and interests. The purpose is to provide a common ground for artists to connect with community.



Police Chief's Column for readers of the Patriot Times

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Since Halloween is right around the corner, I thought it would be best to utilize this month's column to remind readers of the Springfield Patriot Times about the importance of staying safe while enjoying Halloween festivities. I encourage all community members to follow the safety tips below to help make sure everyone has a safe and pleasant time on Halloween.

Parents should always accompany young children while they are trick-or-treating. Older children may be able to go by themselves, but they should always stay in a group with friends, use a pre-planned route, and have an agreed time to 'check in' with their family. Also, having a flashlight, glow stick, cell phone, and possibly even a first aid kit is a good idea while trick-or-treating. Costumes should be bright and contain reflective strips, and should be made of flame-retardant material. Long trailing fabric could pose a tripping hazard or even a fire hazard, as some people use candles in jack-o-lanterns. Make sure that any costumes with masks do not limit a child's ability to see ahead of them and all around them. Also, toy guns may look real in the dark, so costumes should not contain toy weapons of any kind.

While trick-or-treating, children should never be allowed to enter a person's home, unless it is a very close friend or relative. Parents should inspect all candy their children receive, and discard any unwrapped items or treats that look questionable. Children should not be allowed to eat any treat that hasn't been checked first. Any candy that appears to have been tampered with should be reported to the police department immediately.

Trick-or-treaters should respect their neighborhoods. Although it may seem like fun, 'mischief' such as smashing pumpkins, 'egging', and spray painting are all illegal activities that damage a person's property and could subject you to summonses, fines, and other serious penalties. Parents should remind their children to be thoughtful of others when taking candy left at a front door and to not deliberately damage or take any items such as decorations from homes along their trick or treating route.

Drivers should be extra careful and cautious when heading out on Halloween, and expect to contend with large groups of children racing from house to house for treats. Drivers must remember that children will be excited and may be less cautious while walking. They should anticipate children crossing the streets randomly, and possibly darting out from between parked vehicles. Before dusk and all evening, drivers should proceed slowly and with lights on in order to see children in costumes. Drivers should not use their cellular phones, unless equipped with a hands-free connection.

For those of you who won't be venturing out for trick-or-treating, and if you anticipate children coming to your home, please do not use external decorations that are illuminated with candles, especially at your front door or along paths on which children would walk. Glow sticks or battery operated candles are much safer alternatives. Also, keep in mind that household pets may become irritated from the added excitement of children coming and going, so care should be taken to keep pets in a safe and secure area while you answer the door. (Also remember to secure the candy treats in your home so your pets cannot get at them as many types of Halloween treats can be poisonous if eaten by cats and dogs).

For added safety, there will be an increased police presence throughout the town, especially in residential areas. Police officers will be patrolling in both marked and unmarked police vehicles, but all officers will wear full police uniforms for safety reasons. If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, don't hesitate to call the police department or flag down a passing police officer to report it.

By simply understanding and following these suggested safety tips you can help in making Halloween both a fun and safe experience for our children.

Chief John Cook

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SOCIAL RECOVERY CENTER

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Rebecka G noted, "We offer Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient Services. When attending our program Clients will receive group and individual counseling to help develop solution-oriented strategies for change to support addiction recovery. Models utilized in counseling to effect positive changes are Behavioral Modification Counseling, Client-Centered Treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Treatment, Motivational Enhancement, EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), and other industry standard treatment models. Social Recovery Center may also provide family education and counseling to identify and address personal family dynamics and issues associated with the identified client's problems/solutions. Self-help support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous, SMART recovery, and Double Trouble, are models that serve as an adjunct to treatment experience and clients are encouraged to integrate into the meetings by joining and participating on a regular basis for recovery support sustainability. Routine and random drug screens will be provided."

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GRUSKIN CREATIVE EARNED 24 AWARDS



(l to r) Jeff Barcan, Bob Lyons, and Ken Gruskin

Gruskin Creative, a Springfield based full-service advertising and branding design team, earned 24 awards – the most of any entrant this year – from the New Jersey Advertising Club. Awards include 15 first place, four second place, “Best of Out of Home” and “Best of Newspaper.”

“It is exciting for Gruskin Creative’s work to be recognized across such diverse categories,” said Kenneth Gruskin, Principal of Gruskin Group. “Whether it is branding, environmental graphics, web, video or photography, the team always tries to address our clients’ needs with their outstanding creative sensibilities – and it is always an honor for this to be recognized by our peers.”

The ceremony occurred in Cedar Grove, NJ. Gruskin Creative, the in-house creative shop at Gruskin Group, garnered awards in categories ranging from poster and billboard design to video, logo design, environmental design, digital media (social media and email campaign), photography, newspaper advertising and pro-bono. First place awards include work for the Lake George Arts Project, Colgate-Palmolive, and Auto Pro Buys.

“This is our first year entering as Gruskin Creative, and we could not be happier to participate -- in-person -- once again,” noted Jeff Barcan, Director of Creative Services, during the 54th Annual Jersey Awards on September 14.

The Gruskin Group team builds unified brand experiences through architecture; brand development; visual communications; web/interactive; video; industrial design; interior design; strategic consulting; and sustainable design. Principal, Kenneth A. Gruskin, AIA, is a licensed architect in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Gruskin Group launched Gruskin Creative to target branding, advertising, graphic design, web, video and environmental graphic solutions opportunities.

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BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, THE
LIBRARY WILL ALSO RESUME REGULAR
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LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES RETURN

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library - Union County, NJ we are delighted to announce the return of the library’s museum pass program for the following museums:

- The Intrepid, Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex
- The Morris Museum
- Storm King Arts Center-New!
- The Newark Museum of Art-coming soon!

One-week loan period per pass. Check our library webpage for rules and policies pertaining to the museum pass program: <https://www.sfplnj.org/> or see here <https://tinyurl.com/museumpasses2022>

**Please note Grounds for Sculpture no longer supports a library museum pass program.*

REALLY GOOD BOOK DISCUSSION: LUNCHEON OF THE BOATING PARTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Springfield Free Public Library’s (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, October 27th at 7 p.m. to discuss Susan Vreeland’s

novel Luncheon of the Boating Party, based on the eponymous painting. Said image portrays Auguste Renoir’s real friends: a wealthy painter, an art collector, an Italian journalist, a war hero, a celebrated actress, and Renoir’s future wife, dining together in Belle Époque France. However, its creation was dogged by setbacks and romantic intrigue.

October’s discussion will take place in the library meeting room. New members are welcome! To reserve your copy of the book call 973-376-4930 x228 or send an email to questions@sfplnj.org.

LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES CONTINUES ON OCTOBER 25, 2022

Springfield Free Public Library will show Belfast (2021) as part of its lunchtime film series on Tuesday, October 25th. Additional films will be shown on Tuesday, November 8th and Tuesday, November 22nd. Admission is FREE. Each film starts at 12:00 pm. For more information, stop by the library or call (973)376-4930.

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 a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

CHAIR YOGA

In-person Chair Yoga will continue throughout October, November and December.

Each class offers the benefits of traditional yoga with guided relaxation, breath work, seated stretching/poses and standing stretching/poses. These will be taught by our popular yoga instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. Sessions meet at 12:30 PM on the following dates:

October 21st November 18th

December 2nd December 16th December 30th

Patrons who would like to attend remotely may do so. Contact the adult services department at questions@sfplnj.org for Zoom credentials.

This program is made possible by an extremely generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Participation is free and all are welcome.

THE SPRINGFIELD HILLSIDE ELKS LODGE INITIATED 6 NEW MEMBERS AT THEIR LAST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER



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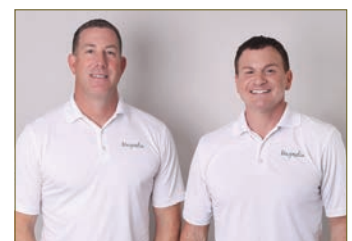
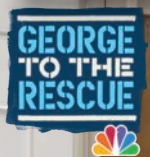
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Township Committeeman Rich Huber and Mayor Alex Keiser

Bagpiper Elden Swindell

OUTDOOR MOVIE



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EAT COOKIES

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Thursday, December 29, 2022
2:00-8:00 pm

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

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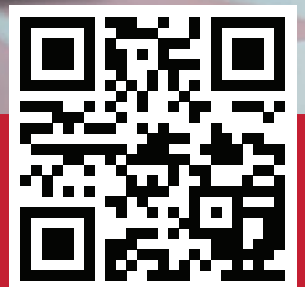
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AWARDS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer Michelle DiParisi and Chief John Cook

At the Township Committee meeting on October 11th, Chief John Cook and Captain Jonathan Rachel presented service medals to police officers and civilians during the Police Department’s second awards ceremony. Officers honored included those who were directly involved with the emergency response to Hurricane Ida in 2021, and those who achieved exceptional law enforcement accomplishments during the past year. Chief Cook said, “While all of Springfield’s police officers do excellent work each and every day, the officers who received these medals truly went above and beyond their normal duties and should be commended for their service and dedication.” The civilians honored were Committeewoman Erica DuBois, for her assistance with the rescue shelter during the hurricane and Patrick Sisbarro, owner of Sisbarro Towing, who assisted with the removal of over 50 abandoned vehicles blocking Springfield’s roadways after the hurricane flooding subsided, when other tow services were unable to respond. Congratulations to all who received awards.



Officer Joel Lopez, Officer Stephen Bratsch, Officer John Patrick, Officer Matt Negron, Chief John Cook and Captain Jon Rachel



Investigator Luis Brito and Chief John Cook



Chief John Cook, Captain Jon Rachel and Detective Foster Ziegler



Township Committeewoman Erica DuBois also received a recognition award for her work during “IDA”.



Officer Brian Trotman, and Chief John Cook



Officer Daniele Kahora, Chief John Cook and Captain Jon Rachel



Chief John Cook, Captain Jon Rachel and Sergeant Keith Christopher



Springfield senior citizens spent the morning of Friday, October 14, playing pickleball in the Chisholm Community Center’s Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium with Mayor Alex Keiser (center), joined by Brendan O’Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation (center left).

DAYTON GIRLS LACROSSE WORKS WITH RECREATION PRE K-1ST GRADE FALL CLINIC



Every Sunday this fall, many Jonathan Dayton High School girls volunteer their time to share their love of lacrosse. The Dayton girls are teaching our new lacrosse players how to scoop, cradle, throw, and shoot the ball into the goal. These are all the basic skills needed to play the amazing game of lacrosse. Dayton girls are hoping to have their first Varsity team in the spring. Unlike other sports at Dayton, girls lacrosse is fully funded by the players and the parents with a price tag of \$26,000. Players and parents are feverishly fundraising to hopefully raise the \$26,000 in order to have their 3rd season and first Varsity season EVER!

As of October 11th, Dayton girls and parents have raised \$12,000. They are hopeful that they can raise the remaining \$14,000 so our girls can play come March. Want to help? Donations for the Dayton girls lacrosse team can be made on the Lacrosse Club of Springfield website at springfieldlaxnj.com (red donation button). Venmo option: Springfieldlaxnj. The Lacrosse Club of Springfield is a 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. Proof of donation can be easily sent to you upon request. For more information, please contact Jeff Kaesshaefer, club president, at springfieldlacrossenj@gmail.com.

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Springfield Recreation Late Fall 2022 / Winter 2023

SOCCER SQUIRTS

CLASSES HELD INDOOR AT
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER



4 WEEK SESSION

SATURDAYS

Registration Fee

\$100

7 WEEK SESSION

SATURDAYS

Registration Fee

\$160

November 19 to December 17 (4 weeks).

Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 • 9 am - 9:50 am

Parent & Me Squirts: Ages 2-3 • 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages 5-6 • 11:00 am - 11:50 am

Miss Date November 26

January 7 to February 18 (7 weeks).

Soccer Squirts: Ages 3-4 • 9 am - 9:50 am

Parent & Me Squirts: Ages • 2-3 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Senior Soccer Squirts: Ages • 5-6 11:00 am - 11:50 am

All programs will follow NJ DOH, CDC and local Covid guidelines.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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

BOYS & GIRLS

All Abilities:
2 to 6
years olds

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REGISTRATION

Online or by phone. Register soon
as these classes typically sell out!



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SENIOR CITIZEN ART CLASS HELD AT CHISHOLM



Springfield residents ages 55+ were treated to a free art class at the Chisholm Community Center on Thursday, September 15. Led by volunteer instructor Andrea Schaffer (pictured, center), the class created custom coasters and trays. For information on future classes, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

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Springfield Recreation - Fall 2022

SCHOOL'S OUT:

MULTI SPORTS CAMP

CAMP HELD AT CHISHOLM PARK - RAIN OR SHINE

NOVEMBER 10 - 11 / 9 AM - 12 PM

SCHOOL'S OUT - TEACHER CONVENTION CAMP

Participants will enjoy 6 different sports over the two days learning new skills and taking part in fun challenges. This camp will take place Rain or Shine. This program follows all NJ state health guidelines

**TWO DAY
PROGRAM
\$94**

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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



AGES 5-11, ALL ABILITY LEVELS

Visit USsportsInstitute.com for full camp and class descriptions

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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Springfield Recreation Department's annual Halloween Spooktacular is coming up on Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 1:00-2:30 pm, at Chisholm Park (rain location: Chisholm Community Center). The first 200 individuals to pre-register on Community Pass at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> will receive a free basket of freshly-made warm donuts from the Glazed & Confused Donuts Truck! Children are invited to dress up and show off their scariest and most original costumes at the costume contest! Pre-registration is required on Community Pass at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. Prizes will be awarded at approx. 2:00 pm. The popular photo ring is back to photograph everyone and send pictures to your email or phone. Watch out for the roaming magician's amazing magic tricks! Dance to DJ music from Summit Soundz! Play Halloween lawn games! Plus, plenty of free Red Ribbon Week and sponsor goodies will be given away. Event sponsorship has been generously provided by Keller Williams Mid-Town Direct Realty, Cardinal Land Properties, State Farm Mike Scalera, and the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. Pre-register for the costume contest and donuts at <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>. Questions? Contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



Sunday, October 30, 2022 • 1 - 2:30 pm

CHISHOLM PARK

100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081

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



RECREATION BASKETBALL WINTER 2023

Leagues and Clinics for Pre K - Grade 8

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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday, October 18 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm
Wednesday, October 19 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Thursday, October 20 - Bus trip to Central Farmer's Market and
Coppola Ristorante @ 12:00-3:00 pm (RSVP)
Friday, October 21 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Monday, October 24 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Tuesday, October 25 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm
Wednesday, October 26 - Pickleball lesson @ 10:00 am
Thursday, October 27 - Springfield Senior Citizens Club meeting
@ 12:00 pm (RSVP by Friday, October 21)
Friday, October 28 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Monday, October 31 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Tuesday, November 1 - Exercise class @ 11:00 am,
Mahjong @ 12:00-2:45 pm
Wednesday, November 2 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Thursday, November 3 - Bus trip to Delicious Orchards
@ 10:00 am-2:00 pm (RSVP)
Friday, November 4 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm
Monday, November 7 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Wednesday, November 9 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Bingo @ 11:45 am
Friday, November 11 - Pickleball @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm,
Rummikub @ 11:00 am, Poker @ 12:00 pm, Dominos @ 1:00 pm

YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING BEGIN SEASON



The popular tackle football, cheerleading, and flag cheerleading programs, sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Jr. Dawgs Football Organization, as well as flag football offered by 19 Sports of Union County, opened the fall season last month.

Social Code For Kids Children's Parties & More!



2022 FALL ENRICHMENT

Ages: 5-10

HEALTHY

EATING/HEALTHY

MANNERS

Children will learn healthy eating habits and make kid friendly healthy snacks.

They will also learn:

Let's Meet

- Eye contact
- Learning to share and what not to share (aka germs)
- Party and play date manners
- Life skills: learning to help around the house
- Magic words: saying please, thank you, you're welcome, etc.

Let's Eat

- Mealtime/table manners
- Setting the table and cleaning up
- How to hold a fork correctly
- How to sit and behave at the table
- How to set a table and help clean up

Play Games, Make projects, Make fun healthy snacks, Build Confidence, Have FUN!

Dates: Mondays Oct 17 - Dec 12 (no class) 10/31 Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Chisholm Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave.

Springfield, NJ Fee: \$168 Classes will close at 12 students.

Register now to guarantee your space.

To register: Contact Sherri Fishman -

Social Code For Kids at: sherri@socialcodeforkids.com

For details on Birthday Parties and Scouting Workshops

go to: www.socialcodeforkids.com

Co-hosted by: SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes



Sweet Samantha
Half Day Baking/ Decorating Camp!
Thursday, November 10, 2022
12:30-3:30 pm - \$55 per student



AGES 6-12 Join Samantha for a half day (3 hours) of baking and decorating fun! Our theme will be "Thanksgiving Dinner" cupcakes - Included will be learning to :

- Baking a chocolate cupcake from scratch
- Making Buttercream
- Making Fondant
- Making "Rolled Buttercream"
- Simple Piping Skills
- Hand sculpting mini "foods"

Children will all go home with 6 awesome and yummy cupcakes looking like: A turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, pumpkin pie, and cherry pie!

All supplies included. Class will take place at:

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

\$55 per student - Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 12:30-3:30 pm

To register, contact Samantha at samilynn9@aol.com

Please include the name/age of your child

Venmo payment is best and can be sent to @sweet-samantha

www.sweet-samantha.com

SAMANTHA IS A 2X FOOD NETWORK COMPETITOR ON "CAKE WARS" & "SWEET GENIUS!" HER CAKES HAVE BEEN FEATURED IN MANY MAGAZINES, ARTICLES, AND IN PRINT! SAMANTHA LOVES TO SHARE HER TALENTS OF BAKING AND DECORATING BY TEACHING CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS, PARTIES, AND PRIVATE LESSONS!

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SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY FALL BUS TRIPS



Springfield's senior citizens embarked on several exciting fall bus trips in the past month, including the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, Shore Club in Spring Lake, and Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. For information on future bus trips, contact Ilene Wilkenfeld, Recreation Program Coordinator, at ilene.wilkenfeld@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



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 Monday - Friday from 9:00 am-3:30 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.

TRYCAN

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>

2022-2023 MEN'S 35+ BASKETBALL

JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm

FLORENCE GAUDINEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sundays 8 - 10 am

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



JOIN "SOCIAL CODE FOR KIDS" FOR A HALLOWEEN SLIME WORKSHOP TO MAKE THE SPOOKIEST SLIME AROUND!

This is a 1.5-hour long workshop for ages 4+ to make 2 spooky slimes using all sorts of non-toxic ingredients. Options are Witches Potion, Zombie Brains or Pumpkin Guts.

Feel free to dress up in costumes. Snack will be served. Children can be left at the session and collected at the end of the event or parents are welcome to stay. This workshop is \$20/child or \$36 for 2 (that is a sibling or friend discount).

Registration is required

Friday **SOLD OUT** October 28, 2022 6:00-7:30pm Saturday October 29, 2022 10:00-11:30am

Chisholm Community Center – 100 S. Springfield Ave, Springfield, NJ

To register go to www.socialcodeforkids.com or email

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Once the QR-code below is scanned, it will bring you to an online registration form. Please fill out and submit the registration form.

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SPRINGFIELD RECEIVES COUNTY GRANTS OF \$45,000 FOR TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AND \$4,000 FOR TREES



Mayor Alex Keiser

The Township of Springfield was awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a \$4,000 grant from Greening Union County, on Thursday night, October 6, 2022, at a meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners. Mayor Alex Keiser commented, "I want to thank the Union County Commissioners for awarding this funding as this will allow us to improve and expand our recreational facilities. I can't wait to play on our new pickleball courts!"

The Department of Public Works will use its \$4,000 grant award to plant trees throughout Springfield. "On behalf of the Department of Public Works, I would like to thank the Union County Commissioners for continuing to support Springfield with another generous grant. The funds will help us keep Springfield Green with many new trees," said Robert Boettcher, Supervisor of Public Works.

The Township is matching the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant to finance the renovation of several municipal tennis courts, plus the striping of several overlaid pickleball courts. The Township of Springfield maintains tennis courts at Irwin Park, Laurel Park, and Henshaw Park. The scope of the project -- which is expected to be undertaken in the first half of 2023 -- will include addressing tennis court damage, resurfacing several courts, constructing expansion joints, painting and striping tennis courts, and striping overlaid pickleball courts. According to Adam Lieb, Director of Recreation "We've been eyeing improvements to our tennis courts due to the age of the courts, resurgence of outdoor sports following the pandemic, and the growing popularity of pickleball. I'm really looking forward to seeing Springfield residents enjoying the newly resurfaced courts next year."

Matching grants from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund are distributed to municipalities across Union County that are looking to upgrade or build recreational facilities for children and families. Funds from the Greening Union County grant award help the Township offset the cost of planting trees throughout Springfield. Since its inception in 2004, the Kids Recreation Trust Fund has provided Union County communities with \$20+ million in funding.

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION
WINTER 2022 HOLIDAY
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December
27 - 29
9 AM - 12 PM
REGISTRATION FEE
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MULTI SPORTS CAMP - 3 DAY PROGRAM
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CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

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

AGES 5 - 11
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

LIMITED SPACE

REGISTRATION
Online or by phone. Register soon as these classes typically sell out!

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ARBOR TERRACE SPONSORS DESSERT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT CHISHOLM



Arbor Terrace Mountainside sponsors monthly dessert for senior citizens who gathered at the Chisholm Community Center, most recently on Wednesday, October 12. 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 greet the crowd and 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>. Pictured (l-r): Lajwanti Shah, Marie Petti, Shola Friedman, Dorothy Bodner, Denise Shachtman, Gloria Vitullo, Aranzullo, and Imelda Murray.

MAYOR'S DAY
AT BALTUSROL

Due to inclement weather Mayor's Day at Baltusrol has been postponed to November 7, 2022.
Those wishing to play should contact Scott Seidel at scottseidel@gmail.com



2022-2023 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

(MUST be attached to each Essay)



"What is your American Dream?"

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

(Circle or Highlight One Grade)

•Division I: 5th Grade •Division II: 6th Grade •Division III: 7th Grade •Division IV: 8th Grade

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____ Male ☐ Female ☐ Age _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

(used only to contact the winners)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2022.

Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2023 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2023 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, Gwendolyn B. Parker, by March 31, 2023.

THEME:

"What is your American Dream?"

RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN, July 2-5, 2023.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2022.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: _____ No. _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____



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