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THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 am - 9:30 am

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“SONIC THE HEDGEHOG” FEATURED AT SECOND POOL DRIVE-IN MOVIE



Mike Scalera and staff from State Farm Insurance supplied snacks for the movie.

After a weeklong postponement due to thunderstorms, the show finally did go on for “Sonic the Hedgehog” at the Springfield Community Pool parking lot on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. More than 200 residents parked 75 cars in the second sell out of three summer movies sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and produced by Boxcar and Premiere Productions.

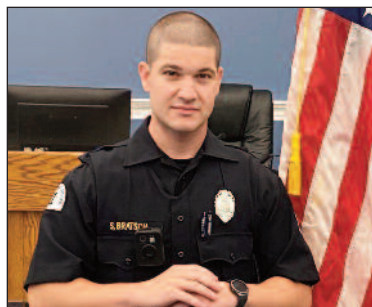
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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTS THREE NEW OFFICERS AND A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER



(l to r) John Dougherty, Joel Lopez, Brandon Manresa

Springfield Police Chief John Cook advised the Patriot Times: "The three Police Officers were all hired July 1, 2020 to fill open positions due to retirements and/or resignations within the Department. Dougherty and Manresa are graduates from the Union County Police Academy and Lopez is a graduate from the Cape May County Police Academy."



Speical Officer Stephen Bratsch

Cook continued: "The Department also hired a new Special Police Officer, Stephen Bratsch. Bratsch was a volunteer Springfield Auxiliary Police Officer for six years prior to his appointment as a "Class II" Special Officer. Bratsch recently graduated from the Passaic County Police Academy SLEO II class."

TROPICAL STORM IASIAS PULLED THE PLUG ON SPRINGFIELD'S ELECTRIC GRID



Tuesday August 4th started out without much fanfare, a calm early morning. By late morning the wind had started whipping the trees around and the rain started falling in buckets. By 2 in the afternoon trees were down, some laying on or in houses, telephone poles broke and were now perpendicular to the street with wires hanging in mid air and on driveways and cars.

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SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

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Springfield Mayor's Day Committee members, Joel Millman, Michael Quick, Dr. Gary Hecht and Scott Seidel

SPRINGFIELD FARMER'S MARKET HAS RETURNED!

**Mondays until October 26th
11am - 6 pm on the Library Lawn**
This year we will only have one farmer and a food truck. They are both familiar with guidelines and precautions for social distancing.



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Message from the Mayor

It's hard to believe that we are entering the final weeks of the summer! Our three drive-in movie dates were a complete success. We sold out in minutes! My thanks to the Springfield Recreation Department and our other township entities for a collaborative effort. Additional dates are being considered for the fall.

On top of an ongoing pandemic we are also in the midst of the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias. I wish to express my appreciation to the people of the Township of Springfield, for the manner in which they cooperated during this emergency, and to the Springfield Emergency Response Personnel on their untiring efforts.

Our DPW will be continuously canvassing the town over the next 10 business days. Curbside pick up will continue through 8/19 - Monday through Friday. ONLY debris from Storm Isaias will be collected. Private contractors are required to remove all debris from work they perform. The Township will not be responsible for removing debris left behind by contractors or personal landscape projects. Any questions, please call (973) 912-8483.

Our area JCP&L consultant, has agreed to make themselves available for questions and concerns at an upcoming Township Committee meeting. They will not be available until the regional area they are responsible for is fully restored. As soon as that has been accomplished they will gladly make themselves available, even if we need to hold a special meeting.

Lastly, please remember to keep safe. Wear a mask if you are out in public and maintain social distance. I encourage you, if you decide to travel, to self quarantine as applicable.

Stay safe!

Mayor Christopher Capodice, Sr.

“SONIC THE HEDGEHOG”

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Families brought food from home or had it delivered directly to their cars via advance purchase from the Boxcar app courtesy of local restaurant partners TD Pizza, Super Stuffed Burgers, and Alen's Deli & Catering. Complimentary goody bags were prepared and distributed by Mike Scalera and staff of Mike Scalera State Farm Insurance of Springfield. The 40' screen provided prime viewing as cars were staggered throughout the lot, and many backed in and opened the rear doors — revealing children, snacks, and blankets. Movie audio was blasted from large speakers and a private FM radio channel. Following welcoming remarks by Mayor Chris Capodice, who was in attendance with his family, the movie began promptly at dusk.

“Sonic the Hedgehog” premiered in January 2020. Based on the classic Sega video games, it stars Jim Carrey, James Marsden, and Ben Schwartz, and is one of the highest grossing films of the year.

Parking lot preparation, logistical assistance, supplemental lighting, and medical stand-by support was provided by the Springfield Auxiliary Police, Office of Emergency Management, First Aid Squad, Department of Public Works, and Recreation Department.

One final summer drive-in movie will be presented on Thursday, August 13, 2020. The movie title, screening time, food options, and ticket fees will be announced by Boxcar a week prior to the movie. In order to receive details and payment information, interested Springfield residents must sign up with Boxcar at <https://www.boxcarapp.com/springfield-movies>. The final summer movie will have limited spots available that are sold on a first-come first-served basis.

Boxcar is a Chatham-based integrated commuting company that specializes in on-demand train station parking, luxury motor coach service to Manhattan, grocery delivery, drive-in movies, car detailing, landscaping, and outdoor pools.

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

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD REVALUATION

The Township of Springfield has requested an extension for the completion of our town-wide revaluation until 2022. Pending pandemic social distancing and health and safety protocols, The Township of Springfield is waiting on receiving State approval to extend the Revaluation of all residential and commercial properties. The Township of Springfield was previously mandated by the County and State departments to complete a revaluation during the calendar year 2020 with completion for the 2021 tax year. This extension would be beneficial to provide time for any positive or negative impacts on real estate market values as a result of the pandemic and economic developments. The Township of Springfield is waiting on the support of the State to extend our revaluation process and suspending all interior inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic at this time.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

*Due to the COVID-19 situation Meetings may be cancelled or held with public call in only.
Please check on the Township's website springfield-nj.us for the most current information.*

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Regular Meetings, Tuesday, September 8 and 22 at 7 pm

The following meetings may not be held in September

Check the Township's website springfield-nj.us

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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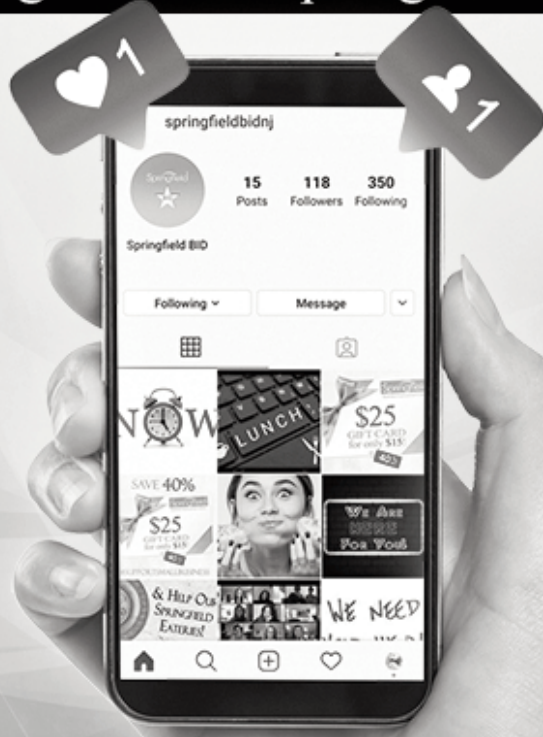
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Curbside Pickup Service Continues

The Springfield Free Public Library Offers Curbside Pickup Services During the Following Times:

Monday 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 12:00 am - 7:30 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

You can request your items in the following ways:

- Place your hold requests online through the library's catalog
- Send your emailed requests to questions@sfplnj.org
- Call 973 376-4930, ext. 221 - Do not leave requests on voicemail as they will not be filled

Remember, all of the library items that you had checked out prior to March 14, 2020 must be returned and checked back in before you can start taking advantage of curbside pickup service. All returned items are subject to a quarantine period of at least 4 days before being checked in; please take this into account before submitting requests for curbside pickup.

Outdoor book and AV drops are again open 24/7 to receive returned materials.

At the present time, patrons may have no more than ten items checked out at one time; 2 children's picture books will count as 1 item.

Due to the temporary suspension of statewide library delivery service, we are not able to provide items owned by other libraries at this time.

Join Ms. Brie this summer in her kitchen, her living room and her craft room for some virtual fun! All videos premiere on Facebook and will also be available on Ms. Brie's Youtube channel, Ms. Brie Reads."

Virtual Children's Programs for the Month of August
Tune in on the library's Facebook Page!

Virtual Kids in the Kitchen:

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm August 2020:

- August 19th: Grape Pops
- August 26th: Cake Batter Dip

Virtual Crafty

Thursdays at 2:00 pm August 2020:

- August 20th: Cotton Ball Painted Hearts
- August 27th: Handprint Dinosaurs

Live YouTube Sessions:

August 19th at 2pm: A Fan

August 22nd at 2pm: Mini Car Rover

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcNNVsVY6sgB12leWm5OxRg>

You need at least a Google account in order to leave comments in a video's comment section. However, you will also need a YouTube channel to join the live chat. If you have questions on how to create a channel, please contact Ms. Alice.

During the live YouTube sessions, participants can

ask questions through live chat (requires Google account and YouTube channel). Generally, the first few introductory videos will demonstrate how each component works while the later videos will be about making devices, such as doorbells or fans. It is recommended that participants attend every live session. However, if you miss a session, a recording will be posted to the program's YouTube channel and questions can be asked in the comment section.

Chair Yoga

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, the Springfield Library will offer two sessions of virtual chair yoga, scheduled from 12:30-1:15 pm on August 21. These sessions will be offered via Zoom. For login information, please send an email to stegge@sfplnj.org no later than 12:00 noon on the day of each session. Contact: Susan Tegge

Chair Yoga has always been one of our most popular adult programs at the Springfield Public Library. Sponsored for many years by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, it has continued to be available via Zoom, and is still taught by our popular yoga instructor, Tamara Tsoutsouris. Admission is free and all are welcome. Scheduled to occur every two weeks on Fridays, until August 21, the 45-minute sessions begin at 12:30 p.m.

For participants who took her class on July, 10, the same link and password may be used for these recurring sessions throughout July and August. For those who did not attend Tamara's July 10 class, and need the Zoom link and password she will be using through her last session in August, please email Adult Services Supervising Librarian Susan Tegge (stegge@sfplnj.org) who will provide you with the link and password that the instructor will be using for the next three sessions: July 24, August 7 and August 21. Emails will be answered up to 23 hours prior to the Friday 12:30 -p.m. sessions.

Children's Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to kids entering Pre-K through 5th grade, ages 3-10. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of minutes read. 1 minute counts as 1 point. You can earn additional points by completing missions. Earn 120 points to enter the grand prize drawing. For each additional 120 points, you automatically increase your odds of winning. Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: five \$20 Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Teen Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to teens entering grades 6th through 12th, ages 11-17. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of pages read. 1 page counts as 1 point. You can earn additional points by completing missions and attending library programs (must obtain secret code to redeem points). Every 200 points earns you a grand prize raffle ticket! Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: two \$25 Barnes & Noble gift cards, one \$25 Dunkin' Donuts gift card, and one \$25 Target gift card.

Adult Summer Reading Program

This reading program is open to adults, ages 18 & up. The program begins June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on August 22, 2020.

Participants will record the number of pages read. 1 page counts as 1 point. Earn 200 points to enter the grand prize drawing. For each additional 200 points,

you automatically increase your odds of winning. Learn more by checking out our FAQ page.

Grand Prizes: four \$25 Amazon gift cards.

How it Works:

Download the READsquared App

• Register Online – Parents you can create an account first to easily monitor your children's activity.

• Track Your Reading – Log in here and track your reading to earn points.

• Keep Reading! – Earn a completion certificate once you've completed the program.

Join Us for "One Book Springfield" Community Wide Read of Nemesis, by Philip Roth

Springfield Free Public Library Director Dale Spindel invites members of the community to join her for the first ever "One Book Springfield" community read, with a discussion to take place virtually via zoom at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 27. The book to be discussed is *Nemesis*, by Philip Roth, about a fictional polio epidemic that takes place in Newark, New Jersey during the summer of 1944. This story told in this novel bears some uncanny resemblances – and also some notable differences – to peoples' current experiences dealing with the CoVid-19 pandemic.

Copies of *Nemesis* can be accessed digitally through a service called Hoopla which is available to all Springfield Library cardholders. Particularly advantageous is that fact that multiple users are permitted to download this item simultaneously so that readers do not need to wait until someone else has finished the book before another reader is able to access it. To download a copy of the book, go to the library's online catalog at

Unfortunately, due to the current suspension of the New Jersey statewide inter-library delivery service, the Springfield Free Public Library is currently not able to borrow print copies of *Nemesis* from other libraries at this time.

Philip Roth, who died in 2018, was an award winning novelist who grew up in Newark, NJ and often used that city as a location for his works of fiction. Whether you are a longstanding fan of Philip Roth or will be reading his work for the first time, the goal of "One Book Springfield" will be to bring members of our community together for a common experience through reading and discussion.

Participation in "One Book Springfield" is free and open to all members of the general public and may also be appropriate for older high school students.

Sign in information for this program can be obtained by contacting Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org. You may also email Ms. Spindel at this same address if you have additional questions regarding participation in "One Book Springfield."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For your safety and for the safety of the library staff, please do not use the book and AV drops at the Hannah Street (front) entrance to the library while caution tape remains in place because of downed trees.

The book and AV drops located on Center Street will continue to be open 24/7.



Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Recently, the police department has received several 'tips' about youngsters riding their bicycles without helmets, and possibly riding their bicycles unsafely. Because of this, I want to remind all readers of the Springfield Patriot Times about some of the basic bicycle safety topics, and ask parents to spend a few minutes with their children to explain and emphasize the importance of safe bicycle riding, before letting them pedal away with their friends.

Wearing a helmet is the single most important safety measure to follow when bicycling, skateboarding, or roller blading, especially for children and young adults. Each year, many cyclists and skaters are injured or killed in crashes – many of which do not even involve other motor vehicles. Head injuries are the most common reported injury, and are the most common cause of death resulting from these accidents. They are also the most preventable, since the use of a proper-fitting helmet offers excellent protection against head injuries.

It is against the law for anyone under the age of 17 to bike, skate or skateboard without wearing a proper helmet. If a violation is observed by a police officer, the child will be warned of the offense, and the parent or guardian of the child will be issued a citation which can result in fines of up to \$100. Any fines collected under this statute are deposited directly into a fund which is utilized to promote bicycle and skating safety programs and education by the State of NJ.

In New Jersey, bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same laws as motorists. Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic signals. Bicyclists should never attempt stunts or tricks, ride with more people on the bike than for what it was designed, "hitch" rides by holding onto moving vehicles, weave in and out of traffic or between cars, ride against the flow of traffic, or ride at night without proper lights and/or reflectors.

Bicycles should be routinely inspected and maintained to ensure they are in good working order and should be sized properly for the rider. The tires/wheels, brakes, chain, reflectors, and seat height should be checked before every use to help prevent malfunction.

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PATRIOT PROFILES

Organizations and People that make a Difference in Springfield

By John Cottage Sr.



MAYOR'S DAY AT BALTUSROL

On Tuesday, September 8th, the Baltusrol Golf Club will host the annual Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Outing. This annual Springfield tradition raises scholarship money for Jonathan Dayton High School seniors and provides the public with the opportunity to play a round of golf at one of the country's most prestigious golf courses.

Back in 1960, a small group of Springfield businessmen formed a committee and began what has become a 60-year tradition. The "founders", Frank Cardinal, Don Lusardi, Richard Bladis, Joe DiPalma, and Rudy Figlio approached the leadership at Baltusrol with the idea and the rest is history. Later on, former Mayor Bill Koonz and Rich Colandrea joined the committee. Annually, between 160 and 200 golfers gather to play the championship lower course at Baltusrol and enjoy a full day of golf and comradery.

In 2020 the current Committee consisting of Chairman Scott Seidel, Dr. Gary Hecht, Joel Millman and Michael Quick presented \$20,000 in scholarships to the seniors of Jonathan Dayton High School this past June.

In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Don Lusardi, the last surviving member of the original committee said "the main idea at the time was to allow the people of Springfield to have the opportunity to play on a course that took up so much of their town. Back in those days, no club members were Springfield residents. When the Board at Baltusrol approved the idea, it became an annual event. Baltusrol has been a tremendous supporter of the event over all those years".

In 2012, the committee reorganized with Seidel taking the lead. In an exclusive interview with the Patriot Times, Seidel commented: "My late father-in-law Frank Cardinal was one of the founders of the Committee. The program was always near and dear to his heart. I can remember going to our commercial tenants in the 80's and 90's and obtaining gift donations for our golf prizes. Every spring around March the calls started coming in to our office to get a spot. Many years the event sold out long before the tournament. Frank was always finding ways to promote the event and raise scholarship money. After the turn of the century, the committee asked me to join. In 2012, the original members wanted to retire so we formed a new committee. Dr. Gary Hecht, a local chiropractor and member of the Springfield Rotary, Michael Quick, local resident and our Town CFO at the time and Joel Millman, also a resident and former owner of a business in town all agreed to help. Joel, an avid golfer, has had his family supporting Mayor's Day since the 1960's! Although I am not a golfer, it's a great event as evidenced by people returning every year to play. There is a brunch, luncheon and awards dinner with many prizes as well as cars for "hole in one" prizes. In 2007 a golfer got a hole in one and won a BMW! This year, as the lower course is being renovated, we have a limited number of foursomes on the upper course available for Tuesday, September 8th. As always we thank the Board of Directors at Baltusrol, their Members, Staff and General Manager Kevin Vitale for their support of this event by allowing us to play on this world famous iconic golf course".

If you are interested, please email scottseidel@gmail.com. Please check our website at www.springfieldmayorsday.com for more information.

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"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG"



Boxcar Staff Welcomes Guests



*Mayor Capodice and his family
are ready for the movie*



*Springfield Recreation Assistant Director
Brendan O'Reilly and Director Adam Lieb*



JOIN MARY KAY ANDREWS VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 7:30 PM

Mary Kay Andrews is the next author to participate in LMxAC's Authors at Home Series. To register, go to <https://explorelmxac.org/events-list/2020/8/20/mary-kay-andrews-authors-at-home>

Mary Kay Andrews will present a discussion of her writing process. Q & A session to follow. Andrews is the New York Times bestselling author of 27 novels (including Hello, Summer; Sunset Beach; and Savannah Blues), and one cookbook, The Beach House Cookbook. Several titles are available as ebooks and electronic audiobooks through the eLibraryNJ and Hoopla Digital services.

A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, she earned a B.A. in journalism from The University of Georgia. After a 14-year career working as a reporter at newspapers including The Savannah Morning News, The Marietta Journal, and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, where she spent the final ten years of her career, she left journalism in 1991 to write fiction.

Her first novel, Every Crooked Nanny, was published in 1992 by HarperCollins. She went on to write ten critically acclaimed mysteries under her real name, Kathy Hogan Trocheck. In 2002, she assumed the pen name Mary Kay Andrews with the publication of Savannah Blues. In 2006, Hissy Fit became her first New York Times bestseller, followed by twelve more New York Times, USA Today and Publisher's Weekly bestsellers. To date, her novels have been published in German, Italian, Polish, Slovenian, Hungarian, Dutch, Czech and Japanese.

TROPICAL STORM IASIAS

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A Local Declaration of Emergency was issued by the Springfield Office of Emergency Management at 2 Pm on the 4th as well. A Police car was sandwiched in between two trees and had to be temporarily abandoned. At least Two homes were rendered uninhabitable. At least three major county roads would remain blocked for days. As I write this article there is still evidence of Tropical Storm Isaias' wrath in town. Trees still remain to be cleared and according to DPW Supervisor Robert Boettcher they will be clearing up and removing debris for weeks--a level of debris removal equal to Tropical Storm Sandy in 2012. Over 80% of the Township was without power for a few days and many homes did not have power restored until the weekend with the bulk of homes having power restored by Monday night August 10th. Out of state electric crews from Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Alabama were in Town working to restore power. Township Emergency service personnel, Police, Fire, EMS, DPW, OEM, Auxiliary Police and CERT worked round the clock to provide service to residents during the storm and its aftermath. Emergency Management officials noted ten traffic lights in town were running on generator power for days before commercial electric could be restored to them. According to OEM, the Township did far better than during "Sandy" due to protective measures installed as a result of "lessons learned". The town installed gas and diesel fuel tanks after "Sandy", as well as "quick disconnects" on all Township Traffic Lights for generators. With generators on each light, police officers were available to answer calls and did not have to direct traffic at intersections without power. Unlike "Sandy", you could travel to any adjacent town to find fuel and supplies--during "Sandy" the entire region was without power and that had quite an impact locally making the obtaining of food, fuel & necessities very difficult".



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LET ME OFF THE HOOK, BABY: SPRINGFIELD MUSICIAN DROPS SOULFUL SINGLE

Springfield artist Peter Groppe and his pop-soul band NONEWFRIENDS. releases their second single, "The Hook," after the success of their debut single last winter. "The Hook" drops as the band heads back for their fall semester at Syracuse University – the place in which NO NEW FRIENDS emerged as the most prominent talent in the underground music scene.



Groppe began his undergraduate degree at Syracuse in 2018 as a Music Industry student in the Setnor School of Music. Soon he and a fellow classmates found themselves in the studio, recording jazz, soul and pop-infused originals that were set to be released as an EP in the Spring of

2020. Plans quickly changed when like many other college students, Groppe found himself back home in Springfield.

In an interview with the Patriot Times Groppe commented, "It was definitely a strange experience being away from my bandmates during the release and mixing production of "The Hook," but we managed it pretty well," explains Groppe. In lieu of the lively highly-anticipated gigs that the band had lined up for the summer, NONEWFRIENDS virtually performed live Instagram concerts and acoustic jazz covers for fans.

"It was a challenge at times but it also made us closer as a band in the end," explains Groppe. NONEWFRIENDS. take listeners on a soulful six-minute journey in "The Hook," a track where the band embraces heartbreak and independence with grace.

With each new release, the anticipation for new music and live performances grows on campus and beyond. For Groppe, he credits his foundations in music to his father Tom, who shared his passion for music with his three sons while playing in bands throughout his life.

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

INCLUDES

League fees, referees, loaned equipment and helmet, game apparel

DOES NOT INCLUDE

Personal protective equipment, gloves, footwear, awards dinner

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Copy of most recent report card

Copy of birth certificate

REFUNDS

100% refund of both fees will be provided until Friday, August 14, 2020. After this date, 75% refund of Jr. Dawgs fees will be provided until Friday, August 28, 2020.

In the event of a season interruption or cancellation, every effort will be made to return unspent funds, but this is not guaranteed.

DEADLINE

Registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020. After this date, subject to team availability.

COVID-19

We are following preventive measures and requirements outlined in our Program Preparation Plan, NJ Department of Health, and New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

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Games

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AUG 24 - 28
9 AM - 12 PM

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- Age appropriate equipment
- Skills & drills plus fun games

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GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP



The Springfield Storm 14U team recently won the National Division Championship of the Parkway League. The team was led by head coach Colleen Spadora and assistant coach Jen Cataldo. 90 girls participated in the summer travel softball program co-sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield Girls Softball Inc. For more information on girls softball, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at recreation@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.

TRYCAN

KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Springfield Recreation Department is a member of TryCAN, a multi-community collaboration that provides a variety of recreational programs for youth with special needs. For more information on program offerings or to register, please visit <http://summitcommunityprograms.com/156>.

TRAVEL BASEBALL CONCLUDES SUMMER SEASON



The Springfield NJ Baseball League (SNJBL) offered a successful summer travel baseball program with COVID-19 modifications, per state and township requirements, which concluded in early-August. The above photo was captured on Monday, July 20, 2020, during the Springfield Blue vs. White game at Roessner Field in Irwin Park. Photo credit: Ken Harter. For more information on the SNJBL, please visit www.springfieldnjbaseballleague.com or email springfieldjrbaseballleague@gmail.com.

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RECREATION TO HOST COACH CLINIC

New youth sports coaches are invited to attend a S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coach Clinic, sponsored by the Youth Sports Research Council (YSRC) at Rutgers University -- a requirement for volunteering in Springfield's youth sports programs. The clinic will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, from 6:00-9:00 pm, and costs \$30 per person. It will be held either at the Chisholm Community Center or virtually, so attendees should at least be prepared to log in from an off-site computer. The clinic provides partial civil immunity to volunteer coaches under the state's Little League Law, and covers topics such as minimizing risk to young athletes, fundamental coaching concepts, legal and psychological aspects of coaching, conditioning techniques, and a first aid overview. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Brendan O'Reilly, Assistant Director of Recreation, at brendan.oreilly@springfield-nj.us or (973) 912-2227.



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Fire Chief's Column

Chief Carlo Palumbo

SEVERE WEATHER BLACKOUTS

Severe weather and storms can cause power outages and restoring power can take time. In some instances, such as during extended periods of hot weather, power companies may schedule periods of power outages to help conserve power across the board.

Before

- Conserve energy to help reduce the threat of a power outage.
- Have flashlights, a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, and extra batteries on hand.
- Set aside extra water and buy or make extra ice.
- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, keep plastic containers filled with water, leaving about an inch of space in each one. The chilled or frozen water will help keep food cool during power outages.
- Be prepared to cook outside.
- If you take any medications that must be refrigerated, check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine how long medications can last.
- Back up computer files regularly.
- Have some form of phone that does not require electricity, either a standard telephone or a cellular phone, rather than a cordless telephone.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.
- If you have any specific needs or disabilities that require electrical equipment, make plans for dealing with a power outage.

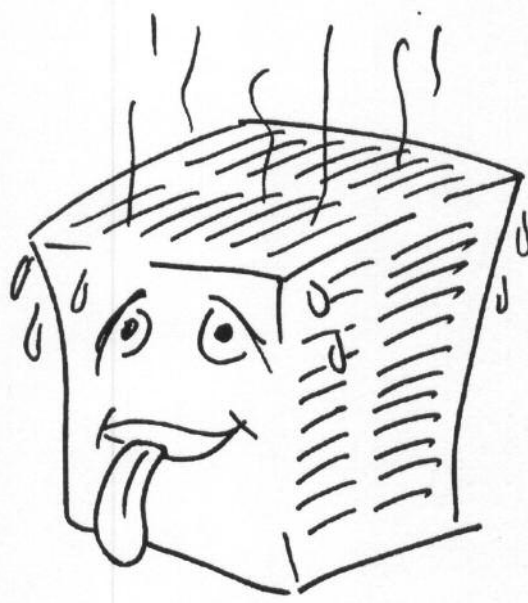
During

- Never use candles for emergency lighting, use flashlights.
- Turn off any electrical equipment you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so you know when the power returns.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- Use generators safely. Don't run a generator inside a home or garage. Connect the equipment you want to run directly to the generator. Do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system. Keep instructions with the generator and be familiar with its use.
- Use the telephone only for emergencies.
- Listen to the radio for updates.
- Eliminate unnecessary travel.
- If it is hot outside, take steps to remain cool. If it is cold, take steps to remain warm.
- If you are in your car when a power line falls on it, stay in the vehicle and do not touch anything on the outside of the vehicle. Use your horn or cell phone to signal for help.
- Short-term power outages usually occur during peak energy usage times, usually between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and typically last one hour.

After

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