

Springfield Public Schools



Winter 2024

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ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Community Education Advisory Council works with the Community Education Director and Coordinator to offer a variety of classes of interest to the people of all ages throughout the district.

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Unless stated otherwise, all classes require a minimum of six prepaid participants at least one week prior to the date of the first class session.

Registration Procedure

Pre-registration is a necessity!

Registration is not complete unless accompanied by payment.

For each class that you are registering for, write a check payable to Springfield Community Education. Complete the registration form (on the back page) and mail along with your check(s) to:



Springfield Community Education
12 South Burns Avenue
Springfield, MN 56087

- FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE after the first class, except in an emergency.
- To cancel, call the Community Education office at 723-4284 OR email: commed@springfield.mntm.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of class.

Cancellation Policy

Classes may be cancelled because of lack of enrollment. In this case, you will be notified and your check returned to you. If class is cancelled because of inclement weather you will be notified prior to the class starting time and the class will be rescheduled at a later date.

Instructors Needed!

We are continually looking for individuals who are willing to share their skills, hobbies, and talents with others. If you, or know someone who might be interested in instructing a class, please contact the Community Education Coordinator at 507-723-4284.

Upcoming Classes:

Watch the *Springfield Advance-Press* &/or the Fall Community Ed. Newsletter in Sept. 2024 for upcoming classes and more! Email: commed@springfield.mntm.org to give us class ideas OR if YOU have a talent to share!



United Way of Brown County

Many initiatives are offered through Brown County Area United Way. One of the long standing programs has been the Youth Activities Scholarship Program. Young people ages 4-18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fees, are eligible. Call 507-354-6512 OR visit: www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

"55 Alive" Defensive Driving

These courses are for people age 55 and older who can receive a discount on their auto insurance by completing the course. First time students must take an eight-hour course, but repeat students can take a four-hour refresher course to qualify for the discount. Please be sure to include your driver's license number and date of birth on your registration. Please call the Comm. Ed office for more information about taking the first time, 8 hour class.

4 Hour Course—Renewal

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 12-4 pm

Where: Springfield Community Center

Instructor: Kathy Pederson

Cost: \$27.00

Registration Deadline: Wed., March 6, 2024

4 Hour Course—Renewal

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Time: 5-9 pm

Where: Springfield Community Center

Instructor: Kathy Pederson

Cost: \$27.00

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Defensive Driving



8 Hour Course –First Time Course

**** Call Springfield Community Education at 507-723-4284 for more information and to register for an 8 hour course.**

Date & Time: TBA

Instructor: Kathy Pederson



First-Time Home Buying



Embarking on the journey to homeownership can be both exciting and daunting. SouthPoint Home Mortgage experts will help empower you with knowledge and confidence needed to make

informed decisions through the home buying process. You will also gain the tools, knowledge, and confidence to make your home purchase a positive experience.

Monday February 26, 2024, 6:30pm at SPS, Ag Room. Free, but you must pre-register. Course taught by SouthPoint Home Mortgage. Register by Monday February 19, 2024.

Normalize & Prioritize 24 in 2024



NP24/'24 is designed to push participants outside their comfort zone with a variety of group class sessions including cardiovascular

demands, strength training, plyometric, HIIT, total body mobility and more. Recognizing that the benefits of exercise spread far beyond the physical benefits, classes are meant to support participants' mental as well as physical health.

WHEN: First session Monday, January 8, continuing every Monday and Thursday morning, 5:30am -6:30am, last class Thursday, March 28, 2024.

WHERE: Springfield Public School, Wrestling Room.

Sessions led by Sheena Dauer, Springfield Physical Therapy. Cost: \$220 for 24 sessions. Register ASAP by calling 723-4284 or for more details.



Practical *ChatGPT* Training for Everyone

Have you been curious about what *ChatGPT* is exactly and how it may affect you? Learn what you need to know about *ChatGPT* powered by Artificial Intelligence in this fun and engaging class! You will understand how it works exactly and why it's taking the world by storm. You'll also learn practical every day uses for *ChatGPT* in the work-force and at home. Don't get left behind in today's tech savvy world, and attend this upcoming training! The **Online Zoom Class will be held: Tues. Feb. 20, 2024 from 12-1pm. The class recording will also be sent to all registered, so that you don't have to attend at the exact time!** Follow-up support is also included from the instructor and students are encouraged to reach out with questions at any time before or after the class concludes. Instructor: Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple. Cost: \$20.00. Register by Tues. Feb. 13, 2024.

Water Fitness



Springfield Community Education and Microtel Inn and Suites are teaming together to offer these classes. A weekday morning class will be offered -Instructor: Diane Arnsdorf. OR Monday &/or Thursday evenings, starting at 5 pm. Instructor: Donna Krueger. Class size is limited, you must pre-register. Cost: \$6/session. Call the Comm. Ed. Office before attending your first class @ 723-4284.



Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes to Avoid

This course will teach you the top ten estate planning mistakes to avoid and will focus on the tools and the process of creating effective estate plans that work on disability and death. Estate Planning and Elder Law Attorney, Cassandra Lustfield, will teach you how to control your assets while you are alive and well, how best to plan for your loved ones while avoiding the unnecessary taxes, costs and legal problems, and how to pass your assets to your loved ones in a way that is best for you and them. We will discuss trusts, wills, power of attorney, health care directives and their best uses. **Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 6:30-8:30pm.** SPS, Ag Room. Cost: FREE. Register by Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024.

Understanding Trusts



There are so many different types of trusts with so many different names which can make them seem confusing, and down-right intimidating. This course will be a thorough explanation of Trusts including Revocable Living Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts and Testamentary Trusts. We will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using Trusts as a replacement for a Will. This FREE educational course is taught by attorney, Cassandra Lustfield, from the Ford & Lustfield Law Office. **Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 6:30-8:30pm.** SPS, Ag Room. Register by Thurs., April 18, 2024.

How to use *Venmo* Safely in 2024



Stay up to date by expanding your technology knowledge and learn what you need to know about the mobile payment service called *Venmo*. Learn how to pay friends, businesses or receive money without using cash or checks. You'll leave this class with a confident understanding of how to set up *Venmo* safely, fees to avoid, and real world scenarios you or your family and friends may use with this mobile payment option. The **Online Zoom Class will be held: Thurs. Feb. 15, 2024 from 12-1pm. The class recording will also be sent to all registered, so that you don't have to attend at the exact time!** Follow-up support is also included from the instructor and students are encouraged to reach out with questions at any time before or after the class concludes. Instructor: Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple. Cost: \$20.00. Register by Thurs. Feb. 8, 2024.

Spring Wreath Decor



Think Spring! Make something special for your door this spring. In this workshop, students will create their own unique spring door wreath. This hands-on arrangement will be suitable for both beginners and experienced floral designers. All supplies will be available for purchase at the class. Instructor: Char Frank, Springfield Floral. **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm.** Springfield Floral. Cost: \$10 + supplies. Register by Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

After-School Activities for Students

A variety of after-school activities for area children in grades K-6 are planned for this winter/spring. The youth newsletter with class details was sent home with all Springfield elementary students in early January. To view the winter/spring youth newsletter on-line, visit: <https://www.springfield.mntm.org>, then click on the "Community" tab.



ECFE

ECFE and Learning Readiness Classes are sponsored by the Springfield Public School and Community Education. Classes are held late afternoons and evenings. The Early Childhood teacher will design crafts, activities, learning games, stories, songs, circle time, etc., which promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.



Additional ECFE dates to remember:

Mon., Jan. 8— Kindergarten Round-Up
Sat., Jan. 20— Morning Run & Play
Mon., Jan. 22— Sensory & Messy Fun
Sat., Feb. 10— Bowling Event
Mon., March 11— Fun @ Sprfd. Library
Sat., March 23— Morning Run & Play

Learning Packets for Distance Learning will be available:

Tues. Feb. 6— Valentine's Day theme

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Springfield Community Education REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to: Springfield Community Education
Mail to: Springfield Community Education
12 South Burns Avenue, Springfield, MN 56087
Please write a separate check for each registered class.

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Class Name/Date: _____ Fee: _____

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Class Name/Date: _____ Fee: _____

Date of Birth _____ Driver's License # _____
(Needed Defensive Driving Classes only.)