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THURSDAY

JUNE 20, 2013

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## SPRINGFIELD POLICE CHIEF JOHN P. COOK AWARDED THE TWO HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD



(l to r) Former Springfield Public Safety Director Rich Rosell, Tom Maye, Sr. (President Union County 200 Club), Chief John Cook, Detective Don Cook (Chief Cook's brother with Union Police Department)

On Friday June 3rd, Springfield Police Chief John Cook received The Two Hundred Club of Union County's "Medal of Valor Award" at their annual recognition luncheon. Each day our uniformed protectors are involved in dangerous confrontations and life threatening situations here in Union County. Our uniformed protectors perform impeccably to protect the public interest. Therefore, every Spring, individuals that have performed heroic acts above and beyond the call of duty are selected to receive The Two Hundred Club Of Union County Valor Award. Since 1968, we have honored well over 400 police officers, firefighters and State Troopers, each having risked his or her own life to serve the public interest.

The Valor Awards Luncheon also provides an opportunity to take a few moments to reflect on the lives of the uniformed protectors who have died in the line of duty in the previous year. It is with profound respect that we honor the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate price.

Each year, Valor Award recipients are chosen in part on the recommendations of the chiefs of police and firefighters in the 21 municipalities here in Union County. They are submitted to our Valor Awards committee for review and final selection. In the Spring of each year our Annual Spring Valor Award Luncheon is held with hundreds of attendees. It is here that these heroes are presented with the Valor Award.

Chief Cook received this award for his actions the year before. The follow is the excerpt from the awards program:

At approximately 10 PM Chief John Cook was traveling southbound in his unmarked police car on Old Short Hills Rd in neighboring Millburn Township. He observed a vehicle traveling northbound towards his vehicle, a VW SUV, seeming to be at a safe and normal speed of about 35 mph. He then also observed a second vehicle traveling in the same direction approaching the VW from a short distance behind at an extremely high rate of speed.

This vehicle, a Mercedes sedan, began to cross the double yellow line as he closed in on the VW and was half way across the

double yellow line and was attempting to pass the VW. The Mercedes driver then saw Chief's vehicle traveling and his path forcing the chief to pull far to the right to avoid being hit by the Mercedes. In his mirror he could see the Mercedes make a rapid movement back into the northbound lane at which point it collided with the VW. The Mercedes driver lost control and struck a large tree head on at which point the Chief saw a large flash come from the Mercedes.

The Chief immediately activated his emergency lights, turned around and pulled up to the scene. The Mercedes was resting on its driver side with the undercarriage engulfed in flames and occupants of the Mercedes screaming for help. The Chief immediately radioed into Springfield headquarters to notify Millburn that there was a serious motor vehicle accident with multiple entrapments in a burning vehicle. One of the occupants was trying to climb out of the vehicle but was trapped. The Chief then ran to his vehicle, retrieved a fire extinguisher and was able to suppress the fire until other units arrived. He then helped render appropriate aid until other Fire and EMS units arrived. The Millburn Chief of Police was quoted saying "if John Cook did not react the way he did, those people would have died."

Chief Cook acted in the finest traditions of law enforcement and is deserving of the Valor Award.

The Medal of Valor Award is a distinctive honor for Police and Firefighters in Union County.

## TWO NEW SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM STAMLER POLICE ACADEMY



(L-R) OEM Coordinator Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Officer Stephen Sussman, Auxiliary Officer Alex Silverman, Springfield Police Dept Captain Pat McLaughlin, Auxiliary Chief Angelo Palumbo

Two new Auxiliary Officers, Stephen Sussman and Alex Silverman graduated from the Stamler Police Academy and are now working members of the Springfield Auxiliary Police.



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## Message from the Mayor

The summer is finally here and I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a mid-year recap of my term as your mayor working together with the deputy mayor, two committeemen, and one committeewoman. At our very first meeting, on January 1st, we re-instated the autonomous board of health. This was deemed necessary by the majority of the committee for reasons including the separation of elected officials (and the realities that politics introduces) from those serving on autonomous boards. (This also includes the board of adjustment and the planning board). We created a flood mitigation committee, an officially recognized committee that also meets with the environmental commission, working in concert with the township committee on issues pertaining to recent flooding events including Hurricane Irene. We also re-instated the Monday night workshop meetings each month. I strongly encourage residents to attend these meetings (held in the firehouse the Monday preceding the second Tuesday each month) as the nature and structure of these meetings is much more informal than the legislative meetings held in the court room at our town hall.

We have received many compliments on the almost non-existent increase to the township's budget this year, credit of which must be shared with all the department heads, our township chief financial officer, and our township administrator. We have also received many compliments about the courteous nature in which we conduct business in Springfield (there will always be those who feel different about this). I believe this comes from the top (as it does in the business world) and I am very encouraged when residents share this with me.

As we head into the second half of the year, we will have ribbon cutting ceremonies for both the athletic turf field in front of Jonathan Dayton High School, and the Chisholm Community Center's Seniors Wing. There are also many wonderful upcoming dealings that our Business Improvement District is pursuing, including grants with matching funds for the improvements of areas in our downtown. Let's all keep cooler heads (as the mercury rises), continue to work well together, and strive to always make our town the best that Springfield can be.

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our @springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

## COME CHECK US OUT 55 AND OLDER SENIORS

The group gets together at Sarah Bailey Center, 30 Church Mall  
twice monthly first & third Thursday of the month

Our meeting begins at 11:30am and members enjoy socializing, coffee and conversation with other seniors and visits from interesting speakers. It's a nice place to meet other friends. The center offers daily activities such as bingo, movies, cards and other games hopefully bringing back fitness for seniors like chair yoga and chair zumba. We also do trips to restaurant's around Springfield and other places. If interested please contact Pat at 917-797-4402 or email Pat.Imbriale@springfield-nj.us--

Please have your submissions and news articles in by the end of the 3rd week of the month for the following month's Patriot!!!  
Please send them to info@springfieldpatriot.com

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, June 10 th, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, June 11th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 24 th, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, June 25 th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 22 nd, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23 rd, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall  
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.  
All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

## THE BID AT WORK

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Have you friended us on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for? We will be running weekly contests that you can enter to win gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses! Don't miss out, like us at Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey.

GREAT NEWS!

**THE SPRINGFIELD, NJ APP is ready to LAUNCH!**  
**IT'S FREE, SO DOWNLOAD IT NOW!**

The Source for what's happening in Springfield, NJ that keeps you connected in just one touch. The Springfield, NJ Business Improvement District (BID) App is FREE to download!

Get Deals & Coupons for Local Shops, Restaurants, and Services. Use our Local Business Directory, Town Events, and Maps. Stay connected with Alerts for the latest School, Town, and Emergency Management Notifications!

Some of the key features of the Springfield BID App are:

Directory - Find just what you're looking for under any category - Restaurants, Shops, and Service Providers - Everything!

Parking - Find parking downtown easily with this great tool.

Events - Keep in touch with what's going on around town.

Deals - Get great deals and coupons and local business offerings.

Alerts - Don't miss important town

notifications and announcements. Allow push notifications to keep you up-to-date with the latest.

Connect - Comment on events and photos and share them with your friends when you connect through Facebook and Twitter.

It's FREE, so download it now! Find out what Springfield has to offer all in one location. The Springfield, NJ BID App on your mobile smartphone or tablet - Stay connected!

### Marketing

**"Jazz Concerts" and "Savor Springfield" .... coming in July!**

*"Savor Springfield" on Thursday, July 18 bringing you great deals on eating at or taking out from your favorite Springfield restaurants is returning this summer along with Jazz music being offered that evening at three different locations! Download the Springfield App to keep up to date with information on these fun Springfield happenings.*

### SAVE THE DATES!

The BID will be hosting three Jazz Concerts be held on July 18, August 1 and August 15. The locations for these concerts are . Don't miss these fun summers evenings out in Springfield.

### Visual Improvement Committee

The BID is planning to install planters around Town on Morris and Mountain Avenues. The planters will be planted and maintained by the BID.

The BID's Visual Improvement Committee has begun work on developing a wayfinding sign program in Springfield. The signs will help people find the different there way around town and help them locate parking areas as well.



### WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A BETTER SPRINGFIELD

The Township of Springfield and the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID) are working on a program together. The Gateway Beautification Program will clean-up, planting perennial flowers and bushes at key entrances or "gateways" into Springfield. There are approximately a dozen areas that will be the attention of the Township's Department of Public Works. The first gateway project underway is at Morris Avenue and Morrison Road. To defray with the cost of the initiative the BID contributed \$5,000. "It is a perfect public-private collaborative with the Township and the BID and we are happy to be part of this worthwhile effort". We want to people to know when they are entering Springfield by the Welcome to Springfield signs and attractive areas near the signs, said Michael Scalera, Chair of the BID.

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## Police Chief's Column

*Chief John P. Cook*

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

A law change that went into effect in 2010 has now changed the statute that originally only required motorists to yield to pedestrians who were legally crossing in a crosswalk to now require the motorist to come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in any crosswalk. Both resident and business recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times news letter are reminded that there are many intersections that are not controlled by a traffic signal and are located on more heavily trafficked roadways so it is vital that motorists now come to a complete stop when approaching an intersection with crossing pedestrians.

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

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times should also be aware that during the summer months there will be increased vehicle enforcement and or police operations being conducted by the police department to target some of the major causes of motor vehicle accidents that occur within the township. Officers will be stopping motorists who operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone that is not set up for hands free operation or are observed to be text messaging while driving. The other violations that contribute to a high number of accidents that are also being addressed are speeding, the improper use of specific turning lanes at intersections and overall aggressive driving.

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

## BEES, QUINZELS, AND WAR AT THE HISTORIC CANNON BALL HOUSE

Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House (CBH), located at 126 Morris Ave., will be holding an open house on June 23rd. This date is the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. This conflict was the final major battle of the Revolutionary War to be fought in the northern colonies. Many artifacts from this occurrence are on display at the CBH, including the missile which gave the structure its name. The CBH is an ideal site to learn more about this battle and its historical significance.

With this open house, the CBH will be beginning a new series of exhibits centered around the founding families of Springfield. The Quinzel family will be first. Their exhibit will feature items pertaining to the April 21, 1909 wedding of Charlotte Trivett to Charles S. Quinzel. Most of these items, including the bride's wedding ensemble, will not have been previously exhibited to the public.

Also on display at the house are the continuing Civil War adventures of Wellington Briant. This year's letters, chronicling 1863, describe Wellington's promotion to clerk and involvement in attempts to capture Charleston, South Carolina.

His letters also feature references to the 54th Massachusetts, the African American regiment depicted in the film *Glory*. Finally, P. J. Martin will be conducting a beekeeping presentation on the CBH property.

***So come to the Springfield Historical Society and see what all the buzz is about.***

House Hours: Sunday, June 23rd from 2 to 4.  
House Admission: \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.  
For more information call (973) 376 4784.

## WHAT IS "CUT IT & LEAVE IT" GRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM?

As a Springfield resident you probably already recycle paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and more. However, many people may not realize that another material that is easily recyclable is right under their feet, grass. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection estimates that as much as a ton of clippings is generated for every acre of turf grass each year. A lawn that is 5,000 square feet generates 75 pounds of grass clippings per mowing. By cutting it and leaving it, think of the amount of waste diverted from the solid waste stream.

Grass clippings can be added to the list of common home wastes that can be recycled. Simply leave your clippings on the lawn when you mow, and let nature do the recycling for you. Grass clippings will provide a natural fertilizer for a growing lawn which also helps retain moisture for your lawn, while reducing weed growth and soil erosion.

When "Cut it & Leave it" is properly done, clippings settle quickly between the growing blades of grass where they shelter the roots from the sun, and conserve moisture. As they break down, they release more moisture as well as nutrients into the soil. This means that grass needs to be watered less frequently. Clippings left on the lawn supply one-third or more of the nitrogen needed to keep your grass green and healthy.

### **How to Cut and Leave it....**

Why spending time and energy buying bags and throwing the grass clippings into them and then bringing them to the DPW garage....there is a better a way...

Here is how - cut grass when dry and keep mower blades sharp. Follow the "1/3 Rule": mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut in any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn every 7 days when the lawn is growing fast but only every 7-14 days when the lawn is growing slowly.

The mower collection bag should be removed to allow clippings to drop on the lawn. However, if your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, it is important that you purchase a retrofit kit from your local retailer. Most lawnmower manufacturers have developed "mulching" mowers which cut grass blades into small pieces and force them into the soil. These types of mowers are effective in grass recycling and have become very popular. Make your next mower a mulching one.

Cut it and leave it is the natural way you can have a green, healthy lawn spending less time and money.

### **FAQ ON GRASS RECYCLING**

#### **Do grass clippings cause thatch and lawn disease?**

No. Research has shown that grass roots are the primary cause of thatch, not grass clippings. Thatch is composed primarily of roots, stems, rhizomes, and other plant materials. These plant materials contain large amounts of lignin (fibrous material) and decompose slowly. Grass clippings are approximately 80-85 percent water with only small amounts of lignin, and decompose rapidly.

#### **Will grass clipping make your lawn look bad?**

If a lawn is properly mowed, watered, and fertilized, grass clipping can actually produce a healthier looking lawn. It is important to cut the lawn frequently to produce small clippings that will decompose quickly. If a lawn is not cut frequently and clippings are left on the lawn, it will produce a "hay-like" look which can be unsightly.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXPANDED HOURS FOR GRASSCLIPPING DROP-OFF AT 54 CENTER STREET, DPW GARAGE:**

Tuesday 7 am -10 am – one extra hour  
 Friday – 7 am -10 am – one extra hour  
 Wednesday – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – additional day and 2 additional hours

Also, when electronic recycling occurs the first Saturday of every month, grass clipping can also be brought to the Community Pool location.

**SPRINGFIELD 2013 SUMMER COURT SCHEDULE**

**JUNE**

**Monday - 5:00 P.M. June 10 • June 24**  
**Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. June 19**  
 (Red Light Camera)

**JULY**

**Monday - 5:00 PM July 15 • July 29**  
**Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. July 10**  
 (Red Light Camera)

**July 24**

**AUGUST**

**Monday - 5:00 P.M. August 12 • August 26**  
**Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. August 7**  
**August 21(Red Light Camera)**

**JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT TO PRUNE TREES**

JCP&L has hired Nelsen Tree Service, Inc. to prune all trees town wide to reduce the possibility of downed wire and pole damage during poor weather conditions. Pruning and cutting of trees will start approximately mid-May and last approximately eight weeks. Any concerns or questions should be directed to Charles Kitts of Nelson at 973.445.0429.

**MAY 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RECAP**

Last month, the workshop meeting was held on its normal Monday night at the firehouse on May 13th. We reviewed reports from the township administrator, police and fire chiefs, public works and recreation department heads, our township CFO, and our township engineer. We also continued to discuss alternatives to the larger scale bicycle path construction job on Mountview Road. A final decision followed at our second legislative meeting on May 28th (see below).

The first legislative meeting of April was held on Tuesday, April 14th. We introduced a new ordinance codifying the job description and salary of a full time employee whom had previously been hired on an extended temporary basis. There were two proclamations for EMS Week (May 19th through May 25th) and EMS Children’s Day (May 22nd). Additionally, we approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments, and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep running the township of Springfield.

Our second legislative meeting of May took place on the 28th. We adopted the capital bond ordinances for 2013 which include road repaving, replacement fire, police, and DPW vehicles, pool

infrastructure upgrades, and multiple large capacity generators. The generators were part of a package of suggestions arising from the short comings faced in town during Superstorm Sandy. We adopted an alarm ordinance revising certain provisions, as recommended by the police and fire departments. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, and approved resolutions similar to other previous meetings, including more raffle licenses.

The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses:

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**National Child Safety Program Provides Free FBI Quality Fingerprints And Photographs For Children.**

The Keeping Kids Safe Project by S.I.P. Kids, a national child safety organization who tours the country providing free FBI quality digital fingerprints for children, came to Springfield and hosted a free child safety fair. They set up their equipment at AutolanToyota. They had a successful weekend and were able to fingerprint around 100 children. Along with the Keeping Kids Safe Project were many other local community organizations including the Springfield Police Department, Springfield Township Fire Department, Huntington Learning Center, My Gym Children’s Fitness Center, Safe Kids Union County, ATA Martial Arts, and Mount Pleasant Animal Shelter.

“We are very happy to see so many parents taking the extra initiative to keep their children safe. We really appreciate parents who understand the importance of this service, brought to your community with the help of Autoland Toyota,” Says Lytishya Borglum, National Director of S.I.P. Kids. “We look forward to visiting the area again soon and hope to see even more families join us at our next Keeping Kids Safe Project event!”

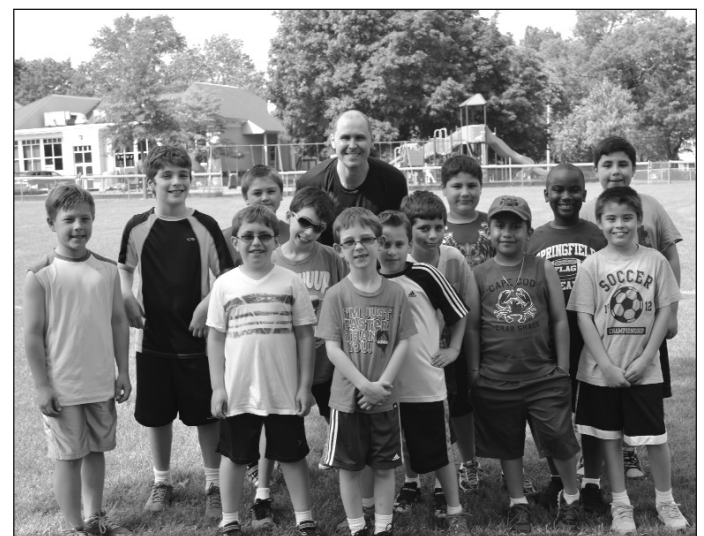
For more information, contact the Keeping Kids Safe Project.

Contact: Danielle  
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*The Springfield Recreation Dept. offered an 8 week boys running program for 3-5th grade boys. The last day was on May 29th where most of the boys ran a 5K! Many of these boys have never run before, so this was a new sport for a lot of them and they all did amazing! It was such a huge success that we are running another session starting on June 5th - July 10th. Please see the Recreation Dept. page on the town website for the flyer.*

*The Springfield Recreation Dept. ran a Co-Ed Running program for boys and girls in grades 6-8th grade. We met every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 at the Chisholm Community Center. We will be offering more programs for 6th-8th grade children in the fall!*



**\$5 DONATION**

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# J SPRINGFIELD'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**JULY 4TH @ 5:00 PM  
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**MOLD GUIDELINES**

The New Jersey Department of Health today released Mold Guidelines for New Jersey Residents pamphlet [http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/mold\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/mold_guidelines.pdf) created to provide direction to residents on addressing mold in homes in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The guidelines were developed to better inform homeowners on how to ensure their homes are cleaned and remediated properly to avoid mold problems now and in the future.

**TOMORROW'S SUPER STARS  
REALLY SHINE BRIGHT  
WITH THEIR ACTS OF KINDNESS**



The children at Tomorrow's Super Stars, the Preschool at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, have been learning all year about the meaning of doing acts of loving-kindness. Each week they collect tzedakah money, ("charitable giving") and donate it to a worthwhile charity, or as the kids say "to other children that do not have any." After discussing the events in Oklahoma, the children opened their hearts and their piggy banks. The pre-K class decided to donate their money this semester to the Oklahoma Disaster Relief Fund through the Jewish Federation in Oklahoma.



*The Springfield Recreation Dept. offered a Co-ed volleyball program for children in grades 6-8th. We met on Wednesday afternoons at the Chisholm Community Center. The program benefitted by having some girls from the Varsity Girls Volleyball team volunteer their time to help these girls with different skills and games. It was very successful and is now running its 2nd session.*



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## UNION COUNTY RECYCLING INFORMATION

Union County has many programs available to residents of the county. Please check the website for dates and locations: <http://ucnj.org/community/recycling>. You can also receive information by calling them at 973-912-2225.

### Computer and Electronics:

Springfield accepts computer and electronics collection on the first Saturday of the month at the Springfield Municipal Pool. There are other dates through Union County if you are unable to attend the Springfield dates.

### Paper Shredding:

This is the time of year that many of us have a mass amount of paper from post-tax cleaning. The county has numerous dates for you to take (a maximum of four bags/boxes) for on-premise shredding.

### Scrap Metal:

You can take old appliances, bicycles, lawn furniture, and many more types of scrap metal on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month.

### Medication:

Union County now has a permanent collection program for unused, unwanted and expired medication. The medication drop-off box is located at the County Police Department, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield in the Sheriff Froehlich Building and is available to residents 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

### Household Special Waste:

Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, oil-based paints, tires and more can be recycled through the County every other month.

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### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

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*June is a crossover month as we wind down from the school year's programs and gear up for Summer Reading! Grades 1 through 4 can Dig into Reading, and Grades 5 and up can dive Beneath the Surface! Registration begins Monday June 24.*

Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 Wednesdays @ 4pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

**Bookworms for Grades 1, 2, and 3. Tuesdays June 4 and 11 @ 3:45 to 4:45** Share your favorite chapter books, make a craft and enjoy a snack!

**Ariel's Storycraft Fridays June 7 and 14 @ 4pm** a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

**Mother Goose Group** with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. Friday June 7, Saturday June 8, Tuesday June 11, Thursday June 13, Tuesday June 18, Friday June 21, Tuesday June 25, Friday June 28

**Chess Monday evenings @ 7 to 8 pm.** Ages 9 to 12 Drop by to play with a partner and test your skills! For knowledgeable players only—no beginners!

**Fit 4 Kids Saturday June 29 @ 3:15** Kick off the school year and dig into Summer as Super Heroes Muscle Man Mike and Soccer Sue return to deliver a one-two punch filled with knowledge, laughter, smiles and exercise! Kids are engaged, entertained and taught about how to keep their bodies healthy! Fit 4 Kids is FUN!

**Song Writing Workshop June 27 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Ages 14 to Adult Get your summer off to a great start with this program by Kathy Moser giving hands-on experience in creating, rehearsing and recording an original song. Participants help run the equipment, direct the session, and perform the song.

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

Musicians may bring their instruments to the workshop. The final product is posted online where you can easily listen and share it with friends and family. Kathy Moser is an award-winning songwriter, musician, artist and teacher with over ten years. She creates a respectful, joyful, safe space for expressing emotions and creativity. Preregister (ages 14 and up) at the Springfield Free Public Library, 973-376-4930, ext. 232 or 233.

**Craft Club hosts a summer workshop on June 27 @ 4 to 5:30** for girls Grades 2 to 5 to make an ankle bracelet. Please register as space is limited! Call the Youth Services Dept. @ 973-376-4930 x 232 or x 233.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 16th to Friday, July 26**  
Traveling Exhibition –“Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War”.

**Wednesday July 17th, 7:00 pm**  
Concert “Music of the Civil War – the Lighter Side” performed by the Cracked Walnuts.

**Wednesday July 24th, 7:00 pm**  
Dramatic Performance “Belle and the Backwoodsman” presented by Bob Gleason and Pat Jordan.

**Friday, August 8th thru August 10th**  
**Friends of the Library book sale.**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

### **DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING**

**Thursdays, July 25th and August 8th**  
**Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman**  
**10:15 am**

### **FILMS**

**Thursday, July 18th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - “Free Man” (2011),**  
**French.**

**Monday, July 22nd, 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film Series: Books into Films,**  
John Grisham. Susan Sarandon plays Reggie Love, a lawyer who works to protect young boy (Brad Reinfro) who became a pawn in a battle between the police and the mob.

**Thursday, July 25th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - “Elena” (2011),**  
**Russian**

**Thursday, August 1st at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - “Quartet” (2012),**  
**English .**

**Monday, August 5th at 1:00 pm**  
**Lunchtime Film Series: Books into Films, John**  
**Grisham.** An idealistic young lawyer (Mathew McConaughey) and a savvy law student (Sandra

Bullock) team up for seemingly hopeless defense of the man (Samuel L. Jackson) who kills two racist thugs who brutally assaulted his young daughter.

**Thursday, August 8th at 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm**  
**International Film Festival - “A Royal Affair”**  
**(2012), Danish.**

**Thursday, August 15th at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**International Film Festival - “A Simple Life”**  
**(2011), Cantonese.**

### **HOBBIES AND INFORMATION**

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

**Thursday, July 18th, 7:30 pm**  
Board of Trustees meeting

**Monday, July 22th and August 12th**  
Knits Wits Knitting Group  
10:00 am

**Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm**  
**Chess Club**

### **INSTRUCTION**

**Every Tuesday & Thursday, One-to-One**  
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### **SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS ORGANIZATION HOLDS ATTIC TREASURES SALE**

Donations of new and like-new items such as house wares, small appliances and electronics, fashion accessories such as handbags, wallets, and jewelry are being sought by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library for its Attic Treasures Sale this June.

No clothing please. Donations may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk from Monday June 17 - Thursday June 27 during regular library hours. Here is your chance to donate those duplicate and unused gifts and purchases stored away for a worthy cause.

The Sale will be held at the Springfield Free Public Library on Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29 from 10-5. The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Money raised by the Friends is used to help the library fund various programs, materials, and services.

The Friends Annual Book Sale will be held in August. Donations of used books (hard cover and paperback), CDs, DVDs, and educational games will be accepted in July.



## HADASSAH NAMES WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2013

On Sunday, June 23, 2013, Springfield Hadassah will honor Alice Weinstein as Woman of the Year at Sophia's Restaurant, Morris Ave., Springfield at 12 noon.

Long an active member of Hadassah, Alice Weinstein is a past chapter President and currently serves as Springfield Chapter Membership Vice President and Donor Chairman. The recipient of the National Hadassah Leadership Award, she has held many positions in the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah. In addition, she currently serves as an Area Advisor of Chapters.

Also active in Jewish Women International, she is the first President of the Springfield Chapter.

She is past President of JWI—Northern NJ Council and First Chairman of the Jersey Region. She is currently co-President of JWI, Springfield Chapter.

A past President of the NJ Association of Public Accountants and a member of the board of trustees, she has served as their Parliamentarian. She is co-Chairman of the IRS

Practitioner Institutes and Northern NJH Working Together Committees. She received the Presidential Citation for Service and the Harry Claire Roman Merit Award.

Alice Weinstein is also past President of the Essex-Hudson-Union Chapter of the NJ Association of Public Accountants

Alice Weinstein is also a member of the Cranford Unit of National Association of Parliamentarians

A Life Member of Hadassah, Jewish Women International and National Council of Jewish Women, she is a Hadassah Founder. Her husband and son are Hadassah associates. She is a member of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, National Association of Parliamentarians and the Springfield Democratic Committee.

Alice Weinstein holds an AA from Thomas Edison College and a BS from Kean College. She currently has her own in practice as Public Accountant.

For further information, call Harriet Singer at 973.669.4808.



*Our messy arts class held at Chisholm community center Monday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. The children enjoy creating different masterpieces and the moms enjoy not having to clean it up at home! The program will run again in the fall :). Check out our Springfield recreation Facebook page and town website for different classes and news!*

## SPRINGFIELD LAUNCHES CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM



The Township of Springfield launched a new citizen service request management system. Citizens expect a certain level of services and this new method is an easy, on-line way of letting the town know of your service request needs.

The web-based software tool is intended to allow Township officials to better manage citizen service request, increasing efficiency and shortening the response time. By using the system, Township officials will be able to quickly accept service requests and route them directly to the department responsible for resolving the issue.

Each entry is automatically assigned a tracking number and instantly routed via e-mail to the department responsible for handling the service request. Citizens can elect to be notified each time they submit a new request.

The Township is always looking for better ways to resolve issues for residents and businesses in an efficient and effective manner. Information will only be used to offer better services and improve staff efficiency. The program is sponsored by Investors Bank of Springfield, NJ.

To submit a citizen service request, look for the logo below on the Township home page at <http://springfield-nj.us>

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## LOVE TO GARDEN? THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

The Springfield Public Library is looking for volunteers with a love of gardening who are both willing and able to tend the library's flower beds, beginning this summer. In addition to finding a highly visible outlet for their horticultural creativity, volunteers will reap the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing their part to keep the library looking beautiful. Volunteers are being sought at this time to take over tasks that for many years have been performed by members of the Springfield Garden Club. "The library owes a debt of gratitude to the Garden Club for its ongoing contributions to the beautification of the library," stated Library Director Dale Spindel. "Although it is sad that the members of the Garden Club are no longer able to continue this project, it does open up a great opportunity for others in the community who possess both a green thumb and a desire to volunteer," she added.

The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. For more information about becoming a library garden volunteer, please call Dale Spindel, Library Director, at 973 376-4930.

## THE AUGUST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (TASO) RETURNS

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) returns to Springfield for its annual summer concert at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28. The orchestra, led by maestro David Gilbert, will present Beethoven's Prometheus Overture, followed by Les Sylphides written by Chopin for ballet and arranged by Glazunov. Completing the program will be Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3, the "Scottish Symphony," inspired by the composer's walking tour through the Scottish Highlands in 1829.

The concert will be held in the air-conditioned auditorium of Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave. All are invited to attend this concert which is free. (While no admission fee is charged, donations are welcome.) For more information, please call (201) 969-0432 or go to the website [www.theaugustsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.theaugustsymphonyorchestra.org)



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Springfield H.O.P.E. – or Helping Other People Endure – was created to enable residents, businesses and visitors to town to help individuals and families cope with extraordinary circumstances or simply just the holiday season. Anyone wanting to make a donation to Springfield H.O.P.E. may do so by calling 973-467-3388 or mailing a check to

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Anyone seeking help or assistance from Springfield H.O.P.E. may call 973-467-3388.

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## MAYORS COUNCIL RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL UPDATES COMMUNITY ON FLOOD CONTROL PROGRESS

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control recently announced progress at finding flood mitigation measures including a major step: the announcement recently by the US Army Corps of Engineers that it will complete the next stage of the evaluation by September this year in selecting the initial alternative for flood mitigation on the Rahway River. The Mayors also expect to put forward their own proposal for federal funding. Communities along the river faced upwards of \$100 million of damages caused by Irene.

The US Army Corps evaluated the hydrological benefits of the seven alternatives and now are in the process of completing the cost benefit assessment on each. Federal law requires review of alternatives and the project with the strongest cost-benefits ratio (benefits have to outweigh costs more than one times) is the project selected for review. The alternatives include:

- \*Alternative one- raising the Lenape Park dam and levees with channelization.
- \*Alternative two-raising Lenape Park dam and levees and less channelization
- \*Alternative three-excavation of Orange reservoir and gate opening (already rejected)
- \*Alternative four-Minor modification of Orange reservoir and channelization
- \*Alternative five-South Mountain Regional Dry Detention Basin and channelization

\*Alternative six-South Mountain Regional Dry Detention Basin without channelization

\*Non-structural alternatives

\*Storage solutions for the Robinson's Branch

The study which was started in 2002 languished until after Hurricane Irene, when the Mayors Council and adept representation from US Senator Menendez, US Senator Lautenberg and Congressman Lance began advocating for full funding to get the US Army Corps to give Rahway River flood mitigation its priority. Congressman Lance met with the numerous Mayors in January and the US Army Corps has stated it will arrive at a decision on the alternative in 2013.

Dan Aschenbach, Former Cranford Mayor coordinating the Mayors Council said "In the face of the destruction down the shore and the urgency of the US Army Corps turning its attention there, the movement now on the Rahway River flooding mitigation evaluation to this point is positive and reflects well on the US Army Corps efforts here. The Corps professionalism has been critical. But it still has to be stated flood mitigation is not in place which many residents worry about."

The Mayors Council includes: Millburn Mayor Sandra Haimoff; Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen; Mayor Victor DeLuca; Springfield Mayor David Amlen; Rahway Mayor Proctor; Union

Mayor Clifton People; Winfield Mayor Margaret Mc Manus; Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo and Garwood Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi.

The Mayors Council has been advocating that the State of New Jersey fund the environmental evaluation so that the selected alternative will be based on the best information available including evaluation of the water wells owned by the City of Orange; the impact of the South Mountain Regional detention basin on Essex County facilities including the road system; and any impacts to Union County on Lenape Park.

Mayor Tom Hannen and Mayor Sandra Haimoff and have met with the Governor and his staff to urge the evaluation funding in the state's FY 2014 budget. Twelve of the region's state legislators and the Union County Freeholder Board have urged the state funding the request. Essex County Freeholder Luciano on behalf of Maplewood and Millburn has sponsored an Essex County Freeholder Board resolution supporting the request to the state.

Mayor Haimoff said "We have pointed out that the South Mountain Regional Detention Basin has significant hydrology benefits lowering river water elevations during peak storms significantly and the state should support our efforts to accelerate the project. We are concerned about the next major storm."

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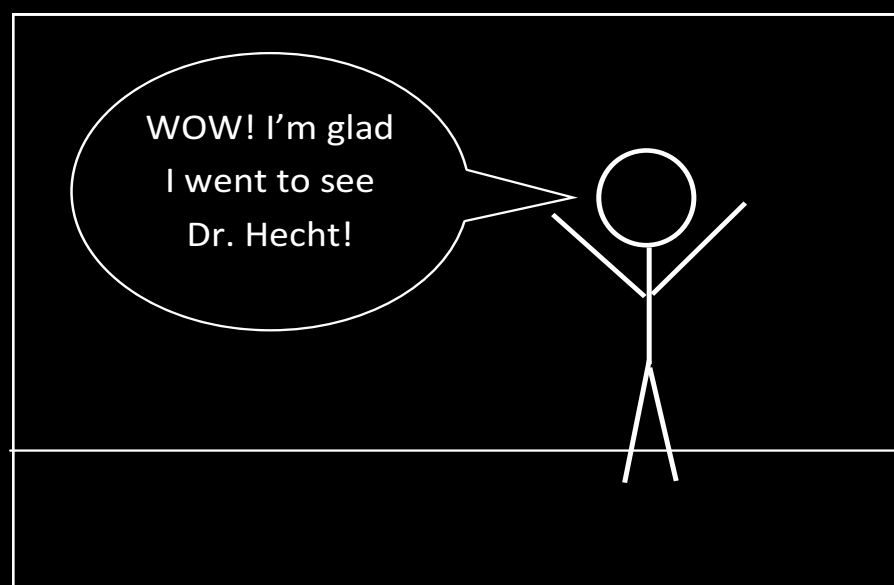
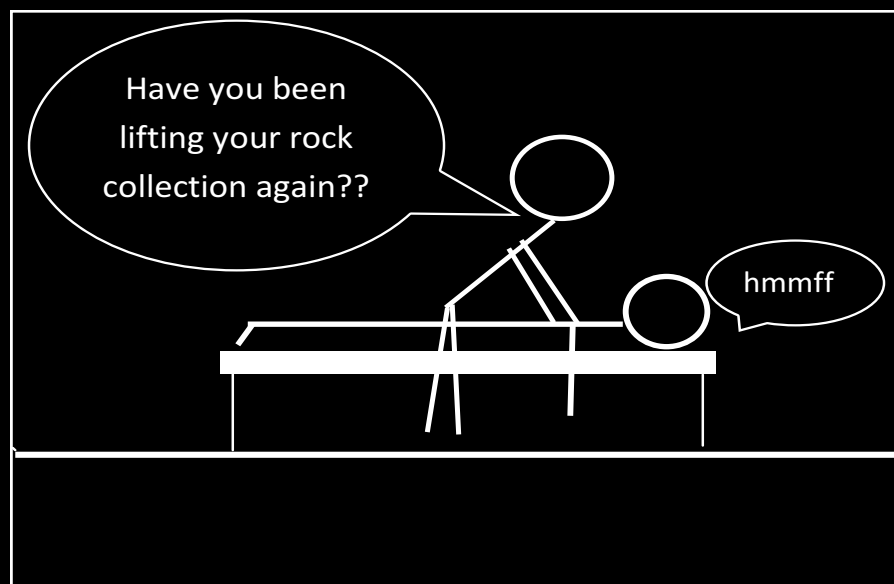
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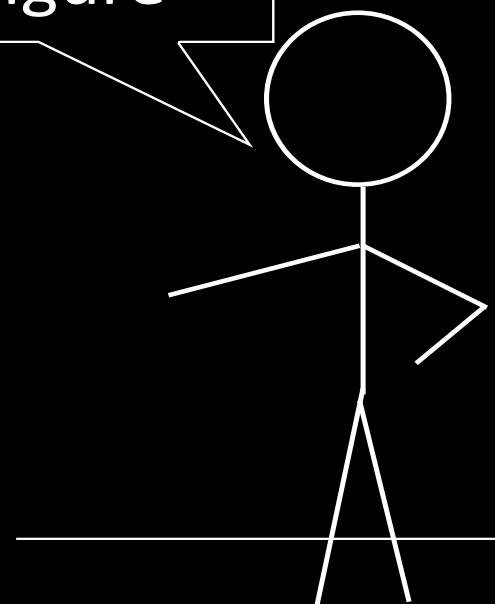
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## NEW TRAVELING EXHIBITION TELLS THE STORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S STRUGGLE TO MEET THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF THE CIVIL WAR

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a traveling exhibition opening at the Springfield Free Public Library on June 16, examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War—the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

Lincoln is widely acknowledged as one of America's greatest presidents, but his historical reputation is contested. Was he a calculating politician willing to accommodate slavery, or a principled leader justly celebrated as the Great Emancipator? This exhibition provides no easy answers. Rather, it encourages visitors to form a nuanced view of Lincoln by engaging them with Lincoln's struggle to reconcile his policy preferences with basic American ideals of liberty and equality. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

"We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition," said Library Director Dale Spindel.

The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office organized the traveling exhibition, which was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life. The traveling exhibition is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

The traveling exhibition is composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln's first inaugural speech, the Emancipation

Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

The Library is sponsoring free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition. These programs have been planned with funds from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, supplemented with funds from the Library. The opening reception will take place on Sunday, June 16 at 1:30 p.m. and will feature the Music of the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, performed by Anne and Ridley Enslow, who will place each piece in historical perspective. Seven more programs will be offered over the course of the six week period. Lectures include The Lincoln Family and the White House presented by Glenn LeBoeuf on June 19th at 7:00 p.m., Abraham Lincoln—Separating Fact from Fiction presented by Louis Masur on June 26th at 7:00 p.m., Abraham Lincoln and the 13th Amendment to the Constitution presented by Abigail Perkiss on July 1st at 7:00 p.m., and Civil War Journal of Private Hayward Emmell presented by Jim Malcolm on July 10th at 7:00 p.m. A second concert called Music of the Civil War—The Lighter Side, will be performed by The Cracked Walnuts on July 17th at 7:00 p.m.. A dramatic performance entitled Belle and the Backwoodsman will be presented by Bob Gleason and Pat Jordan of the American Historical Theater on July 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Library will also be screening Lincoln (2012) starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field, and directed by Steven Spielberg. Call 973-376-4930, e-mail: questions@sfplnj.org or visit www.sfplnj.org for more information. "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" will be on display at the library until July 24.

## JONATHON DAYTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Many organizations contributed scholarship awards to this year's graduating seniors at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony held at Jonathon Dayton High School on Thursday evening, May 30, 2013. Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Vice President Elliot Merkin and Chamber Secretary Tracy Geyer presented two scholarships for superior business and civic minded qualities on behalf of the Chamber.

The Springfield Mayor's Day at Baltusrol Scholarship Fund presented \$10,000 in scholarships to ten seniors as well. They were presented on behalf of the committee by Springfield Mayor's Day Trustees Joel Millman and Anthony Cancro.

The Springfield Rotary Club and many other organizations presented scholarships as well that evening.

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## DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

Two hundred guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner by Alpine Caterers at the Crystal Plaza, as Congregation Israel of Springfield celebrated its 38th Annual Dinner with a journal honoring members of note. The dinner committee was chaired by Danielle Pepper and Roberta Ostrow.



(Courtesy Allan Reider Studio) Back L-R L. Dr. Tratenberg, A. Hanover, E. Bitansky, Dr. M. Rosenwein, Dr. L. Bielory, Rabbi Chaim Marcus, Front L-R J. Prawer, A. Bitansky, D. Rosenwein, S. Strulowitz

The evening's program, coordinated by Judith Sandman, was kicked off by President Adam Hanover. The year was noteworthy by an unprecedented increase in membership of ten percent, the majority being younger couples moving to Springfield. They chose Springfield, having found it to be affordable, safe and well located. The membership committee is headed by Benjamin Hoffer. The efforts of the committee were aided by the establishment of a fund to assist couples in acquisition of housing.

Another notable 2012 event was the total refurbishment of the synagogues social hall, a project led by Henry Stein and Joel Shulman AIA.

Dinner honorees included:

Dr. & Mrs. Moshe Rosenwein  
Rabbi Israel E. Turner Memorial Award  
Dr. Louis Tratenberg  
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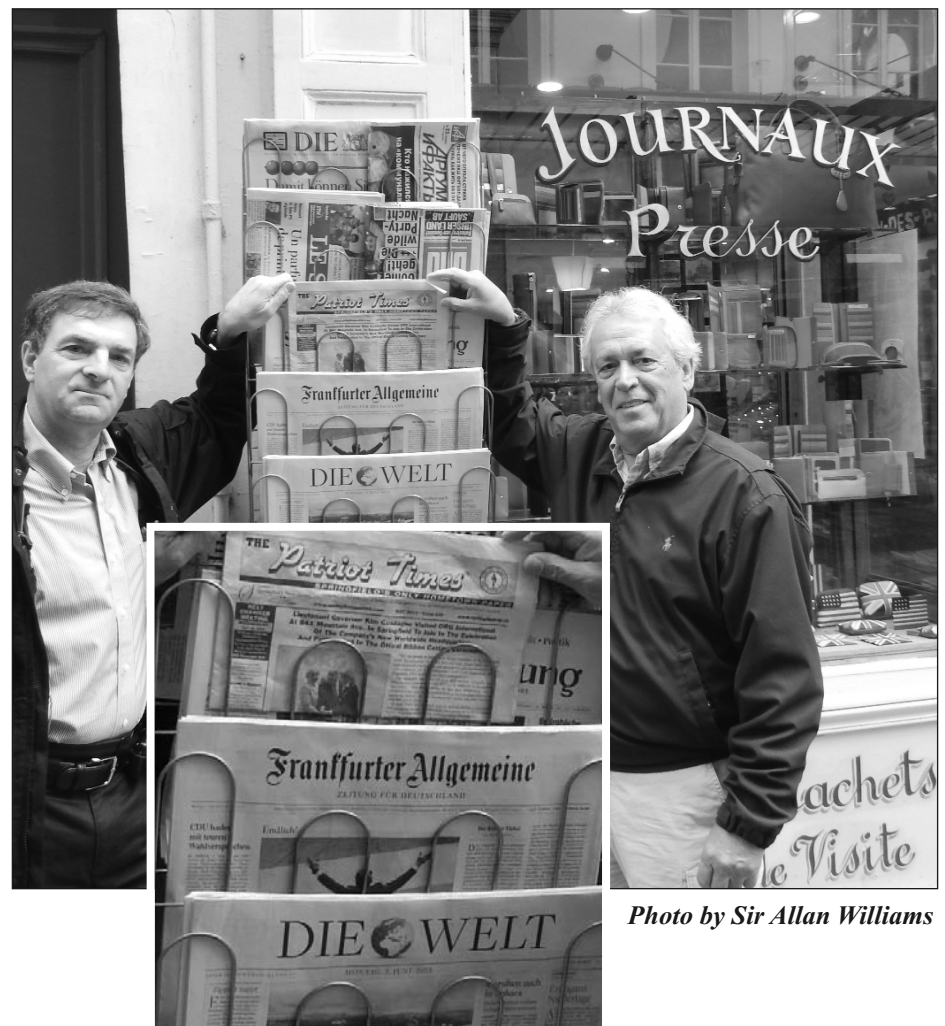


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The Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee has a limited number of foursomes available for this year's tournament to be held on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. These are available on a first come first serve basis by calling the Committee at 973-376-0421 Detailed information on the outing is available at [www.springfieldmayorsday.com](http://www.springfieldmayorsday.com). Each year the Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee donates a substantial sum to the Jonathan Dayton High School Scholarship Fund.

**Springfield Mayor's Day Golf Committee, Inc.**

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Fire Chief's Column  
Chief James Sanford

## Install. Inspect. Protect

Every year, more than 3,000 people die in home fires in the United States; most of whom are in homes without a working smoke alarm. To prevent these deaths, the Springfield Fire Department is promoting the U.S. Fire Administration's national campaign to "Install. Inspect. Protect." The purpose is to raise awareness about how working, properly installed smoke alarms can lower a person's chances of dying in a fire.

The USFA's Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign is aimed at encouraging Americans to practice fire safety by 1) installing and maintaining smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers, which can help save the lives of residents and fire fighters, 2) practicing fire escape plans, and 3) performing a home safety walk-through to remove fire hazards from the home.

When both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers are present in a home, the risk of dying in a fire is reduced by 82 percent, when compared to a residence without either. According to the National Fire Protection Association, between 2003-2006, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

### *A few helpful tips on smoke alarms and sprinklers:*

Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home.

Get smoke alarms that can sound fast. Every residence and place where people sleep be equipped with both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.

Test smoke alarms monthly and change alkaline batteries at least once every year, or as instructed. You can use a date you already know, like your birthday or when you change your clocks as a reminder.

If possible, install residential fire sprinklers in your home.

Avoid painting or covering the fire sprinkler, because that will affect the sensitivity to heat.

For more information about the Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign, please visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms). For other fire safety topics, please visit the Springfield Patriot at [www.springfieldpatriot.com/](http://www.springfieldpatriot.com/) and look under monthly archive to reference other fire safety topics. Or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment](http://www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldFireDepartment).

## CHAMBER MAKES ORGAN TRANSFER

Pictured on the right is Elliot Y Merkin (Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael ("TBAY") Men's Club VP and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce ("SPCC") VP/Networking Coordinator, Bill Knorr, Board of Education Supervisor of Facilities & Support Services, Timothy Kielty, Gaudineer Principal, and Tiffany Boehm, School Supervisor. When Elliot Merkin found out that the organ at TBAY was no longer being used he inquired with TBAY President Pam Kornspam who had originally donated the organ to TBAY that she would consider donating it to another charity within Springfield. Elliot then spoke with Bill Knorr who indicated that the music department at Gaudineer School would gladly welcome such a great gift. When Elliot arrived at the school after it was delivered, he found out it took students all of five minutes to get it to work. This is another example of how the Chamber is on the alert to provide free resources to one of our town organizations – in this case the Springfield Board of Education. That's what the Chamber is all about – making Springfield a better place to live.



## JWV DONATES \$10,000 TO LOCAL VA HOSPITALS



(L to R): Mary Beth Hynoski, Lyons Voluntary Service Program Manager, Richard Shipman, Post Commander, Kenneth H. Mizrach, Medical Center Director, Myron Katz, Post Vice Commander, Dr. Howard Kessler, Post Quartermaster, Major (Retired) Marc Krauss

The Jewish War Veterans of Post 273, serving Union County and Southern Essex County recently made two \$5,000 donations to the East Orange and Lyons Veterans Hospitals following Memorial Day at the East Orange Veterans Hospital.

With the hospital museum as the backdrop, the checks were presented to Kenneth H. Mizrach, Medical Center Director for the Lyons and East Orange VA Hospitals, Mary Beth Hynoski, Lyons Voluntary Service Program Manager and Thelma Miller, East Orange Voluntary Service Specialist by JWV Post 273 members Richard Shipman, Post Commander, Korean War Era Veteran from West Orange, Myron Katz, Post Vice Commander, Korean War Combat Veteran from Springfield, Dr. Howard Kessler, Post Quartermaster, Vietnam Era Veteran from Cranford and Major (Retired) Marc Krauss, Post Member, Operation Iraqi Freedom Combat Veteran from Springfield.

"We are extremely appreciative of the members of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 273, for their recent donation to the VA New Jersey Health Care System. Our nation's heroes will benefit greatly from this kind gift," said Kenneth Mizrach, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System.

The donations will go into the general fund that supports immediate needs of veterans. Prior JWV donations to the VA Hospitals included telephone calling cards for patients at each hospital, a flat screen TVs for the Palliative Care Ward at Lyons, Specialized Equipment for East Orange, and over \$1000 for special events for veterans.

Richard Shipman, JWV Post 273 Commander, simply stated, "Giving back to our fellow veterans is the least we can do, they deserve it."

The members of JWV Post 273 are active participants in the VA Volunteer Service organization. The JWV are looked upon as a great resource of volunteers and funds that care for the hospitalized veterans in over 90 VA installations. Working together with other veteran organizations, the JWV strives to improve the quality life and care of their fellow veterans regardless of faith or affiliation.

## SPRINGFIELD ADOPTS PLEDGE TO ITS RESIDENTS

The Township adopted a customer-oriented pledge to demonstrate a commitment to excellence. The four point pledge is intended to guide employees each day to make a true difference in customers' experiences and how the Township will strive to serve the public. Below is the Pledge to Springfield residents.



### *Our Pledge to Springfield Residents*

**Customer Value** - the key measure of our success is our customer's satisfaction.

**Teamwork & Collaboration** - our teamwork, both within and outside of the organization, are integral to our success.

**Integrity** - our employees will perform their duties in an honest, ethical manner at all times to maintain the respect, trust, and confidence of the public.

**Commitment to Employees** - we value each employee and provide an environment where employees can achieve their best work and best serve you.

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**MAURICIO BLONDET (FORMER JDHS STUDENT CLASS OF 1999) WAS PROMOTED TO LIUTENANT AND AWARDED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL**



*Left is the picture from the promotion ceremony with Lt. Mauricio Blondet taking the oath of office from Commander Neil Koprowski, commanding officer of USS San Antonio. his work as the LNO (Liasion Officer) from USS San Antonio (LPD-17)*

**SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APRIL NETWORKING EVENT**

On Tuesday evening, April 25th, at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael ("TBAY"), the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce ("SPCC") co-sponsored an exceptional networking event, along with TBAY, Exquisite Caterers, Stew Leonard's Wines of Springfield, and Constant Contact software. Over 35 people attended and started off the evening with a dinner in the beautiful cocktail room inside TBAY. The dinner was provided (and donated) by Exquisite Caterers. Additionally, kosher wines from Stew Leonard's were provided by the Chamber. After dinner, Bonnie Cantor, a Constant Contact consultant, presented a one hour Constant Contact audio visual presentation about how email marketing can be used successfully and inexpensively to obtain and keep new business clients, tips on crafting content for email campaigns, and how to track the results of your various email marketing efforts. For only \$10 for Chamber and Temple members (\$15 for others), everyone attending had a great meal with wine, a good time meeting and obtaining new business relationships, and was introduced to the fast growing phenomena of email marketing. At the end of the night, prizes were given to attendees. All net proceeds obtained from admission to this event were donated to Springfield-HOPE ("Help Other People Endure"), a local non-profit outreach charity program to provide assistance to needy families in Springfield throughout the year.

Look for future notices about our once a month upcoming great networking events.

*Shown in the picture from left to right are Shiri Haines (TBAY Executive Director), Bonnie Cantor (Constant Contact consultant), Elliot Y Merkin (VP of SPCC and VP of TBAY Men's Club), Jerry Zelinskie (Manager Stew Leonard's Wines), and Michael Scalera (SPCC Networking Chairman and Springfield BID committee Chairman).*



## SECOND ANNUAL TRI SPRINGFIELD

<p><b>Date:</b> 8/31/13</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Springfield Community Pool 44 Morrison Road</p> <p><b>Time:</b> Registration/Body Marking: 7:00-7:50 am First Wave: 8:00 am</p> <p><b>Ages:</b> 5-12 — Each age group will start separately Training wheels allowed up to age 7</p>	<p><b>Distances:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age</th> <th>Swim</th> <th>Bike</th> <th>Run</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5-6</td> <td>15 yds</td> <td>1/4 mile</td> <td>1/4 mile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7-8</td> <td>25 yds</td> <td>1/2 mile</td> <td>1/2 mile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9-10</td> <td>50 yds</td> <td>1 mile</td> <td>3/4 mile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11-12</td> <td>100 yds</td> <td>2 miles</td> <td>1 mile</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$25 for Springfield residents \$35 for non-residents</p>	Age	Swim	Bike	Run	5-6	15 yds	1/4 mile	1/4 mile	7-8	25 yds	1/2 mile	1/2 mile	9-10	50 yds	1 mile	3/4 mile	11-12	100 yds	2 miles	1 mile
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- Michael and Carmen Ranieri  
Residents of Springfield, NJ



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