

Borough of Morris Plains

PLAINS TALK

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November 2014

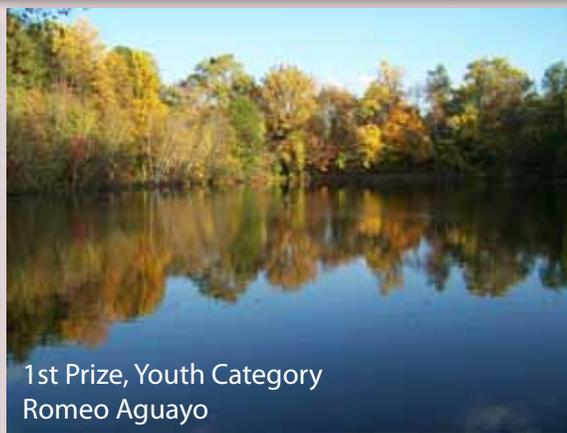


CONGRATULATIONS!

Grand Prize
Winner:
Ryan Eapen
*(Ryan entered the
Youth Category)*



1st Prize, Adult Category
Denise Panyik-Dale



1st Prize, Youth Category
Romeo Aguayo



1st Prize, Senior Category
Stephen Welsh

"I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS" PHOTO CONTEST

WINNING ENTRIES

(MORE WINNING ENTRIES ON PAGE 12)

HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING



SPEEDWELL SCARECROWS



MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Robert Guild recently took the Oath of Office as Probationary Patrolman for the Morris Plains Police Department.



Robert Guild with Chief Jason Kohn.



Borough School and St. Virgil Academy students participated in the 13th Annual 9-11 Memorial Service



MORRIS PLAINS 9-11 MEMORIAL FUND

Donations are always welcome and will help to provide continuing care and maintenance of the Memorial site.

Please make checks payable to "Morris Plains 9-11 Memorial Fund" and mail to:
Borough of Morris Plains 9-11 Memorial Fund
531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950. Thank you!



BOY SCOUT TROOP 39 PHOTOGRAPHED FOR MORRIS PLAINS TIME CAPSULE

In 2064, when Morris Plains opens the time capsule being buried this year, many of the Boy Scouts in Troop 39 today will likely be grandfathers. The Troop posed for pictures at the Court of Honor ceremony on October 13, where they were recognized for merit badges earned and rank advancement. Troop 39, founded in 1930 in Morris Plains, has been an important part of the boro's history and community.

Each year the Troop grills hamburgers at the Community Bonfire, gives canoe rides at the

Family Picnic, marches in the Memorial Day parade, participates in town cleanups and works at the recycling center. Many Troop Eagle projects have also benefited the community.

Troop 39 has a full calendar of events, including camping, hiking, canoeing, and white water rafting. Troop 39 is chartered by the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, where it meets every Monday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, visit the troop's website at www.troop39bsa.org.



This photo of Troop 39 was submitted by Carolina Garavaglia, and received an "Honorable Mention" prize in the I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS photo contest.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Recycling of Televisions and Other Electronics is now mandated in New Jersey

Be sure to bring **ALL** TVs, computers, audio/visual equipment, small appliances, phones, - even holiday light strings - to the Recycling Depot on Route 53 on Saturday mornings, 9 am to noon.

DO NOT PLACE ELECTRONICS IN THE TRASH!

If you need assistance getting items to the Center, please contact the Morris Plains Rotary Club by calling: Tom Zinckgraf (973-292-0169)

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 873 EARNS BRONZE AWARD

Girl Scout Troop 873 of Morris Plains recently completed the Bronze award which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout may earn. It is also the first of several leadership awards that a Girl Scout may earn.

There are several steps that lead up to the Bronze award. The first is to earn a Girl Scout Journey which was completed as a first year Junior Girl Scout. A journey takes one year to earn as the girls learn to work together to fulfill the journey badge. The Bronze award was completed in small groups, so the girls formed their individual groups to work together. The girls then decided how they would contribute to their community. They decided to beautify

their school by painting murals near the cafeteria and hallway. The murals would have significant meaning to the school. One mural exemplified the school motto and the other encouraged healthy eating and the school mascot. Girls had completed sketches that were submitted to the principal for approval and did community service to earn money for supplies.

This project took many hours after school and over the weekend to complete. It was approved by Girl Scout Council as well as the girls' leaders, Linda DelGiorno, Denise Allocco, Gayle Frascati and Lori Weintraub. Congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 873!



The SUSTAIN THE PLAINS and RECYCLING COMMITTEES Applaud Morris Plains Residents for Sustainable Efforts!

Morris Plains continues to take actions that are supported and encouraged by the Sustainable Jersey program as ones that will help to sustain our resources and our quality of life for years to come.

1200 LBS

COMMUNITY GARDEN - with over 100 garden plots being maintained by local citizens, the Community Garden not only provides healthy, locally raised produce for the plot "owners", but the gardeners have also harvested a surplus of over 1200 pounds of produce that was donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry to be distributed to neighbors in need.

30.8 TONS

RECYCLED SCRAP METAL - our Morris Plains recycling depot provides residents with the ability to responsibly dispose of household items that are "mostly metal". This year, to date, Morris Plains has recycled over 61,600 pounds of scrap metal.

6.87 TONS

PAPER SHREDDING - each year the Morris Plains Library Association sponsors a fundraiser that helps residents to safely dispose of confidential and important papers at their biennial shredding events. In 2014, 13,735 pounds of paper were shredded and properly recycled.

378 LBS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK - each April and October, the Morris Plains Police Department participates in a national effort to collect and dispose of unused, unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription drugs, to prevent these drugs from getting into the wrong hands, and to keep them from contaminating our water sources or soils. In 2014, the MPPD safely collected 378 pounds of medications.

KEEP UP THE GREAT EFFORT, MORRIS PLAINS!!!

The Borough of Morris Plains
The First Sweet 16 States of the USA
Search-A-Word



DELAWARE
NEW JERSEY
CONNECTICUT
MARYLAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW YORK
RHODE ISLAND
KENTUCKY

PENNSYLVANIA
GEORGIA
MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA
NORTH CAROLINA
VERMONT
TENNESSEE

SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

As a resident, business or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water sources.



Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides:

- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers when heavy rain is predicted.
- ◆ If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply them.
- ◆ Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.
- ◆ Consider using native or well-adapted vegetation that requires little or no fertilization.
- ◆ For more information on fertilizer use, identification and soil testing, contact the local agriculture service. A copy of the *Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety* and other information on pesticide control and use can be found on the Pesticide Control Program of New Jersey's website at www.pcpnj.org

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products:

- ◆ Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn & garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, paints, solvents, fluorescent lights, battery acid, engine cleaner and degreasers.
- ◆ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies, and the water is not treated.
- ◆ Recycle used motor oil.
- ◆ Additional information on household hazardous wastes (including information on each county's hazardous waste collection program) may be found at the Association of New Jersey Household Waste Coordinators website at www.njhazwaste.com/index.htm or by visiting www.mcmua.com

Don't Litter: Place litter in trash receptacles.....and.....Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly: Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

Responsible Pet Care: PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash or toilet. Local ordinances prohibit allowing pet waste to remain on private or public land.

When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe alternatives to chemicals. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be considered 'household hazardous waste' and disposed of accordingly (See above).

Do Not Feed Wildlife: Local ordinances prohibit feeding of wildlife such as geese, ducks, deer and feral cats. Such feeding can result in water pollution from animal wastes.

CALL Before You DIG!

Planning a home improvement job?
Planting or removing a tree?
Installing a fence or deck? WAIT!
Here's what you need to know first:



Whether you are planning to do-it-yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling **811** before each job in order to arrange for proper markout of underground utilities. (Call at least 3 days before you plan to dig.)

It's for your safety, it's FREE, and it's the LAW!

Questions? Dial 8-1-1 or visit www.call811.com

MORRIS PLAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



Saturday, Dec. 6th
10:00 a.m.

Borough School
Gymnasium

Morris Plains Recreation

For additional information and registration forms, contact
The Morris Plains Community Center at 973-538-3455
Monday - Thursday ~ 9AM - 4PM
or visit us at www.morrisplainsboro.org



Three Great Ways to Stay in Shape!

Fusion Fitness
with Stacey Williamson
Tuesday Morning
9:30AM - 10:30AM
Until January 20th
Community Center
New Sessions begin



Cardio Boot Camp
with Theresa Myers
Wednesday Evening
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Until January 21st
Community Center
New Sessions begin



Kickboxing
with Stacey Williamson
Thursday Mornings
9:30AM-10:30AM
Until January 29th
Community Center
New Sessions begin

"Kids Helping Kids" 4th Annual "Kids are Special" Talent Show!



"Kids Helping Kids" will be sponsoring the
4th Annual "Kids are Special" Talent Show"
January/February, 2015.

During this five week program, children will experience every aspect of theatre and performing including: hosting, talent management, rehearsals, lighting, sound, publicity, ticket sales and, most of all, having **FUN!** What make this program truly special is having older mentors assist with the development of acts, coaching the hosts, teaching lighting techniques and sharing in the fun!
Participants Grades K-5/ Mentors Grades 3-12

Acrylic Painting Classes with John Darvie



Morris Plains Community Center
January 13 to March 17
Children: 4:30 - 6:30PM
Adults: 7 - 9PM
5 sessions / \$150.



Tuesday Evening Yoga

7:30PM - 8:30PM
Until January 20th
MP Community Center
New sessions begin
January 27th, 2015!

Yoga with Peg Clark



Thursday Evening Yoga

7:30PM - 8:30PM
Until January 29th
MP Community Center
New sessions begin
February 5th, 2015!

Recreation Programs!

Winter Fun with Ms. Prisco!

Buddy Bonding! (Mondays)
2nd graders will bond & work together on crafts & games with a younger student @ Mt. Way

Rainy Day! (Tuesdays)
Kindergarten-4th Graders will learn rules & have fun playing good ol' fashion games!

Creative Colors! (Thursdays)
Be an illustrator! 1st to 4th graders will have fun water coloring & adding a story!

Programs begin January 12th
www.morrisplainsboro.org
For dates, times & registration forms



Kids Helping Kids Winter Programs!

Make Believe Adventures! (11/22, 11/29 & 12/6)
Children will embark on an adventure existing in the world of "Make Believe"!

Holiday Crafts! (11/19, 12/3 & 12/10)
Bring back the old fashioned way to prepare for the holidays!

Gingerbread Dreams! (12/13)
Make a wonderful Gingerbread House with the help of a Mentor!

Annual Cookie Exchange! (12/16)
AND....
"The Magic of Reading" (Nov. & Dec.)

For more information & registration forms
www.morrisplainsboro.org



Senior Exercise with Irene Phelan

Thursdays Mornings
10AM-11AM
Morris Plains VFW



Chair Yoga with Diane Tartaglia

Wednesday Mornings
10AM-11AM
MP Community Center

Adult Book Club with
Charlot Lamm
Fourth Wednesday
of every month
2PM-4PM



The Book Club meets at
The Community Center
Check website
www.morrisplainsboro.org
for book selection

Morris Plains Residents
Adult Soccer

Wednesday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required



Morris Plains Residents
Adult Basketball

Thursday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required

Morris Plains Residents
Young Adult Basketball

Tuesday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required



Morris Plains School News

A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

We've had a very successful start to the 2014-2015 school year. In my visits to each of our schools, I see students eager and ready to learn and teachers excited about the important work ahead of them. Since the start of summer recess, we've been busy working on a number of initiatives to strengthen our academic programs, enhance the learning experience for students, and work with student performance data to address student and curricular needs.

Our District Goals for 2014-15 are a continuation of the Strategic Planning goals developed in the spring of 2013:

- To create a culture of thinking and learning that promotes student growth/performance and enhances instructional programs; with attention to technology, small group instruction, student engagement, and 21st century learning skills.
- To provide professional development to ensure the delivery of instruction of the aligned curriculum to the NJCCSS.
- Continue to implement AchieveNJ; and to successfully implement PARCC testing in grades 3-8.
- Increase revenue in order to reduce burden on local taxpayers and maximize educational funding.
- Continue to provide a facilities infrastructure that meets the needs of all student learners.



Principal Kramar

On October 7th, The Morris Plains Board of Education appointed Mr. Andrew Kramar to be Borough School's next principal. Mr. Kramar follows Mr. Sean Dolan, who will be leaving the district November 12th to undertake the position of superintendent of schools in Fredon Township.

Mr. Kramar, a Google Certified Teacher, comes to Borough School with five years administrative experience as an assistant principal in a fifth through eighth grade middle school in Montvale, New Jersey. Throughout his tenure as assistant principal, Mr. Kramar initiated numerous school-wide initiatives, including a one-to-one iPad and Chromebook initiative and a summer program for students entering grades one through nine.

Mr. Kramar is very excited to join the Morris Plains School Community, and the Morris Plains School District looks forward to Mr. Kramar's visionary leadership. Mr. Kramar is scheduled to start his principal assignment on or before December 8th.



Mountain Way School Students received a visit from the Morris Plains Fire Department in observance of Fire Prevention Week

Currently, New Jersey schools are preparing for required PARCC assessments, which will be administered to students in grades 3 – 8 in mathematics and literacy in March (Performance Assessment) and in May (Summative Assessment). These will replace the ASK tests that have been in place for many years. We will continue to provide information about PARCC throughout the year. It is important to note that our students are being well-prepared for these assessments.

- This year, Social Studies and Science Curriculum Initiatives (K-8), facilitated by Educational Consultants, have been designed to support literacy and develop authentic-based learning experiences aligned to the standards.
- School goals have been drafted to support literacy, technology integration, 21st century learning, and differentiated instruction.
- Mathematics curriculum supports Common Core Standards.
- Teachers in all grades are working to provide students with opportunities to problem solve and read informational text.
- Regular practice opportunities are provided to students in online assessments.
- Increase number of technology devices for student learners.
- Access to digital content and text.
- Creation of Data Teams at both schools.
- Ongoing professional development for staff.

We continue to see positive results from our curriculum and program enhancements. Fewer students are requiring long-term academic intervention support, language arts/literacy scores have dramatically improved, and math achievement continues to be strong.

Please visit the “Curriculum” tab on the district website to access resources that support the Common Core, PARCC, board-approved curriculum, previous instructional-related presentations, and our 2014-2015 Professional Development Plan.

**For Morris Plains School Information,
Please Visit: www.mpsdk8.org**

The Morris Plains School District is fortunate to work in collaboration with supportive and generous school community organizations. This year, the MPEF (Morris Plains Education Foundation) has awarded \$15,000 to support the science program at Borough School. In addition, the HSA (Home and School Association) generously donated \$6,000 towards a new audio/visual system at Mountain Way

School and \$5,000 to purchase STEM Kits for teachers, grades K-4. Also, the Municipal Alliance continues to provide financial assistance to support our anti-drug and alcohol/character education programs. We are excited to continue working with all stakeholders within the community to create a safe and positive learning environment that supports innovation and 21st century learning.



Borough School Soccer Teams got the chance to play on the new turf fields at Morris County's Central Park

The HSA and Education Foundation meet every month. Their websites are listed on the district webpage, under “Quick Links.”



As winter weather approaches, we would like to remind you of our weather delay/closing procedures. Our school district uses School Brains for automated emergency notifications. This includes school closing, delayed opening (90 minute ay), and early dismissal information. Families have the option to receive text message notifications, in addition to the usual phone and email messages. If you have not yet completed a registration form and would like to be included in the School Brains alert system, please email Cristie Bruhn at cbruhn@mpsdk8.org.

What's Happening?

- District staff will be meeting soon to develop a budget for the 2015-16 school year.
- The Morris Plains Police Department will be working with building principals to facilitate a district-wide faculty meeting to discuss and review the district emergency crisis plan.
- November 25th Board Meeting – Mrs. Vieira and Mr. Maire will conduct a presentation on the 2014 NJASK results
- MPSD opens Parent Portal in School Brains, providing parents digital access to student grades, report cards, schedules, etc.
- Beginning on Sept. 1, all school districts must have an identifiable AED system in an unlocked location on school property (Janet's Law). The MPSD has six AED's, four located at Borough School and two at Mountain Way. Each school building has teams of staff who are CPR/AED certified. The district emergency plan has been updated to include procedures and protocol to support this legislation.

Finally, I want to inform you about an upcoming Morris Plains School District Parent Forum meeting, which I will be hosting several times throughout the school year. Specific meeting dates may be found on the district website, under “Headlines.”

As parents/guardians, please continue to participate in your child's education. Parents have an important role in the success of their child's school and overall education.
Have a happy and healthy upcoming Holiday Season!!!!

Best,

Mark Mauro

Borough School Student Council Officers are pictured with Morris Plains Councilmembers and Mayor as the Mayor proclaims October 27-31 as “Red Ribbon Week” in Morris Plains - all in support of the Municipal Alliance Committee and the MPHSA in their efforts to promote Drug and Alcohol Prevention.

HALLOWEEN PARADE!



SOCCER
opening
day

BONFIRE!



BLOCK DANCE!



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!



MORRIS PLAINS welcomes these new business partners:

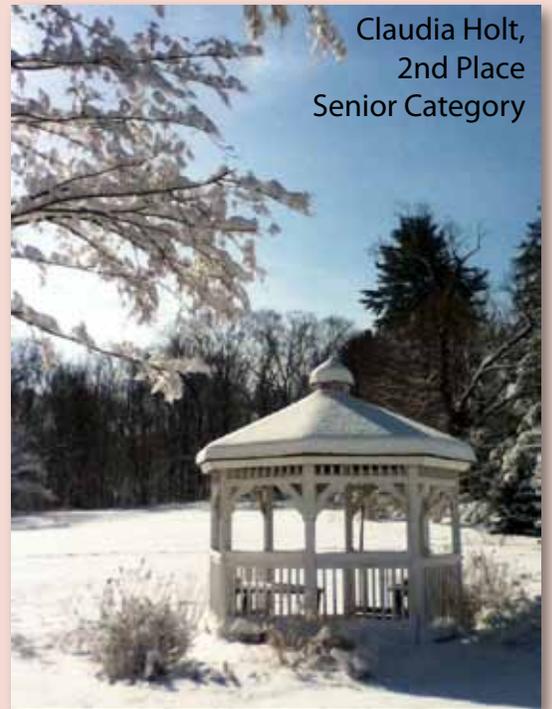
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES - 1775 Route 10 East

SEASONS HAIR & NAIL SALON - 546 Speedwell Avenue

Audrey Eapen, 2nd Place
Adult Category



Claudia Holt,
2nd Place
Senior Category

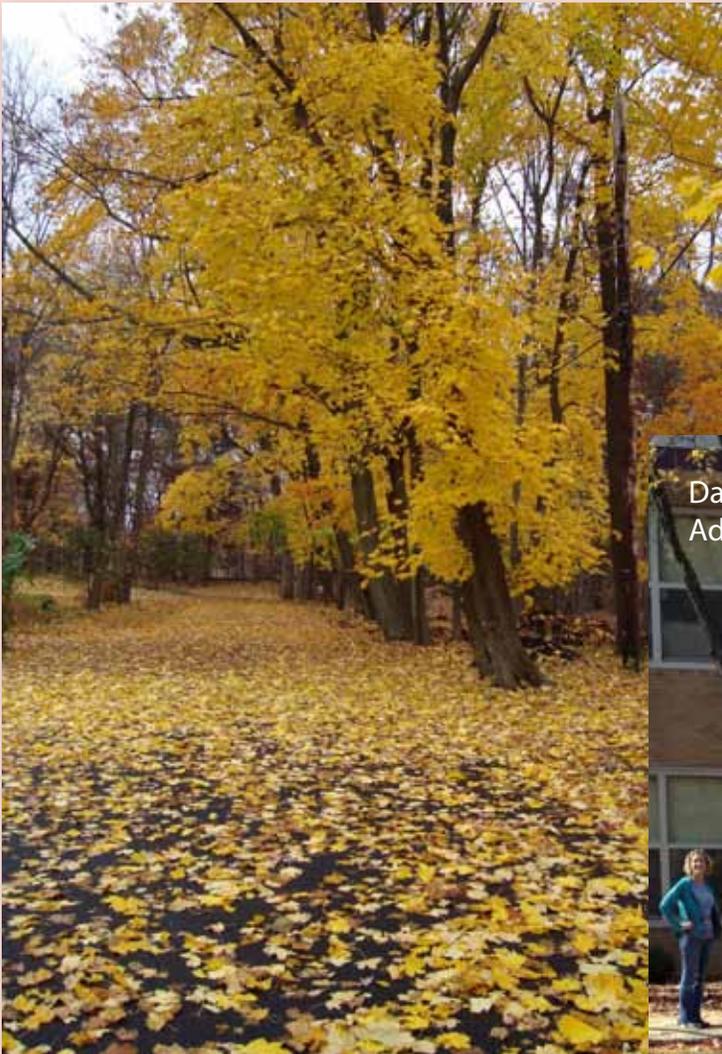


I LOVE MP

PHOTO CONTEST
ENTRIES



Heather Sawin,,
Honorable Mention, Adult Category



Dawn Bruhn, Honorable Mention
Adult Category



Vaughn Klug, Honorable Mention, Adult Category



YOU CAN ASSIST OUR FIREFIGHTERS by being sure that the fire hydrants near your home can be accessed during heavy snow. Please take a few moments to shovel snow away from hydrants.

Thank you!

DEER MANAGEMENT

To help make our program successful, please stay out of all park areas marked with red culling signs (pictured here) in the early morning and early evening hours. *Thank you!*



THANKS TO THE JUDGES!

The Sustain the Plains Committee thanks ALL who participated in the I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS photo contest as well as the following volunteers who served as judges for the photo contest:

David Banks, George Coogan, Peg Dugan, Roberta Novak & Joan Scaccia



Community Crèche Christmas Celebration

Friday, Dec. 5th; 6-8:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 6th; 4-8:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 7th; 2-7:00 pm

All are welcome to this free event hosted by the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
283 James Street, Morristown

NATIVITY DISPLAYS
from Around the World

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
by Local Artists

For further information: 973-455-1595
www.communitycreche.org or
www.facebook.com/communitycreche.



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MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

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THE MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY wishes to thank the community for its support of the October Paper Shredding Event. We had our largest collection ever with over 7500 pounds of paper shredded!

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

Paper Recycle office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, flyers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel cores, toilet tissue rolls, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes used for milk, juice, soup, broth, etc., clean pizza boxes, 6-pack and 12-pack cartons from soda, clean paper ice cream containers. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened. (**Shredded paper - see below)



Plastic Recycle plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) coded 1, 2, 4, 5, 7. Plastic caps and lids larger than 3" in diameter are acceptable*. The smallest acceptable plastic container is a 6- to 8-ounce yogurt cup*. Containers must be empty.



Metal Recycle aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays. Containers must be empty.



Do not recycle plastics coded 3, 6. (V, PS)

Glass Recycle glass bottles and jars with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Bottles and jars must be empty.



Residential Curbside Collection

There is a 50-pound weight limit on recycling containers. If necessary, use multiple recycling containers. Containers must have handles. Lids are strongly recommended.



All items must be empty and free of food residue.

- No liquids
 - No garbage
 - * No plastic items smaller than 6- to 8-ounce yogurt cups; for example, do not recycle small plastic caps or pill bottles.
 - No VHS/VCR tapes
 - No hardcover books
 - No flower pots or trays
 - No window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, or Pyrex® dishes
 - No stickers or address label sheet waste
 - No plastics other than those listed
 - No metal other than what is listed
 - No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
 - No paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
 - No plant material or food waste
 - No waxed paper or waxed cardboard
 - No Styrofoam™ or paper to-go containers
 - No motor oil/anti-freeze containers
 - ** No plastic bags other than for shredded paper
 - ** No loose shredded paper
 - ** Shredded paper must be in clear plastic bags. Nothing else should be in a plastic bag except for shredded paper.
- Shred only confidential information.



973.285.8390
www.mcmua.com

Collection by:
MORRIS COUNTY
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MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY



2015 Recycling Schedule



Borough of Morris Plains



Every Other Tuesday

January						
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January
13 Tuesday - Recycling
27 Tuesday - Recycling

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February
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24 Tuesday - Recycling

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June
2 Tuesday - Recycling
16 Tuesday - Recycling
30 Tuesday - Recycling

July
14 Tuesday - Recycling

July
28 Tuesday - Recycling

August
11 Tuesday - Recycling

25 Tuesday - Recycling

September
8 Tuesday - Recycling

22 Tuesday - Recycling

October
6 Tuesday - Recycling

20 Tuesday - Recycling

November
3 Tuesday - Recycling

17 Tuesday - Recycling

December
1 Tuesday - Recycling

15 Tuesday - Recycling

29 Tuesday - Recycling

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

Plowing of Borough streets is difficult when vehicles park haphazardly on both side of the streets. This results in narrowed roadways that restrict all traffic, but more importantly, this may restrict emergency vehicle access. To help the Borough to provide improved snow plowing service to you - the residents, and unrestricted access for emergency vehicles, we request your assistance in the following ways.

Prior to, and for the duration of ice and snow storms:

1. If possible, please park in your driveway during inclement weather.
2. If not, please park only along one side of the street.
3. On odd-numbered dates, please park on the side of the street with odd-numbered houses.
4. Likewise, on even-numbered dates, please park on the side of the street with even-numbering.
5. Please move vehicles to the appropriate side of the street by 9:00 a.m. each morning
6. Please do not park along the turnaround area of cul-de-sacs.



Non-compliance may result in issuance of a summons.



BE CONNECTED IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY



ALL Residents are Strongly Urged to Participate in the NIXLE Alert System

NIXLE is a web based emergency alert system that allows the Morris Plains Police Department to immediately distribute emergency information via text message and email to cell phones, computers and smart phones. Registering for these alerts is quite easy and can be done by visiting the Morris Plains Police Department web site at www.morrisplainspolice.org and completing a simple form. NIXLE provides alerts about police emergencies, advisories, traffic concerns, and even community events.



Be a CONNECTED CITIZEN



Morris Plains also offers email updates via our "Connected Citizen" Alert. These messages contain important news and information about local meetings and events that are relevant to residents. Please visit the Morris Plains Borough web site at www.morrisplainsboro.org and look for the Connected Citizen link in the main menu to the right of your screen. Please also use our web site as a valuable source of Community information.

MORRIS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Our Local OEM is a valuable resource for information to assist residents in the event of an emergency, including alerts, contact numbers, shelter information, etc.

www.morrisOEM.org

973-829-8600

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY: www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds

WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE – CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY

To Contact the Morris Plains Police Dept. on a Non-Urgent Basis, dial 973-538-2284



Morris Plains Museum

51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950

973 - 683 -1089

The Morris Plains Museum has an interesting and diverse collection of maps, photographs, and artifacts.

~ ~ LOOKING BACK ~ ~

Many feel that Morris Plains never changes and others see changes everywhere they look. The following are excerpts from a poem, dated 1867, written in the oldest known newspaper published in Morris Plains - THE ARGUS. Some of the words used, which may seem strange, seem to be in old English. It was all hand written!

. . .I've lived for many a tedious year,
On grand old Morris Plains;
And seen the changes which occurred,
On broad street, and its lanes. . .

Improvements multiply so fast,
Upon this spacious plain,
That if you went away last year,
And now returned again,

You'd scarcely recognize the place,
Or know that you were back;
Unless some old familiar friend,
Should tell you of that fact.

Where once the schoolhouse stood erect,
A building made of stone;
There stands a new one made of wood,
A grand and spacious one.

And here we meet to sing and pray, to preach, to
teach and sporte;
And here the glorious lyceum band
Hold their meetings for debate. . .

We had no spacious depot then,
But now we've one in view;
Which looks quite well at a distance,
And we hope the draft is nil . . .

We can bost too of Lawyers, Doctors and priests,
Who are now the first in the place;
Who practice a great ell less than they preach,
Which is almost always the case. . .

Now who cannot say, and agree with us, too,
That we've pictured the best of all places;
We'd be sure of recognizing the kindest acquaintance
of all, if you'd look in the faces. . .

Lawrence Monahan, Jr. built his blacksmith shop on Stiles Avenue in 1887. In addition to his successful business, he taught instrumental music to young boys and organized the MORRIS PLAINS CORONET BAND. The following are lyrics to a favorite Patriotic Song he wrote. His band played at the dedication of "Jockey Hollow" as the first National Historical Park in the nation, and at the many local parades of the time.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE FLAG OF MY COUNTRY

There is one white star in the field of blue, in the flag of our great nation, That stands for my state most loyal and true, For which I have great admiration.

CHORUS

Three cheers for the flag of my country, whose fame o'er land and sea, Is the pride of the home of the freemen, And the dearest flag to me.

I admire the blue with its splendid hue, With its emblem of perfection, Holding deeds in respect to states now elect, A noble and united collection.

I have loved the Red and I love the White, From the Blue I shall not sever, And I'll stand by you true, the Red, White and Blue, and glory in the Stars and Stripes forever.



The Morris Plains Museum Association members enjoy our work preserving our town's past with its rich history. We hope you will visit and consider joining our association. The museum is open Saturday's from 10 am to 2 pm.

MORRIS PLAINS MEMORIES

How many of these 1988 Little League All-Stars can you identify? Look for the listing of players and coaches on pg. 22.



MORRIS PLAINS ROTARY CLUB PROMOTES BICYCLE SAFETY

The Rotary Club has teamed up with TransOptions of Cedar Knolls to provide “Bike Right Kids” events for community youth. The Learn to Ride program aims to teach young children to bike safely on two wheels. Visit www.transoptions.com.



ANIMAL LICENSING

It is the responsibility of all pet owners to obtain licenses for dogs and cats in their care that are over the age of 7 months old. Renewals for previously licensed pets will be mailed to residents by the end of this year.



The fee for spayed or neutered pets is \$16, and for non-altered animals it is \$19. Renewals must be received by January 30, 2015 to avoid an additional \$25 late fee.

If you have any questions, please call the Borough Clerk's Office at 973-538-2224.

2015 RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 10th

1:00 to 3:00 p.m

DPW Garage - 10 Borough Terrace
(Snow Date, January 17th)



All DOGS must be on a leash or in a carrier

All CATS must be in a carrier

ONLY ONE PET, PER PERSON, AT A TIME

Rabies Registration Form and information will be available at www.morrisplainsboro.org

TIP: Pet owners tend to come early and form a line which can lead to some waiting time outside in the cold. Those who arrive after 2:00 p.m. typically have little to no waiting time.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

Property Tax Reimbursement Program ("Senior Freeze")

Applicants for the 2014 Property Tax Reimbursement Program must be 65 years or older or be receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits. Applicants must have continuously lived in the State of NJ for the last 10 years and owned and lived in their current home for the last 3 years.

The application will be mailed to qualified applicants in 2015 by the State of NJ. Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office if you do not receive an application by April 1, 2015.

NJ Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline:
1-800-882-6597, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F

Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office
973-538-2444

Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse Property Tax Deduction

To qualify for this deduction an applicant must own and reside on the property as of Oct. 1st of the pretax year and be a legal resident of NJ. Total household income may not exceed \$10,000 with the exclusion of either Social Security or Federal or State retirement benefits. Applicant must be 65 years or older or totally and permanently disabled.

Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office for an application.

Veteran or Surviving Spouse Property Tax Deduction

A Veteran must have had active wartime service in the US Armed Forces, owned the property and be a citizen and legal resident of NJ.

Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office for an application and further information.



ANNUAL SANTA TOUR

*The Morris Plains Fire Department
Is bringing Santa to your street.
So when you hear the siren -
It's all the kids he wants to meet!*

Watch and listen for Santa

On Dec. 21, 2014

Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Sponsored by the VFW and
Morris Plains Fire Department

Daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Beginning Nov. 30th

Visit the VFW on Route 53 to purchase a
beautiful Christmas tree for the
holiday season this year



SHOP Local

DINE Local

THINK Local!



*Morris Plains is home to numerous restaurants and
shops that have something for everyone.*

*Spending some of your dollars right here in Morris
Plains is a great way to save time, to
conserve gasoline, and to support our
local, unique and one-of-a-kind
businesses.*



**100
100
100
YEARS!**

Centenarian, Mary Ann Tomney, recently received the Key to the Borough from Mayor Frank Druetzler and Councilwoman Laurie Fu as she celebrated her 100th birthday. Mary Ann is the mother of Terri Kaag and resided in the Borough for many years with Terri and her husband Jim before moving to Morris View Nursing Home. Mary Ann was born in County Tyrone, Ireland on October 31, 1914. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY ANN!

1988 LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS PLAYERS AND COACHES (from pg 20)

Coaches L to R: Mr DeVenizia, Mr Doug Swenson, Mr Jack Manheimer, Mr Tom Scorsune (Mgr), & Mr John Krauss
Standing L to R: Corey Lorent, Eric Vasilik, Jason DeVenizia, Ian Stewart, Brian Geary, TJ McGoldrick, Ed Rolph
Kneeling L to R: Matt Scorsune, Joe Bellomo, Mike Moore, Dan Appell, Jimmy Krauss, Mark Manheimer, Billy Lang

AUGUST TRIVIA ANSWER

The Veterans Memorial Plaque is located at the base of the American Flag pole at Roberts Garden.



NOVEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION



What was the name of this building, and where did it once stand in the Borough?



The Borough Council will hold its
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

On Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 at 7:00 pm
in the Borough Council Chambers, 531 Speedwell Avenue

**ALL are
invited to
attend**



PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Saturday, Dec. 20th

**7:00 p.m. at the Freight Station
(Merchant Block)**

Bernard Brothman, Coordinator

HAPPY CHANUKAH



Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival!

Sunday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm

At the Merchant Block

In the event of inclement weather,
Santa will arrive at the
Community Center



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Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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Season's Greetings to the Residents of the
Borough of Morris Plains

Peace



*The Mayor and the Borough Council wish to
extend to all of you our warmest wishes
for a wonderful holiday season*

**MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING PROSPERITY,
GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO ALL!**

The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is January 19th, 2015.
Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com