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Message from the Mayor

I am honored and privileged to have been selected to serve as your Mayor for 2018. I would like to welcome Chris Capodice to the committee and I look forward to working with him as well as Committeewomen Erica DuBois, Diane Stampoulos, and Maria Vassallo. Having served on the Township Committee for the last seven years, we have seen some major projects take place. We have worked with the school to construct the beautiful athletic facilities on the campus of Jonathan Dayton High School, improvements to the pool are currently under way, and our downtown revitalization has begun. These large scale projects would not have been possible without everyone's support, so for that, I thank everyone involved. I would personally like to thank the BID for everything that they have done for the town. As we move forward here in 2018 I want

the residents to know if they have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at mayor@springfield-nj.us or Richard.huber@springfield-nj.us. Once again I am honored and privileged to serve as your mayor for 2018.

Richard Huber, Mayor 2018

The new annual Department of Public Works Bulletin for 2018 has just been published! This quick reference PDF provides key dates and information about spring cleaning, vegetative waste disposal, leaf collection, curbside collection for trash, recycling, and bulk waste, disposal information for special items like Christmas trees, hazardous waste, electronics, and more! As always, this information is also available on the DPW page of the official Township of Springfield website. Copies of the bulletin are available for pickup at municipal offices. To download the bulletin, visit www.springfield-nj.us

JAMES ELLMER

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Ellmer graduated from Union High School in 2010. He is a New Jersey State Certified Firefighter 2 as well as an Emergency Medical Technician. In 2017, James Ellmer was awarded the Medal of Valor from the New Jersey Department of Corrections for his vital role in saving a 16 year old boy's life who was involved in a serious motor vehicle crash.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to present Children's Winter Workshop Series at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Register online for this season's offerings; "Toddler Time" for children 3 years of age and under with an adult, "Two of Us" for children 3 or 4 years old with an adult, "Small Fry Days" drop-off program for 4 – 6 year olds and Afterschool Explorations for children in Grades 1 -3. Please visit www.ucnj.org/trailside or call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908)789-3670 for more information.



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For more information contact

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Township Committee meetings at 7:00 pm in Town Hall

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 and February 13, 2018

Workshop Monday, February 12, 2018

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building

RECREATION COUNCIL

Contact Recreation Department For Next Meeting Date and Time

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm at the Chisholm Community Center

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Library

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER 2018 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Positions Available:

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

Please visit the following website to complete the required online application:

<http://springfield-nj.us/departments/recreation/employment>

You may be contacted for an in-person interview in the Spring.

The online application deadline is Friday, March 2nd.

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TWO OFFICERS PROMOTED AND ONE NEW ONE APPOINTED

CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

At the December 19, 2017 Township Committee meeting two police officers were promoted and a new officer was appointed. As each Officer was sworn into his new position, Police Chief John Cook commented to the Township Committee and to the audience about each of the officers.

Sergeant Jon Rachel was promoted to Lieutenant with the Springfield Police Department. Rachel graduated from the John H Stamler Police Academy and started his service with the Springfield Police Department in 2004 as a Patrol Officer. In 2006 Jon was re-assigned as the department's Traffic Officer, a position he has held for over a decade. During the restructuring of the Department several years ago, Jon's position as traffic officer was integrated into a new Special Services Unit, also working along with the Detective Bureau.

Throughout his career, Jon has contributed to numerous projects in many operational areas of the police department. As the accreditation manager, he oversaw all phases of the accreditation process, ultimately resulting in the department attaining an accredited status and also successfully completing a re-accreditation this past summer. Jon was promoted to sergeant in 2014 and returned to patrol as a supervisor.

In 2015, Jon was reassigned as the supervisor of the Special Services Unit and presently remains in that position. Jon was joined by his wife and children (Casey and Noelle), his parents and his brother Jeremy who is a Police Officer in Florham Park.

Chief Cook remarked: "If you were here in 2014 for Jon's promotion to sergeant you might remember that his grandfather, a retired Captain from the Linden Fire Department, was present. He is now 101 years old and is unable to be here tonight but I am sure that he is as proud of Jon tonight as he was then."

Officer Zieser who was promoted to Sergeant, grew up in Clark and graduated from Arthur L. Johnson High School. He then attended Rowan University from where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He then attended the John H Stamler Police Academy and joined the Springfield Police Department in December of 2010 working in the patrol division. Dan has been involved in obtaining grants for DUI enforcement as well as Safe Corridor funding. He also initiated the department's participation in the Military surplus program (LESO) from which the town has obtained several pieces of equipment. Dan has also been one of the department's FTOs (Field Training Officers) since 2014 and has trained several officers during this time. He was assigned to UCERT (Union County Emergency Response Team) in 2015-16. Dan was joined by his wife Kelley, his parents, and other family and friends.

Springfield's newest Officer, Officer Matt Nolan was appointed as well. Matt grew up in Jackson Township and graduated from Jackson Memorial High. At 21 Matt enlisted in the USMC where he was selected to work in the Presidential Helicopter Squadron, HMX-1, under President Obama.

During his active service Matt received his Bachelor's degree in Social Psychology from Park University. Matt recently graduated from the John H Stamler Police Academy from which he joined the Springfield Police Department. He was joined by his wife, Amanda.

PLANNING BOARD APPROVES 36 UNITS AS A PART OF THE TOWN'S RE-DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The applicant, Veale Holdings, LLC, appeared before the Springfield Planning Board on December 11, 2017 seeking final site plan approval to construct the above project. The application was for multi-family units to be located within the Church Mall Redevelopment area.

Two four story buildings with a total number of 36 apartments will be built at 18 Academy Green, 18 Church Mall, 24 Church Mall and 20 Blacks Lane. This will include One, One bedroom apartment, Thirty Three, Two bedroom apartments and Two, Three bedroom apartments to comply with the COAH requirements from the State. Although the resolution of approval has not been memorialized yet, this should occur at the February Planning Board meeting.

To address traffic concerns the applicant hired a Traffic Engineer to study the area and addressed concerns discussed at a previous meeting. Having satisfied the concerns raised by the Planning Board and their professionals the Preliminary and Final Site Plan for this project was approved that evening.

When reached for comment by the Patriot Times, Art Weintraub, a Springfield real estate broker and resident who was the sole negotiator that packaged the project commented: "I packaged several unsightly properties for the project. In its place will be modern aesthetically enhancing structures. This will not only enhance the neighborhood, increase property values, it will also generate additional tax revenues for the Town."

HECHT FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Tips for Snow Shoveling

- Give yourself plenty of time to shovel and do not rush yourself.
- Use a couple of layers of clothes to keep your muscles warm and flexible.
- Warm-up! Stretch your arms, shoulders, legs and back before you begin.
- Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend at your knees to lift when shoveling. Let your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take regular breaks to alleviate the strain on your body.
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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

Most of the United States is at risk for winter storms. Severe storms can cause dangerous or life-threatening conditions. The dangers include blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, ice road conditions, avalanches, and downed trees and power lines. It's important to prepare before the winter storm season.

Before

- Stay informed of winter weather.
- Keep a sufficient supply of heating fuel. Consider storing a back-up fuel, such as a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood stove.
- Winterize your home. Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, and install storm windows or cover windows with plastic.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspaper and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts.
- Winterize your car. Keep a shovel, a windshield scraper, and a small broom in your vehicle.
- Add rock salt, sand, and shovels to your emergency supplies kit, as well as extra socks, hats, mittens, and blankets.

During

- Conserve fuel.
- Stay safe and dry indoors.
- If you are outside, cover your mouth, keep dry, and avoid overexertion. Dress for the weather, wear layers, mittens, and a hat.
- Watch for signs of frostbite, including loss of feeling and white or pale extremities. If you detect any symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia, including uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. Get the victim to a warm location; remove any wet clothing; put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket; warm the center of the body first; give warm, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages; and seek medical attention.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary. If you become trapped while you have a cell phone, call 9-1-1, explain your situation, and tell them to try to track your location by the phone signal. If you must drive, travel during the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; and stay on main roads.
- If a blizzard traps you in your car, pull off the highway and stay in your vehicle. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna and turn on the inside light at night for rescuers to see. Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. In extreme cold, use any available means to insulate and maintain body heat. Make sure at least one person is awake at all times to watch for rescuers.

After

- Check on neighbors or anyone who may need assistance.
- Use common sense when going outdoors. Dress warmly and always wear a hat. Stretch before shoveling heavy snow. Take frequent breaks. Use caution when walking on snowy walkways.
- Supervise children at all times. Children should be told to play only in safe, supervised areas outdoors—never in the street or snow banks on the side of the road.

PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST AID SQUAD – 69 YEARS AND COUNTING



Gloria Simpson (center) who will be honored at the upcoming First Aid Squad – Dinner for 55 years of service along with Jaclyn M. Herzlinger (not shown). On her left is her daughter, Elizabeth Fritzen, President of the First Aid Squad and Business Administrator Ziad Shehady.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad was established and began operating in 1949 to provide Emergency Medical Service needs to Springfield residents and those passing thru the borders of Springfield. The Springfield First Aid Squad is the primary emergency medical service provider for the Township of Springfield.

Back in 1949, the Charter members of the Squad included George Cassera, Madeline Lancaster, Helen and George Bowles and Eloise Rein who saw a need for organized emergency medical services in the Township of Springfield. The first meetings of the First Aid Squad were held at Eloise Rein's home on Hillside Avenue. Shortly thereafter, it was decided that there was a need for a building to house the squad.

The Squad's current building became a reality short time later. It was built as a "labor of love" strictly thru donations of both building materials and manual labor. Mr. William Van Riper, a Springfield resident and carpenter, led the effort on the building construction.

Currently the Springfield First Aid Squad operates three (3) ambulances, and a First Responder Vehicle. There are over 60 trained volunteers who provide life-saving services to the residents of Springfield. During the weekday daytime hours, trained per diem Emergency Medical Technicians are employed by the Squad through donations (not the Township) to provide those medical service.

This year the Squad has two (2) members who will be recognized for 55 years of service. They are Gloria P. Simpson, and Jaclyn M. Herzlinger. Both became members in 1963.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Squad President Elizabeth J. Fritzen commented "I am proud to be a 44 year active, riding member of such a vital and life- saving organization for the Township, it's residents, and those facing emergencies."

It should be noted that combined with her mother, Gloria Simpson and her late father, Herbert Simpson, the family has volunteered over 135 years combined of emergency medical services to Township residents.

Anyone interested in joining this fantastic group of volunteers should call 973-908-8EMS.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
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Joanne Rajoppi
Presents
The Certificate Of Election
To Township Committee
Member Elect
Christopher Capodice
at the January 1 Meeting.**



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

I would first like to wish all of the readers of the Springfield Patriot Times a happy, healthy and safe 2018.

Please take a moment to read over the following tips which may help prevent you from becoming a victim of a crime in the new year. Although there is no foolproof way to guarantee a crime will not be committed against you, remembering these few simple tips will help protect you, your family, your property and personal identity information.

- Be sure to lock all doors and windows of your home when you leave, regardless of how long you anticipate being away. Although most burglaries are commonly referred to as “break-ins”, burglars routinely walk around homes checking for unlocked doors or windows to gain easy access.
- Always lock your car when its parked in your driveway overnight and make sure the windows are closed. Also, never leave valuable items inside of your vehicles. Thieves will walk through residential areas late at night, going from vehicle to vehicle, checking for unlocked vehicles to rummage through.
- Consider installing motion sensor lights around your home as an added deterrent. Some companies offer motion sensing lights with cameras and alarm features that will further deter criminal activity.
- Be wary of door-to-door solicitors who offer various types of home repair work as some may do a good job but many are just looking to con you out of your money. Remember, solicitors must be approved and obtain a permit from the Township before they can go door-to-door. The Police Department has records of all current solicitors who have this approval.
- You should not use your smartphone while walking along the street or through parking lots. If your attention is on your phone, you will be unaware of your surroundings, making it easy for a thief to approach you and snatch your phone.
- If you receive a telephone call, email, or a letter that indicates you have won some type of monetary prize, lottery or sweepstake that requires you to pay a fee to collect your prize winnings...this is a scam to con you out of money. Legitimate prizes require no payment of any fees.
- Be wary of emails alerting you to possible fraud on your debit or credit card accounts. While they may appear to be legitimate correspondence from banks or retailers, fraudsters routinely create fraudulent but very realistic looking e-mails to con you into providing them with your full account numbers and/or personal identity information. Instead of blindly contacting the telephone

number listed in the email, first contact your bank or the retailer using the telephone numbers on your debit or credit card.

- If you receive a telephone call from the IRS advising you need to pay some type of back tax immediately to avoid arrest...this is a scam. If you receive a telephone call and the person says he or she is a law enforcement officer and you must immediately pay bail for a criminal charge signed against you or you will be arrested...this is a scam. If you receive a call indicating you failed to appear for jury duty and you need to pay a fine immediately or risk being arrested...this is a scam. Law enforcement and government agencies will not call you threatening an arrest unless you make some type of payment. If you receive a call like this, you should look up the telephone number for the agency and contact them directly to verify if the call you received was legitimate. If there is an actual reason for a warrant to be issued for your arrest, the only time you will be afforded an opportunity to pay your bail is at the time of your arrest.
 - If you receive a call from someone claiming to represent a utility company who says your service will be immediately turned off unless you pay for an overdue charge, you should get the caller's information and look up the utility company's phone number yourself. Once you find the correct number for the utility, contact them directly to verify the charges.
 - Regularly review your bank and credit card statements and immediately contact your financial institution if you discover any unauthorized charges.
 - If you deal with internet-based sales or advertising and you receive a payment check that is made out for more than the agreed upon price...AND...you are requested to wire the overpayment back to the remitter...this is most likely a scam and the check is probably counterfeit. Ask your bank to examine the check and if you decide to deposit it, do not send back the “overpayment” to the remitter until the deposited check has cleared.
 - Be wary of telephone calls in which you are told a relative, reportedly out of state or in a foreign country on vacation, has been involved in some sort of legal or medical situation and you are asked to wire money to cover the expenses. Thieves will obtain names and other information for your relatives from social media sites and use their information in this scam. If you receive such a call, try to get all of the contact information from the caller and hang up. Immediately contact your relative to verify if the call you received is a scam.
- Criminals become more creative in their tactics each year, and are always devising new ways of scamming the public. Never give out your personal information unless you are positive the situation is legitimate. Always be vigilant, and don't be afraid to contact the Police Dept. when you suspect something is suspicious....don't wait! We are here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The best way to combat crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place.



SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY HOLIDAY SHOPPING BUS TRIPS



Springfield senior citizens took care of their holiday shopping lists several bus trips sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department. Trips included Whole Food/Target/Best Buy, Menlo Park Mall, and Livingston Mall. The trips were chaperoned by bus drivers Don Wilkenfeld and Tony Losito (pictured with their passengers).

DECEMBER SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Meeting Sponsors Anna Pedreiras and Monte Ehrenkranz of Regal Bank (center) with Mike Scalera (left) and Scott Seidel (right) Chamber Co-chairs.

Over 25 people attended the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce meeting. It was held at the Hilton Gardens Inn and was sponsored this month by Regal Bank.

Here are a few highlights from the meeting:

Rotary – December 14 Rise Against Hunger was a success. Over 150 volunteers turned out to help prepare and package meals. The Rotary thanked the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lion Club, the

Township Committee and all the other volunteers. Over 30,000 meals were packaged.

Springfield H.O.P.E. – Toys for Springfield Kids completed another successful year. Forty-five families received toys for their children. The remaining toys were delivered by Scott and Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Robert Abraham to the Union County Welfare Program in Plainfield.

Springfield Historical Society – Chief Cook spoke about how important the Cannon Ball House is to the history in Springfield. Please consider making a contribution to the fund raising to help continue with the needed work to the Cannon Ball House. Preserving history is so important for the future generations. Donations may be made payable to the Springfield Historical Society and sent care of John Cook at the Police Department, 100 Mountain Ave.

On behalf of the Springfield Patriot Chamber, Mike Scalera and Scott Seidel would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy & Healthy New Year. Looking forward to a lot of great things happening in 2018.



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PUBLIC CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING HELD DECEMBER 12TH

Springfield's annual Public Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony was held on cool and blustery Tuesday evening, December 12, 2017, at Veterans Memorial Park. Several hundred Springfielders attended and amongst them were members of Springfield's Police and Fire Departments, Springfield's First Aid Squad & the Township Committee. The event marked the celebration of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, with a public menorah lighting sponsored by the Chabad Jewish Learning Center of Springfield in partnership with Congregation Israel of Springfield.



The Rabbi addresses the audience.

The event was arranged by the Chabad couple Rabbi Mendy & Aidella Blesofsky of the JLC of Springfield. They thanked all for coming and encouraged the guests to keep the miracle of Chanukah alive today by performing "Mitzvot" & good deeds for others. Mayor Diane Stampoulos wished all a Happy Chanukah. Rabbi Blesofsky lit the Shamash candle and made two blessings over the candles while ascending 20 feet off the ground to light the candles. Following the lighting of the candles, the Rabbi soared over the crowd tossing traditional Chanukah "Geld" to the children below. Following the lighting, Chanukah goodies were served much to the delight of children of all ages. The treats included traditional latkes and donuts, chocolate coins and beverages. The youngest guests also had an opportunity to sing "The Dreidel Song" along with other favorite Chanukah songs. Live music entertained the audience while all enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

The Rabbi thanked Springfield's Office of Emergency Management, Springfield Auxiliary Police, the Department of Public Works, Police, Fire and First Aid & Springfield Township for their involvement in making the public menorah lighting an inspiring and a memorable evening.

Rabbi Mendy Blesofsky would like to give a Special thank you to thier Sponsors: Jonny from 8 Minute Oil Change and Auto Repair, Jeff from Pinkava's Motor Company, Mack Retail - Camera & Video Service, and Gary & Ina Singer from Signature Realty.

BRANDY PENNA TEACHES SPRINGFIELD'S GIRL SCOUTS ABOUT DOG GROOMING

Brandy Penna of "Grooming By Brandy" teaches Springfield's Girl Scout Troop 40610 a little about dog grooming. With the help of Heinz, Brandy's show dog, the girls were able to earn their Pet Badge.

PHOTO BY SCHULTZ



Front row from left to right: Avital Kandel, Maggie Hilebrand, Emily Tiger, Kailyn Rentiers, Emma Blank, Noa Kandel, Chelsea Ioshpa, Julia Brendell, Abigail Munshine, Taylor Tripet Back row from left to right: Brandy Penna, Jessica Brendell, Emma Brendell, Holly Munshine

**TOWNSHIP ELIMINATING
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The UCFirstAlert system will be used exclusively by the Township of Springfield. Use of the CodeRED system will be discontinued. For more information and to register /manage your account, visit www.springfield-nj.us/alerts.



Mayor Stampoulos wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah



Springfield DPW at the ready to deploy the bucket.

SPRINGFIELD FMBA LOCAL 57 MAKES A DONATION TO SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E.



(l to r) Firefighter Walter Heckel, Captain Erwin Heinrich, Hope Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht and Firefighter Kevin Ruck.

The Springfield FMBA Local 57 made a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. This week members of the FMBA met with Springfield HOPE Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht to give him a \$500 check for HOPE.

Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created 10 years ago 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. The organization is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)3 Tax Exempt Corporation.

Beyond filing fees, all proceeds of Springfield H.O.P.E. benefits needy families and individuals in the township. According to the Trustees donations will be in the form of gift cards to local establishments, food stores, clothing stores, etc., to avoid abuse of the system. HOPE is administered by four trustees, Scott Seidel, Dr. Gary Hecht, Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Springfield Fire Department Chief Carlo Palumbo.

KRA INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. IN SPRINGFIELD, NJ DONATES TO TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD KIDS IN DECEMBER



SPRINGFIELD PBA LOCAL 76 DONATES TOYS FOR SPRINGFIELD H.O.P.E

According to H.O.P.E. Trustee Dr. Gary Hecht, toys were sorted at the "North Pole" and our Toy Trailer was full, thanks to Springfield PBA Local 76 and all the other agencies, companies and individuals who donated toys to Springfield H.O.P.E for their Toys for Springfield Kids program.



(l to r) Top - Springfield H.O.P.E. Trustee Chief John Cook, Springfield Police Sergeant Jon Rachel, Officer Brian Trotman; Bottom - Officer Frank Cunha, Officer Emmett Badai, and Springfield H.O.P.E. Trustee, Dr. Gary Hecht

DEPUTY MAYOR MARIA VASSALLO PRESENTS PLAQUE TO COMMITTEEWOMAN GERI ANN BUJNOWSKI



At the December 19th Township Committee Meeting Deputy Mayor Maria Vassallo recognized Committeewoman Geri Ann Bujnowski for her service to the Community while serving on the Township Committee. Bujnowski's term comes to an end on the 31st of the month. She served on the Township Committee from October 13, 2016 until December 31st 2017. Vassallo commented on her dedication and devotion the job and how she worked on other committees as well, including the Memorial Day Parade Committee over the years prior to being on the Township Committee.

ROTARY AND THE SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY HELPS FIGHT HUNGER WORLDWIDE



Rotarian Mike Scalera checks the production line!



Rotarians Dr. Gary Hecht and David Barletta distribute water to the volunteers.

On December 14, 2017, the Rotary Club of Springfield, packaged 30,000 meals at the Chisholm Community Center. The event was a huge success thanks to the help of residents, members of the Lions Club, Boys and Girl Scouts, Jonathan Dayton Regional H.S. students, township of Springfield committee members, the Rotary Clubs of Union, Fanwood/Scotch Plains, Cranford, Westfield and the Optimist Club of Westfield.

Over 120 volunteers were on hand and eagerly participated to reach the goal of the 30,000 meals in two hours time. This was truly a team effort from the beginning which included raising funds from private individuals, organizations and businesses.

This was the first time the Rotary Club of Springfield hosted the Rise Against Hunger event.

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(Fight Hunger Worldwide)*

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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BOYS LACROSSE SPRING 2018

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

Program Details:

The program is open to boys in Springfield schools in 1st-8th grades.
In our travel league, 3rd-8th grade teams play a schedule against surrounding towns home and away. 1st-2nd graders play fewer games (small-sided), but also play surrounding towns.
1st-8th grade players are required to play in full equipment. See below.
A co-ed instructional spring clinic for Pre-K, K, and 1st graders is offered. No equipment is required. See separate registration form.
Practices and Field Information:
New this year: Some pre-season practices may be scheduled at the Chisholm Community Center. Summer practices, clinics, and tournaments may be added for registered players.
Practice fields and game fields are TBD, and are subject to change. Practice times are TBD.
Season begins March 1st (dependent on weather and field conditions). Games are typically held on Saturdays and/or practice days.
1st-2nd grade team practices Monday and Saturday.
3rd-4th grade team practices Monday and Saturday.
5th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
6th-7th grade team practices Tuesday and Thursday.
8th grade team practices Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Three Fees:

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

What's Included:

Required membership in U.S. Lacrosse, which includes a magazine.
Registration with the North Jersey Junior Lacrosse League.
Loaned helmet (if needed) and game/practice jersey to use for the season.
Lacrosse coaching! Tons of playing time!
What's Not Included:
Elbow/arm pads, gloves, shoulder pads, athletic supporter, cleats, mouthpiece, stick.
End-of-season family BBQ (separate registration required).

Registration Deadline:

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

GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2018

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

Registration Deadline:

- Wednesday, February 28th
 - After this deadline, registrations will only be accepted if space is available on a team.
- Program Details:**
- The program is open to girls in Springfield schools in 3rd-9th grades.
 - In our travel league, teams play games against surrounding towns home and away.
 - Players are required to play in full equipment. See below.

Practices and Field Information:

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

Three Fees:

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

What's Included:

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

What's Not Included:

- Non-goalies: stick, goggles, mouth guard, cleats/sneakers.
- Goalies: mouth guard, cleats/sneakers
- End-of-season family BBQ (separate registration required).

Co-ed Lacrosse Clinics
Spring 2018 Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade

Interested in trying a new sport? Join Springfield Lacrosse Club's spring clinics!

Clinics meet on six Sundays at Chisholm Park, from April 8th-May 20th @ 10:00-11:00 am. No clinic on May 13th. In the event of rain, every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds will be provided.

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

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

WINTER CONDITIONING
Winter 2017-2018 • Grades 2-8

Athletes need to spend time conditioning. Winter is the perfect time to start!

Physical fitness training is an important life lesson for children and athletes. Winter Conditioning – coached by Mike Czech – demonstrates how to safely gain strength for sports, prevent injury, stretch properly, and have fun! Athletes who desire more speed and want to gain an advantage will benefit! This co-ed program is open to children in a Springfield school in grades 2-8. A minimum of eight children are required. No refunds are provided after the program begins.

Location:
Chisholm Community Center,
2nd Floor Fitness Studio

Day: Friday

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 2:
January 19th-March 2nd (no
class on February 16th)

Questions? Contact the Springfield
Recreation Department at
recreation@springfield-nj.us.

Cost: \$65 per session
(payable to Township of Springfield)
Includes: Professional coaching instruction,
training apparel item
Register by mail or in person at the
Springfield Recreation Department. Or register
online with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover at
<https://register.communitypass.net/springfield>
(\$0 processing fee when using a credit card)

Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue
(973) 912-2227
Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am-6:00 pm



Springfield Recreation Department Bus Trip
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
Hampton, NJ
Thursday, March 15, 2018

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

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

Make checks payable to: Springfield Recreation Department
Return form and check to: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue
Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, chaperone, lunch, dessert buffet, and show
Questions: Amefika Gray, Recreation Program Coordinator, (973) 912-2227



RECREATION DEPARTMENT
WELCOMES
AMEFIKA GRAY AS
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to welcome its new recreation program coordinator, Amefika Gray. Amefika is a familiar face at the Chisholm Community Center, having served as a recreation assistant in the office and youth wing since 2015. Amefika's role will focus on senior citizen programs and trips, as well as youth and adult sports and leisure activities. A former Springfield resident, Amefika has worked as an aide in the Newark Public Schools, and is the founder of Renewed Media and Kidz Rule Network. Amefika has directed Springfield Stories and the Modest Beekeeper, and has produced video content for the Springfield Junior Police Academy and the Springfield Festival and Car Show.

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

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

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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GIRLS SOFTBALL • SPRING 2018

Grades 1-9 *Open to Students in Springfield Schools*

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

*Possible Joint League with Mountainside Softball Association (MSA)

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

Two Fees

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

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

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

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

Deadline

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

What's Included

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

What's Not Included

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

Summer and Fall Travel Teams (Springfield Storm)

Registration in Spring softball league and minimum attendance required for tryouts

Questions?

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



U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE

WINTER SEASON 2018

SATURDAY 1/13/2018 TO 3/3/2018

Parent & Me Soccer Squirts ~ 9 am to 10 am

Squirts Multi Sports ~ 10 am to 11 am

Senior Squirts Multi Sports ~ 11 am to 12 pm

Cost: \$150

MONDAY 2/19/2018 ~ 9 am to 2 pm

SCHOOL'S OUT Soccer Camp

Cost: \$50

FREE early drop off from 8:15 am

PARENT & ME SOCCER SQUIRTS: With a parent participating by their side, kids will have fun learning the fundamental skills of soccer through fun activities and games.

**AGES
2-3**

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Try a new sport in each session of the program including lacrosse, soccer, basketball, t-ball, track & field, hockey, and flag football!

**AGES
3-5**

SENIOR SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS: Players will learn key skills through small-sided scrimmages in sports such as lacrosse, soccer, basketball, hockey, and more!

**AGES
6-8**

SCHOOL'S OUT SOCCER CAMP: Learn and develop your skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, defending, stealing, and more! Participants are separated by age and ability.

**AGES
5-11**

For more info, visit USsportsInstitute.com or call 866 345-2255

Create fourth grade learning adventures with
FREE PASSES to any federal lands and waters!



Fourth graders and their guests can visit:

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"Because no matter who you are, no matter where you live, our parks, our monuments, our lands, our waters—these places are your birthright as Americans."

President Barack Obama

www.everykidinapark.gov

4th Grade Families, See The Springfield Recreation Dept. For Your Free Pass

SPRINGFIELD NJ BASEBALL LEAGUE

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

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

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

DIVISIONS FOLLOW BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN AGE ASSIGNMENTS:

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



PLAYER ASSESSMENTS:

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

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES:

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



The Springfield Recreation Department is excited to partner with TGA of Union County to offer golf and tennis clinics this winter (ages 5-11).

More information and online registration are available at: <http://play.tga.com/unioncounty>.

DECORATING AND BAKING CLASS

Join Sweet Samantha for an incredible learning experience

(ages 8-16) all about baking and decorating!

6 Weeks of hands-on projects!

Sweet Samantha
Custom Cake Design, Private Parties & Classes

- Class 1 - Lace Style Winter Snowflake Cookies! (Royal Icing, Brush on lace, & more!) * 2 Big, 2 Small p.p.
- Class 2 - Cream Puffs and Éclairs! (Learn to make from scratch fillings & Pat a choux pastry dough)
- Class 3 - 3D Mini Duck Cake! - Learn shading, using donuts and sculpting to make a mini duck & lake board!
- Class 4 - Hot Chocolate Baked Yum! (Cupcakes, Cookies, Scratch Drinks, and Decorated Marshmallow Fun)
- Class 5 - Valentines Love Bug Cupcakes! (Bake Pink Velvet Cupcakes and Decorate 2 Love Bugs!)
- Class 6 - BAR Cookies! - Frosted Sugar Cookie, Raspberry Crumb Bars, Blondie's, & Glazed Cappuccino

THURSDAY evening session available @ 6:00-7:30 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 • January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22

Price: \$195 - Including all materials, tools, and recipes

Please contact Samantha with any questions and to register at: samilynn9@aol.com
www.sweet-samantha.com - (973) 445-1620

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Adult CoEd Social Sports

**NEW LEAGUE!
DODGEBALL
WINTER 18**



Registration Now Open!

Games played at Raymond Chisholm Community Center!

To Register & Learn More, visit www.ZogSportsNJ.com

Please email Joe@ZogSportsNJ.com for more details & to register!

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE



Please call (973) 912-2227 between 8:00-9:00 am on the morning of your transportation need.

Bus service is unavailable on municipal holidays and days of certain bus trips.

The bus service runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The bus is equipped with a passenger lift for wheelchairs. Other riders should be able to board and depart the bus independently.

SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2017-2018

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES MEN'S OPEN PLAY 35+ BASKETBALL

This is a non-competitive program for players ages 35 and older. Basketball will be held on most Wednesdays at Jonathan Dayton High School from 7:00-9:00 pm and on most Sundays at Florence Gaudineer Middle School from 8:00-10:00 am.

PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUGUST 2018
Open to Springfield residents and non-residents who were previously enrolled.

MEN'S OPEN PLAY 55+ BASKETBALL

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

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

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

WOMEN'S OPEN PLAY 21+ VOLLEYBALL

This is a non-competitive program open only to players ages 21 and older who are Springfield residents.

Volleyball will be held on Tuesdays from October 3, 2017 to August 28, 2018

from 8:00-10:00 pm, at the Chisholm Community Center Lee Adler Memorial Gymnasium.

You will be notified in advance of gym closures due to holidays, inclement weather, or scheduling conflicts.

FEE: \$25 REGISTRATION FORM, COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FEE ARE DUE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY FOR ALL ABOVE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by mail to:

Springfield Recreation Department Chisholm Community Center
100 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 912-2227 (973) 912-8584 fax
www.springfield-nj.us/recreation • Email recreation@springfield-nj.us

Little Elli's Playgroup

0-12 MONTHS WITH A CAREGIVER

Come sing, dance and play with us!

Thursdays 10-11 am • Chisholm Community Center

8 week session (1/11-3/1) \$120

Register at
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SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018

CALL (973) 912-2227 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Wednesday, January 17 - Zoom-Ba @ 11:00 am
Thursday, January 18 - Bus trip to Koki Buffet, Union @ 11:30 am (RSVP)
Friday, January 19 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, January 22 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 23 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, January 24 - Bus trip to Central Farmers Market and Coppola Ristorante, New Providence @ 12:00 pm (RSVP)
Thursday, January 25 - Club birthday bash luncheon (RSVP)
Friday, January 26 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, January 29 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 30 - Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, January 31 - Forever Fit @ 11:00 am
Friday, February 2 - Shape UP @ 11:00 am, Cards @ 1:00 pm
Sunday, February 4 - Super Bowl Party @ 6:15 pm (RSVP)
Monday, February 5 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, February 6 - Stretch & Meditation @ 10:00 am, Cards @ 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 7 - Bus trip to Livingston Mall @ 10:30 am (RSVP)
Thursday, February 8 - Club monthly meeting @ 11:00 am
Friday, February 9 - Cards @ 1:00 pm
Monday, February 12 - Bingo @ 12:30 pm
Tuesday, February 13 - Cards @ 11:30 am

WINTER COOKING CLASSES



Healthy Kids Today, A Brighter Tomorrow!

SUNDAYS 4th-8th Graders

SUNDAY SESSION 10 am-12 pm

4 WEEKS 2 hours each class

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

SATURDAYS K-3rd Graders

SATURDAY SESSION K-3rd 10am-12pm

4 WEEKS 2 hours each class

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



CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Instructor adapts to all ages during instruction

Raymond Chisholm Community Center
100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield NJ

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

www.LillySprouts.com

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

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

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

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The Science Exploration Class

Geared for our future Scientists K - 3rd grade! Is your child constantly getting into things? Do they love to explore and get their hands messy? Then this is the class for you! Your child will have a blast learning scientific concepts with a focus on S.T.E.A.M. and performing hands-on experiments using real child-friendly science tools. Projects such as:

*Creating Slime *Fossil Dino Dig *Volcano Eruptions *Forming Crystals

Grades: Kindergarten to 3rd

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave

When: Fridays — February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Time: 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Cost: \$110 Please make checks out to **KIDDIES KALEIDO SCOPE**

Please register via email: kiddieskaleidoscope@gmail.com

FREE TEEN DROP-IN

Who: Springfield residents in 6th-12th grades

What: Basketball, volleyball, lounge games, TV, quiet study supervised by Recreation Dept. staff

Where: Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave

When: Monday-Friday (closed municipal holidays)

Time: 2:30 - 8:00 pm

How: Handbook, registration form, photo ID

Contact: (973) 912-2227, recreation@springfield-nj.us

Web: www.springfield-nj.us/recreation

www.facebook.com/springfieldnjrec

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield

973-376-4930

Check Library website for
MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 15,
Martin Luther King Day.

Our programs are free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday Feb. 4 @ 2-4 pm NJPAC Books on the Move!
Presenting Teaching Artist Wincey Terry reading,
acting & crafting with Misty Copeland's book
Firebird, Illustrated by Christopher Myers. Misty
Copeland made history as the first African-American
Principal Dancer with American Ballet Dance Theatre.
Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.
Call or stop by the Youth Services Dept. 973-376-4930
x232. The first 25 families to register will receive
Firebird (the book) free!

New! Storytime Yoga First 3 Fridays of the month.
11:00am Friday Jan 19. Ages 2 & up. Space is
limited—Register early!

Mommy & Me. Crafts for our youngest patrons
(ages 2-4) 10:30 am Tuesdays January 16, & 23.
Space is limited—Register early!

New! ZumbaKids 3 Thursdays @ 4:00 pm
January 25. All ages, drop-in!

Saturdays are LEGO DAYS! Little LEGOS are out
all day! Drop by, join your friends and impress us with
a magnificent creation—we'll put it on display!
Crafty Mondays & Fridays @ 4:00 pm. Ages 4 to 8.
Must register. No crafters under age 4.

Campfire Stories 7 pm Thursdays Put on your
'Jammies and gather around our cozy campfire for
great stories and a sweet treat. Bring your Teddy. All
ages.

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

Wii Games Wednesdays @ 4:00. Ages 6 to 11. We play
Super Smash Bros. Drop in.

Math Help Wednesdays @ 4:00. Certified teacher for
grades 1 to 8. Drop in & bring your homework!

New! Page Flippers(book club) Meets one Thursday
per month. January 18 @ 4pm Grades 3 & 4. Please
register. Snacks provided.

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 selected days -- Babies,
toddlers & preschoolers w/caregiver. Drop in and stay
for a while! **Weds. Jan 17 & 24. Thurs. Jan 18 & 25.**
Sats Jan 13 & 27.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Children from birth
through Pre-K may be registered at the Youth Services
desk. Reading logs record 100 books (or you may use
the APP). When 100 books are read, present your child's
record to receive a small prize, and a new log! 1000
books and you graduate with a certificate, big book and
graduation cap!

TEENS:

Thursday Jan 18 @ 3pm iPad Game Day. Grades 5+
Please register.

Thursday Jan 25 @ 3pm 3D Pen Crafting. Grades 5+
Please register.

Monday Jan 22 @ 6pm Teen Advisory Group: Grades
6-12 are invited to plan, assist, and lead young adult
programs. Enjoy snacks, socialize, and be part of the
library. See the Young Adult Librarian about joining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 7 – February 12

Art Exhibit – Photography by Martin Deutsch.

Every second & fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Next Chapter Book Club – book club for adults with
developmental disabilities.

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

DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Thursday, January 18 & February 15
Great Books: the name of the books to be an-
nounced. 10:00 am

Thursdays, January 25 & February 8
Memoir Writing Group. 10:00 am

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book discussion: "Commonwealth: a
Novel" by Ann Patchet.

FILMS

Monday, January 29 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "The Red Turtle" (2016).

Monday, February 12 at 1:00 pm
Lunchtime Film: "Norman" (2016). Starring
Richard Gere.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

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

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

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

Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm
Bridge Club.

Every Wednesday, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm
Evening Mahjong Club.

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Chess Club.

INSTRUCTION

Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Drop-in Technical Help
(Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, iPhones and more),
no appointment necessary.

Every Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
One-to-One Computer Training
BY APPOINTMENT

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY TO HOST NJPAC BOOKS ON THE MOVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Thanks to a generous program through NJPAC's
Community Engagement Department, the Springfield
Free Public Library is one of 30 libraries to participate
in the 2017-2018 Books on the Move tour. The
collaboration of NJPAC with the Springfield Free
Public Library aims to promote arts education, inter-
est in reading, and the power of determination, this
year showcasing the story of ballet artist Misty
Copeland through her own story in Firebird, illus-
trated by Christopher Myers. Twenty-five families
will receive a free copy of the book!

The program is Sunday February 4, 2018 from
2:00-4:00pm in the Donald B. Palmer Museum which
is housed within the library. The library is located at

66 Mountain Ave, Springfield, NJ.

Join NJPAC Teaching Artist Wincey Terry in a
reading of Firebird by Misty Copeland, who made
history as the first African-American Principal Dancer
with the American Ballet Theatre.

Young listeners will role-play parts of the book,
recite affirmations and participate in an arts and crafts
activity. Refreshments will be served.

Participation is free and open both to residents of
Springfield as well as to those who reside in other
communities. Families interested in participating will
need to register with the Youth Services Dept either
in person or by phone @ 973-376-4930 ext 232.

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brating diversity, seeks to be a creative and effective
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useful and enlightening civic engagement events, and
a catalyst for economic development in its home city
of Newark.

More information about the library may be found
at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM



*On Sunday, December 10, Temple Sha'arey Shalom,
Springfield, Senior Youth Group led Chanukah
crafts and games for children ages 3-8 at the annual
Latke Brunch sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood.
Here, the teens lead a game of Dreidel Bingo
for young students.*



*Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, seventh grader
Aidan Cunningham and sixth grader Emily Yesowitz
created this special hand decorated scarf and presented
it to religious school teacher Beverly Lerner for her
granddaughter Lily. Lily has multiple disabilities, but
she has had her Bat Mitzvah and has participated in
Special Olympics. Lily loves purple and the fringes on
the scarf will remind her of the "tzitzit" (fringes) on
the Tallit she wore at her Bat Mitzvah.*



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**NOAA (THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
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16 "BILLION DOLLAR" STORMS IN 2017**

Everyone should consider and implement financial preparedness. And that's not just putting money aside for a rainy day. I am proposing that you have your financial records in order in case a disaster strikes. The 2017 hurricane season affected over 25 million people who felt the impact of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. When a disaster strikes, whether it be a hurricane, flood, blizzard, tornado or a long term power outage, you may be without power, communication, utilities, fuel, food and water. You can prepare your family for this eventuality.

We have discussed having a "Go Bag" before. What do you need in it to be financially prepared?

There are four simple steps to financial preparedness: (1) compile, (2) review, (3) safeguard, and (4) update your important documents.

You should compile hard copies of all the following:

- All important telephone numbers (doctors, family members, banks, pharmacies, insurance agents)
- Passports/driver's license, military/work I.D. If your phone has no power, will you remember all those numbers?
- List of medications for you and family members—even those not living with you but nearby.
- Banking/investment/retirement accounts, mortgage/deeds, insurance policies, tax statements.
- Estate planning & cemetery deeds.
- List of all passwords.
- Car/motorcycle/boat registration and title, if applicable.
- Cash on hand, in small denominations, for up to seven days.

You should prepare for the possibility that you may be without phone and internet. Add to that the possibility that all your records at home may be lost or unavailable for a period of time. Plan on ATM's and credit card machines NOT being operable as well. The list will be different for everyone, so use this as a starting point.

Even if you only put aside some of the above information, it can be a big help in an emergency.

FEMA has put together some guidelines. The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit created by FEMA and Operation HOPE is a flexible tool designed to help individuals and families at all income levels collect and secure the documentation they would need to get on the road to recovery.

www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1441313659995_38b0760a58131b871d_494ddacbf52b6e/EFFAK_2015_508_enabled.pdf (I will post this link on line so you don't have to type).

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8th grade – Yvonne Agyapong, Natalyah Cadiche, Sophia Ilagan, Grace Roethlin, Steven Rotolo

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8th grade – Nicholas Battista, Kennedy Kwinta, Christopher Lopez, Jonathan Malavé, Benedict Martinez, Goda Pocius, Braeh Simon

SAMARITAN OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) HOLDS FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

Samaritan Outreach Services (SOS), held their third annual fundraising benefit at the Costa Del Sol in Union on November 3, 2017. SOS, which began as a ministry of The Abundant Life Church in Springfield, consists of 3 main facets; Outreach Services which provides the most basic needs to the homeless, The Samaritan House, which is a treatment / sober living facility, and lastly a work-therapy program (SOS Work Services). We are the first employer that the men will be evaluated by, and our hands on approach addresses stamina, work ethic, and Christian values in the workplace. There were nearly 200 people in attendance who heard from Founder Rev. Joseph Cancelliere about the mission and vision of SOS. Executive Directors Robert and Gina Stoppiello as well as graduates gave testimonials of their own struggles with addiction and the success they have experienced over the past 20 years using this Christ centered approach to recovery.

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