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## NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**THURSDAY**  
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## TWO NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE RANKS OF THE SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE



*(l to r) Auxiliary Officer Scott Schumacher, Emergency Management Coordinator and Auxiliary Police Deputy Chief Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Jeff Katz, Auxiliary Police Chief Angelo Palumbo, Graduates Stephen R. Bratsch and Christodoulous Santafianos, Springfield Police Department Captain Patrick McLaughlin, Auxiliary Police Officer Alex Silverman, Auxiliary Police Sergeant Robert Abraham and Auxiliary Police Officer Gina Corcione.*

Two new officers graduated John H. Stamler Auxiliary Police Academy and joined the rank of the Springfield Auxiliary Police. On May 13, Auxiliary Officers Stephen R. Bratsch and Christodoulous Santafianos completed their training and were sworn in as Springfield's newest members of their Auxiliary Police Department. The class ran almost 4 months and trained the officers in many aspects of police work, including law, baton use, crowd control, use of force, patrol techniques and many other law enforcement topics. The two newest officers join the ranks of 20 other Springfield Auxiliary Officers already serving the town. "Auxiliary Officers are volunteers and receive no pay or compensation for their service to the community," commented Wally Schultz, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator and a captain in the Auxiliary Police. "These new officers will train with our existing officers and continue to receive further training in firearms as well," noted Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Coordinator. Any resident over the age of 18 wishing to join the Auxiliary Police should contact us at [oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us](mailto:oemcoordinator@springfield-nj.us). Further info can be found at <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/public-safety/emergency-management/>.

## CIVICS DAY IN SPRINGFIELD

On March 13, 2014 the Springfield Township Committee met within the courtroom of the Springfield Town Hall. In attendance at this meeting along with the Township Committee were a group of seventh grade students from Mister Devin Haggerty's Social Studies class at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School. These students attended this particular meeting as part of the civics day program through which students are educated about both their obligations as citizens of the United State of America and the government by witnessing the operation of their local government. These students witnessed several pro clamations made by the committee regarding town affairs. Five of the FMG students were allowed to sit beside the Township Committee members and act as honorary committee members by leading the roll call. Marissa Steiner, an eighth grade student at FMG, also attended the meeting along with her mother, Stephanie Steiner. They witnessed a proclamation made by Committee Woman Bandrowski that recognized the efforts of the



Preeclampsia Foundation to educate the public on preeclampsia, a medical condition that emerges during a woman's pregnancy, and declared May 2014 to be Preeclampsia Awareness Month. Afterwards, Marissa Steiner read a statement about the dangers of preeclampsia to the crowd, as her mother is an advocate for the Preeclampsia Foundation.



*(l to r) Fire Chief James Sanford, Volunteer Firefighter Timothy Hydock, his father Robert Hydock who is employed with Springfield DPW, and Mayor Richard Huber*

*On May 12th, Timothy Hydock was appointed to the Springfield Fire Department by the Township Committee. He is a Springfield resident with some previous volunteer firefighting training and experience. His firefighter certifications will allow him to be integrated in the Springfield Fire Department sooner than regular recruits. He will be taught Springfield's response procedures and get familiarized with the equipment and help support the Springfield Career Firefighters.*



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### Message from the Mayor

Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer. I would like to thank Mrs. Geri Bujinaski and Linda Donnelly for all their hard work in putting together the outstanding Memorial Day ceremony and parade. The support of our community is truly amazing. Memorial Day also marked the opening of the Springfield Community Pool. The pool underwent some major renovations this past winter. Some of those improvements you will see are redone bathrooms, freshly painted pool, new fixtures, were installed and new tiles were installed. The renovations to the pool, however, are not complete. Our Recreation Department are still working to install a new slide and some shaded areas.

Our Township budget was presented and approved last month. Currently the town part of the budget will be increasing about \$48 a household, while the county portion of the taxes will actually decrease by about \$46 a household. At this time, we are still waiting for the Board of Education portion of the taxes. The township also approved the hiring of two new police officers and also installed a new volunteer firefighter. On May 29th, the Springfield Fire Department also had a dedication ceremony at the Fire House, dedicating an area in front of the station in memory of former firefighter Joe Pepe. As I stated in a previous message, Joe was a career firefighter who passed away playing in a benefit basketball game 10 years ago. Many of us who knew Joe, knew just how much he loved the town of Springfield. I would like to thank our Fire Department for keeping Joe's spirit alive. Finally, the Army's Cord of Engineers had two presentations on what their plans were to help the flooding problems in our town. As summer quickly approaches, I remind everyone that our Recreation Summer programs are about to begin. If you have any questions, please contact our Recreation Department at 973-912-2226. Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our graduates. I wish all of you nothing but the best in all of your future endeavors. Once again if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at Richard.huber@springfield-nj.us.

*Richard Huber, Mayor 2014*

### QUITE A LOT HAS GONE ON IN SPRINGFIELD IN MAY

Quite a lot has gone on in Springfield this month. As we prepare for the retirement of Fire Chief James Sanford, we swore in another volunteer firefighter. With the resignation of Mike Tennaro as the Director of the Recreation Department, a search is being conducted for his successor so that the many activities of the summer, including the improvements and upgrades at the pool, will continue to go smoothly. There will be a new fence, a new slide, and two shade areas for everyone to enjoy.

Tuesday, May 13, was a special day at Town Hall. Each Department Head and the Township Clerk had two "shadows" for the day, students from Gaudineer. After learning how the Township functions daily, lunch was provided prior to a gathering led by Anthony Cancro and Maryellen Brennan during which the kids had an opportunity to share what they learned. Freeholder Bruce Bergen spoke about County government, building on the township experience. Several of the most enthusiastic students actually got to sit up on the dais with the committee members during the special 2 pm meeting and actually participate. All of those who participated were very excited about the day, which was a custom brought back this year by Mayor Huber. There were a number of ordinances and resolutions voted on during the meeting and several proclamations were presented. Deputy Mayor Barnett made a formal presentation of the Municipal Budget for the year; the average annual increase per household (municipal portion only) is approximately \$48, which is offset by the decrease of approximately the same amount in the county assessment.

This month also included presentation and discussion of the three options of the Army Corps of Engineers' recommendations for Flood Control. There will be further meetings for discussion upcoming. Also this month the Committee approved the promotion of one police officer and the hiring of two candidates as Probationary Police Officers to fill two openings as a result of retirements. Appointments were also made to fill openings on both the Board of Adjustment and the Environmental Commission.

Please note that all meetings are open to the public and your participation is welcomed and encouraged! The workshop meetings are held on the Monday night before the first executive session of the month at the Firehouse. The executive sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Municipal Building. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, June 9, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department  
Tuesday, June 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall  
Tuesday, June 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall

Joint Meeting with the BOE on Monday, July 21 at 6 pm  
Media Room, JDHS

Monday, July 21, Workshop, 7:30 pm at the Fire Department  
Tuesday, July 22, Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall  
(Workshop Meeting of July 7 and TC Meeting July 8 are cancelled.)

**PLANNING BOARD** 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm  
at the Municipal Building

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
at the Municipal Building

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 pm at the Municipal Building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 pm at the Municipal Building

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 pm at the Annex

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Library



## THE BID AT WORK

Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey  
www.springfieldbid.com

### REDEVELOPMENT:

The Township will be approving two more parcels of land to be added to the redevelopment area. They are in the process of working with a property owner on the Redevelopment Plan.

### Streetscape Design:

The BID is working with the Town to secure grant monies to help pay for the streetscape improvements on Mountain Avenue. The Township is submitting a grant proposal for \$1,000,000 that will go towards this project. The BID has committed \$100,000 towards this project as a match for this grant.

The BID contributed \$4,000 toward the Township's Gateway Project. They are improving the areas that are gateways into the town.

### Marketing our businesses:

- Facebook page is very active with 1,375 fans
- Weekly contests are garnering 4-6,500 views
- Averaging over 9,000 people reached per week overall
- 75% of our fans are women
- 85% of our fans are between 25-55 years old

We're now sending out a monthly email to businesses asking them for promotions they would like to offer via The Springfield App and Facebook. Six deals were sent back to us from the first email and updated onto the Springfield App and will run on Facebook.

The video program is working nicely with great feedback from participating places. We'll be scheduling more video days.

Savor Springfield will be our next program in July. Dates to be announced.

***Summer Music Festival in Springfield Returning this Summer!!***

**The BID is will be scheduling concerts for the following dates this summer:  
July 10, July 24 and August 7.**

Rain dates will be held the following week. There will be a variety of music being played in three different locations around town. Locations are being confirmed and will be announced next month. We look forward to celebrating summer with Music night outs for all to enjoy!

**Even a culture around for 1000 years like the Incas needs to keep up on important news with the Patriot Times!!**



## RECREATION DIRECTOR MIKE TENNARO IS LEAVING HIS JOB IN SPRINGFIELD

Michael Tennaro, Jr. spent 17 years as the Director of Recreation for the Township of Springfield. In an exclusive interview with Mike, the Patriot talked to Mike about his years working in Springfield. Mike commented, "I always tried to do what I thought was best for the department and for the township residents. It is my hope that most people saw the positive steps we made through the years to improve the overall department. I know the township will continue its efforts to make recreation an important part of everyone's lives here in Springfield. Thank you to all the countless volunteers and seasonal employees that assisted the recreation department through the years. I thank you, the recreation and public works staff, for doing what needed to get done each and every day. Thank you to the parents, children, and seniors that allowed the Recreation Department to create activity, health, wellness and hopefully FUN in their lives. Thank you to all my peers that I have had the privilege of working alongside these many years."



*Mike Tennaro and Family*

***I wish everyone a wonderful future!***

***Thank you,***

***Michael Tennaro, Jr.***

***....***

***Off to the Sunshine State!!***

**Patriot Times discovered at Machu Picchu!!**



***Seventh Grade Students Join Township Committee On The DAIS For "Civics Day"***

# Springfield Town Hall Bulletin Board

## SPRINGFIELD FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK FOR 2014!

The Township is bringing back the Farmer's Market for 2014. This is a great opportunity to buy local, fresh foods.

**Some changes to the 2014 Farmer's Market:**

**New Location** – corner of Morris Avenue (226 Morris Avenue) and Church Mall, in the municipal parking lot #3.

**New Dates** - starting June 16th and ending October 27th.

**New Times** - Mondays from 11 am – 6 pm.

**Come support the Springfield Farmer's Market. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Any questions regarding the market should be directed to Maryellen Brennan, Farmer's Market Manager at 973-912-2202.

## CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY

On Sunday, April 27, the community took part in the annual Clean Communities Day. Groups gathered and, using tools provided by the DPW, cleaned up Laurel Park, Washington Park, Patriots Park, the Van Winkle's Brook area along Mountain Avenue by the DPW, and Ruby Park. All participants will receive a tee shirt marking the occasion. Also on hand were Mayor Richard Huber, Deputy Mayor David Barnett, and Molly Barnett, all of whom helped along with everyone else to clean our parks. Committeewoman Margaret Bandrowski, was at the sign up location at the DPW along with Bob and Joe, who made sure tools were distributed. They also made the rounds later to pick up the tools and the garbage.

Once again, congratulations and thanks to our residents and our employees for a job well done!

## THIRD ANNUAL TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE JUNE 21! (Rain Date - June 22)

Based on the success of last year's Town-wide Community Garage Sale, the Township Committee approved two dates: Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, September 14 from 9 am to 6 pm. The purpose is to have a coordinated community event to get people to explore Springfield and appreciate the pride of Springfield! Both dates are prior to bulk garbage pickup so what you don't sell you can discard if you wish.

There is no registration or permit fee but we would like to post locations on the Township website and Facebook. Let us know your address so we can post it by sending it to [communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us](mailto:communitygaragesale@springfield-nj.us) or by calling Town Hall at 973-912-2285.

As of the printing of the June Patriot, the following street addresses have registered to participate in the June 21 Community Garage Sale. Keep an eye on our FB and Home pages for further updates.

11 Cayuga Court	10 Kimberly Ct
52 Hawthorne Ave	84 Kipling Ave
179 Baltusrol Ave	49 Laurel Drive
299 Baltusrol Way	101 Laurel Drive
18 Benjamin Drive	151 Linden Ave
22 Berkeley Road	41 Mapes Avenue
39 Brook Street	27 Marion Ave
39 Brooks Street	280 Mountain Ave
37 Cambridge Ter	75 Newbrook Lane
3 Christy Lane	6 North Derby Road
37 Colfax Road	28 North Derby Road
28 Cottage Lane	301 Northview Ter
23 Diven Street	315 Northview Ter
35 Edgewood Ave	17 Outlook Way
18 Essex Road	8 Outlook Way
18 Eton Ct	43 Owassa Ave
5 Gail Court	28 Pitt Road
52 Hawthorne Ave	4 Prospect Place
18 Hemlock Terrace	115 Redwood Road
22 Henshaw Ave	46 Redwood Road
81 Henshaw Ave	21 Rose Ave
122 Henshaw Ave	75 Skylark Road
121 Henshaw Ave	11 South Derby Rd
125 Henshaw Ave	144 South Maple Ave
50 Hillside Ave	148 South Maple Ave
327 Hillside Ave	218 South Springfield Ave
417 Hillside Ave	17 Springbrook Rd
66 Keeler Street	171 Tooker Ave

## 2014 SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTED

The Springfield Township Committee adopted the municipal budget on May 13, 2014. The 2014 Budget will result in a 1.49 percent increase; representing 13 cents per day or \$48.42 increase per year for the average home in the Township. The municipal budget represents only the municipal share of the total budget and does not include the county or Board of Education budgets.

**The Township 2014 budget has several important objectives including:**

- Minimizing the tax burden to residents and commercial establishments
- Maintaining a high level of municipal services to residents and businesses
- Actively controlling spending and overtime
- Reducing dependence on use of surplus and maintain a strong bond rating
- Continuing efforts to improve operations and government effectiveness
- Staying focused on Business District redevelopment efforts

The budget also invests \$3,000,000 for long-term capital improvements for the future needs of Springfield including:

- New Road Paving and other Road Improvements
- Renovation to Chisholm Youth Center
- Flood Prevention Upgrades
- New Jitney Bus
- Replace Obsolete Equipment and Vehicles
- Sewer and Storm Improvements
- New Fire Safety Equipment
- Continue Downtown Redevelopment Efforts

The adopted 2014 municipal budget is available on the Township Finance Department webpage at: <http://springfield-nj.us/departments/departments-of-finance>.



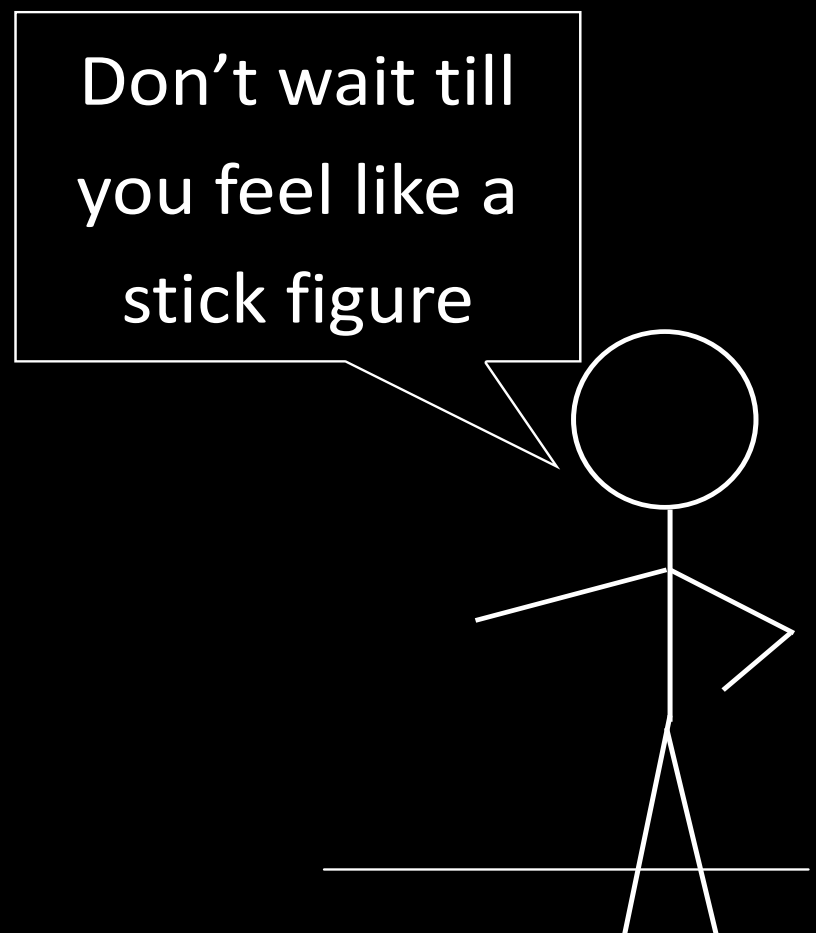
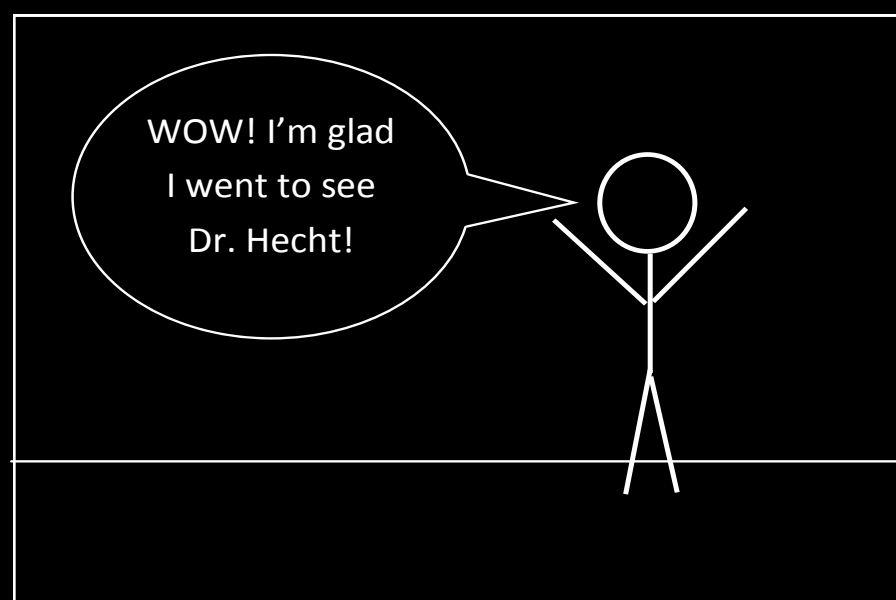
(l to r) Dr. Hung, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Kirna, Mrs. Alamorian, Ms. Stevenson, Faith, Wendy, Mrs. Leonardis, KDG students

## SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS COMPOST KIT TO WALTON SCHOOL

Springfield Garden Club's president, Faith Brancato, and program coordinator, Wendy Jones, presented the Walton School with a compost kit for their gardens on Thursday, May 29. In the kit, worms turn food scraps, leaves, and damp newspaper into nutrient soil. Dr. Hung, the principal, was so delighted with the compost kit that she ordered a second one for the school: "I wanted to make sure we had enough [good soil] for our gardens."

Walton, whose students range in age from 3 to 8, has eight courtyard garden beds. Students work in the garden as part of the Walton Environmental Club, which also includes all the teachers: Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Kirna, Mrs. Leonardis, Mrs. Alamorian and Ms. Stevenson. The children plant vegetables and flowers. They "love to observe how the vegetables grow over time and they take pride in harvesting the vegetables, tasting them, and donating them!" said Mrs. Kirna.

Every August the Community Food Bank in Hillside picks up the tomatoes and other vegetables for distribution to people in the area.



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## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times should be noticing an increase in the visible enforcement of motor vehicle violations by Springfield police officers with this being done to coincide with the school closings for summer recess. This enforcement is not done merely to cite motorists for violations but to hopefully educate both drivers and pedestrians alike in the safe and proper use of township roadways in an effort to reduce vehicle accidents. It is imperative that motorists operate their vehicles with extra caution during the summer months when more people are outdoors especially children playing in residential areas and local parks or walking or riding bicycles along township streets.

A law change went into effect in 2010 that has now changed the statute that originally only required motorists to yield to pedestrians who were legally crossing in a crosswalk to now require the motorist to come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk.

Both resident and business recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times are reminded that there are many intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal

and that are located on more heavily trafficked roadways so it is vital that motorists now come to a complete stop when approaching an intersection with crossing pedestrians.

Beginning in the month of May plainclothes police officers posing as pedestrians were crossing at various intersections throughout the township and motorists who failed to stop for the "crossing pedestrian" were stopped by uniformed officers and issued a summons for failing to stop for pedestrians. Police officers are operating at various intersections throughout the township where there have been past incidents of either pedestrians or bicyclists having been struck by automobiles and these also include intersections where pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed. This enforcement action will continue during the summer months in order to ensure the maximum safety of children and adults walking about the streets in the township.

This statewide enforcement program for this new law, known as Shared Responsibility, stipulates that not only are motorists expected to stop for pedestrians using a crosswalk but pedestrians are expected to only legally cross a roadway at an intersection with a traffic signal, a crosswalk, or where a crosswalk would be located. Any pedestrians crossing a roadway illegally can be subject to being stopped by police officers as well.

Other police operations being conducted will target some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents

that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that contribute to a high number of accidents that are also being addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections and overall aggressive driving.

Recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times are urged to make sure that any child under the age of 17 only rides a bicycle while wearing an approved properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. This law also applies to any child who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer that is hooked up to and is towed by the bicycle. Despite the mandatory age requirement for the wearing of bicycle helmets, this is something that all bicyclists should do in order to prevent head injuries.

The daily rush hour traffic congestion combined with more and more motorists seeming to be rushing to get to their destinations and the summer months having more children being out and about makes it vital that motorists use common sense and caution when driving. Police officers know better than most about the tragic consequences that result from accidents caused by inattentive or careless drivers and hopefully by increased and visible traffic enforcement, accidents resulting in injuries or deaths can be prevented. I wish all readers of my Springfield Patriot Times column a safe and happy summer.

## SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications will be accepted beginning May 15, 2014, and the deadline for applications will be June 30, 2014.

Springfield Police Department Chief of Police John P. Cook has announced the dates for the 2014 session of its Junior Police Academy. The academy will be running a one-week session from August 11-15, 2014, which will be held at the Springfield Police Department. Classes will run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm daily.

This will be the inaugural session of this program, designed to provide area youth with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of the Police Officer.

While other youth academy programs provide a day camp setting, the Springfield Police Junior Academy has been modeled after today's police academy. Those accepted to the program will undergo physical training and daily training in Drill and Ceremony, will be instructed in criminal investigation techniques, evidence recovery, patrol practices, and effects of alcohol and drugs. In addition, the cadets will participate in field trips to the Union County Police Academy and attend demonstrations from various specialized units that are available to law enforcement, such as the police canine unit, SWAT team, and the bomb squad.

Each cadet will receive official Springfield Police Junior Academy uniforms to wear throughout the course. Upon successful completion of the course, the cadets will participate in a graduation in which they will be presented with a certificate of completion.

Acceptance into this program requires that the applicant be between the ages of 11-14. Those that

qualify will be selected based upon the return date of their application and tuition payment of \$100. These applications are to be dropped off to the desk officer at the Police Department. Please note, however, that preference will be given to Springfield residents. Anyone not selected for this program will receive their tuition payment back in full.

Applications will be available at the Police Department, Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Office, and online at <http://www.springfield-nj.us>.

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For additional information, please contact the Springfield Police Department at (973) 376-0400 and speak to Officer Frank Cunha or Officer Ryan Westover. Officer Cunha [frank.cunha@springfieldnj.us](mailto:frank.cunha@springfieldnj.us) Officer Westover [ryan.westover@springfield-nj.us](mailto:ryan.westover@springfield-nj.us)

## SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD RECEIVE AN EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION



*Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services for Children Day presented by Committeeman Fernandez to First Aid Squad Captain Apu Mullick*



*Mayor Richard Mayor Huber presents a Proclamation as to members of the Springfield First Aid Squad for Emergency Medical Services Week*

Volunteers from the Springfield First Aid Squad, including First Lt. Shane Ronan, EMT Walter Lutz, President Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Crew Chief Don Mackinson, Mayor Richard Huber, Crew Chief Gloria Simpson, and Captain Apu, received an EMS Week proclamation from the Township Committee on May 13, 2014. President Fritzen reminded those gathered that while the Squad is perhaps the most visible chart of the

"Chain of Survival," quality Emergency Medical Services depends on recognizing an emergency and calling for help through transfer to definitive care at a hospital or other facility. Mayor Huber reminded the residents and businesses that without their support, both as volunteers and as donors, the Squad's mission and service to Springfield would be much more difficult.

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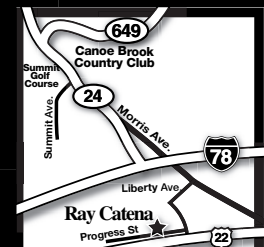
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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### WANTED! TEEN VOLUNTEERS AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

Students aged 14+ can earn from 20-40 volunteer hours this summer by helping with activities, programs and the Summer Reading Club.

Volunteer applications can be submitted immediately through June 18. Interview appointments are on June 10, 11, 17, and 18 from 4 pm to 5 pm. Call 973-376-4930 x232 or x233 to schedule your interview. Bring the completed volunteer application (download from the Teen Page of our website: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org) OR pick up at the Youth Services Desk).

**Storycraft Fridays @ 4 pm** for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. A story and a simple craft.

**Mother Goose Group @ 10:30** selected days for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver: Tuesday June 3, Friday June 6, Wednesday June 11, Saturday June 14, Tuesday June 17, Saturday June 21, Tuesday June 24.

**Friday June 20 @ 10:30 am** The "Joy of Family Music" (a Music Together demonstration by Inspired Sprouts) Families with infants through Kindergarten will enjoy sharing songs, instrument play, rhythm chants and movement activities.

**Friday June 27 @ 10:30 am** **Mother Goose Stories & Songs** Presented by librarians Carolyn and MaryAnn of Puppets & More, this entertaining and interactive program is ideal for young families.

**Monday June 23 @ 7 pm** **Intro to Point MMA** for ages 10+ This first of a 4-week session will introduce kids ages 10 and up to Mixed Martial Arts (Kickbox, Wrestling, Tae Kwon Do). Sign up at the Youth Services desk, and wear comfortable clothes!

**7 pm Wednesday June 25 Kickoff Summer Reading Program with Mime Robert Rivest!**

Adios to school! Sayonara! Blast into summer with Springfield's favorite mime, Robert Rivest, and the Summer Reading theme, FIZZ! BOOM! READ! Wait—how does a mime say fizz & boom? **Find out @ 7pm Wednesday June 25.** Get your FREE TICKETS to this event at the Youth Services Desk!

**4:30 Wednesday June 25 Teens Read Kickoff Event!** Get entered into a drawing for movie tickets by participating in the Teens Read Summer Book Club. Join us as we challenge ourselves to read all four installments of Lois Lowry's *The Giver* quartet series before the movie hits theaters this August. Meeting biweekly to discuss the books and keep us on track, participants can enter their name into a

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drawing for movie tickets at every meeting they participate in. The first meeting will be June 25, the same day we kick off our big summer reading program, at 4:30 pm. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, June 20, 12:30 pm  
 Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon.

## DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, June 19, 10:00 am  
 Great Books discussion – *Symposium* by Plato

## FILMS

**Monday, June 23, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film – SELECTED 1940s CLASSICS - HITCHCOCK & FILM NOIR:** Wealthy and sheltered Joan Fontaine marries charming ne'er-do-well Cary Grant but gradually comes to the conclusion that he intends to kill her in order to collect her inheritance.

**Monday, July 7, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film – SELECTED 1940s CLASSICS - HITCHCOCK & FILM NOIR:** Humphrey Bogart as private eye Philip Marlow is hired to investigate a case of blackmailing and in the process must confront many criminals.

**Thursday, July 10, 1:00 & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film – "Son of the Bride"**, 2001, in Spanish with English subtitles.

## HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:00 am  
**Knits Wits Knitting Group**

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

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm **Chess club**

## INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday/Thursday **One-To-One Computer Training By Appointment 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

## JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECEIVES COMMONWEALTH HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Kejvi Bido of Springfield, NJ, has been given the Melvin Howard Scholarship by Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. This scholarship provides support for outstanding students with an interest in business or economics.

Bido is a member of the UMass Amherst class of 2016 who pursues majors in finance and psychology. He graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in 2012.



In tribute to Springfield resident and classmate Jason Condit (11 years old) of Springfield who passed away due to cancer on April 18, 2014, the Springfield Lacrosse Program have dedicated the rest of the season to Jason. The Team will wear "# Jason Was Strong" orange de-cals on their helmets. The decal was designed and created by fellow classmate and lacrosse player, Nick Stampoulos.



(l to r) #37 Dan Beveridge and #1 Gavin Dzikowski

## FLAG DAY CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD-HILLSIDE ELKS #2004



**FRIDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7PM**

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member, and is an integral part of our Obligation. In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14th as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

Springfield Boy Scouts Troop 73 will be retiring numerous flags. Feel free to bring by your own well-worn flags for retirement. Hot dogs and appetizers will be served after the ceremony. Springfield Hillside Elks, 80 Springfield Ave, 973-379-9766

*William Francis, a senior at Jonathon Dayton, just completed 4 years on the varsity hockey team and has signed a contract to play Junior hockey with the New England Wolves located in Laconia, New Hampshire.*





## PREVENTING WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTION

Now that warm weather is approaching, so is the mosquito breeding season and concerns about West Nile Virus. In the past, peak West Nile Virus activity in New Jersey usually occurred in August/September. Since West Nile Virus is transmitted primarily by the bite of an infective mosquito, residents are advised to take precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito bites.

- When outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient. The gold standard for mosquito repellent is DEET, which may be used on adults and children greater than two months of age. Other repellents recommended by the CDC for use against mosquitoes that may transmit WNV include picaridin, IR3535 and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-methanediol products. Oil of lemon eucalyptus products should not be used on children less than three years of age. Be sure to apply insect repellent in accordance with the instructions on the product label.

- Limit time outdoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active, or wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants during those times.

- Keep mosquito netting over infant seats and strollers.
- Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs, such as flower pots, tire swings, wading pools, wheelbarrows, buckets and cans. Change the water in birdbaths and pet dishes every few days. If you wish to save rainwater to use in your garden it should be used up within a week. Maintain gutters, and drain pipes to prevent clogs and standing water. Keep swimming pools chlorinated and pool covers tight to prevent creating pockets of stagnant water. Mosquitoes that breed around the home are primarily responsible for transmitting West Nile Virus to humans!

- Install or repair window and door screens.

- Support community-based mosquito control programs.

West Nile virus infection generally causes no symptoms or mild flu-like symptoms. About one in 150 people infected with WNV, or less than one percent, will develop a more severe form of the disease. Symptoms of the more severe disease can include severe headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis and death. The elderly are at higher risk of more severe disease.

The West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of an infective mosquito that has picked up the virus while feeding on an infected bird. In a very small number of cases, West Nile Virus also has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding, and even during pregnancy from mother to baby. There is no evidence that would indicate that West Nile virus is transmitted directly from infected bird to humans. West Nile Virus can also seriously affect horses. Please contact your local veterinarian or New Jersey Department of Agriculture at <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/westnile.htm> for more information on West Nile Virus's effect on horses.

Local mosquito commissions are working hard with local health departments to monitor and control the spread of West Nile virus in the mosquito population. The Springfield Board of Health will continue to participate in the State-Wide West Nile Virus Surveillance program by collecting dead corvids (including crows and blue-jays), raptors (hawks), and thrushes (robins). Residents should contact the Springfield Board secretary at 973-912-2202 or the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079 x1 to report dead crows, blue-jays, hawks, and robins. Dead birds in fresh condition will be picked up and sent to the state laboratories.

Springfield residents may report mosquito problems and standing water to the Union County Mosquito Commission at 908-654-9834. Additional information may be obtained from the State Department of Health and Senior Services website at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/westnile/enceph.htm>, CDC web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>, or at the Union County Mosquito Commission website at <http://ucnj.org/government/department-of-public-works-and-facilities-management/public-works/mosquitocontrol/>. The Union County Mosquito Commission website also provides up-to-date information on where and when mosquito spraying will be occurring.

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The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah has named Robin L. Ross Woman of the Year. She will be honored at a luncheon on Sunday, June 22, at 12 noon at Sofia's restaurant on Morris Ave in Springfield, NJ.

# SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AT THE SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER, 100 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE. (unless otherwise noted) MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

## Women's Summer Softball League

Interested in getting out at night? Do you want to get some exercise?  
Come join the Women's Summer Softball League!

Women's softball runs June to end of August  
Games take place during the week in the evening; Must be 21 and over  
Please contact Jen Cataldo at [jencataldo@verizon.net](mailto:jencataldo@verizon.net) to be placed on a team  
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield in the amount of \$25  
(fee includes team shirt)

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT AT JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday evening, May 29, 2014, the Jonathan Dayton Auditorium was packed for Senior Awards night. Dozens of seniors received scholarships from many different organizations. Dayton Principal Elizabeth Cresci welcomed everyone to the event and commenced the evening by presenting the Feintuch Family Memorial Scholarship "Heart of Dayton" Principal's Service and School Spirit Scholarship, Baltusrol Golf Club Scholarships and Jordan Lee Fish Foundation Scholarship for Music and Drama. They finished the evening with the National Merit Award, Recognition of Union County Scholars and Union County Teacher of the Year JDHS Teacher of the Year.



Andrew Shanes receives the Fred Hecht Scholarship from Dr. Fred Hecht and Dr. Gary Hecht



Jason Hoehn receives a scholarship from the Springfield Rotary members Dr. Lee Kaswimer and Dr. Gary Hecht



Many more scholarships were awarded and the full list can be found on our website, [www.springfieldpatriot.com](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com)

Daniel Micolta receives one of ten scholarships awarded from Springfield Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Golf outing by trustees Scott Seidel and Dr. Gary Hecht. Trustees Anthony Cancro and Joel Millman were traveling out of town and could not be present.

## SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

If your child is active and would like to learn and experience different sports (or show off their stuff) come to our summer afternoon sports camp! Coach Mike Czech will be running this camp! He owns his own personal training company ([fitfastnj.com](http://fitfastnj.com)) and has grown the recreation's running program to a very popular program. He is thrilled to be teaching this summer camp for the children of Springfield!

Each day your counselors will set up, teach and officiate different sports such as: wiffle ball, basketball, kickball, tennis, soccer, running and more to keep your children active and develop skills to improve and become more athletic. All games are played in an instructional and friendly manner. Boys and girls are welcome! Games and other fun events are planned, but either way your child will stay active all summer long! This camp is rain or shine! Space is limited, sign up early!

WHERE: Chisholm Community Center WHO: Any Boy Or Girl In Grades 2-5th Time: 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Session 1	Session 4	Cost of Camp
June 23-July 3rd (no camp on 7/4)	August 4th- August 15th	2 week session - \$300
Session 2	Session 5	Late fee of \$50 to be applied after 6/1
July 7th- July 18th	August 18th - August 29th	
Session 3		
July 21st - August 1st		

Register at Springfield Recreation Chisholm Community Center; 100 S. Springfield Ave.; 973-912-2226  
Please make checks payable to Township of Springfield  
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm or mail in form to above address. Please contact Danielle McLeer at [Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us](mailto:Danielle.mcLeer@springfield-nj.us) with any question

## CHISHOLM PLAYGROUND CAMP

JUNE 23 - AUGUST 15 [New format-pay per week] There will be no camp Friday July 4

This is a supervised outdoor playground camp that operates at the Chisholm Community Center 100 South Springfield Avenue in the playground area and gym. The camp runs for eight weeks in one week increments. Camp is available for boys and girls age 3 to 13 (children must be potty-trained). Activities include games, crafts, athletics, special events and trips to the pool, parties, sports tournaments, and much more!

Snacks are included in camp fees. Parents must provide child with a drink.

REGISTRATION FEES: Residents- \$35 per week Non-Residents- \$45 per week  
Second Child or More will be \$30 per week for residents ONLY. We offer eight (1-week sessions)  
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Register online at - <https://register.communitypass.net/springfield> or Register and PAY BY CHECK at  
Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Avenue 973-912-2227

## THE SOCCER CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD'S U14 BOYS WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP



(front l to r) Nico McNamee, Santiago Davila-Mesa, Bryce Forsys, Hunter Musson, Justin Lerner, Anthony Nagy, Joseph McDonough  
(standing l to r) Coach Carlo, Carlo Lutero, Joey Renda, Herman Fernandez, Ryan Dones, Sean Martin, Diego Legaspi and Coach Dave missing: Peter Groppe

The Soccer Club of Springfield's U14 boys "Strikeforce" travelled during the holiday weekend to spread their pride and to challenge themselves in a weekend soccer tournament in the "Poconos Cup" in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

The Strikeforce went undefeated throughout the weekend and continued their aggressive play and won the championship game 5-1.

The boys scored a total of seventeen goals and only allowed two.



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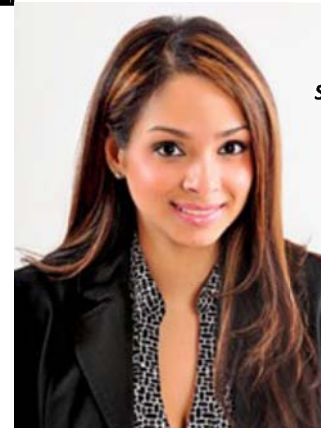


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The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this years' tournament to be held on **Monday, August 25, 2014** at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421. This year we are offering play on both upper and lower courses, please check our website for detailed information on the outing at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

**Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.**  
PO Box 242, Springfield, New Jersey 07081



### THE VAUGHN'S PLAYED AT THE STONE PONY

On Sunday May 4, 2014, The Vaughn's, a band from Springfield, played to a crowd of over 100 people at the legendary Stone Pony in Asbury Park. Their set was about forty minutes long and included 7 original songs. The manager of the pony, Kyle Brendle, made an announcement after their set that they will be back to rock the Pony this summer. They were the surprise hit of the Sunday show case!!! The show was recorded live and is available through their Facebook page. All future info is on their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/thevaughnsnj](http://www.facebook.com/thevaughnsnj). Band members are Anna Lies, Tom Losito, Dave Cacciatore, Chris Pannella and Ryan Kenter.

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## Fire Chief's Column

*Chief James Sanford*

### Respect for Electricity

Electricity has become one of our basic needs and the Springfield Fire Department is encouraging you to get grounded in the basics of electrical safety.

According to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical fires were involved in an estimated annual average of 47,820 reported home structure fires in 2007-2011. These fires resulted in 455 civilian deaths and 1,518 civilian injuries, with \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

The best way to keep the home safe from electrical hazards is to take good care of appliances and to use all electrical equipment properly. Respect for electricity and the power it provides must occur every day throughout the year.

By reviewing the electrical safety tips below and taking action, Springfield Patriot reader can help reduce electrical fires in our community.

- When you are buying, selling or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
  - If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips often, find out why and correct the problem. Replace fuses with the correct amp rating for the circuit they protect; never replace a fuse with a higher rated fuse. If the problem continues, call an electrician.
  - Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
  - Buy only appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
  - Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
  - Avoid pinching cords against walls or furniture or running them under carpets or across doorways. This can cause a fire.
  - Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
  - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
  - Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
  - Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
  - If an appliance is malfunctioning, unplug it if it is safe to do so. If necessary, cut off power by unscrewing a fuse or turning off the circuit breaker.
  - Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a new kind of circuit breaker that shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
  - Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard.
  - Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
  - Keep ladders away from overhead power lines including the electrical service into your home. Never touch a power line. Stay at a safe distance – you could be electrocuted.
  - Report downed power lines to 9-1-1.
  - Some power lines are underground. Call the NJ One Call at 800-272-1000 for an underground utility mark-out before you dig. It's free and it's the law.
- For more electrical safety tips, please visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). For other fire safety topics, please visit the Springfield Patriot at [www.springfieldpatriot.com/](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com/) and look under monthly archive to reference other fire safety topics. Or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment).

### WAR AND A PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House (CBH), located at 126 Morris Ave., will be holding an open house on the afternoon of June 22 to commemorate the 234th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. This conflict was the final major battle of the Revolutionary War to be fought in the northern colonies. Many artifacts from this occurrence are on display at the CBH, including the missile that gave the structure its name. A special highlight of this weekend is the opportunity to see a letter signed by General George Washington while preparing for the battle. This letter is only exhibited once a year; so do not miss your chance to see it!

Also on display are the continuing Civil War adventures of Wellington Briant. This year's letters, chronicling 1864, describe Wellington's involvement in the Petersburg Campaign. This campaign resulted in the Union victory that forced General Robert E. Lee to surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Join us between 2 and 4 to discover Springfield's involvement in the American Revolution and later the Civil War. House Hours: Sunday, June 22nd from 2 to 4. House Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under. For more information call 973-376-4784.



(l to r) Committeewoman Bandrowski presents a Proclamation for Preeclampsia Awareness Month to Stephanie and Marissa Steiner

### SPRINGFIELD 8TH GRADER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Marissa Steiner is no average eighth grade student: she also counts herself as a survivor. Before Marissa was born, her mother (Stephanie Steiner) developed preeclampsia, a dangerous pregnancy condition that can be life-threatening for mom and baby. "Marissa was born at 34 weeks (weighing only 3 pounds) because of preeclampsia," said Stephanie Steiner. "I know that Marissa and I were some of the lucky ones to survive this life-threatening condition."

Since 2008, Stephanie Steiner has coordinated the Cranford, NJ area Promise Walk for Preeclampsia to support research and awareness of the condition through the Preeclampsia Foundation. In 2012, 12-year-old Marissa helped plan the Walk, and she has continued to help plan it every year since then. The Walk events have raised over \$100,000 for preeclampsia research since Marissa began co-coordinating.

For the 2014 event, Marissa organized local supporting fundraisers, contacted sponsors and in-kind donors about auction items, and spoke at township meetings to thank local mayors for issuing May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month proclamations. She had the opportunity to introduce U.S. Congressman Lance at the 2014 Walk. She also had the opportunity to meet New Jersey Governor Chris Christie in person recently and thank him for issuing a state-wide proclamation for the month.

Marissa's goal is that her generation will not face the same ignorance about preeclampsia that many of her mother's generation did. "Thanks to Marissa's efforts, the next generation of New Jersey moms will be well-educated on preeclampsia," commented Preeclampsia Foundation Director of Community Relations Laney Poye. "She has had an impact to support moms and babies around the world with preeclampsia."



(l to r) Mark Ross Esq. Chairman of the Genya and Rabbi Mark Mallach Gala B'nai Mitzvah Weekend, Deputy Mayor David Barnett, and Lois Kaish and Dr. Andrew Schuyler, co-chairs of the Committee.

Deputy Mayor David Barnett presents a Proclamation declaring Sunday June 8, 2014 as Genya and Rabbi Mark Mallach Day. Genya and Rabbi Mark Mallach were honored for their many years of service to the community and to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. Further, Temple Way in Springfield will be known as Mallach Way for that day as well.

**Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield invites the community to a special Shabbat Alive musical service featuring Jewish rock musician Rick Recht, on Friday, June 13, at 8:00 pm. Rick will be joined by the Temple's adult and youth choirs. This special event is sponsored by the Schkolnick family of Mountainside in honor of their son Jake's bar mitzvah. The service is free and open to the public.**

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## GRUSKIN GROUP™ OF SPRINGFIELD WINS GRAND PRIZE IN 51ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY CONCRETE AWARDS FOR KEAN UNIVERSITY PROJECT



(l to r) Kenneth A. Gruskin, AIA, principal and founder of Gruskin Group™; Damon Paczkowski, Project Manager, Gruskin Group; and Adam Varava, Project Manager, Facilities & Campus Planning, Kean University, received the Grand Prize at the 51st Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards for Gruskin Group's design of the Green Lane building at Kean University

### Green Lane Building Recognized for its Distinctive Design and Glass Façade that Connect the Campus to the Community

On May 8, 2014 the Gruskin Group™ was awarded the Grand Prize at the 51st Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards for its design of the Green Lane building at Kean University in Union, NJ. The awards ceremony was sponsored by the New Jersey Concrete and Aggregate Association and the New Jersey Chapter of the American Concrete Institute. Gruskin Group, an integrated design firm, also won an AIA Newark and Suburban Architects Gold award for its design of the Green Lane building in the un-built category, which opened for classes in January.

"We are honored that our design for this building has been appreciated by so many," said Kenneth A. Gruskin, AIA, principal and founder of Gruskin Group. "The building is a testament to Kean University, the Kean Board of Trustees, and Dr. Dawood Farahi's pursuit of providing a world-class education and the facilities to match. Without their vision, this out-of-the-box design would not have been conceivable. The Green Lane building is a good example of where design for higher education is headed – with a greater emphasis on creating a more engaging, experiential and memorable on-campus, multi-faceted student experience."

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## RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED 1000 RAIN GARDEN PROJECT ON DISPLAY AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY MAY 27 TO JUNE 17 – DISCUSSION OF RAIN GARDEN BASICS JUNE 17 7PM LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

In response to the flooding Springfield experienced from hurricane Irene, Sandy, and the continual threat of flooding, Springfield, through the Mayor's Office, the Springfield Township Environmental Commission, and the recently formed Springfield Township Flood Mitigation Committee are working with municipalities within the Rahway River Flood Zone to develop plans and policies to mitigate regional flooding.

Such plans include the Rahway River Watershed 1000 Rain Gardens Project, sponsored by the Rahway River Watershed Flood Advisory Board. The project hopes to have

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municipal governments and town residents plant up to 1000 rain gardens. A typical rain garden will absorb approximately 25,000 gallons of runoff per year. The goal of this project is to keep 25 million gallons of storm water out of the river, along with the pollutants it carries.

Springfield has signed on to this project with plans to install demonstration gardens. Members of the Environmental Commission and Flood Mitigation Committee have taken training to become "Rain Garden Champions." Rutgers Extension Services in Westfield provided the training.

From May 27 to June 17, in the lobby of the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is a display of the dramatic impact that rain gardens have on flooding. On June 17, 7pm in the library meeting room, there will be a discussion of Rain Garden Basics and how individuals can become involved. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Contact Barbara Rappaport (h) 973-379-6617; (c) 908-227-1557.



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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri  
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