

SIXTEEN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!! We wish for all of our members a "healthy and prosperous year ahead". It will be an adventure for all of us.

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2016 was a very successful year for this civic association. We were fortunate to have some outstanding guest speakers starting with Sy Becker in February (we must have him back again) up to and including Judy Matt/Spirit of Springfield. I can still hear the applause. Wait until you see the following newsletters for this year's guest speakers.



What an amazing success the Christmas party was on December 20th. The response from local businesses and individuals donating raffle items for the associations scholarship fund was outstanding. Let's acknowledge some of these donors: Leone's Restaurant, Johnny Mac Liquors, Fresh Acres, Big Y, Parker St. Pizza, Chmura's Bakery, Catalado/Dunkin Donuts, Eastfield Mall, Friendly's, Pride Stations, Walgreen's, Stop & Shop, Peter Pan Bus Lines, CVS, Colacinno/Colvest group, Sophia's Sports Bar/Pizza, 16 Acres Optical, WNE, Bruno's Pizza, 16 Acres Gardens, Gilded Lilly, City Councilors Marcus Williams and Tim Allen plus State Representative Jose Tosado. For all of you individual donors, "Thank You" so much! The total of the raffle proceeds goes directly into the scholarship fund. News for this year's scholarship applications to follow.

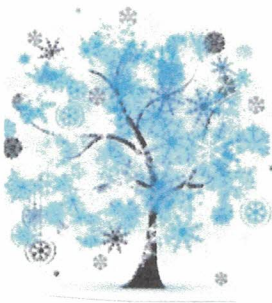
February 21st - 6:30 pm Social Time/coffee & cookies. 7:00 pm **Important information** from the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Administrative Assistant Matthew Bartlett, will provide the plans for the upcoming consolidation of the PVTa bus stops in the in the 16 Acres area. This is important information for all bus riders in our area. We are very pleased to announce the **guest speaker** for the evening will be **Matthew McRobbie**, Account Executive for Springfield's own hockey team - **The Thunderbirds!** If you have not been to a game yet, wait until you hear what this very special team has in store for you at their home games. The feedback from those of us that have attended a game is amazing. There will be some surprises too!!



16 Acres Local News:

- 1 - The Springfield Police Neighborhood Crime Watch was cancelled for January 16th to inclement weather. The next meeting will be March 21st.
- 2 - The 16 Acres Golden Agers Group meetings are held every Friday here at this center at 1:00 pm. If you seniors are looking for activities and new friends please join us.
- 3-**Good News!** There will be a new gas station on the corner of Wilbraham Road and Parker Street replacing the closed Mobil station. A 7/11 convenience store, open 24 hours a day, with Petrogas and an expanded car wash. If you would like to see the plans that that board of directors were provided at a presentation and the Springfield City Council's presentation and approved by both, see one of the board members. The completion of the redevelopment should be summer 2017.

The next association meeting will be on March 21st preceded by the Police Neighborhood Crime Watch at 6:00 pm. Guest speakers for March and April will be announced in March newsletter.



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