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## SPRINGFIELD APPRECIATES CITIZENS

At the March 23, 2010 Springfield Township Committee meeting three citizens were presented with certificates of appreciation for their work in the community.

Lawrence “Larry” V. Burns in recognition and appreciation for his many years of service with the Environmental Commission. His commitment and dedication is an inspiration to all volunteers and is greatly appreciated by the Township of Springfield.

Luigi Sannino in recognition and appreciation for his many hours of service as a School Crossing Guard. His commitment and dedication was of tremendous

importance to the safety of our children and is greatly appreciated by the Township of Springfield.

John Vesper, a member of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, in recognition and appreciation of his assistance to the Springfield Police Department in the apprehension of two burglary suspects on Lyons Place on February 17, 2010. Due to the fine training received at the Union County Auxiliary Police Academy, he was able to recognize a possible crime in progress and notified the Springfield Police Department. His commitment and dedication is an inspiration to all volunteers and is greatly appreciated by the Township of Springfield.



(above) John Vesper & Mayor Ziad Shehady



(above) Lawrence “Larry” V. Burns & Mayor Ziad Shehady



(above) Luigi Sannino & Mayor Ziad Shehad

## RESIDENCE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF RICHARD COLANDREA

The Richard J. Colandrea Residence was dedicated in honor of Richard Colandrea at a ceremony held at the residence on January 7, 2010.

Richard Colandrea was born in Springfield and has lived in town his entire life. He is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. He married his high school sweetheart and has two sons, Richard and Douglas, both of whom are very successful business men. Unfortunately, his lovely wife Millicent passed away two years ago.

Rich was a very successful building contractor for many years with his father and then with his brother, Edward. Their workmanship and excellent reputation was unrivaled in the industry.

Rich has always been a leader in Springfield, the Township he has served for so many years. His accomplishments are well known, but his primary concern has always been the Springfield Senior Citizen Housing Project. The time he has given to the seniors is unending.

In addition, Rich has been a member of the Springfield Lions Club for some forty years. He served as President of the Club and also a Zone Chairman. He was also a member and chairman of the Springfield Planning Board

for more than forty years.

Rich, along with the late Jim Pancani, a Springfield architect, established the Springfield Development Review Committee.



(left) Mayor Ziad Shehady, Committeeman Jerry Fernandez, Richard Colandrea & Scott Seidel, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chair

## “SNACKS FOR OUR SENIORS” COLLECTION

Monday, April 5 to Friday, April 16, 2010

Please join us for our Sixth Annual “Snacks for Our Seniors” Collection from Monday, April 5 to Friday, April 16, 2010. Collection boxes will be placed in all the schools.

The snacks will be distributed by our students to our Senior Citizens during the Sixth Annual “Snacks for Our Seniors” on Wednesday, April 21at 6:30 pm at Independence Way and Thursday, April 22 at 12 pm at Sarah Bailey during their Tea Party.

Seniors will also be entertained by students and be given a goody bag and a free gift will be raffled.

Please join us in this endeavor by donating individually wrapped snacks and raffle items.

If you would like to bake, or bring any kind of fresh item, please contact us for drop off time and place. If you would like to give a cash contribution to purchase items, please send your donation, payable to Community Conference of Springfield Schools Parents’ Groups or CCSSPG, to Mrs. Alice Kerr, CCSSPG Treasurer at E.V. Walton School.

Thank you in advance for helping and valuing the Senior Citizens of our community. A special thank you to the Springfield Recreation Department and Libby’s Pharmacy for their assistance and donations.

If your child would like to perform at either event or for further information, please feel free to contact us at ccsspg@gmail.com

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## Message from the Mayor



Spring is here and with it comes an abundance of work to be done around town! Our Department of Public Works is performing cleaning and maintenance of municipal buildings, grounds and public areas. We can finally put the snow behind us. Our D.P.W. did an excellent job with plowing and was recently recognized at a Township Committee meeting for their outstanding work during the winter snowstorms. In conjunction with our Engineering Department, D.P.W. is patching up potholes and we hope to be able to perform road repaving projects this year.

Our Recreation Department is tending to the parks and ball fields in time for spring & summer sports activities. Last year, we heard residents ask for more membership and pricing flexibility for the Municipal Pool. The Township Committee listened to you and at the recommendation of the Recreation Director and Public Affairs sub-committee, the proposed fee structure for the 2010 season adds an option for individual membership for residents as young as 13 years old, a daily pass and a resident weekend pass. We hope this will increase membership and revenue.

During my term on the Township Committee, I heard many complaints about speeding on the local roads in town. Wanting to provide residents with some relief and a means by which they can request assistance, I proposed an ordinance to establish procedures for the installation of traffic calming measures. Residents can petition the town to have their road evaluated, studied for compliance with D.O.T. standards and ultimately our Traffic Bureau and Engineers will recommend the appropriate traffic calming device. The ordinance was introduced March 9th and scheduled for final hearing on April 13th.

An annually recurring issue that consumes the most time (and money!) is the municipal budget. Our Finance sub-committee (led by Committeemen Jerry Fernandez & Marc Krauss) has been reviewing every departmental request to cut expenses and increase revenue. It is important for residents to know where their taxes are going. The three biggest entities that demand your money are the School District (approximately 50% of your tax bill), Municipality (approximately 30% of your tax bill), and County (just under 20% of your tax bill). The Municipal budget, controlled by the Township Committee, is between \$25 and \$30 million but just about \$19 million needs to be raised by taxes. About \$15 million is paid in salaries & benefits and we have \$11 million in other operating expenses. Municipalities are prohibited from increasing the amount raised by taxes more than 4%. One of the problems with this cap is making ends meet when expenses increase at a rate greater than 4%. For example, health benefit costs are increasing more than 20% and utilities such as the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (a nearly \$2 million expense) are not bound by the cap. While every effort is being made to increase efficiency and productivity (doing more with less) and to maintain existing essential government services, the Township Committee is forced to look at service and force reductions and to explore the idea nearby municipalities have adopted of removing the R.V.S.A. assessment from property tax bills by billing separately based on water usage. We anticipate our revenues will increase next year as a result of two major property developments, but in the meantime, we are facing the same fiscal crisis felt by governments all around.

I am happy to announce we have a new Township Administrator, Mr. Anthony Cancro, who is extremely qualified, hardworking and possesses unparalleled experience and skills necessary to lead Springfield on a day-to-day basis in Town Hall. I invite all residents to speak with him at one of our meetings because I am sure you will be just as confident in his abilities as I am.

After speaking with residents who have expressed interest in attending Township Committee meetings but can't because of the evening schedule, I have called for our regular May 11th meeting to be rescheduled as a daytime meeting. Executive Session will begin at 1 p.m. and Regular Session will begin at 1:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for senior citizens, night workers and busy parents to come to one of our meetings.

I am holding open office hours on Tuesday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 8th at 3:00 p.m. Please e-mail me at mayor@zashehady.com or call 973-912-2299 to make an appointment or schedule alternate arrangements. Additionally, contact me if you would like to host a coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) of concern to your group. For more frequent updates, visit my website at www.zashehady.com.

*Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady*

P.S. Volunteers are still needed for the Springfield Improvement Team.  
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# ANTHONY CANCRO: SPRINGFIELD'S NEWEST TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Anthony Cancro joined the Springfield team on March 16 as Township Administrator. Cancro replaces Ed Fanning who retired on March 17 after serving the township for many years.

Mr. Cancro joins Springfield from the Township of Edison where he served as Business Administrator/Director of Administration. He managed all the day-to-day operations of 800 full-time staff and a \$140 million budget. He also assisted in budget preparation, negotiated collective bargaining contracts and oversaw upgrades in municipal infrastructure through Capital Improvement Plans as well as instituted e-government systems for residents and constituents.

Mayor Shehady said “Anthony Cancro is extremely qualified, hardworking and possesses unparalleled experience and skills necessary to lead Springfield on a day-to-day basis in Town Hall. I invite all residents to speak with him at one of our meetings because I am sure you will be just as confident in his abilities as I am”.

Mr. Cancro began his career with the New Jersey Department of Energy in 1978 and then joined the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in 1986 as a special assistant to the commissioner and moved up the ranks as follows: Manager, Affordable Housing Management Service; Assistant Director; Director, Division of Housing and Community Resources; Acting Director, Division of Local Government Services and became Acting Commissioner on October 2001. In February 2002 he became Chief of Staff to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2.



“Springfield is a beautiful town, with a lot of history. I look forward to making a contribution to making it even a better place to live, work and raise a family” Cancro said.

Mr. Cancro’s education includes Ramapo College of New Jersey, B.S. - Environmental Science/Planning; City University of New York M.A. - Environmental Science/Education; Rutgers University M.P.A. - Public Administration and Management; C.P.M. - N.J. Certified Public Managers Program; Leadership New Jersey Program, Class of 2002.

Mr. Cancro is on the board and past President of HomeFront, a nonprofit serving the needs of homeless families in Mercer County. He was also on the Board of the Council of State Community Development Agencies and was a Commissioner of the Passaic Housing Authority for the City of Passaic.

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

**NOTE: NEW AFTERNOON TIME  
FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING!**

This is an excellent opportunity for senior citizens, night workers and busy parents to come to one of our meetings.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.  
Regular meeting: May 11th  
Executive Session 1:00 pm.  
followed by Regular meeting 1:30 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.

Meetings: April 12th  
Reorganization meeting: April 26th

**CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES**

April 15th & 29nd



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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

or mailing a check to  
Springfield H.O.P.E.,  
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200 Mountain Ave., Springfield NJ 07081.

**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.**

## BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Community Conference of Springfield Schools Parents Groups would like to announce that the 2010 Board of Education election is uncontested, consequently the Board of Education Candidates Night scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, 2010 at the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium will not be held. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via email at [ccsspg@gmail.com](mailto:ccsspg@gmail.com)

## SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BIG EVENT!

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## FAMILY DISCOUNT FURNITURE

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Please RSVP to: 973-912-2300 or [info@springfieldpatriotchamberofcommerce.com](mailto:info@springfieldpatriotchamberofcommerce.com)

## HS PTSO SEEKS VENDORS FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR

Jonathan Dayton High School  
PTSO will host a spring bazaar on Saturday, May 1st from 10am to 4pm.  
The Spring Bazaar with vendors and crafters will take place in the main gym or Mountain Ave. parking lot, weather permits.  
139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.  
The cost per 6’ table is \$30  
or if you provide your own table \$25.  
Please email us at [jdptsofallbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:jdptsofallbazaar@gmail.com)

## BREAKFAST BONANZA

Springfield Columbiettes  
and Knights of Columbus 5560  
is hosting a breakfast bonanza at Saint James Church after every mass on April 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.  
Price is \$6.00 per person  
children under 10 \$3.00.  
Includes: Pancakes, scrambles eggs, sausage links, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & juices.

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# Fire Chief's Column

## Chief James Sanford

### BASEMENT FLOODING

Were you caught off guard by the March rain storms? Flooding can happen at any time. It's important to be prepared for flooding no matter where you live.

Most Frequent Causes of Flooding in Springfield:

Heavy Rains: The Northeast is at high risk due to heavy rains produced from Nor'easters. Excessive amounts of rainfall can happen throughout the year, putting your property at risk.

Snow Melt: The frozen ground prevents melting snow or rainfall from seeping into the ground. Each cubic foot of compacted snow contains gallons of water and once the snow melts, it can result in the overflow of streams,

ivers, and ponds. Add spring storms to that and the result is often serious spring flooding.

Tropical Storms and Hurricanes: Hurricanes pack a triple punch: high winds, soaking rain, and flying debris. They can create heavy rainfall which in turn causes flooding miles inland.

**PREPARE YOURSELF**

Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.

Don't leave extension cords and electric appliances on the floor where they could become submerged.

Consider having a plumber install "check valves" in your sewer line to prevent flood water from backing up into your home.

Keep gutters, leaders and downspouts clean -- water needs to be diverted away from your home.

Sump pumps need to be maintained. Check the pump's discharge connections and float device, and remove any debris in the pit. Make sure the pump is plugged in. If electrical power is lost, the pump will not work, so consider buying a gas-powered generator if your basement is prone to flooding.

**REMOVE ANY CLUTTER IN THE BASEMENT**


Consider getting a wet/dry vacuum to remove small amounts of water.

Install shelves to keep things off the basement floor.

Keep a supply of food in case you can't get to the store, and fresh water in case the public drinking water becomes contaminated.

Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Talk to your insurance provider about your policy to determine if you need additional coverage.


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# ALL COUNTY CHAMPS

St. James the Apostle Basketball Team, representing Springfield won the All County Basketball League Championship, sixth grade division with a perfect 12-0 record.



(above, top, l-r) Brian Hicks, Head Coach Anthony Alaimo, Darryl Jones

Middle row Andrew Leibowitz, A.C. Alaimo, Ray Montilus Joe Skinner, Brandan Murphy, Ryan Kanarick. (bottom) Demarco Jones, Lucas Boettcher, Rueben Montilus, Zachary Hicks.

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# SPRINGFIELD CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY APRIL 25

### CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY

In celebration of Earth Day the Springfield Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works is sponsoring “Keep Springfield Clean and Green”. Volunteers of any age are needed to help clean-up the township. Please come and help. Register at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday April 25th. Gloves, bags and tools will be provided as well as snacks and beverages.

### COMPOSTING DEMONSTRATION

Want to improve your garden soil and produce healthier plants? Want to help the environment by recycling your kitchen waste? Then composting is for you. On Sunday, April 25, in conjunction with Springfield Clean Communities Day, Master Gardener and Springfield Garden Club member Lou Stiglitz

will demonstrate composting and answer your questions. Come to the parking lot at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield starting at 1:00.

### Houdaille Quarry Tour and Bird Walk

The Houdaille Quarry, often called the “Grand Canyon of Union County”, and normally closed to the public, will be open on Sunday, May 2 from 1:30pm to 5pm for tours and a bird observation walk.

The Quarry is an ecologically unique wild area in Springfield. Located between Rt.78 and Mount View Rd., with trails to a deep basin and to a beautiful pond where wild turkeys, foxes, and colorful migrating birds have been spotted. It is an important part of a greenway linking Briant Park, Hidden Valley Park, and Watchung Reservation.

Basalt, a hard black volcanic rock, was once

quarried here, and crushed to make gravel for road construction.

The Springfield Environmental Commission will lead moderately strenuous two mile round trips down to the pond at 2 pm and 3 pm, with periodic shorter walks to scenic viewpoints. A bird observation walk will be held at 4 pm; binoculars and a field guide would be helpful. Sturdy shoes, long pants, and long sleeved shirts are recommended. Responsible adults must accompany children.

Directions: Going from Springfield to Summit along Shunpike Rd., make a left after Baltusrol Golf Course on to Mount View Rd. The Quarry entrance is up the hill 1 mile on the right. Enter the gate and park in the designated parking area.

The tour will be held rain or shine, only severe weather will cancel it. There is no rain date. For more information, call 973-467-8278.

# GO FOR THE GOLD AT THE YMCA'S HEALTHY KIDS OLYMPIC DAY

On Saturday, April 17 from 1:00 to 3:00pm, the Springfield YMCA will be hosting their annual Healthy Kids Day with a new twist...Springfield's very own Olympics. Children will have the chance to try their skill at such events as the Biathlon (featuring the Nerf Shootout), Frisbee Discus Throw, Wii Sports, Pickle Ball, Land Speed Skating and even Frozen Ropes will be there to clock Olympians' throwing speed! This is a great opportunity for your family to enjoy games, demonstrations, arts and crafts, educational resources, healthy treats and giveaways together. To keep your little ones safe, Union County will be hosting the Child

Safety Seat Inspection Program at the Y that day.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day, the nation's largest health day for children and families, offers families a chance to play together and learn more about ways that can-long wellness and healthier living.

Here are some simple ways to put more play in kids' day, and to get the family moving more, too!

Make physical activity a regular part of family play time – the more active kids are the more likely they are to continue being physically active later in life.

Allow kids to have unstructured playtime. All

play is not created equal – kids need different types of play, including indoor and outdoor, active and inactive.

Reintroduce your kid to the basics of active play: play hopscotch or basketball, jump rope, or enjoy games such as “Red Light, Green Light” and “Simon Says”.

Limit screen time and use of electronic media to allow more time for play.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day events are free and open to all. The events will take place weather permitting. Just call to reserve a spot for your future Olympian at the YMCA, 973-467-0838

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**All funds raised this evening will go to the YMCA's Financial Assistance program**

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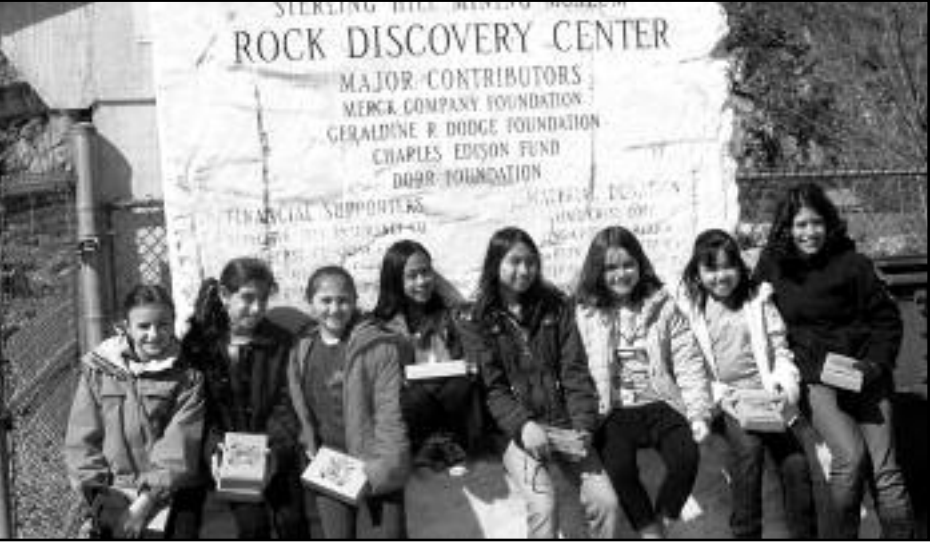
St. James the Apostle School HSA is a parent-teacher organization that helps the school to provide educational and entertaining programs for its students each year. The HSA recently hired Casey Carle's BubbleMania featuring Seth Bloom, Comic Bubble Artist and scientist, to educate and entertain the student body. Mr. Bloom used a student's sneaker to blow bubbles and engaged the students in a conversation of magic and science. The 5th grade students in Mrs. Caroline Ponterio's class took time to pose with Mr. Bloom following the assembly.



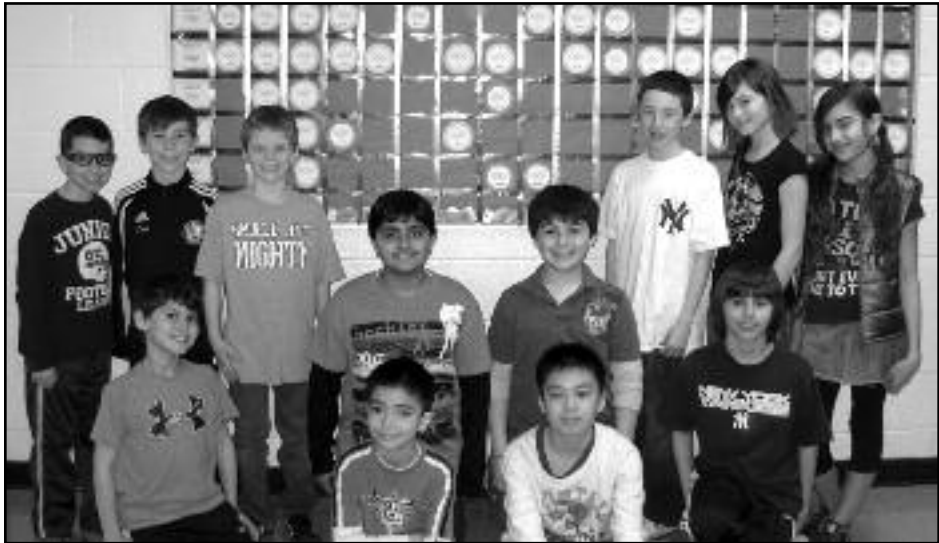
## ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE STUDENTS WENT MINING ON ST. PAT'S DAY!

Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, 5th grade teacher and Miss Michelle Cino, 4th grade teacher, started up their magic school bus only to discover the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg, New Jersey. The Sterling Hill Mining Museum is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, understanding, and appreciation of the history of mining, mining technology, mineralogy, and geology unique to the State of New Jersey through scientific research and educational programs.

The students hiked through the rock mines and discovered how hard the miners worked. They learned how important the discovery of minerals had been and still is. They were given labeled boxes and had the opportunity to search for and keep rocks and minerals on the Rock Discovery Hill.



## SANDMEIER WINTER LOGIC OLYMPICS

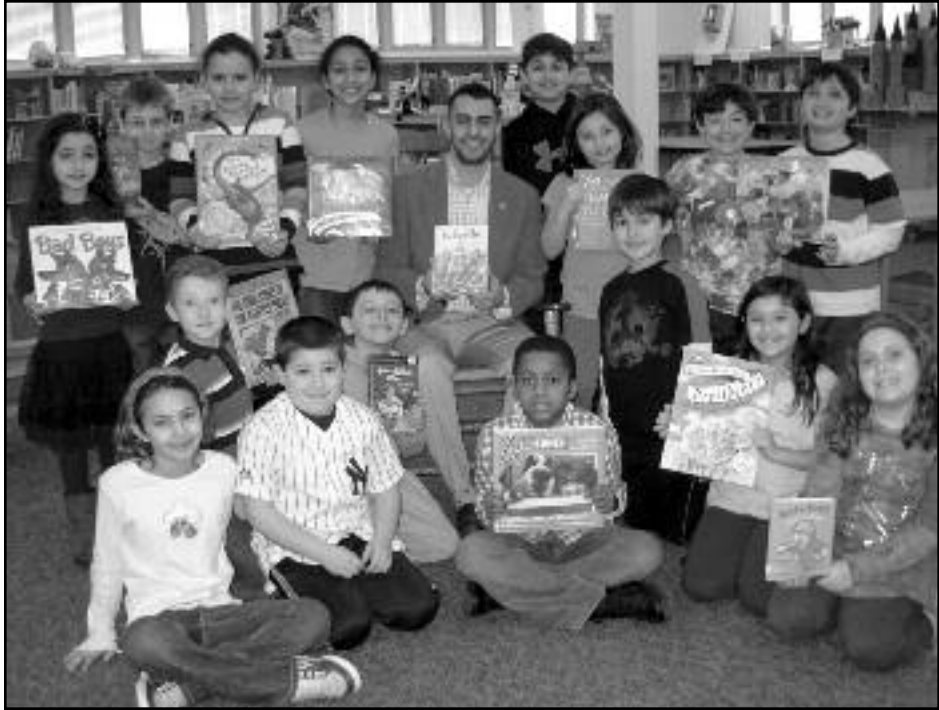


The Olympic spirit could be felt throughout the 5th grade wing at Thelma L. Sandmeier School during February lunch recess. Seventy-six 5th grade students volunteered to spend their recess time to participate in the Winter Logic Olympics.

Students worked in bobsled teams of four to solve logic problems based on Winter Olympic events. While working through clues to solve logic problems to determine events, times, medals or countries of participants, the nineteen bobsled teams earned a total of 66 medals.

The first place team, The Destroyer Penguins – Andrew Cook, Josh Damast, Adam Berkowitz, and Jacob Zeiman won 5 Gold medals, and 1 Silver Medal. The second place team, The Dominating Ponies – James Patania, Samantha Fiore, Cathleen Sanchez, and Anthony Morreale won 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, and 2 Bronze medals. The third place team, The Shockers – Surya Makkar, Emilio Lau, Nicholas Del Sardo, and Eric Chang won 3 Gold medals and 2 Bronze medals. Congratulations to all our Olympic participants.

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS DAY



Mayor Shehady did a great job reading to Sandmeier, Caldwell and Walton Students for Read Across America/Dr Seuss Day.

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# CLARA HARELIK APPOINTED TO THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Clara Harelik was appointed by Governor Chris Christie on March 1, 2010 as a Commissioner for the Union County Board of Elections. The Board of Elections oversees the electoral process for all twenty-one Municipalities in the County of Union.

Previous to the Governor's appointment, Ms. Harelik served for nine years as a Committeeperson on the Springfield Township Committee. During those nine years, she served three terms as Mayor and two terms as Deputy Mayor. She was the first woman, and remains

the only woman, in the history of Springfield to serve as Mayor three times. In addition, she was the first woman to receive the Union County Mayor of the Year Award from the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Harelik also has been the recipient of many other awards, including: the Union County Women's Political Caucus Notable Women in Politics Award; the B'nai B'rith Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award; and the Millburn/Springfield Kiwanis Club Humanitarian and Leadership Award.

Over the years, Ms. Harelik has been very active in community affairs. She has served on numerous boards and committees at both the municipal and county levels. She was also the host of the cable television show, "Speaking of Springfield".

Ms. Harelik is a graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors in Political Science. She obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She has served as the following: a judicial intern for the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey; a judicial law clerk in the Superior Court, Civil Part, Law Division of Morris County; and as a Mediator and Hearing Officer for the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Procedural Safeguards, Early Intervention Program for Children.

Ms. Harelik has been in the private practice of law for twenty-three years. She has her own law firm, a general commercial and civil law practice, located in Springfield.

Ms. Harelik resides in Springfield with her husband, Jay Mevorah, and their two sons, Cole and Michael.



*Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi (l) swears-in Clara Harelik (r) as Commissioner with Ms. Harelik's husband, Jay Mevorah (c), by her side while she recites the oath of office.*

## SPRINGFIELD RECREATION

*For more information call Michele Zambrana at (973) 912- 2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.*

### Atlantic City Bus Trip:

The Springfield Seniors will host a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 4. The cost is \$25 per person. Casino bonus is \$30 slot cash. To register for this trip come to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall or call (973) 912- 2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

### Come Fly Away Broadway Trip:

The Springfield Seniors will host a trip to see the new Broadway musical "Come Fly Away" on Wednesday, June 16. The trip includes orchestra seating and lunch at La Famaglia. The cost is \$142 per ticket. For information or to purchase tickets visit the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, or call (973) 912- 2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

### Minutemen Cheerleading:

This program is for girls entering grades three through eight in September 2010. Girls will cheer for the tackle football program. Registration fees include a \$50 fee to the Township of Springfield and a \$35 fee to Springfield Cheerleading. Register by May 14 at Springfield Recreation, 30 Church Mall. For more information call Michele Zambrana at 973. 912. 2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

### Kids Night Out:

Parents enjoy a few hours off while your children enjoy a few hours of fun. Kids night out will be held on April 24 from 5pm- 8pm at the Chisholm Community Center. The cost per night is \$10 per child and includes snacks and drinks. For more information call Michele Zambrana at 973.912.2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us. Register at Springfield Recreation, 30

Church Mall.

### Flag Cheerleading:

This program is for girls entering grades kindergarten through grade two in September 2010. Girls will cheer for the flag football program. Fees include a \$50 fee to the Township of Springfield and a \$35 fee to Springfield Cheerleading and includes uniform and pompoms! Register by June 18 at Springfield Recreation, 30 Church Mall. For more information call Michele Zambrana at 973.912. 2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

### Spring Tennis Lessons:

Tennis lessons will be held on Mondays beginning April 26 and Saturdays beginning April 24. Lessons are \$50 for a six week session. Register at the Springfield Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall. For more information call Michele Zambrana at 973.912.2226 or Bill Bess at 973.916.1882.

### Summer Playground Camp:

This is a supervised outdoor playground camp that operates at the Chisholm Community Center outside and in the gym. The camp runs for 8 weeks in 2 week increments beginning June 28. Camp is available for children age 3 to 13 (children must be toilet trained). Activities include games, crafts, sports, special events, trips to the Springfield pool, parties, and much more! The camp runs Monday- Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Registration fees are \$60 for each two week session for residents and \$75 per session for non residents. Register at Springfield Recreation, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. For more information call Michele Zambrana 973.912.2226 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us. This program is limited to the first 100 children per session.

## KIWANIS CONNECTION

In order to reintroduce the Kiwanis Club to the Springfield business community, and perhaps pick up a few new members, the Kiwanis Club is hosting a Springfield Connection event to be held at the Echoqua Bistro at Echo Plaza shopping center on April 12th starting at 5pm till 7pm. A complimentary buffet and wine will be served. Interested businesses are asked to R.S.V.P. to Tony Zeleniak, President Kiwanis Club at 908-432-1406.



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# SMILE 4 JORDAN COMEDY SHOWCASE

The Jordan Lee Fish Foundation has announced its first Comedy Showcase, SMILE 4 JORDAN. The event will be held Friday, April 16th, 8 pm in Halsey Hall Auditorium at Jonathan Dayton High School (JDHS).

The event will feature some of the hottest comedians on the scene, including Adira Amram (nominated for an ENCY award for Best Musical Act) Yannis Pappas (Vh1's Best Week Ever, BET's 106th and Park, MTV, Chapelle's Show) Brooke Van Poppelen (TLC's American Chopper, The Food Network's Emeril Live), Jared Logan (Recently awarded the title Best Comedian by the Chicago Comedy Awards) , Daniel St. Germain (Comedy Central at Crash

Mansion) Fraser Young (Producing Parker, Dino Dan, Naked Fashion) and Jake Plunkett (MTV).

Audience members of all ages are invited for a night of laughter and high spirits! Tickets are on sale now for \$15 - Adults and \$10- Students/Seniors, but also available at the door.

"In the past our events have been musical in nature. We are hoping to appeal to a broader audience with this comedy showcase," says Yeda Fish; Jordan's mother and President of the JLFF.

The Jordan Lee Fish Foundation was founded in 2003 in memory of 14 year old Jordan Fish, a JDHS student and resident of Springfield NJ who succumbed to Leukemia after a courageous

battle.

The Jordan Lee Fish Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity that serves as a continuing legacy through granting of endowments and scholarships. This foundation honors children, both sick and healthy, who exemplify an incredible spirit and use it to make the world a happier place, as Jordan did. Every year the Jordan Lee Fish Foundation sponsors a number of high school seniors at Jonathan Dayton High that exemplifies school spirit and seniors that participate in the school's musical theater program. The foundation also sponsors events throughout the year.

Thejordanleefishfoundation.com

# ST. JAMES STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING AND OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT



(above) Mr. Dwyer, 6th Grade Teacher and Science Teacher at St. James the Apostle School, Springfield, poses with eighth grade students to show off some of the science projects completed by 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The students learned about the effects of global warming in the Artic and changing habitats throughout the world.

# BIRD LOVER? HELP THE HOUSING SHORTAGE

Suburbia provides lots of food for winter birds via numerous feeders, but when the time comes to raise a family there is a serious housing shortage. Many of our friendliest winter feeders - chickadee, titmouse, nuthatch, wren and downy woodpecker are all cavity nesters. Normally they would nest in tree cavities, knot holes or rotted out tree stumps. In "spruced-up" suburbia these are hard to find. Provide a birdhouse to alleviate the shortage.

An ideal house is plain and "natural" looking. It should not have a perch at the entrance, have

an entrance 1 1/2" or smaller, be at least 5 feet high and located where its shady in the heat of the day. Right now birds are looking so get it up ASAP. If no tenant leave it up for next year. If yes, clean it out in the Fall and put it up again for shelter during the harsh winter.

The Springfield Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be a workshop and training session in preparation for our geranium plant and hanging basket sale conducted through May 1. Questions? Please call 973 379 4879.

# FIRST PRES CHURCH SPRING SCHEDULE

The Rev. Vicky Ney, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, announced an ambitious schedule of spring events.

Once again, the church invites the community to the monthly Lunch and Movie, Wednesday, April 14th at noon in the Parish House auditorium—37 Church Mall.

A tasty lunch will be provided and a recent Oscar winning movie will be shown. Along with outstanding performances by the cast, the story is about triumphing over adversity—one that is sure to warm the viewer's heart. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy good food, wonderful fellowship and a truly inspiring movie. There is no charge for the event. Please call 973.379.4320 to make a reservation.

Middle School and 9th and 10th grade teens are invited to attend Teen Movie Night at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Friday

April 16th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House, 37 Church Mall. This is a great opportunity to "hang out" with kids your age,

"Pig out" on snacks and watch a fun movie together. Parents may call the church office at 973.379.4320 for more information and advise the office of how many children will attend.

On Tuesday, May 18, the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will sponsor a bus trip to Princeton, NJ. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 AM and proceed to the Princeton University Art Museum, the Princeton Chapel, and the historic Princeton Seminary. Participants can either purchase lunch in Princeton or bring a bag lunch. The price of the trip is \$30, to cover transportation and admissions.

Please call the church office at 973.379.4320 for further details and to make a reservation.

# PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL QUARTER 2 FEBRUARY 2010

Doa'a Abdelaziz, Giulia Arpino, Sean Berkowitz, Tyler Bujnowski, Benjamin Castor, Benjamin Chabanon, Gabrielle Defronzo, Michael Disko, Tara Don, Jacquelyn Esposito, Jacqueline Gallant, Lindsey Gaon, Lea Ginefra, Alexandra Golden, Alexandra Hopkins, Herlide Joseph, Daniel Karlin, Thomas Kirk, Kevin Kirk, Jesse Krumholz, Emily Locke, Jacqueline Loeshelle, Charles Melman, Shannon Meyer, Matthew Neubauer, Daniel Osias, Aakash Patel, Ashley Polukord, Frances San George, Thomas Toussaint, Max Zeigerman

# HONOR ROLL QUARTER 2 FEBRUARY 2010

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## SAGE ELDERCARE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS TO HELP PROMOTE AWARENESS FOR HUNGRY SENIORS

SAGE Eldercare, a non-profit organization specializing in senior care enlisted help from seventeen state and local elected officials and police and fire chiefs throughout Union, Morris and Essex Counties, who participated in the Meals On Wheels Association of America's (MOWAA) "March For Meals" campaign. During the month of March these dignitaries are helping SAGE'S Meals on Wheels (MOW) volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors.

Every year, MOWAA organizes this national movement to generate awareness about the growing number of seniors facing the threat of hunger in America and to encourage action on the part of the local community. The month-long event was highlighted on Wednesday, March 24th, which MOWAA had designated "Mayors for Meals" Day. Numerous dignitaries, including Springfield Mayor Ziad Shehady, Chatham Borough Mayor V. Nelson Vaughan, Summit Police Chief Robert Lucid, Millburn Deputy Mayor Sandy Haimoff, and Mountainside Councilman Glenn Mortimer, met at SAGE Eldercare's headquarters at 290 Broad Street in Summit, where they helped pack up the meals and accompanied Meals on Wheels volunteers on their deliveries to clients' homes.

According to Marianne Kranz, SAGE Eldercare's Director of Meals on Wheels, Volunteers and Home Support Services, "It is vital that the officials get a sense of these homebound people who are often "hidden" from the community. SAGE volunteers are often the only people checking in on these individuals and without the support of local governments and officials we wouldn't be able to do our job."

Kranz emphasizes that for many homebound seniors, the friendly visit from a Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the only contact they have with someone that day. About fifteen times a year SAGE has to turn to the police to do welfare checks on clients who don't respond, and about five times a year a SAGE MOW volunteer calls 911 when finding a client in need of immediate professional and/or medical assistance.

SAGE's Meals on Wheels was established in 1966 and was one of the first meal delivery programs in New Jersey. In 2009, over 400 SAGE volunteers delivered 58,730 meals to

local residents. Last year, SAGE Meals on Wheels served seventy-three people in Springfield, fifty-six in Summit, forty in New Providence, thirty in Berkeley Heights, twenty-four in Millburn and Short Hills, twenty-three in Chatham and Chatham Township, twenty in Mountainside, and one in Scotch Plains. Eighty-eight of these individuals fall below the poverty level with the trend showing that people who receive Meals on Wheels are becoming more food insecure and need more food each day. SAGE served about 4,000 more meals in 2009 than in 2008.

Additional dignitaries participating in the delivery of Meals on Wheels during March are Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt, Summit Council President Dave Bomgaars, Summit

Councilpersons Tom Getzendanner and Ellen Dickson. Millburn Mayor Tom McDermitt, Mountainside Councilwoman Deanna Andre, Chatham Borough Councilpersons Jim Lonergan and Leonard Resto, Chatham Township Mayor Nicole Hagner, New Providence Deputy Police Chief Scott Torre, and NJ Senator Tom Kean.

Nearly 1,600 Mayors delivered meals nationally last year, including many local New Jersey dignitaries. Locally, SAGE Eldercare in Summit has had Mayors and other officials deliver meals with their Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program since the mid 1990's. Nationally the "Mayors For Meals" Day has been a component of the March For Meals campaign since 2006.

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program, or if you know someone who could benefit from the service, please contact Marianne Kranz at 908-273-5554 or email [mkranz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkranz@sageeldercare.org). Please visit our website at [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org) to see the latest offerings and news at SAGE Eldercare.



*(above, l-r) Springfield Mayor Ziad Shehady helps deliver meals with volunteers from SAGE Eldercare's Meals on Wheels program to Springfield resident Philip Engel. The mayor joined the volunteers Cocoa Catallo and Mary Cameron, both from Springfield, in honor of "Mayors For Meals" Day to raise awareness about the growing problem of senior hunger.*



*(above, l-r) Springfield resident and Meals on Wheels client, Leo Mullen is greeted by Mayor Ziad Shehady with a hot meal and a hand shake. Mayor Shehady accompanied volunteers on their Meals on Wheels delivery route for SAGE Eldercare to learn more about the Meals on Wheels program and the nearly eighty residents it serves in Springfield.*

## HADASSAH MEETING DEVOTED TO HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE



*(above) Alice Weinstein a Hadassah past president, presented a certificate of appreciation to Evelyn Romansky Ripp, a holocaust survivor and featured speaker at the March meeting. Over 40 individuals, including Mayor Ziad Shehady, Deputy Mayor Bart Fraenkel and committeemen Jerry Fernandez and Marc Krauss attended the touching ceremony.*

### SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH ANNOUNCES APRIL MEETING

Larry Jeffrey Rudolph, Sr. Vice President, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, will be the featured speaker at the April 22nd general meeting of Springfield Hadassah. The group will meet at 12:30 PM in Springfield Library and a light lunch will be served.

Mr. Rudolph began his career with Glickenhau and Company in 1984. He earned his BS from the University of Hartford with a dual degree in finance and insurance. He later went on to the College of Financial Planning and earned his CRPC designation. After joining Shearson American Express, Merrill Lynch, and UBS in 2006, he returned to the Short Hills branch of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Larry is active in the non profit community serving on the Executive Board of the Union County Crimestoppers and the Union County Child Advocacy Center. He is on the professional advisory council of UJA Metrowest Chapter of NJ. In addition, he has been directly

responsible for the installation of formal gift annuity programs, both at Kean University and Union County College. He is on the professional advisory council of the UJA Metrowest. He and his wife, Wendy, have lived in Springfield for approximately 15 years. They are the parents of three sons: Jake, Bailey, and Jordan. The family belongs to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

For this program, Larry will be joined by Marc A. Maiorella, CFP, of Mountain Lakes. Marc has 29 years experience in the financial services industry and specializes in helping financial advisors find solutions to clients' retirement needs. He is a member of Nationwide's Presidents Council and holds a BA in accounting and economics from Rutgers University.

Harriet Singer of West Orange, is in charge of this program. Non Hadassah members should call Mrs. Singer at 973.669.4808 to make a reservation.

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**MARCH**  
**Great Books Discussion Group –  
The Nose by Nikolai Gogol**  
Thursday, April 15th, 10:15 a.m.  
**International Film Festival – The Valet (French)**  
Thursday, April 15th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
**Board of Trustees meeting**  
Thursday, April 15th, 7:30 p.m.  
**American Association of Individual Investors  
(Open to the public)**  
Saturday, April 17th, 9:15 a.m.  
**Lunchtime Video -**  
**Meryl Streep & Amy Adams cooking up a storm**  
Tuesday, April 20th, 12:00 noon  
**Memoir Writing Group**  
Thursday, April 22nd, 10:15 a.m.  
**The Friends of the Great Swamp  
National Refuge film & lecture**  
Thursday, April 22nd, 7:00 p.m.  
**Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale**  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
**During library hours**  
April 23rd, 24th, 25th  
**Concert - Masterpieces of the Romantic Era**  
Piano performance by Sophia Agranovich  
Sunday, April 25th, 2:00 p.m.  
**Knit Wits Knitting Group**  
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Location: PNC Bank Community Center, 206 W. Second St. at Park Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060  
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**BUYING A BUSINESS OR FRANCHISE**  
Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
This seminar will focus on how to get into business for yourself. There are three ways you can go into business for yourself: (1) you can

start from scratch (2) you can buy an existing business or (3) a franchise. This seminar will cover two ways to own your own business by reviewing the pros and cons of buying either an existing business or a franchise.  
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**SPECIAL EVENTS!**  
Mayor Ziad Shehady will host a special Mayor’s Storytime on Thursday April 15 @ 10:30 during National Library Week. Come and meet the Mayor and enjoy a small snack.  
**Concert - David Aaron Orchestra**  
Sunday, May 2nd, 2:00 p.m.  
**Current Events Discussion Group**  
Monday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.  
**Lunchtime Video – Stanley Kubrick’s celebrated black comedy about an accidental nuclear attack**  
Tuesday, May 4th, 12:00 noon  
**Really Good Book Discussion Group –  
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout**  
Wednesday, May 5th, 7:00 p.m.  
**Memoir Writing Group**  
Thursday, May 13th, 10:15 a.m.  
**American Association for Individual Investors –  
Open to the public**  
Saturday, May 15th, 9:15 a.m.  
**Concert - Banjo Rascals**  
Sunday, May 16th, 2:00 p.m.

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Thursday April 29 @ 10:30  
Thursday May 6 @ 10:30  
Thursday May 13 @ 10:30  
**Regular Mother Goose Group  
Babies to age 3 w/caregiver:**  
Saturday April 3 @ 10:30  
Friday April 9 @ 10:30  
Tuesday April 13 @ 10:30  
Friday April 23 @ 10:30  
**Storytime Yoga, ages 2-12**  
Mondays April 12 and 26 @ 10:30  
**Storycraft, ages 3+ with caregiver**  
Fridays April 9, 16, 30  
**Big Screen Movies:**  
Saturday April 3 @ 11:00-12:30 and 2:00 -3:30  
(Tales of Beatrix Potter)  
Saturday April 10 @ 11:00-12:30 and 2-3:30  
(Bambi)  
**Tales for Tails (Read to a therapy dog program)**  
Must register for your 15 minute spot!  
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Wednesday 4/21 @ 7pm  
Thursday 5/13 @ 7pm  
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## ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DINNER

*Event Sponsor Information*

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Leadership Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at L'Affaire, RT 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:30 PM.

This year the Chamber will be honoring Rider Insurance as the Springfield Business of the Year and Linda Donnelly of the Township of Springfield as Volunteer of the Year.

A special recognition award will be presented to Pinkava's Motor Company for celebrating 100 years in business in Springfield.

We invite you to select one of the following sponsorship opportunities for this year's dinner.

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