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A decade ago, my wife and I moved into what felt like a big house with a little secret: our marriage was on track to become a family. We set up camping chairs as living room furniture, ordered pizza from the nearest place we found on Google Maps, and surprised grandparents-to-be with ultrasound images.

Within days, neighbors came by, leaving us small gifts with their names and contact information written on the card. They welcomed us to cookouts to meet more neighbors. They advised that we sign up for the township's robocalls and set alerts for the Facebook

At home, over time, the guest room became a nursery. The office became the boys' room. The attic became the playroom, with plans copied directly from a neighbor with a matching floor plan.

We found a pizza place we liked more than the first. A coffee shop. A mechanic. A plumber. We learned quickly to trust neighbors' recommendations over anonymous online reviews.

As our children grew, classmates became best friends, and then basketball and baseball teammates. Playdates expanded to whole-class birthday parties, then moved online to Fortnite.

Through parents of our kids' friends and our community groups, my wife and I began building a strong network in Springfield. No longer were we watching the parades; we were marching in them as a family. I began teaching my daughter's PREP class at St. Francis, leading my oldest's Cub Scout den, and coaching my youngest's tee-ball team.

Today we're a family of five in the same house that feels much smaller but far more joyful than it did a decade ago. And we owe it all to the neighbors who made our new town a true community with their generosity, guidance, and good nature.

I hope to pay it forward as the new Content Coordinator for Springfield Neighbors magazine. In the same way my neighbors guided me around our new township, these pages and future editions will help new residents find what they need and long-time residents share what they love.

So let's chat! Tell me what you wish you knew when you moved to town. What new or established business should we profile? Share news or photos from your community group. Or simply say hello.



Happy February! I always like to highlight the business sponsors that help us deliver this magazine to you every month. Help me welcome Poop911 of Delco to our magazines. They are who they say they are, the guys who clean up after your furry friends so you can better enjoy your outdoor spaces. They have a lot of options available but primarily offer weekly service for potentially as low as \$17.95/month. See their ad on page 6 to learn more.

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development of children in the community and beyond. They cater to children ages two to five with a variety of care programs. They are already registering children for next fall season. Check out their ad on page 6 and reach out with questions.

Lastly, I want say Happy Valentine's Day to everyone and especially to my wife who gives me the opportunity to pursue this dream and for being an amazing partner and mother to our three children. We love you!

Brian G. Kenyon

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## **HOW CAN I AVOID A** PLUMBING EMERGENCY?

By Jeff Goane, Murphy's Plumbing



Plumbing emergencies may seem like spontaneous events that happen without warning, but that's not always the case.

They typically start as minor issues that grow bigger over time. As the plumbing problem balloons, it offers clues about the nature of the impending emergency.

A slow drip can become a gush of water. A sluggish drain eventually may clog and overflow. A water heater, rusting from the inside out, may spill its contents on the floor, damaging your Pennsylvania home and costing you money.

Thankfully, you can prevent a small plumbing problem from becoming a big issue that requires emergency repairs. All it takes is being diligent about maintenance. Our qualified pros at Murphy's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning can help with plumbing maintenance, repairs, and replacement. During a plumbing walk-through in your Broomall home, we will inspect faucets, pipes, toilets, and water-using appliances for leaks and worn parts. We will ensure your drains are clear, your sprinkler heads work, and your water heater operates safely and at peak efficiency.

If we discover any issues during our plumbing checkup, we will recommend solutions that best fit your unique circumstances. That may include replacing worn components, flushing out an appliance, cleaning sewer or water supply lines, or other repairs.

### **SIGNS YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS ATTENTION**

Your plumbing system generally gives off clues that a component is wearing, a clog is forming, or a pipe is cracking. Here are a few signs your plumbing system needs help:

- Shower, tub, and sink drains that empty slowly suggest a clog. Drains that give off sewer odors or gurgling sounds point to a blocked sewer line. Snaking or water jetting are options for cleaning water and sewer lines.
- Water at the base of your toilet indicates a leak. Look for cracks in the porcelain. A broken seal also may be the problem.
- Rim jets and a siphon hole corroded with mineral buildup may cause a weak, slow flush that does not clear the toilet bowl.
- A toilet bowl that overflows typically indicates a clog.
- Water leaking from a faucet base or spout wastes water and money. Replace worn parts to stop the leak, or consider upgrading to a new faucet.
- Popping sounds from your water heater indicate sediment buildup in the tank. Rusty water may result from tank corrosion and lead to leaks.
- Water stains on a wall or ceiling point to a leaky pipe.
- Soggy spots on your lawn can result from a cracked sewer line.

If the item that needs repair is outdated or nearing the end of its useful service life, it may make better financial sense to replace it. Replacement gives you the opportunity to upgrade your system. You may prefer new, stylish faucets that use touchless technology, toilets that save water, or a water heater that delivers hot water on demand.

### KEEP YOUR PLUMBING IN TOP SHAPE

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), swapping out an old toilet for a WaterSense model can save 13,000 gallons of water annually in an average household. Replacing inefficient faucets and aerators with WaterSense products can save families approximately 700 gallons of water per year.

Our expert plumbers at Murphy's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning will quide you through the options for upgrading.

Having your plumbing system maintained professionally is only half the battle. You can help prevent an emergency by employing some plumbing TLC. Consider these tips:

- Keep grease and oils out of your drains. Refrain from flushing them down the toilet or pouring them into sinks.
- Install a hair-catching insert or cover for your shower drain to prevent clogs. Place a lint catcher over the washer discharge hose to keep particles from flowing down the drain.
- Avoid stuffing your garbage disposal with food scraps. Keep grease and shellfish shells, fibrous foods, such as celery, and hard matter, such as fruit pits, out of your disposal.
- Consider installing a water softener if your water has an overabundance of calcium and magnesium. Hard water can cause mineral buildup in pipes, interfere with water pressure, and ruin appliances.
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## DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICIALS, YMCA TEAM UP FOR ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE

#### By Terrence Casey

For the fourth consecutive year, state-elected officials representing Delaware County have partnered with local YMCA branches to collect tens of thousands of diapers, baby wipes, and other essential baby items to support parenting families in December. This year's initiative saw donations delivered directly to the Maternity Care Coalition (MCC) and Delaware County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) offices.



Photo courtesy of PA Sen. Tim Kearney

especially my Delco state elected colleagues, our local YMCAs, and community members who helped make an even bigger impact for parenting families who need a little extra support."

and hundreds of baby wipes and formula were

donated this year. I'm so grateful to everyone,

Katie Kenyon, Vice President for Programs for The Foundation for Delaware County,

emphasized the importance of the partnership between elected officials and local YMCAs. "Diapers are an essential need for families with young children, but they aren't covered by benefits programs. Collecting these items, especially around the holidays, eases the financial burden families may be experiencing and helps ensure their babies have what they need to thrive."

The donations included various brands and sizes of diapers, along with hundreds of baby wipes and cans/bottles of formula. On December 19, items were delivered to the Eddystone and Upper Darby WIC offices as well as MCC. Additional drop-offs were made by representatives from The Foundation for Delaware County, which will distribute them to families through its public health programs such as Healthy Start, Nurse-Family Partnership, MCC, and WIC.

Sen. Tim Kearney, who initiated the diaper drive four years ago, was joined by Sens. Amanda Cappelletti and John Kane, state Reps. Lisa Borowski, Heather Boyd, Gina H. Curry, David Delloso, and staff members from the offices of Reps Leanne Krueger, Jennifer O'Mara, Carol Kazeem, Regina Young, and Greg Vitali. Local partners included Mike Ranck, President and CEO of Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County, Katie Kenyon, Vice President for Programs for The Foundation for Delaware County, and additional collection efforts by the Rocky Run and Haverford YMCAs.

"Every year, I'm humbled by the incredible generosity of our community," said Sen. Kearney. "This being the fourth year of our diaper drive, I'm amazed at how our efforts continue to grow. Tens of thousands of diapers





# **MAUREEN BRANT: CAPTURING MEMORIES FOR ALL AGES**

By Terrence Casey

Photos courtesy of Maureen Brant

Maureen Brant, a name synonymous with heartfelt family photography in Springfield, has been capturing precious moments for over 11 years. Her journey into professional photography is as inspiring as the images she creates. Before she picked up the camera professionally, Maureen was a dedicated preschool teacher at St. Kevin Parish. "I was trying to figure out what to do next," she recalled. It was during this period of transition that she began sharing her photos on social media, receiving an outpouring of encouragement from friends. "'You should do this professionally, they said, she said.











Her love for children, which initially drew her to teaching, naturally extended to her photography. She began her professional journey with hospital photography but soon realized that the focus there was more on sales than the quality of images. Seeking a place where her passion for quality could flourish, she joined Bella Baby, a company that shared her commitment to capturing beautiful, high-quality images. She now works for Sweet Me Photography, which provides even more creative freedom. Slowly but surely, her portfolio grew, and so did her reputation.

Maureen's specialty lies in capturing the innocence and joy of children. She started with in-home newborn sessions and first birthdays, and as the seasons changed, so did her clientele. In the fall and spring, she began receiving more requests for family portraits. Her business grew primarily through word of mouth, a testament to the quality of her work and the trust she builds with her clients.

Her favorite subjects to photograph are newborns and first birthdays. "They're just so cute," she said. One of the most challenging vet rewarding aspects of her job is getting kids to laugh. It requires getting out of your comfort zone as a photographer and as an adult.

Maureen also offers valuable tips for those who feel nervous in front of the camera. She emphasizes the importance of posing, suggesting that "everyone's touching someone" to create a more intimate feel. She also advises considering different people's heights in the group, with taller individuals standing more towards the middle to form a natural triangle. Whenever possible, she prefers shooting family portraits outdoors. "Golden hour light is best, backgrounds are more interesting, and there's more space to work with," she noted.



Born and raised in Springfield, Maureen's roots run deep in the community. After spending 17 years in Aston, she moved back to Springfield when the house next door to her mother's was about to hit the market. "We called and said, 'before you do that..." she said. "I enjoy popping over and having lunch with my Mom, and in the summers we have love having her over for dinner on our patio with s'mores around the fire pit," Maureen said.

When asked about the future of her business, Maureen expressed her satisfaction with her growing list of clients. The next step for her is to manage her business more like a traditional job, allowing herself some time off to relax and indulge in her hobbies, which include baking, knitting, and gardening.

Maureen Brant's journey from a preschool teacher to a professional photographer is a story of passion, perseverance, and the joy of capturing life's most precious moments. Her work not only graces the pages of Springfield Neighbors Magazine but also the hearts of the families she photographs. With her keen eye for detail and her ability to make even the most camera-shy individuals feel at ease, Maureen continues to be a cherished member of the Springfield community, one smile at a time.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

By Terrence Casey

#### **'THE VOICE OF SPRINGFIELD' RETIRES**

After a combined 80-plus years of service, Alana and Bill Cervino have retired from their roles supporting Springfield Township. Bill was the long-time township zoning officer, and his wife Alana is the famous voice behind robocalls that always began, "This is a message from Springfield Township. "All our best to the Cervinos," reads a statement from the Township. "We can't thank you enough for all you've done through the years. You will be missed!"



Pictured here are 3rd Ward Commissioner Kevin Dion, Alana Cervino, Bill Cervino and 5th Ward Commissioner and Board President Jeff Rudolph. Photo courtesy of Springfield Township

including Springfield School District, closed for the day.

Many young township residents congregated at The Sledding Hill, tucked between the Springfield Library and the Township Building on Powell Road. But for a large group of high school athletes, the snowfall meant it was time to get to work.



Instead of sleeping in, these generous students layered up and shoveled out the driveways and walkways of many of Springfield's elderly or disabled residents.

### ST. FRANCIS EXPRESSES THANKS FOR SUPPORT

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An October fire gutted one of the two school buildings at St. Francis of Assisi. Photo by Terrence Casey

needs but also foster a spirit of unity and compassion that strengthens us all. We are truly blessed by your support, and we are deeply grateful for each and every one of you.

Thank you for standing with us and for making such a meaningful impact on our community.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Nicole Hamilton and the SFA Parish and School Community

#### HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES SECOND TREE LIGHTING

In December, Holy Cross Church celebrated their second annual tree lighting ceremony, illuminating a large tree in front of the school gym on Bishop Avenue.

The church and school offer a special thanks to Chad Lauletta and Tommy O'Leary, who began this exciting tradition in 2023 "out of the goodness of their hearts, and it brings so much joy to the Springfield residents," said Carol Dunleavy.



Photo submitted by Carol Dunleavy

#### SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CALLING ALL BAND ALUMNI

The Springfield High School alumni band will be rehearing in the morning on April 27 and performing that afternoon as part of the Springfield School District Band's Vertical Concert. Times are still being finalized. If you are interested in participating, please contact SHS Band Director Mark Stanford at mark.stanford@ssdcougars.org.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES VOLUNTEER TIME ON SNOW DAY TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORS

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COMMUNITY

By Terrence Casey

Valentine's Day offers a charming and intimate setting to celebrate love and connection without the need for extravagant dinners. Here are some creative and budget-friendly ideas to make the day special, regardless of your relationship status:

- 1. Host a Potluck Dinner
  Party: Invite friends and
  family over for a potluck
  dinner. Each guest can bring
  a dish, creating a diverse
  and delicious spread. It's a
  wonderful way to share good
  food, laughter, and stories in
  a cozy home setting.
- 2. Picnic in the Park: Pack a picnic basket with your favorite snacks and head to a nearby park. If it's cold, replace the cheese and crackers with a Thermos of hot chocolate. Enjoy the fresh air, scenic views, and each other's company.
- Memory Lane Walk: Take a walk down memory lane by visiting places that hold

special meaning for your relationship. It could be the park where you had your first date, the restaurant where you proposed, or any other significant spot. Reminisce about your journey together and create new memories.

- 4. Community Events: Check out local community events on page 14. The Springfield Library has an exciting series of events leading up to and on Valentine's Day this year.
- 5. Nature Hike: Explore the natural beauty of your suburban area with a hike on the Springfield Trail. It's a healthy and refreshing way to spend the day, and you can bring along a picnic to enjoy at the end of your hike.

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be about expensive dinners or grand gestures. With a little creativity and thoughtfulness, you can make it a memorable and meaningful day, no matter your relationship status.

### GALENTINE'S DAY: CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP

**Galentine's Day** is a special day dedicated to celebrating female friendships. Coined by the character Leslie Knope from the TV show Parks and Recreation, it is celebrated on February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day. It's a time for women to honor their bonds with their closest friends and show appreciation for the support and joy they bring into each other's lives.

#### **HOW TO CELEBRATE GALENTINE'S DAY:**

- 1. **Brunch Gathering:** Host a brunch at home or at a favorite local restaurant. Enjoy delicious food, mimosas, and great conversation. It's a perfect way to start the day with your best friends.
- 2. **Spa Day:** Treat yourselves to a relaxing spa day. Whether it's a professional spa or a DIY spa at home with face masks, manicures, and pedicures, it's a wonderful way to unwind and pamper each other.
- **3. Movie Marathon:** Have a movie marathon featuring your favorite films or binge-watch a beloved TV series. Make it cozy with blankets, popcorn, and plenty of snacks.
- 4. Craft Night: Get creative with a craft night. You can make friendship bracelets, paint, or try any other fun DIY projects. It's a great way to bond and create something memorable together.
- Gift Exchange: Organize a small gift exchange. It doesn't have to be expensive—thoughtful, personalized gifts that show you care will make the day special.

Galentine's Day is all about celebrating the amazing women in your life and cherishing the friendships that make life brighter.





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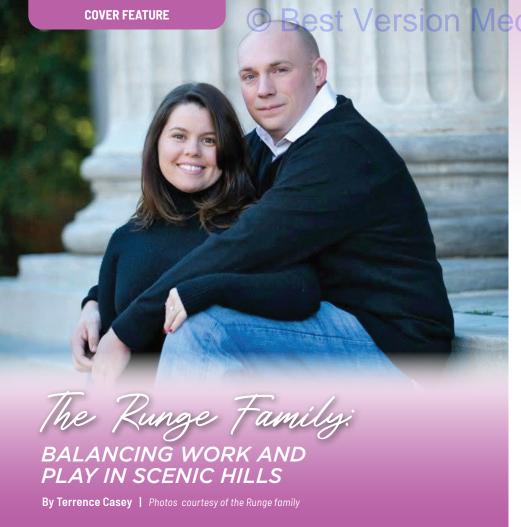
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Close your eyes in the Runge family backvard, and you can hear why Fred and Kristen moved to this spot 10 years ago.

Loudest are the sounds from the adjacent Scenic Hills Elementary School: young children's joyful hollers from the monkey bars, the crack of an undersized baseball bat followed by parents' cheers, and teachers calling students back inside from recess.

A few times an hour, you hear the trolley pass by on tracks connecting the Runges' two previous homes: Philadelphia and Media. On a windy day, you can hear the creaks of old trees surrounding Walsh Park. And during Phillies' playoff runs, neighbors exit their homes to celebrate runs and wins together.

Over the last decade, the Runges have considered themselves blessed to live and raise children in such a nurturing environment. They've contributed to that environment through volunteer efforts, turning Scenic Hills from a place to live into a true home.

#### **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

Fred and Kristen's story began in Philadelphia, where they met while working at the same public accounting firm. "Some of our best memories are from when we lived in Old City

when we first met," Kristen recalled. "We loved trying new restaurants in Center City as well as exploring museums and historical sites." Their shared love for the city's culinary and historical treasures laid the foundation for a strong partnership. They eventually tied the knot at the Historic St. George's Church in Old City, Philadelphia, a venue rich with history and charm.

Fred, an alumnus of Villanova University for college and St. Joseph's University for graduate school, works as a Controller for Office Basics, Inc. in Boothwyn. Kristen, who attended the University of Pittsburgh and also earned her master's from St. Joseph's University, is a cash manager for Essential Utilities in Bryn Mawr. Their educational journey even included attending graduate school together.

#### **ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

The Runge children are active in sports, with Madison, 11, focusing on softball and Michael, 8, excelling in soccer and wrestling. Madison, a dedicated pitcher, trains year-round, honing her skills and preparing for the upcoming season. She also looks forward to joining the field hockey team at E.T. Richardson Middle School.







Michael, who has been playing soccer since he was five, enjoys the camaraderie and competition of the sport. He is also in his second year of wrestling, a sport that has taught him discipline and resilience. The Springfield Wrestling program has been instrumental in his development, providing a supportive environment for young athletes, his parents said.

Fred channels his passion for sports into coaching, guiding both his children and other kids in the community. His coaching philosophy, "process over outcome," emphasizes the importance of effort and dedication over results, a lesson that resonates beyond the sports field. Fred has coached Madison in softball since she was eight and has also coached both kids in basketball and tee ball, instilling valuable life lessons through sports.

#### **FURRY FRIENDS**

The Runge household is also home to three beloved cats: Darby, Violet, and Sir Isaac Mewton, affectionately nicknamed "Menace to Society" by Michael. These furry companions add an extra layer of joy to the family's dynamic. Each cat has its own unique personality, bringing laughter and warmth to the Runge home.

#### **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

The Runge family loves spending time at the beach in Wildwood, attending Phillies and Sixers games, skiing, and traveling. Their adventures have taken them to California and Disney World in Florida. Trips to the Poconos, including stays at Kalahari and Great Wolf Lodge, have also been highlights, offering fun and relaxation for the whole family. The Runges are eagerly anticipating a family cruise to the Bahamas this summer. "We have been counting down the days until this exciting family trip," Kristen said.



A new favorite pastime is visiting different ballparks. This guest has allowed them to explore new cities, experience the unique atmosphere of each stadium, and bond over a shared love of baseball. A highlight of their baseball adventures was catching a Bryce Harper foul ball at a Phillies game, a thrilling moment for Madison and Michael.

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Living in Scenic Hills for 10 years, the Runges appreciate the neighborhood's many qualities. "Our neighborhood has everything: good schools, close shopping, outdoor green space for the kids to play in," said Kristen.

They value their supportive neighbors and enjoy watching their children grow up in a nurturing environment. "As far as our neighbors go, we could not have found better people. They are there to help in a pinch from small asks to big tasks," Fred said. "We really enjoy watching our children grow up with their friends in our neighborhood."

Fred and Kristen are also involved in various community activities, contributing their time and effort to make Scenic Hills a better place for everyone. Their dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive environment is evident in their interactions with neighbors and their participation in local events.

#### A MESSAGE TO NEIGHBORS

The Runges feel incredibly fortunate to have found their forever home in Scenic Hills. "We are very blessed to have found the home we did. To say we were lucky is a complete understatement," Kristen said. They are grateful for the strong sense of community and the wonderful neighbors who make living here so special. Fred and Kristen believe that the support and friendship of their neighbors have been instrumental in creating a happy and fulfilling life for their family.

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## **REFLECT HOPE FOR TOMORROW:** THE STEVE STEFANI DANCE MARATHON

#### By Terrence Casey

Springfield High School students are gearing up for the annual Steve Stefani Dance Marathon at noon, March 8. This cherished event, now in its 22nd year, is a cornerstone of the community's efforts to raise funds for childhood cancer research and support through the Four Diamonds organization.

Named in honor of Steve Stefani, a beloved former teacher at Springfield High School, the Dance Marathon is part of the larger Mini-THON initiative, which engages K-12 students across the United States in the fight against childhood cancer.

The theme, "Reflect Hope for Tomorrow!" encapsulates the spirit of the event. The Springfield and Morton communities comes together to honor and support those who have battled or are currently battling cancer, recognizing them as true heroes.

"We keep the thoughts of our loved ones who have battled cancer or are continuing to battle it, in our minds, for they are the true heroes in every sense of the word," former advisors Janet Barber and Rebecca Rudzki said in a statement. "We endured the pain of being on our feet for 15 hours, which does not even compare to what our families experienced during their fight."





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The event aimed to have 500 participants, nearly half of the student body, and organizers exceeded this goal with 511 participants, including dancers, committee members, captains, and leaders. The last monetary goal was \$125,000, and they surpassed it by more than \$24,000. This achievement brought the total funds raised by the Springfield School District over the past 21 years to more than \$3 million.

Organizers say the success of the Dance Marathon is a testament to the dedication and generosity of the local businesses, community members, faculty, staff, administration, and, most importantly, the students. The advisors for the event expressed their gratitude, highlighting the community's unwavering support and the students' commitment to making a difference.

Participants of the Steve Stefani Dance Marathon 2025 will join more than 90,000 students across the country in the Mini-THON initiative. The Four Diamonds mission is to conquer childhood cancer by providing superior care, comprehensive support, and innovative research. Four Diamonds covers 100 percent of all medical expenses related to cancer care that are not covered by insurance for eligible children. Thanks to the community's steady and generous support, Four Diamonds has assisted 100 percent of the childhood cancer patients treated at Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

Since its creation in 1972, Four Diamonds has helped more than 4,800 children and families and supported a diverse platform of childhood cancer research at Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine.



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238 Lewis Rd	2,423	3	2	\$575,000	\$605,000	4
264 Powell Rd	1,561	3	1	\$360,000	\$365,000	4
306 Taylor Rd	1,766	3	3	\$485,000	\$505,000	4
286 West Ave	1,176	3	1/1	\$460,000	\$460,000	5
352 Holt Ln	2,532	5	3/1	\$499,000	\$499,000	9
1558 Palmer Dr	1,419	2	2	\$387,500	\$390,000	7
33 Netherwood Dr	1,418	3	1/1	\$475,000	\$500,000	4
352 Lynbrooke Rd	1,922	3	1/1	\$400,000	\$395,000	12
268 Butler Rd	1,254	3	2	\$450,000	\$440,000	12
120 Snyder Ln	1,615	3	2	\$475,000	\$400,000	32
627 Barry Dr	2,272	4	2/1	\$600,000	\$650,000	6
67 Old State Rd	2,080	4	2/1	\$629,900	\$577,500	22
115 N Rolling Rd	2,512	4	2/1	\$569,900	\$520,000	64
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## **CALENDAR**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Month of February **Black History Month** 

Thursday, February 13 **Galentine's Day** 

Sunday, February 2 **Groundhog Day** 

Friday, February 14 Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 9 **Super Bowl Sunday** 

Monday, February 17 **Presidents Day** 

#### Sunday, February 9 Winter Tree ID Walk n' Talk with Jeff Cooney and Robb Kerr

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum Come learn how to identify trees with Jeff and Robb at this seasonal workshop! The instructors will focus on learning how to identify tree using bark patterns and other signs found in winter. This workshop will start off indoors to examine samples for approximately an hour and then continue on a walk to try your new skills in the field. Dressing in layers and sturdy shoes are recommended.

Time: 9am to noon

#### Monday, February 10 Dark Tales of Delaware County presented by Laurie Hull @The Springfield Library

Laurie Hull takes us on a journey through some of Delaware County's most infamous and unsettling crimes with murders in Delaware County, part of our ValenCrime Week series. With her unique perspective as both a writer and medium, Laurie will uncover the shadowy tales of passion, betrayal, and murder that have left a lasting impression on the area. This event is free, but registration is required. Learn more at springfieldtwplib.com. Time: 6 to 7:30pm

#### Tuesday, February 11 Valencrime Book Club Featuring Death of a Valentine @The Springfield Library

Springfield Township Library invites mystery lovers to join us for a special "Valencrime" Mystery Book Club event in celebration of Valentine's Day—with a killer twist! We'll dive into the world of M.C. Beaton's Death of a Valentine, a delightful Hamish Macbeth mystery that blends love, humor, and a deadly case in the Scottish Highlands. This cozy yet thrilling tale is the perfect read to warm your heart while keeping you on the edge of your seat. Learn more at springfieldtwplib.com.

Time: 6:30 to 7:30pm

#### Wednesday, February 12 Eastern State Penitentiary: a history with author Dr. **Paul Kahan**

@The Springfield Library

Explore the gripping history of this revolutionary institution, from its idealistic inception in 1829 under the Pennsylvania System of incarceration to the violence and unrest that led to its closure in 1971. Through tales of daring escapes, corruption, reformation, and retribution, Dr. Kahan brings to life the tensions that haunted this iconic penitentiary from its earliest days. Learn more at springfieldtwplib.com. Time: 6:30 to 7:30pm

#### Thursday, February 13 Pages to Petals: a flower crafting workshop @The Springfield Library

Transform old, discarded books into eerie, beautiful "bloody" flowers in this creative and slightly macabre hands-on workshop. No experience necessary. Whether you're a crafting enthusiast or just looking for a fun slightly sinister project, this workshop will guide you through the process of transforming simple book pages into striking paper flowers. Registration required. Learn more at springfieldtwplib.com.

Friday, February 14 Bonnie and Clyde: ValenCrime Movie Afternoon

@The Springfield Library As part of our ValenCrime Week, Springfield Township Library presents a special screening of the iconic 1967 film Bonnie and Clyde, the thrilling, action-packed story of the infamous criminal couple who captured the nation's attention during the Great Depression. Join us for an afternoon of crime, passion, and drama as we watch the legendary duo on their daring crime spree. With unforgettable performances from Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty, Bonnie and Clyde remains a classic in the genre of crime films. Learn more at springfieldtwplib.

Time: 2 to 5pm

#### Friday, February 14 **Cupid's Arrow Archery**

Time: 6:30 to 7:30pm

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum Be your own Cupid and learn how to shoot archery at this free archery program! Our USA Archery certified instructors will help you with the basics of archery. All are welcome, including kids age 8 and up. No registration or equipment required! Time: 4 to 6pm

#### Saturday, February 15 Get Happy! Celebrating 100+ Years of Judy Garland @The Media Theater

Join Jenna Pastuszek and Broadway Music Director Joshua Zecher-Ross in this 100th birthday celebration of the world's greatest entertainer. Lifelong Judy fans will love the cleverly curated playlist of beloved classics and forgotten gems while millennials and Gen Zers will discover an artist who transcends time.

Time: 2pm Cost: \$39/ticket

#### Sunday, February 16 Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest Waterfowl Walk for K - 12

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum Join us for a family-friendly walk to explore the water birds of the Refuge! Afterwards, we will return to the Visitor Center for a guided drawing session to begin an entry in the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. Supplies provided. For more information, contact wingyi\_kung@ fws.gov.

Time: 10 to 11am

#### Wednesday, February 19 Designing for the Occasion: Philadelphia Flower Show @Longwood Gardens

In February, we're celebrating the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event—the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show! Join floral designer Renee Tucci as she leads you in creating an arrangement inspired by the theme of the 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show-Gardens of Tomorrow.

Fee: \$109

#### Friday, February 21 - Saturday, March 1 The Lightning Thief - Youth Ensemble Series

@The Media Theater

As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail.

Visit mediatheater.org for showtimes and tickets

#### Saturday, February 22 - Monday, February 24 Book Sale presented by Friends of the Library

@The Springfield Library 10am to 4pm Saturday noon to 3pm Sunday 9am to noon on Monday (Bag Sale)

#### Saturday, February 22 - Sunday, March 2 My Very Own Polar Bear

@Players Club of Swarthmore

When her parents split up and she moves to a different town, Emma is skeptical of everything new, including the stuffed polar bear her mom gives her. She names the bear Ralph (as in upchuck) and tosses him aside. But when Ralph comes to life and helps Emma with her experiments and inventions, could this unlikely friendship be just what Emma needs to give change a chance? A hilarious and heartwarming story inspired by such classics as Calvin and Hobbes, Corduroy and Knuffle Bunny. Cost: \$10 for kids, \$15 for adults

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## **SPRINGFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OPENS 2025** REGISTRATION







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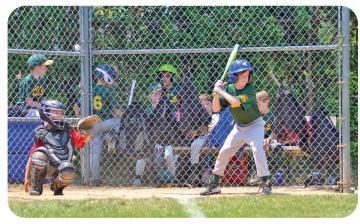
The Springfield Athletic Association (SAA) has opened registration for the upcoming sports seasons. For a fee of \$125, children from kindergarten through high school can participate in various sports throughout the year, fostering both physical fitness and teamwork.

In the spring, young athletes can choose from baseball, tee-ball, lacrosse, and softball. These sports provide a great opportunity for kids to develop their skills, learn the value of teamwork, and enjoy the outdoors. As the leaves change in the fall, the focus shifts to field hockey, volleyball, and soccer, offering a mix of team and individual sports that cater to different interests and abilities. When winter arrives, the SAA keeps the momentum going with basketball and wrestling, ensuring that kids stay active even during the colder months.

The SAA offers both intramural and travel leagues for most sports. The intramural leagues are open to all interested athletes, providing a fun and inclusive environment where everyone can participate and improve their skills. For those looking for a more competitive experience, the travel leagues offer advanced athletes the chance to compete at a higher level and gain valuable experience.

The Springfield Athletic Association is committed to providing a comprehensive sports program that promotes physical activity, skill development, and sportsmanship. With a wide range of sports available throughout the year, there is something for every child to enjoy and benefit from.

For more information and to register, please visit saadelco.org.













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