

Borough of Morris Plains

PLAINS TALK

August 2014

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TERCENTENARY ISSUE

BLAST FROM THE PAST

(FULL STORY ON PG 10-11)



Photos for this issue submitted by: Ralph Lopez, Steve Welsh, George Coogan, Randy Opitz, Jason Karr

UNCLE FRANK'S FISHING CONTEST



Tommy Denman is pictured to the right with his "winning catch" of the day! A record of over 60 fish were caught by this year's anglers!



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Congratulations!!

to Morris Plains residents Russell and Teresa Haas, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8th, 2014.



MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Jason Kohn, taking the Oath of Office as new Chief of Police - replacing retiring Chief Scott Thompson. Jason started with the Department in 1994 as a Police Dispatcher.



Nicholas Grawehr, taking the Oath of Office as the newest Probationary Patrol Officer.



ANNUAL MORRIS PLAINS 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Morris Plains 9-11 Memorial, Corner of Rte 53 & 202
in conjunction with students from Borough School and St Virgil Academy

ROBERTS GARDEN DEDICATION

On Friday, June 20th at 9:00 a.m., the Roberts Garden Commission and Morris Plains Rotary Club, along with students from the Borough School and St. Virgil's School, met to dedicate the display cases which were recently installed at Roberts Garden by the Rotarians. The cases display a map and history of the garden as well as students' illustrations and descriptions of the various trees that can be found in this wonderful setting adjacent to our library.



TYLER URRUTIA EAGLE PROJECT MURAL



The Speedwell Avenue underpass under the Morris Plains Station Train Bridge has a fresh new look and welcome message, thanks to Tyler

Urrutia. Tyler, a Morris Plains resident and member of Boy Scout Troop 39 in Morris Plains, designed a new mural and led a team to install it for his Boy Scout Eagle project. The project required scraping off an old mural and painting the new one in its place, under the New Jersey Transit Morris Plains Station Train Bridge on the northbound side of Route 202.

The Eagle project is one of the last steps toward becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts. An Eagle project involves planning, developing and leading others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school or community. Tyler's project was approved by the Borough of Morris Plains, as well as leaders from Troop 39 and Patriot's Path Council.

Troop 39 meets Mondays at 7:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Morris Plains. For more information, visit the troop's website at www.troop39bsa.org.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 402 EARNS BRONZE AWARD

Girl Scout Junior Troop 402 of Morris Plains recently received their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. This award incorporates all leadership experiences into one project.

There are several steps the girls must take in order to achieve the Girl Scout Bronze Award. First, the girls must complete a Girl Scout Journey. This takes one year to complete and prepares them for the rigors of the Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is a team based project, so their second task was to build their team. Thirdly, the girls had to raise awareness for an organization they wished to support. The organization that they chose was The 11th Hour Rescue.

Once the girls selected the organization, as a team, they had to create a plan to raise awareness for The 11th Hour Rescue. Once they created a plan they had to put it into motion. Visits to the shelter, Community Animal Hospital, and a local movie night all helped the girls spread their message. This was a year long project, which had to be approved by the Girl Scout council, as well as their leaders, Judy Landi, Chris Hoey, and Tracey Eck. Congratulations to the girls of Girl Scout Troop 402!



Meet GS Troop 402: Lorelei Eck, Mackenzie Fitzgerald, Fiona Foley, Berkeley Frost, Isabelle Gringeri, Olivia Goglia, Julia Hoey, Camryn Hussey, Grace Landi, Gina Marasco, Katelyn Miller, Sarah Skalski, and Meghan Williams.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION REQUESTS HELP FROM RESIDENTS

The Shade Tree Commission continued with its reforestation project this Spring with the planting of an additional 102 trees throughout the Borough - in parks as well as in the right-of-way portion of many residences. An additional 100+ trees will be planted this coming Fall. The Commission requests the assistance of residents in order to help the trees to remain healthy. Especially in the Summer months, hot dry weather can be stressful for young trees. Residents are asked to help by keeping an eye on the tree and giving it water when needed. The best rule of thumb is to keep the soil surrounding the roots moist and covered with a layer of bark mulch.

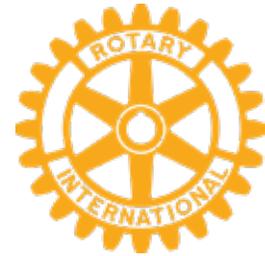
A good deep watering comes from running a steady stream of water at the base of the tree for approx 30 seconds. More watering advice can be found at www.arborday.org.

Good care during the first two years after planting will give trees the best chance of thriving. Residents who have a question or concern regarding a new tree, at their home or in parks, are asked to contact the Shade Tree Commission at 973-538-0325. Thank you!



ROTARY CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS

41ST ANNUAL



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BUFFET BRUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

MORRIS PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER



TICKETS:

ADULTS \$8 CHILDREN \$5 (AGES 3-12)

CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG

OR E-MAIL US AT INFO@MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG

MORRIS PLAINS FARMERS MARKET

The Morris Plains Farmers Market will host an Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, September 13 (Rain Date September 20). Registration forms available on the Morris Plains website.

All the summer fruits and vegetables are in and at their best.

Don't miss the wine from Brook Hollow Winery!

Ort Farms also sells eggs, honey and fresh, local bottled milk (whole milk, 1%, 2%, and chocolate) antibiotic and hormone free.

Sample the delicious offerings from Krakus Deli and Olives, Pickles, etc.

Mara's fruit pies are always delicious; try her creative quiches as well.

Hoboken Farms has all the freshest bread,

scones, croissants and olive pockets (you have to try it to believe it).

Now's the time for that fresh mozzarella, Jersey tomatoes and basil on that great artisan bread.

Be prepared for the cold with the alpaca items from Flying Alpaca's.



Morris Plains Youths Graduate from Tri-Morris Junior Police Academy

Nervously waiting in formation as officers bellowed commands, the early morning physical training was demanding in the July heat. The days continued with intense classroom instruction covering such topics as crowd management, crash investigation and high risk building searches, and not a single police recruit had reached the age of 17. For two weeks, students from Morris Plains, Morris Township and Morristown experienced a simulated police academy known as the Tri-Morris Junior Police Academy. A cooperative effort founded by Officer Heather Glogolich of the Morris Township Police Department, Officer DeAnna Dietrich of the Morristown Police Department and Sgt. Michael Koroski of the Morris Plains Police Department began in 2013, with the number of interested applicants nearly doubling this year.



This year's graduating class not only completed a program that is second to none in the State, but all recruits were certified in CPR, allowing the Police Departments involved to return young citizens to communities who could render lifesaving aid to their friends and neighbors. For a nominal fee, after being accepted to the program, recruits are outfitted with a uniform and embark on an experience that propels

them into a possible career as a law enforcement officer. The Junior Academy was originally reserved for graduating 8th grade students but has grown in such popularity that registration will now be opened to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

In the summer of 2013, Morris Plains resident, Daniel Ribaud, successfully completed the Jr. Academy, and on July 11, 2014, David Albin and Nathan Latsch joined 40 other recruits who graduated from the program. Interested candidates can visit the Morris Township Police Department's website at www.morristwp.com/127 or email Sgt. Koroski for details at mkoroski@morrisplainsboro.org. A video montage of the 2013 and 2014 Tri-Morris JPA is also available for viewing on youtube.com

MUNICIPAL COURT

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



Calling courtroom reality shows and primetime legal dramas enthusiasts!! If you enjoy watching it on TV, why not come and be part of the judicial team? This is a great opportunity to provide a vital service to the community.

We are looking for energetic, enthusiastic, customer service oriented volunteers to serve as Customer Service Representatives in the 45 Municipal Courts for the Morris/Sussex Vicinage. Court sessions are held on different days and times. There is one that meets your schedule.

For more information please contact the Morris/Sussex Municipal Division at 973-656-3979 or visit our website at www.judiciary.state.nj.us Training will be provided.

Note: Applicants must agree to a thorough background check. All data received will be kept in strict confidence except to inform the individual of the finding.

THE JUDICIARY OF NEW JERSEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER COMMITTED TO ENSURING AN OPEN DOOR TO JUSTICE.





MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

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Summer = sunshine, heat, and no snow to be found. Life is perfect, let's get reading!!

During your summer strolls, please pass through Roberts Garden and notice our newly dedicated signs and discover identifying facts about the trees on the property as well as illustrated leaves of all the varieties, and a light history of our Library. The signs have been recently installed and made possible through the Morris Plains Rotary Club under the reign of past president, John Harper. The signs are a very welcome and informative addition to the property. Thank-you to all who made it happen!

Come in and pick up a copy of our Library history condensed by Catherine Pellerin, one of our loyal patrons!

On 16 July the haze of the season subsided, the rains stopped and the day was perfect for our annual visit from the Willow Creek Farm Petting Zoo. Over 250 people attended and we collected 263 pounds of food for the Interfaith Food Pantry! Thank you for your amazing generosity!!

Be on the lookout for our annual Membership letter. Your donations help us to remain a valued part of the Community of Caring. It indeed takes a village to keep this place running. For example:

- Joe Signorelli and his team keep us manicured and snow free.
- Our Paper Shredding event keeps the books on our shelves and allows us to continue with our summer petting zoo.
- Our Town keeps us financially sound.
- Our staff maintains all inner workings.
- The Morris Plains All Seasons Garden Club keeps us decorated.
- Our adult and student volunteers give us time to breathe.
- The Morris Plains Rotary always helps us when in need.

We are truly always grateful and certainly would not be operating without all of you!

Please try some of the listed selections chosen by our very well read staff:

- 'Delicious' – by, Ruth Reichl
- 'A Fighting Chance' – by, Elizabeth Warren
- 'The Keeper' – by, John Lescroat
- 'Flash Boys' – by, Michael Lewis
- 'All the Light We Cannot See' - by, Anthony Doerr
- 'Book of Life' - by, Deborah Harkness
- 'The Closer' – by, Mariano Rivera

We also have some of the selections required for summer reading.

Stay cool, stay well, and keep reading!!

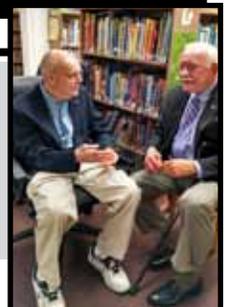
— Camille —

"Reading is a refuge. It stops you from multi-tasking and lets you become absorbed into another world." – David Mikics, author of "Slow Reading in a Hurried Age"



Recently, a room in the Morris Plains Library was dedicated to Kenneth A. Pfeil, in gratitude for his years of dedicated leadership as Trustee and President of the Library Association from 1968-2014.

(Ken Pfeil is pictured with Jack Van Orden)



The Borough of Morris Plains

The 21 Counties of New Jersey

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FAMILY DAY



COMMUNITY PARK MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

On Family Day, a special plaque dedication was held in honor of **Mayor Paul Bangiola**, who was instrumental in establishing Community Park as a recreation facility during the time he served as Mayor.

A large crowd attended, including many members of the Bangiola family. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Mayor Frank Druetzler and Mary Phillips (Paul's daughter) recounted Paul's contribution to the community.

The plaque is located in the playground area of the park.





BURIED TREASURES

UNEARTHING THE 1964 TIME CAPSULE



On Family Day, Saturday, June 28th 2014, a curious crowd gathered for the unearthing of a Time Capsule which was buried at Community Park 50 years ago. Mayor Druetzler opened the capsule and revealed the contents which included:

- A Letter from Paul Bangiola (current Mayor at that time)
- June 26 1964 editions of the Newark Evening News and Morris County Daily Record
- The Tercentenary Issue of the Morris Newsbee, June 26, 1964
- A photo of the Morris Plains Elementary School Class of 1964
- Class Rosters from Mountain Way School and Borough School
- A photo of the St Virgil School Class of 1964 along with Class Rosters
- The 1964 Borough of Morris Plains Directory
- Rosters for Morris Plains Fire Dept and Police Dept.
- Roster of Membership of Watnong VFW Post 3401
- A Road Map of Morris County
- The 1964 Information Please Almanac
- TIME Magazine
- An Audio Tape Recording of the History of Morris Plains by Muriel Rennie

The contents are on display at the Morris Plains Museum at the Community Center, which is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Please go visit and enjoy this piece of our community's history.

A new capsule will be buried before the end of 2014. Residents who have suggestions for items to be placed in the new capsule are encouraged to contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 973-538-2224 by Sept. 1st.





Mural Artist: Justin Sandelli



another great *SUMMER SWIM TEAM* season for the
MORRIS PLAINS MARLINS



PAVILION REDEDICATION

Construction of the pavilion in Community Park was first started in 1984 by the Morris Plains Rotary and donated to the people of Morris Plains in 1985. The pavilion was rededicated on Family day after Rotary completed a new roof and a concrete floor.

ANNABELLA'S GRAND OPENING

Morris Plains is proud to welcome Annabella's! The pizzeria and restaurant is located at 401 Speedwell Ave - stop in and grab a bite!



MORRIS PLAINS WELLNESS DAY

Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
at the Community Center – Jim Fear Drive

FREE and Open to All Morris Plains Residents

**REGISTRATION DATES FOR
ADULT CANCER SCREENINGS
AND BLOOD WORK**
(Register at Borough Hall)

Wed. Oct. 8 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Sponsored by Morris Plains Board of Health
and Morris Plains Rotary*



“WELLNESS FAIR”

At the Community Center

**Information &
Demonstrations to Help
Keep Your Family HEALTHY**

(No Registration Necessary)

**Questions? 973-538-2224
or www.morrisplainsboro.org**

**2nd
Annual**

**Free Flu
Vaccines**

*For Morris Plains Residents Age 50 and Over
or Under Age 50 with Pre-Existing Condition
(& Doctor's Note)*

At the Morris Plains Community Center
Saturday, Oct. 25th, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

At “Fast ER”, 130 Speedwell Ave., Morris Twp. (862) 242-8043

Walk-In, October 1st thru 31st

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(must show proof of Morris Plains residency)

FERAL CATS



What You Should Know

A Feral Cat - is a domestic cat that has reverted to the "wild" state after being lost, abandoned, or born in the wild without having human contact. Feral cats live in family groups called colonies and can be found anywhere there is food.

FERAL CAT COLONIES can be harmful in our neighborhoods as they may carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans and pets. They also can attract, and be susceptible to attack by, larger wildlife. Feral cats may also create a nuisance due to noise and odors.

In an Effort to Reduce Concerns Related to Feral Cats in the Borough, PLEASE:

- ❖ **Do not feed**, or place food outdoors for, stray cats. Placing food outdoors can potentially increase interactions, including fights, between stray cats and other wildlife.
- ❖ **Immediately report** injured or sick stray cats to the Animal Control Officer by calling the Morris Plains Police Desk at 973-538-2284 or Denville Police Desk at 973-627-4900, x-4. Do not touch or approach stray cats that appear sick or injured.
- ❖ **Ensure** that your pets are vaccinated against Rabies. In accordance with the Borough's Code, pets must be licensed and must wear an official registration tag when outdoors.
- ❖ **Be sure** your pets are spayed and neutered to help prevent unwanted litters in our neighborhoods.
- ❖ **If you own a cat**, do not permit it to trespass onto, soil and/or cause damage to adjoining private or public property. Clean up after your pet – it's the law!

Secure outdoor garbage cans to avoid attracting wildlife, and **secure outdoor sheds and crawl spaces** to prevent entry and harboring of stray cats

****** Borough Ordinance #1-04**

“WILDFOWL AND WILD ANIMAL FEEDING PROHIBITED ****

In order to help prevent the spread of animal-borne diseases such as Rabies, Lyme Disease, etc., and to deter attraction of wild animals whose presence may present a danger to residents of the community, this ordinance states that "no person shall feed, cause to be fed or provide food for" wildfowl and wild animals in the Borough either on public or private property. The term "wildfowl and wild animals" refers to, but is not limited to, feral cats and dogs, wild geese, ducks, deer and squirrels.

**This Ordinance is established in order to maintain good health and safety practices in our community.
Any failure to comply with this Ordinance may result in fines. (Minimum \$100)**

Fall Recreation Programs



Adult Book Club with Charlot Lamm

Fourth Wednesday of the Month
 2PM at the MP Community Center
 September Book Selection:
"The Book Thief"
 By Markus Zusak

USSI Fall Tennis

Mondays
 September 15th to
 October 27th

Ages: 3-5 3-3:50PM
 Ages: 5-8 4-5PM
 Ages: 5-8 5-6PM
 Ages: 8-10 6-7PM
 Ages: 10-14 7-8PM

\$115.00

Morris Plains
 Community Park

Senior exercise with Irene Phelan at the
 VFW, Route 53, Morris Plains
 Thursday Mornings 10AM Beginning September 18th

Fall Fitness with Stacey Williamson



Boot Camp
Tuesdays
9:30-10:30AM

Kickboxing on a
Freestanding Bag
Thursdays
9:30-10:30AM

18 sessions \$100
Begins
September 9th

Cardio Boot Camp with Theresa Myers



Wednesday Evenings
7PM-8PM 18 sessions \$100.
Begins September 10

YOGA



with Peg Clark

Tuesday 7:30--8:30PM
Thursdays 7:30-8:30PM
18 Sessions \$100.00
Begins September 9th

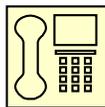
USSI Fall Tee Ball

Thursdays 9/18 to 10/23
 1PM-2PM Ages 3-5 \$105.

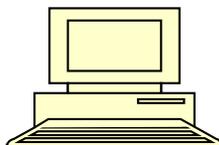
USSI Parent & Me Sports Squirts

Mondays 9/22 to 10/27
 9:15-10AM Ages 2-3 \$105.
 10-10:50AM Ages 2-3 \$105.

For more Information
 973-538-3455
 Monday - Thursday
 9AM - 4PM



Program information
www.morrisplainsboro.org



Adult Soccer
 Morris Plains Residents
Tuesdays
8:30-10PM
MP Borough School
September-June

Adult Basketball

Morris Plains Residents
Thursdays
8:30-10PM
MP Borough School
September-June



Recreation Events

Town-Wide
Garage Sales!
October 4th & October 5th!



Sign up at
Community Center
by September 30th

Annual Bonfire



Saturday, October 25th
6PM - 9PM
Rain date:
Sunday, October 26th



Halloween Parade!



October 31st
4PM
Robert's Garden



Acrylic Painting Classes with John Darvie Morris Plains Community Center

Discover your creative talents with John Darvie!
Classes are 2 hour lessons including: landscape, seascape, floral, animals & space. Beginner students will learn the basics of mixing colors, composition, texture and various brush techniques, leaving each class with a finished painting!

<i>Acrylic Painting for Kids:</i>	Tuesdays, 9/23-10/21	4:30PM-6:30PM	\$150.
<i>Acrylic Painting for Adults:</i>	Tuesdays, 9/23-10/21	7PM-9PM	\$150.
<i>Acrylic Painting for Kids:</i>	Tuesdays, 10/28-11/25	4:30PM-6:30PM	\$150.
<i>Acrylic Painting for Adults:</i>	Tuesdays, 10/28-11/25	7PM-9PM	\$150.

Fall Recreation Programs!

Mommy & Me
9/18-12/11 10-11AM Ages: 18mo. - 3 yrs.
12 Sessions: \$60.00

Pre Ballet & Tumbling
9/18-12/11 11AM-Noon Ages: 3-5
12 Sessions: \$60.00

Ballet & Jazz
9/17-12/10 4-5PM Ages: 5-6
12 Sessions: \$60.00

Jazz & Hip Hop
9/17-12/10 5-6PM Ages: 7-10
12 sessions: \$60.00

New Fall Recreation Program! Yoga for Kids: Balance and Bend with Theresa Myers

Yoga is great for building strength, balance and confidence. This class, designed for grades 2-5, will teach the basics of yoga breadth and movement

MP Community Center
September 17 to November 19
6PM-6:45PM
Fee: \$40.00



Sponsored by the Morris Plains Recreation Commission. For More Information: 973-538-3455



Morris Plains Museum

51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950

973-267-3303

MORRIS PLAINS HISTORY QUIZ

TAKE YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE MORRIS PLAINS MUSEUM ON A
SATURDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 2 PM



IF YOU'RE ANSWERS ARE CORRECT YOU'LL WIN AN ICE CREAM CONE!

1. What American Indian tribe lived in the Morris Plains area? _____
2. Who wrote the first comprehensive history of Morris Plains in the 1926? _____
3. What year was the Borough of Morris Plains established? _____
4. Who was Homer Davenport? What was he famous for? _____
5. Who was the first Mayor of Morris Plains? _____
6. Isaac Canfield came to the area in 1788. What building is on his property today? _____
7. Where did Thomas Pierson build his home and saw mill in 1685? _____
8. What was the original name for Hanover Avenue? _____
9. Who founded and lead the Morris Plains Coronet Band? _____
10. What factory was built in town in 1927? _____
11. What was the original name for Grannis Avenue? _____
12. Morris Plains was part of what township until 1926? _____



2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year, two young people from the Borough of Morris Plains received scholarships from the Morris Plains Museum Association. The Helen H. Schnack Scholarship (a very generous long-time resident and professor at NJIT) was awarded to Morristown High School Senior Nicholas Townsend Haas.

The Kenneth C. Cramer Award for History (a former resident, archivist at Dartmouth College, NH and Life Member of the museum) was awarded to eighth grade graduate Daniel Corcoran from the Morris Plains Borough School.



50 Years of History. . . Morris Plains Time Capsule Contents Now on Display



FANTASTIC SEASON FOR THE DIAMONDS

The Morris Plains Diamonds had a great regular season in the Bi-County Summer Softball League at the 10u level. They finished the regular season 9 and 0, out-scoring their opponents 102 to 1, and went on to win the league championship in a 4-0 win against Montclair. The team is composed of ten girls who were dedicated and worked hard to make this team a success.

Their credentials- **Kelsey Volker**- the ace of our staff who was feared by opposing batters 35 in 82ks 14 walks 9 hits 1 run, batted leadoff and played a solid second base. **Abby Polito**- batted second and could always be counted on for putting the ball in play/known for aggressive base running, driving the ball, while playing a great outfield, first and third base. **Amanda Gallini**- played a great second base, threw 12 scoreless innings with 34ks and no runs allowed while being a force as our number three hitter, splitting the outfield with her line drives. **Olivia Del Giorno**- was one of our mashers bouncing balls off the field three fence verse East Hanover and West Caldwell while playing a solid first base and catcher. **Jessica Armino** -was another feared hitter in this deep Diamonds line up, she was a force to be reckoned with in our team's home run derby contests at practice, while shutting down the running game behind the plate. **Sierra Kaye**- another batter who showed pitchers no mercy while being the first Diamond to go yard driving a ball over the right fielder's head verse Madison, played a solid outfield, 3rd, as was seen catching. **Marissa Vega**- one of the girls in the lineup that generated runs, got on base, and always went into a base sliding hard, played a solid shortstop, outfield, and catcher. **Lizzy Bozza**- another run generator who would bunt and put the ball in play, played a solid outfield, short stop and second, was considered the best slider on the team. **Nathalia Vega**- was an anchor at third base shutting down opposing teams' bunting game while showing veteran leadership, putting together good at-bats and getting on base. **Page Goldberg**- our second lead-off hitter who would jump start our line up while working the count and laying down an important bunt, played a solid outfield, second, and short. The Coaches for the Diamonds are: Brian Volker, George Gallini, Rich Del Giorno, Jose Vega and Joe Armino.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MORRIS PLAINS 10U BASEBALL TEAM!

The Morris Plains 10U baseball team won the New Providence Green League summer tournament by beating New Providence 12-3 in the championship game "under the lights" at Community Park. The team ended the regular season with a record of 11-2. They had a thrilling walk off win in the opening round of the playoffs, followed up by two strong performances to close out the season.

PHOTO CREDIT: Audrey Eapen



NICOLE KRAMER NAMED VALEDICTORIAN, MHS CLASS OF 2014

Plains Talk congratulates Morris Plains resident **Nicole Kramer** for earning selection as Valedictorian of the Morristown High School Class of 2014. Among Nicole's many achievements, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Art Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society and was recognized as a National Merit Scholar. She has also enjoyed figure skating and Girl Scouting. She plans to study Biomedical Engineering at MIT in the fall. Nicole is the daughter of Marc and Chandell Kramer.



Congratulations!!

to Morris Plains residents Marilyn and Marty Reilly who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 20th, 2014!



MORRIS PLAINS SOCCER ASSOCIATION

OPENING DAY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

10AM AT SIMONS PARK

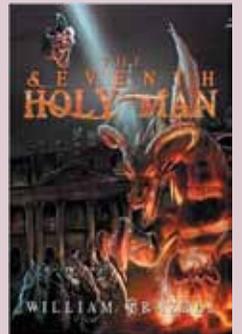


The Simons Park Snack Bar received a fun new look thanks to the work of the talented participants of the Summer Recreation Enhancement Program "Paint the Town," under the direction of Kirstin Howie.

*The graffiti mural at the pool was painted by local artist, Justin Sandelli (see pg 12).

THE CREATIVE SIDE OF WILLIAM BRAZZEL

Longtime resident of Morris Plains, and owner of Improved Insurance, **Bill Brazzel** has put his burning interest in science fiction to action in his recently published novel, ***The Seventh Holy Man.***



Mesmerizing and fast paced 'The Seventh Holy Man' is a page turner that blends history and demonic power into a conflict within the Vatican. The Catholic Church is being pushed to the brink of destruction by evil forces within the church hierarchy and there is no one who seems to be able to reverse the movement toward secularism and utter destruction of religious freedom.

Sean Carrol, a reporter from New York, has volunteered to investigate the strange occurrences taking place in the Vatican, but soon realizes that answers will be difficult, if not impossible to obtain. His tenacious approach to seeking answers; however, results in the deaths of several people that can be attributed directly to the church hierarchy.

To reverse the movement of the church only one possibility exists. The seven holy men, representing the Seven Spirits of God, must be reestablished. With the spiritual power of the group they may be able to preserve the church; however, there is no guarantee.

For more information about Bill's first book, visit www.scifiauthorbrazzel.com

HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY BOB & ANITA CARROLL

Bob and Anita Carroll were married on June 17, 1944 in Ozark, Alabama near where Bob was stationed with the US Army at Camp Rucker. They met as classmates at Morristown High School and fell in love. Bob was born in Brookside, New Jersey, and drafted by the U.S. Army 1943 while still in high school.

Anita (nee Drake) has been a lifelong resident of Morris Plains, having grown up at the Drake homestead on Tabor Road, just a few yards from where she and Bob now live on Drake Way. Anita traveled alone by train to Alabama to meet Bob so they could be married before he was shipped overseas to France during WWII. Sgt. Carroll's 66th Division fought throughout France and Germany, finally liberating prisoners before returning home in 1946 to Morris Plains. During the War, Anita worked at the G. Washington coffee factory on East Hanover Avenue in Morris Plains. Anita has been a 50+ year member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Morris Plains Fire Association, a Girl Scout Leader, and devoted room mother while their daughters attended Borough School. Her great-grandchildren are fourth generation students at Borough School.

Fresh out of the Army, Bob joined Jersey Central Power & Light as a lineman, eventually retiring as a Engineer in management. Bob is a 50+ year volunteer fireman for the Borough of Morris Plains, a former Fire Chief and member of the Exempt Firemen's Association. He served as a Morris Plains councilman

and a member of the Morris Plains Planning Board. He was appointed as a founding member of the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. Most recently, Bob was a devoted and beloved school crossing guard. Bob is a decorated WWII Veteran. With his brother-in-law, Jack Drake, he was a founding charter member of the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 3401, Morris Plains. Prior to the Post Home on Route 53, the VFW members met in the room above what is now Arthur's Tavern.



Anita and Bob are the proud parents of two daughters, Nancy Shay and Linda Berry, both of whom live with their husbands, Mike Shay and Steve Berry respectively, in Morris Plains. Two of their three grandchildren, Chris Shay and wife Lisa (with great-grandchildren Tyler & Shelby), and Amy Connolly and husband Justin (with great-granddaughter Samantha), also live in Morris Plains. Only grandson Matt Berry lives out of town in Short Hills, NJ.

Congratulations and Thank You, Bob and Anita.

MAY TRIVIA ANSWER



The Community Park Dedication Plaque is mounted on a large boulder situated in the playground area. This summer an additional plaque was added to the rock in honor of former Mayor, Paul Bangiola, for his role in establishing the Park.

AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION



Where can this monument, listing the names of Morris Plains residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country, be found?

Look for the answer in the November Edition!

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531 Speedwell Avenue
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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Permit # 919
Dover, NJ 07801

Morris Plains 49th Annual BLOCK DANCE & PRIZE DRAWING



Saturday, August 30th

6:15 to 9:30 p.m.

on the Merchant Block

Rain Date: August 31st

Free Music and Rides!

MORRIS PLAINS BLOCK DANCE DRAWING

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Drop Ticket at Ice Cream Table

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*The deadline for the next Plains Talk is October 17th, 2014. E-mail your article and pictures to
plainstalknews@gmail.com.*