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2010 BEGINS WITH NEW MAYOR AND TWO NEW COMMITTEEMEN

At the January 5, 2010 reorganization meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, Ziad Andrew Shehady was sworn in as Mayor and Marc Krauss and Jerry Fernandez were sworn into their first terms as Committeemen. Kim Guadagno, the state's first lieutenant governor elect attended to swear in all three. Other dignitaries in attendance were Congressman Leonard Lance, State Senator Tom Kean Jr., Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick.



(above) With his family looking on, Springfield Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady was sworn in by New Jersey's first Liutenant Governor elect Kim Guadagno. At 25 years old, Shehady is New Jersey's youngest serving mayor.

MAYOR ZIAD ANDREW SHEHADY

Township Committeeman Ziad Andrew Shehady was sworn in as Mayor at the Township's reorganization meeting on January 5, 2010. He is the youngest serving mayor in Springfield's history. He was sworn in as a Committeeman on January 1, 2008 after winning his first election in November 2007. In 2008, Ziad served as Chairman of the Public Safety sub-committee and in 2009, he served as the Chairman of the Finance and Revenue sub-committee and Vice-Chairman of the Public Safety sub-committee.

From 2005-2007, Ziad interned at the New Jersey Legislative District 21 offices and was later named Legislative Aide to the late Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D. Following 9/11, Mr. Shehady, 2nd Lieutenant, United States Army, enlisted in the military as an Infantry soldier in the Army National Guard. He served in the Global War on Terror in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2004 to 2005 and reached the rank of Sergeant before receiving his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in August 2008. He is a member of the American Legion Springfield Post 228.

Long active in community service, Ziad decided to enter government service after graduating from American Legion Jersey Boys State, a leadership and citizenship program. He returns every year as a staff member and counselor. Ziad graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in 2002 and received his Bachelor of Arts in Politics, French and Linguistics from New York University in 2007. In 2006, he was elected as President of the N.Y.U. Undergraduate Law Society.

Mayor Shehady is a first-generation American and the son of Ziad Elia and Sylvana Shehady. He is a member of Saint George Orthodox Church in Little Falls, N.J.



Mayor Ziad
Andrew Shehady



Committeeman
Marc Krauss



Committeeman
Jerry Fernandez

MARC KRAUSS

Township Committeeman Marc Krauss moved to Springfield with his wife Julie and son Judah more than a year ago. He is originally from Central Islip, NY. In 1982, Marc spent seven months working and learning Hebrew on a kibbutz in Israel. Marc enlisted in 1984 in the U.S. Air Force as satellite communications technician. After nearly 10 years of service Marc decided to finish his college education and became a full time student and simultaneously attended Army ROTC. In June of 1996, Marc was commissioned a 2LT in the Army as an Air Defense Artillery Officer. Marc was the logistics officer of a battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. His battalion crossed into Iraq on April 1st, 2003. Later, Marc commanded Charlie Battery and after command he served as an Army Liaison to the Air Force. He deployed a 2nd time to Iraq, just north of Baghdad. Marc's final assignment was at Fort Monroe, VA, where he retired after 21 years of active duty service at the rank of Major. Marc and his wife Julie are a JDate success story and were married six days after his retirement from the military in July 2008. Marc currently works as a government contractor as a Program Manager at Picatinny Arsenal outside of Dover, NJ. Marc served on the Springfield Board of Adjustments and Development Review Committee.

Marc holds three degrees, an MS in Project Management from the Florida institute of Technology, BA in Administration from the University of the Nebraska at Omaha, and an AAS in Electronic Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

JERRY FERNANDEZ

Township Committeeman Jerry Fernandez moved to Springfield four years ago. He was born in Newark and moved to Union where he graduated High School in 1988. His grandparents emigrated from Spain, and opened what is known as the first Spanish restaurant in the state of NJ in 1962. He, with his brother, continue the family tradition of owning and operating the family's second restaurant The Spanish Pavilion located in Harrison, NJ, which was also opened by their grandparents in 1976.

Jerry went to Johnson and Wales University upon graduating High School. He received an Associate in Hotel-Restaurant Management and a Bachelor in Hospitality Management. Jerry worked two years for Stouffers restaurant group managing two restaurants before going to work in the family business in 1994.

Jerry is on the board of directors for the New Jersey Restaurant Association and is on the Advisory board for the director of the Alcohol Beverage Control of New Jersey.

Jerry is married to Carmela DiMaria-Fernandez and has three children Alexander age 4, Christian age 2, and Robert who is 10 months old. Alexander currently attends Walton where Jerry is a member of the PTA and class dad.



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Message from the Mayor



Excerpt from 2010 State of the Township Address

In recent years, the Mayor has only taken the oath of office as a member of the Township Committee. I insisted on taking an additional oath, this year as Chairman, not because the position of Mayor carries any extra power but because of the increased responsibility and trust associated with the position and because you the residents deserve a commitment that we strive to give you the best. The oath renews my promise to you that I will continue to perform the duties of Mayor to the best of my ability.

When I was elected two years ago, I did not imagine I would be in this seat. I ran on a platform to put Springfield first, as did Jerry and Marc. My prior service on the Committee can be characterized by the time and energy I have put into the job working to that end. Obviously, that is what taxpayers deserve and we will deliver.

As the Chairman, it is my job to ensure the Township Committee sets the standard moving forward for all employees and volunteers as a productive and responsible team. I am calling on the residents to hold us accountable in the performance of our duties. In turn, we will hold management and employees accountable for meeting performance standards in order to strive for a highly professional, business-like government. So that happens, there will be many changes in the coming months:

First, I am calling for a public 2010 Goal Setting Meeting on January 19th at 7 p.m. Our meetings will be consolidated into two public sessions per month. We will adopt by-laws and rules of conduct to guide our meetings. Each Committeeperson will report bi-monthly on activities in their supervisory roles on sub-committees. Department heads will be present at meetings to update the public. Our Administrator will be tasked to develop a management plan and a long-term plan. Evaluations, corrective action and management policies will be reviewed and revised. We will adopt a purchasing policy manual to regulate spending and provide fiscally responsible oversight. There are many more grants available that we will seek to increase revenue and offset the costs associated with development, green initiatives, and capital improvements. Additionally, I will ask that our Auditors scrutinize our operations more closely.

Communication is essential to identifying our town's strengths and weaknesses and must be greatly improved. Springfield will finally receive its own public access channel for broadcasting meetings and a bulletin board system. Our website will be overhauled to provide e-government services and friendlier access. I will continue to hold my regular open office hours to meet with residents, and my first as Mayor will be this Saturday, January 9th at 10 a.m.

I am proud to announce that Springfield will have a new Township Attorney who has the most municipal experience our town has ever seen and he will play an important role in this team as we work to improve our downtown. I am coordinating meetings between Economic Development agencies and our local businesses for more development and growth. This Saturday, January 9th at noon, I am leading this team on a door-to-door tour meeting with businesses to hear their needs and explain our goals for a better Springfield. We will continue to monitor enforcement and ask our officials to focus on the downtown. As other successful municipalities have done, we will pursue design standards and the implementation of Special Improvement Districts so that commercial property owners are required to make improvements. In order to cut spending and minimize bureaucracy, I am also proposing that this body consider combining the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment into one land-use board.

This year's round of appointments and hiring will be apolitical so that experience and qualifications ensure the letter of the law is followed and services are efficiently rendered. Instead of the many layers of government that currently exist, the missions and activities of our boards and committees will be reviewed so that they can be consolidated. Our Green Team is an example for effective volunteer-based work. Our town is only as strong as the people working for it and public service is necessary for a robust and resilient community. At our next meeting, I will suggest the creation of a Springfield Improvement Team that will cultivate volunteerism and work towards several, broad initiatives including beautification, historical and cultural affairs, veterans outreach, downtown improvement and parks cleanup, green efforts, healthy living, employee appreciation, public relations and social activities

These are just a few examples of what residents can expect: access to government, common-sense solutions, taxpayer advocacy, and a community partnership so that we can continue to grow and improve

As anyone who serves on the Township Committee quickly learns, there are limitations and while not all of this will be completed by the end of my term, we will lay the foundation for a Springfield we can all be proud of. Our agenda will be aggressive and comprehensive because this governing body will put Springfield first always so that Springfield is number one.

Best wishes to all of you and your families for a blessed, healthy, and happy 2010. God bless Springfield and God bless America.

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady



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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.
Work Shop Sessions 7:30 pm.
followed by Regular meeting 8:00 pm.

Executive Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mon. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Emergency Management Office top floor of the Fire House at 7:00 pm.

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,
Municipal Building

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

January 11 & 25 – regular meeting

CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES

January 21

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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Registration for children eligible for the 2010-2011 Pre-Kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for those children eligible for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in September 2010, who are NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED in the Edward V. Walton School Pre-Kindergarten Program will be held on the following days:

PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE / TIMES	LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH
January 12, 2009 Tuesday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM	A-G
January 13, 2009 Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM	H-O
January 14, 2009 Thursday 10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM	P-Z

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-

376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before December 1, 2010. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1, 2010. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Records
- 4 Proofs of Residency: NJ Driver's License, Utility bill, lease, contract, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at springfieldschools.com/evw. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.



www.springfieldhope.com

Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just get by throughout the year, not only during the holiday season.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by calling 973-467-3388

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Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E may call 973-467-3388. You will be contacted promptly. All requests for donations and assistance will be kept strictly confidential.

H.O.P.E. TOYS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN GETS BOOST



(above) Surrounded by the toys from the very successful Toys for Springfield Kids Campaign, Springfield HOPE trustees accept very generous donations from Greg Roth from the Northern NJ Association of Health Underwriters and Dave Rennie Principal of James Caldwell School with a donation from the staff at James Caldwell School. (l-r) John Cottage, Greg Roth, Pat Paoella, Doug Rennie, Scott Seidel, Kneeling Dr. Gary Hecht.

H.O.P.E. FOOD DRIVE

Springfield HOPE partnered with the Rotary Club of Springfield to deliver holiday food baskets to needy families in Springfield.



(above, L-R) Joe Cappa, John Cottage, Rosalinda Perez, Charlie Remlinger and Dr. Gary Hecht.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently designated Lorraine S. Seidel 2009 Springfield Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Seidel represents the Springfield Chamber of Commerce on the Township's Municipal Alliance.

The Springfield Municipal Alliance is annually funded by an annual grant from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, through the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning. The Alliance has scheduled meetings throughout the year, at the High School, to discuss programs within the Township.

These funds are used throughout the year to encourage a positive approach to community wellness and substance abuse prevention. Among the programs and activities totally or partially funded by the Alliance are: Teen Activity Nights, Project Graduation, Intergenerational Activities, Red Ribbon Week activities, Peer Leadership and Mediation Training at both F.M.G. Middle School and Jonathan Dayton High School.

For further information concerning the alliance, contact Maria Sista at 973.376,1925 extension 5297.



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SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD CAPTAIN TO APPEAR ON WMTR 1250

On January 31, 2010 at 9am tune into the "Here's To Your Good Health" show on WMTR 1250 AM hosted by Gloria Rose. The show will also be broadcast on the web at wmtr.com. She will be speaking with Captain Eric Ellison of the Springfield First Aid Squad. They will be discussing different aspects of EMT work and how to become a member of the Springfield First Aid Squad. The First Aid Squad is always in need of volunteers to continue its mission of serving the community with the best quality of Emergency Medical Service. For more information about the Springfield First Aid Squad, log onto their website at www.springfieldfas.org.

THREE H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS IN JANUARY

The Westfield Regional Health Department, which covers Springfield as well as other area municipalities, has announced three H1N1 vaccination clinics for January, warning residents that New Jersey may not have seen the worst of the H1N1 virus.

Health Officer Megan Avallone said the clinics, which are open to everyone, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Deerfield School in Mountainside; on Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 9 - 11 p.m. at the New Providence Senior Center and on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. An increase in vaccine production from pharmaceutical companies is allowing the department to have more vaccine on hand than at previous clinics.

"We have plenty," Avallone said of her department's vaccine supply. "We have more than the demand."

BUSINESS SOCIAL MEET AND GREET

The Michael Scalera Insurance Agency teamed up with Sofia's Restaurant in December and held an event to unite the local businesses in Springfield. The social meet and greet encouraged business owners to mingle in a casual but fun atmosphere. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Overall the event was a success and similar events are being planned on a recurring monthly basis.



(above l-r) Rick Pavona owner of Sofia's Restaurant, Michael Scalera and Tricia Newkirk of the Michael Scalera Insurance Agency.



Fire Chief's Column Chief James Sanford

YEAR END REVIEW

For the Springfield Fire Department, 2009 was a year of challenges. With professionalism, perseverance and dedication, we worked to address the challenges one by one and continued to provide fire-fighting, rescue, fire prevention and first responder medical service to the community.

To reduce costs, the Fire Department re-organized its fire prevention inspection work. The inspections were detailed to the firefighters working on the shifts. In order to increase the number of trained inspectors, the Fire Department conducted its own NJ Division of Fire Safety- recognized fire inspector course.

The Fire Department's overall call volume is lower for 2009 than for 2008. The decrease in the number of runs was the result of a change in the first responder medical program. The Fire Department's role in the emergency medical system was scaled back to provide back-up support to the Springfield First Aid Squad instead of having us respond automatically to all daytime medical calls.

The Fire Department experienced only a few minor firefighter injuries. Motorists on Route 78, however, were not as fortunate. Two motorists perished when their vehicle crashed and burnt. These two fatalities were Springfield's only fire-related deaths for the

year. In early 2009, the highway claimed 6 lives in 6 weeks and during the third quarter, the number of motor vehicle crashes spiked. At one point, the Fire Department responded to the highway 8 times in a twenty hour period.

I'm very happy to report that the total number of fires in Springfield was slightly below average this year. There were 42 fires overall -- three of which were considered major fires where the buildings were damaged enough to displace the residents. There was one minor fire that was deliberately set. The number of false alarms has remained constant.

In 2010 the Fire Department will continue to improve firefighter training and we will be making additional enhancement to the fire prevention inspection program to better serve the community. We wish you a healthy and fire safe 2010!

- Total Incidents – 1,160
Residential Fires – 7; Commercial Fires – 1; Vehicle Fires – 16; Brush Fires – 7; Other Fires – 11; First Responder Medical Back-up – 320; False Alarms – 346; Mutual Aid Given – 19; Hazardous Materials – 63; Hazardous Conditions – 62; Other Service Calls – 308
Civilian Fire Injuries – 0; Civilian Fire Deaths – 2; Firefighter Injuries – 3; Firefighter Deaths – 0.

ARMY LIEUTENANT EDWIN JULEUS VISITS ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL



Army Lieutenant Edwin Juleus, uncle of St. James 5th graders Tianna Williams and Siyara Herbert visited St. James the Apostle School's 5th grade class as a follow up to the students' lesson about Veteran's Day last month. Lt. Juleus recently returned from a one year deployment in Iraq.

The class listened attentively to Lt. Juleus

talk about his love of his country, life in the Army, including his responsibilities and daily routine, the importance of a good education and much, much more.

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(above l-r) Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, State Senator Tom Kean Jr., Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin and Lieutenant Governor Elect Kim Guardagno. Congressman Leonard Lance was also in attendance.



(above) lieutenant Governor elect Kim Guardagno held one of the Fernandez children while swearing in his dad Committeeman Jerry Fernandez with his family looking on.



(above) Committeeman Marc Krauss is sworn by Liutenant Governor elect Kim Guardango in while his wife Julie holds the Bible.

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SPRINGFIELD VOLUNTEERS ARE HONORED



(above) Lorrain Seidel was honored for her many years of service to the community as a volunteer.



(above) OEM Coordinator John Cottage



(above) Community volunteer Dr. Gary Hecht



(above) Deputy Mayor Bart Fraenkel honored Committeewoman Beth Manes for her service to Springfield. Manes did not seek re-election. She thanked the village and her family and friends for their support. "I hope to repay ou all in spaces as I reclaim my life and ascent to a higher office... as Justice Brandeis once noted: The most important political office is that of the private citizen."



(above) Mayor Ziad Shahady's proud family took up three rows and some standing room in the packed committee room. Seated in the first row are his parents Sylvana and Ziad Elia Shehady.



(above) Vol. FD Rich Kulesa



(above) First Aid Squad Member Joe Voorhees

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Thurs 1/28, Sat 1/30 @ 10:30 am
Feb. Dates: Fri 2/5, Wed 2/10, Tues 2/16,
Sat 2/20, Thurs 2/25 @ 10:30

Storytime Yoga Monday

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slither like a snake and roar like a lion!

Storycraft

Most Fridays @ 3:45. A story and craft
for ages 4 and up, with caregiver.
Saturday Storycraft with Babee!
Jan. 9th and 16th. A story and a craft; drop in, all ages.

Teen Video Games

Tuesdays 1/12 and 1/26 @ 3:45 for ages 10+.
Play with your friends PS2 Rock Band, DDR or Wii
Mario Cart. Let us know ahead of time
which game you'd like set up!

The Deedle Deedle Dees!

Sunday January 10 @ 3pm An educational rock&roll-
country-hiphop-New Orleans piano music-punk-folk
band for kids and smart adults. Learn a lot about
American History, Science and Musical Styles &
Instruments while clapping, snapping, marching
and role playing with original tunes.

Bubblemania (Jr.)!

Sunday February 14 @ 3 pm. Geared for children ages
1-5 with their caregivers, Bubblemania Jr. combines
fascinating bubble sculptures, soap bubble tricks and
engaging music with plenty of comedy and interaction.

**FROM CAMELOT TO
KENT STATE:**

*A Lecture by Joan Morrison at the
Springfield Public Library*

At noon on Tuesday, January 19th, the
Springfield Free Public Library will welcome
author Joan Morrison. Her novel, From Camelot
to Kent State: the Sixties Experience in the
Words of those Who Lived It, is a look back at
the tumultuous decade that shook us all. This
oral history presents a panorama of Peace Corps
workers, Civil Rights Activists, soldiers who
fought in Vietnam, anti-war activists, college
administrators and college rebels, counterculture
figures, government officials, and women's
rights organizers.

Ms Morrison is also the author of American
Mosaic: the Immigrant Experience in the Words
of Those Who Lived it.

This program is free to all, and is offered
through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the
New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state
partner of the National Endowment for the
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JANUARY

Tuesday, January 12th, 11:15 a.m.

Preview of PBS' presentation of Jane Austen's Emma
Tuesday, January 12th, 12:00 noon

**Lunchtime Video – Oliver's Stone's Vietnam
masterpiece starring Tom Berenger**
Thursday, January 14th, 10:15 a.m.

Memoir Writing Group

Saturday, January 16th, 9:15 a.m.

American Association of Individual Investors
Open to the public

Monday, January 18th

LIBRARY CLOSED

Lecture - From Camelot to Kent State by Joan Morrison
Tuesday, January 19th, 12:00 noon

Special Wednesday session of Scrabble Night
Wednesday, January 20th, 7:00 p.m.

**Great Books Discussion Group –
The Story of Samson from Judges 13-16.**

Thursday, January 21st, 10:15 a.m.

Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday, January 21st, 7:30 p.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Monday, January 25th, 10:00 a.m.

**Emerald Financial Services presents Challenges that
May Impact Your Retirement**
Monday, January 25th, 7:00 p.m.

**Lunchtime Video – Roland Joffe's adaptation
of Pulitzer Prize winning article about Cambodia.**

Tuesday, January 26th, 12:00 noon

Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, January 28th, 10:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Current Events Discussion Group
Monday, February 1st, 7:00 p.m.

**Lecture – President's Tidbits & Trivia
by Sid Frank of Liberty Hall Museum**

Tuesday, February 2nd, 12:00 noon

**Really Good Book Discussion Group – Author visit &
presentation – Brad Parks – Faces of the Gone**
Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Monday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m.

**Lunchtime Video – Academy award winning film
about food based on a story by Isak Dinesen.**

Tuesday, February 9th, 12:00 noon

Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, February 11th, 10:15 a.m.

**Lecture – SCORE presents Businesses
You Can Start with Little or No Money**
Thursday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m.

**WANTED: USED
PAPERBACK NOVELS,
MAGAZINES & JEWELRY**

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public
Library would like donations of used paperback
novels. Also welcome would be magazines
within 4 months of the publication date, Jewelry,
and children's books.

The Springfield Free Public Library is open
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00
A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and on Tuesday, Friday and
Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. On
Sunday the hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. For
information, call 973-376-4930.

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
ALL FOR ONE FUND READIES**

Cabin Fever Game Day and Buck-a-Book Reading Incentive Program

The Springfield Public Schools' All for One
Fund is expanding two events that successfully
raised funds for the Walton Playground Fund in
past years to all five Springfield Public Schools.
On Saturday, January 23, the All For One Fund
will host Cabin Fever Game Day at Jonathan
Dayton High School. In March, the All For One
Fund's Buck a Book Reading Incentive Program
will make its district-wide debut.

Cabin Fever Game Day will give families the
opportunity to play a full selection of
Gamewright's fun and educational table-top
games, including best sellers Slamwich and Rat-
a-Tat Cat and its newest titles Captain
Clueless™ and Hang Four™.. Admission is free
and fifty percent of all games sold will be
donated to the All For One Fund. Families will
be able to direct the proceeds from their
purchases to any or all of the five public schools.

The event will be held in the Cafeteria of
Jonathan Dayton High School, 136 Mountain
Avenue, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission
is FREE and you can stay and play as long as
you like! Both the Dayton and FMG boys and
girls basketball teams will play games at Dayton
during the day, so stop by on your way to and
from the games!

March will mark the return and expansion of
Buck-a-Book Month in Springfield's public
schools. This popular program, conducted for
the last two years at the Edward V. Walton
School, will go district-wide into all five of
Springfield's public schools in March.

The Buck-a-Book Reading Incentive Program

pairs local businesses and families with
individual classrooms to encourage students to
read. Each business or family "adopts" a class in
one of the township's five schools. The
program's sponsors then collectively donate
\$1.00 for every book read by the students for the
entire month of March. In the two years since
Silverstein began the program, the Walton
Playground Fund raised more than \$25,000
through this program. The All For One Fund
hopes to increase the success of the program by
expanding it to all of the township's students.
Sponsors will still have their contributions
capped at \$250, but their support of the program
will be acknowledged at each of the five school
buildings, as well as in informational and
promotional material sent home to each
student's family.

"The All For One Fund is a great way for
families and local businesses to support students
at all five of our public schools without having
to pick and choose where their donations will
go," said Davino.. All donations to the All For
One Fund are divided among the PTAs/PTSOs
of the five Springfield public schools. Proceeds
from Buck-a-Book will be divided among the
schools based on each school's enrollment, with
the money earmarked for Jonathan Dayton High
School being put toward each class' Project
Graduation fund.

For information or questions about the
Springfield Public Schools' All For One Fund or
any of its programs, contact Jodi Silverstein at
(908) 522-1442 or schick1027@aol.com.

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STUDENTS PERFORM DISNEY’S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The students from Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School performed Disney’s High School Musical, Jr. on December 4th and 5th . The show was held in the Halsey Hall Auditorium of Jonathan Dayton High School. More than 1,300 tickets were sold. The show was directed by Ms. Ashley Madison, choreographed by Ms. Stephanie Shack and produced by Mr. Ronald Slate.

“We had the largest cast of any Gaudineer production we’ve ever done – 58 students performed favorites from Disney’s High School Musical including “We’re All in This Together”, “Get ‘Cha Head in the Game” and “Bop to the Top”, said Director, Ms. Madison. “Ms. Shack has done a wonderful job with the choreography and we sold out both evenings for this very popular musical. The very talented cast included Jeremy Glennon as Troy, Jacquelyn Nese as Gabriella, Caroline Haskins as Sharpay and Michael Efrus as Ryan.”

Producer, Ron Slate said “We’d like to thank all our sponsors for their generous contributions. We’ve had a terrific outpouring from the business owners and I hope they got a chance to see the show. Without them this production



wouldn’t be possible.”
“It’s amazing how, every year the cast continues to grow. This year we had one less week of rehearsal before the show, so we really worked overtime to get everything just right”, said Ms. Shack.

Ms. Madison, Ms. Shack and Mr. Slate are currently working with students from Jonathan Dayton High School on their production of Little Shop of Horrors on March, 18th, 19th and 20th at 7:30pm. Don’t miss this opportunity for a fabulous night of affordable entertainment.

GLADIATORS CROWNED MCYSA U-8 CHAMPIONS

The Springfield Gladiators captured its first Championship title, for the Under-8 Division--Flight 4, on November 22nd when the team defeated SMC United Dynamo 3-1. Darren Texiera, Spencer Gary and Zachary Gelo scored each of the goals respectively for the Gladiators.

Late in December, the Gladiators, who participated as part of the Morris County Youth Soccer Association (MCYSA), were awarded their trophies in an end-of-season celebration. The Springfield Gladiators finished their season with a 7-2-1 record and was the only Springfield soccer team to place first in its flight.

The Springfield soccer travel program is for Boys and Girls who are interested in playing soccer at a more competitive level than the inter-county recreation program. Springfield currently

has nine travel teams that participate in the Morris County Youth Soccer League. Travel teams play in the fall and spring against teams from central and northern New Jersey. In addition, many teams also participate in “holiday” tournaments several times a season. Travel players practice a minimum of two days a week and compete on Sundays.

Players are selected and placed on teams based on assessments from independent evaluators during “tryouts” and from their coach and trainer evaluations. Selection to a team invokes a commitment on the part of the player to attend all practices and games and to participate in both the fall and spring seasons. For more information on the Springfield Soccer, please visit www.soccerclubofspringfield.org.

RECREATION SHORTS

Springfield Recreation Girls Softball is offered to girls in grades 1 through 9. Register by January 29, 2010 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Registration fees include a \$50 fee to the Township of Springfield and a \$35 fee to the Girls Softball Parent Organization. All registrations received from January 30 to February 19 will incur a \$25 late fee payable to Girls Softball Organization. All registrations received after February 19 will be placed on a wait list. For more information call Michele Zambrana at 973.912.2226.

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Women's Basketball pick up games are held on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9pm at the Chisholm Community Center. There is no fee for this program.

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The Springfield Senior bus will be having a special shopping trip to the Livingston Mall on January 28. To book a seat for this ride or to find out more information regarding other senior events, groups, and activities call Michele Zambrana at 973.912.2226.



(above) Top Row – Darren Texiera, Jack Pleva, Spencer Gary, Zachary Gelo, Hunter Gollin, Justin Mascitelli; Bottom Row – Nathan Calling, Michael McDonough, Matthew Mlawski, Matthew Zeiman, Ian Dragowitz, Logan Biebelberg. Missing from photo – Patrick Machado

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR



Liliya Khobotkova was recently named the new Music Director for the First Presbyterian Church at Springfield. She brings with her an impressive background and tremendous talent. Russian-born Khobotkova received her M.A. from Kazan State Conservatory, then taught piano at Kazan State College. She later worked

as an accompanist and coach for vocalists and instrumentalists at Odessa State Conservatory. In the 1980's, Liliya placed concerts in Moscow Gnesin Institute of Music, Leningrad State Conservatory, Odessa Philharmonic Concert Hall, Minsk State Conservatory and Kiev State Conservatory. She took part in the Prague Spring Music Festival and won honorable mention as best accompanist. Khobotkova also took part in the Festival of Russian Musicians in the former West Germany, accompanied a tour of Russian singers through Switzerland and coached two winners in the Russian national competition of Chamber Ensemble Music. Liliya immigrated with her family to the United States in 1991 and debuted at Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall, in 1992 as accompanist for the International Festival of Songs. She has toured with her sister as a piano duo in Florida, the Virgin Islands, Louisiana, New York and New Jersey. She has also accompanied singers during concerts in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and St. Louis. Since that time, Ms. Khobotkova has served as music director for Moravian Church in Bronx, New York, Grace Lutheran Church in Somers Point and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd in Glen Rock.

FMG NEWLY PUBLISHED POETS NAMED TOP 10

After gaining recognition as newly published young poets, two Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School students, Ariel Kalati and Gerber Bolanos, recently earned the distinction of top 10 status for their poems, which they wrote last spring as seventh graders in Ms. Stephanie Shack's seventh grade classroom. Their top 10 honors may have played a key role in Ms. Shack's acquisition of a small grant intended to recognize and reward excellence in the language arts. Creative Communication, the organization behind the grant, recently named FMG as one of its \$250 level grant recipients. Ms. Shack calls upon her students to participate in the Creative Communication poetry contest every year. Aside from poetry, her seventh graders write and act out skits, conduct research, and some are even drawn to the stage, where Ms. Shack serves the district as the middle school theatrical director of fine shows, including High School Musical, which debuts Friday, December 4th, at 7:00 pm inside the Halsey Auditorium of Jonathan Dayton High School. A look at all the winning poems can be found on the Creative Communication website at: www.poeticpower.com.



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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD 2010 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Christmas Tree Disposal

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be collected at curbside until January 31.

Replacement Trees

Residents interested in obtaining replacement trees should contact the DPW at 973-912-8483.

SNOW REMOVAL

Sidewalks must be cleared within 18 hours of daylight after a snowfall. Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into the street creates hazardous conditions and is illegal. Residents are responsible for the actions of their snow contractors. Streets are plowed on a priority basis, in accordance with traffic and safety requirements. Please do not call the Public Works Department with requests for plowing, we cannot deviate from our schedule.

Please note that the following streets are County roads and are plowed and salted by the County; Hillside Ave., from Mountain Ave. To Route 22, Meisel Ave., Mountain Ave. , Shunpike Road, and South Springfield Ave.

Morris Ave. and all entrance and exit ramps for routes 78, 22 and 24 are State responsibility and are plowed and salted by the State.

Curbside Recycling Dates, January - December, 2010

January - 7, 21	July - 8, 22
February - 4, 18	August - 5, 19
March - 4, 18	September - 2, 16, 30
April - 1, 15, 29	October - 14, 28
May - 13, 27	November - 11, 26*
June - 10, 24	December - 9, 23

** Thanksgiving, Nov. 25
changed to Fri. Nov 26.*

For additional information, please call the Township Recycling Office at 973-912-2222. Taped information is available 24 hours a day.

CURBSIDE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED RAIN OR SHINE!

Place the items at the curb the evening before pick up after 6pm

MISSED RECYCLING PICK UP? CALL 1-888-REUSE4U (1-888-738-7348)

2010 HOLIDAY INFORMATION NO TRASH COLLECTION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

FRIDAY, JAN 1 - NEW YEAR’S DAY
MONDAY, MAY 31 - MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, SEP 6 - LABOR DAY
THURSDAY, NOV 25 - THANKSGIVING

Remember the Clean Communities Program

Volunteer to take part in this year’s Clean Communities Day, (more information will be forthcoming). Community organizations, families, and interested individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter in the parks, playgrounds, on public property and roadsides. Sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission.

WHY RECYCLE??

Help preserve our forests

- Conserve minerals such as aluminum and iron
- Conserve oil, plastics are oil based
- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, disposal is paid for by taxpayers.
- The more we recycle, the more tonnage \$\$\$ we receive from the State.
- And, in New Jersey, recycling is the law.

ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED

MIXED PAPER

Mixed paper can now be placed with your newspapers if you prefer.

SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper should be placed in clear plastic bags for collection.

CARDBOARD

Includes corrugated cardboard, shipping cartons, and boxes. Flatten and tie with string.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers can be tied with string both ways or placed in bags for collection.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Alkaline batteries will no longer be accepted for recycling. Rechargeable & button cell batteries can be placed in a plastic bag and put with your newspapers.

COMMINGLED - (Glass, Aluminum, Plastic)

Includes glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, tin cans, milk cartons, juice boxes, empty aerosol cans

IMPORTANT NOTES

GRASS COLLECTION

At this point in time information regarding grass collection for 2010 has not been finalized. Currently, solutions are being sought to enhance our service in this area without increasing our costs. Notification regarding 2010 grass collection procedures will be forthcoming in the near future. Undoubtedly, the best alternative to grass collection is to adopt a “cut it and leave it” approach, which would completely eliminate the need for any money being expended for the collection of grass clippings.

A few facts concerning leaving grass clippings after cutting lawns are listed below;

- Using a mulching type mower will chop the clippings into fine pieces that are barely visible.
- Grass clippings contain 80 to 85 % water and decompose very quickly when left on the lawn.
- Clippings help keep moisture in the soil for a longer period of time, reducing the need for frequent watering.
- Up to 25% of a lawn’s total fertilizer needs can be met if cuttings are left on the lawn.
- Average mowing time can be reduced by 30% when clippings are not bagged.
- Contrary to myth, grass clippings do not cause thatch problems.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DPW CAN NOT PICK UP ANY MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Union County sponsors free programs to collect hazardous waste such as aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, caustics, cleaners, corrosives, oil based paints, etc. Dates are announced in the Spring and Fall. For more information call 908-654-9889.

COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

The County also sponsors free programs to collect computer and electronic equipment such as TV, monitors, phones, speakers, circuit boards, etc.

EQUIPMENT NOT ACCEPTED:

microwaves, air conditioners, and white goods.

*For more information
please call 908-654-9889.*

Flyers for hazardous waste and computer and electronic collection which contain collection dates and locations can be obtained in the vestibule of the DPW office at 22 Mountain Ave.

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

Bulk waste collection is conducted on a quarterly basis with collection to be either on a Wednesday or a Thursday, contingent upon your address.

For those residents whose weekly trash is collected on Tuesdays and Fridays, the bulk collection days will be on Wednesdays, March 24, June 16, September 22 and December 15.

Residents whose weekly trash is collected on Mondays and Thursdays, bulk waste collection days will be on Thursdays, March 25, June 17, September 23 and December 16.

All material should be out at curbside the evening before pick up.

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY.

Bulk waste is comprised of a collection of large and/or non-routine waste items collected on a quarterly basis. Bulk waste constitutes larger household waste including household furniture, appliances, light brush not to exceed six feet in length , bundled and tied and not to exceed 60 pounds, broken crockery, old clothing, carpeting, not to exceed six feet in length, rolled and tied, not to exceed 60 pounds, hot water heaters, and barbecue grills. Specifically excluded are construction material and debris such as sheet rock, lumber, pipe and paneling, concrete and large rocks, stones or logs greater than six inches in diameter, stumps and tree roots, recyclables, computer components, video games, propane tanks and all other hazardous waste. Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed. Please note, freon no longer has to be removed by the homeowner from air conditioners, freezers, and all other cooling devices.

Union County 2010 Recycling Events

Hotline: 908-654-9889

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS EVENTS

Time of all dates from 9am to 2pm

Saturday, March 27, 2010

LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, NEW PROVIDENCE

Saturday, May 15, 2010

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE, CRANFORD

Saturday, July 24, 2010

UNION COUNTY VO-TECH, SCOTCH PLAINS

Saturday, October 30, 2010

LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, NEW PROVIDENCE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Time of all dates from 9am to 2pm

Saturday, April 17, 2010

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE, CRANFORD

Saturday, June 12, 2010

LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, NEW PROVIDENCE

UNION COUNTY VO-TECH, SCOTCH PLAINS

Saturday, October 16, 2010

LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, NEW PROVIDENCE

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

Time of all dates from 9am to 1pm

Friday, April 23, 2010

CEDAR BROOK PARK, PLAINFIELD

Saturday, April 24, 2010

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE, CRANFORD

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

UNION PUBLIC WORKS, UNION

Saturday, June 26, 2010

UC VOTECH, SCOTCH PLAINS

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

RAHWAY CITY HALL, RAHWAY

Saturday, August 14, 2010

KEAN UNIVERSITY, UNION/ELIZABETH

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

LINDEN RECYCLING CENTER, LINDEN

Saturday, September 25, 2010

UC VOTECH, SCOTCH PLAINS

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

WARINANCO PARK, ROSELLE/ELIZ.

Saturday, October 30, 2010

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