

Neighborhood Description – Springdale

Here's a description of our neighborhood – what have we forgotten? Please send your input on what makes Springdale wonderful and we will continue to add and develop this document. We want everyone who might think of living here to know what we love about our neighborhood!

For future reference, be sure to keep track of these important websites:
Springdale Neighborhood Association website: www.springdaleassn.com
Springdale business and resource directory: www.springdaledirectory.com

Springdale's historic area includes quiet, tree-lined streets of older, modest sized houses and bungalows that are convenient to the train station and bus lines. Many apartments and condominiums are located along Hope Street with easy access to shops and the train. Farther up Hope Street, within about 15-20 minutes of the train station, there are larger houses on larger pieces of land, with a more suburban or woody feel.

“I love how many places are easily reached by walking. We love walking around the neighborhood with our kids, sometimes to do errands, sometimes to visit the library and sometimes to one of the many nice restaurants. “

“I work in the city, so being able to walk to the train station is a huge plus. I really like living here.”

“ It is so pretty and there seems to be a high level of pride in taking care of properties as everyone's houses look so nice.”

“Springdale is also special for the variety of people who live here shoulder to shoulder. You can have a plumber with a neighbor on one side who walks to the train to Wall Street and a teacher living on the other.”

It's easy to get to know your neighbors, and there's a mix of people from young singles to young families to grandparents.

Many people have lived here for generations, and often people who have grown up in Springdale and left have ended up coming back.

There are numerous small business owners in Springdale, from home-based

startups to larger companies successful for generations. Almost all of the downtown businesses are locally owned and operated, so the owner is probably there working, and after awhile knows how you want your coffee, whether you take starch in your shirts, and which pizza you always order.

Convenient shops and services include a pharmacy, dry cleaners, hair and nail salons, a greengrocer that sells meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, spices and specialty foods, a restaurant quality seafood store with lobster tanks, fresh fish arriving daily and local artisanal bread on weekends, a family-run bakery that delivers its cakes to the tri-state area, a jewelry store that also does ring repair, a long-established dressmaker who also does alterations, an appliance store that does excellent appliance repairs, three different styles of coffee shop, a couple of car washes, a large post office, and several banks. For home projects, Springdale offers a paint store, lumber yard with top quality lumber, a garden center, and a nearby long-established hardware store.

The bar and restaurant scene includes everything from the local diner or bars that sell wings and poppers or Irish pub food to Italian, Chinese, American and Japanese food, prize winning pizza, including both sitdown and takeout choices.

If you want to go into Manhattan, the five-minute train ride to downtown Stamford shortens the trip considerably, providing both convenience and a quieter village lifestyle.

There is no shortage of activities: two ice skating rinks with top-notch hockey and figure skating instruction and an internationally competing, prize-winning synchronized skating team; martial arts studios, a professional gymnastics training center, Irish dance classes or trampoline sports – plus a sports academy, two music academies (pop and classical), multiple gyms, a yoga studio and a studio offering exercise classes for women and girls.

Mark the calendar for Tuesdays! You can walk to the movies at the historic movie theatre (complete with a ceiling mural of billowing clouds) and catch a first run show for \$4 on Tuesday nights.

Little League is a big deal in Springdale, and the bleachers fill for the champion-quality Little League team's games under the lights on the well-groomed field, complete with a concession stand.

By the ball field is Springdale School's playground with swings and slides, used in summer and after school by the community. Sleepy Hollow Park has a small pond beside a 20-acre wetland, and is a popular dog walking and stroller destination.

Springdale Elementary School is a well-loved public school (Upper Springdale kids go to Davenport Ridge). Dolan Middle School is also on Hope Street.

The Weed Memorial and Hollander branch library is a warm friendly place, housed in a former farm house that offers a reading room with a fireplace, computers for research, and a selection of books and popular DVDs, with quick delivery of requests from other branches. The children's story time is an enormously popular program.

Companies in a variety of categories make Springdale their home: IT services, telecommunications consulting, financial data services, medical technology research and development, disaster recovery, transportation logistics, and general manufacturing.

Springdale also has convenient wholesale suppliers serving the plumbing and heating, irrigation, landscaping, and construction trades, as well as several kitchen design firms and home improvement suppliers of imported marble and tile, mirrors and specialty glass, custom and high quality architectural hardware, lumber and appliances.