

# PLAINS TALK



**Mayor**  
Frank J. Druetzler  
**Council President**  
Jason C. Karr  
**Councilmembers**  
Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
Sal Cortese  
Jack Doherty  
Laurie Fu  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

*Morris Plains pups are immunized by local veterinarian Kenneth Werner at the Morris Plains Board of Health's January Rabies Clinic*

# REORGANIZATION 2015



*Frank Druetzler is sworn in by Judge Michael Carlucci for his 8th term as Mayor of Morris Plains. He is joined by his sister, Kathryn Ullrich, and nephew, Rick Ullrich*



*New Councilmembers Sal Cortese (top) and Jack Doherty (bottom) take the oath of office*

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## The Borough Pays Tribute to the Lives of Four Dedicated Public Servants who are Recently Departed

Marguerite "Peggy" Adams

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Rosemary Lopez

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Donald Underhill

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Carl Lermann

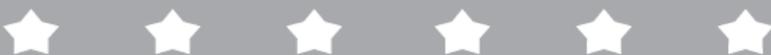


We fondly remember and thank these former Borough Council Members for their tireless service to Morris Plains.

*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE*



*The Borough honors departing Council members George Coogan (above) and Frank Mangravite (below) for their years of dedication to the Borough*



# MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Good evening:

Tonight, my fellow citizens, as is our custom at reorganization, we report very briefly on the results of our efforts in 2014 and some of our plans and goals for our town in 2015.

But before doing so; let us remember our loss in the past months of two outstanding former councilwomen, Rosemary Lopez and Peg Adams and Department of Public Works employee, Joe Gagliardi. May we have a moment of reflection and prayer for these great public servants.

Thank you.

As always we continue to work on improving our borough infrastructure. In 2014 with a \$225,000 state grant we paved Mountain Way from Granniss Avenue to Children's Park. Also, with a state grant of \$135,000 we were able to pave American Road.

We also paved the Community Park parking lot and continued our Downtown Beautification Program with new lighting and brick pavers on Speedwell Avenue from Academy Road to Dayton Road.

In 2015 we will continue the Speedwell Avenue Beautification Program from Dayton Road to Hanover Avenue. We will also pave Watnong Drive from the bridge over Watnong Brook to Madison Avenue and we will pave Trowbridge Road from Sylvan Drive to Dogwood Road.

For the third time under the direction of Beautification Garden Committee chairman, George Ross, we expanded our Community Garden and now have 114 plots. The gardeners also donated over a 1000 pounds of produce to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Without a doubt this is a very successful program.

In 2014, thanks to an agreement with the Morris County Park Commission, our recreation department was able to schedule practice and game times on the turf fields for our soccer and lacrosse programs as well as Borough School teams. We are thrilled with the arrangement.

This fall on Rt 10, Harley-Davidson moved into town, and work is progressing on the Honeywell site next to the VFW. Honeywell expects to move in September of 2015.

We are still in litigation with M&M properties, which owns the property located between the railroad and Rt 53. We oppose their plan to construct 680 housing units on a deed restricted contaminated site.

Roseland Properties is expected to come before the Planning Board to construct high-end apartments at 250 Johnson Road. Currently the property houses a vacant office building.

Capital Seniors Housing has an application before the Board of Adjustment for an assisted living facility. This is the current site of The Mansion at Bretton Woods.

We will continue our efforts to construct affordable housing across from our recycling center for seniors and others. Hopefully we will break ground this summer.

We are thrilled that the state is demolishing the old dilapidated buildings at Greystone. The 180 acres of surplus property will be turned over to the Morris County Park Commission and it will be kept for open space and recreation.

In June at the Borough's Family Day we opened the time capsule buried in 1964. It was interesting and fun. In 2015 we will bury a time capsule containing the many events of 2014. This capsule will be opened in 2064. Anyone having

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an item to be buried should speak to Laurie Fu. In that vein, Laurie created a memory book of our town for 2014. It was done so well, many people have asked to buy a copy. We still have some for you to purchase.

On October 10, 2015, we will be hosting One Day, One School beautification and safety initiative day in Morris Plains. This program was started several years ago by committeeman, Tom "Ace" Gallagher of Hanover Township. He gets volunteer tree companies to come to schools to trim their trees for free. Our job is to enlist volunteer landscapers, some students and other volunteers, etc. to join in. The goal is to enhance the appearance of the schools. We look forward to working with Hanover Township and the school system to make the One Day, One School program successful in Morris Plains.

Our Beautification Committee, Municipal

Alliance, Teen Center, Library, Museum, Kids Helping Kids Program, Recreation, Farmers' Market and Community Center continue to flourish.

On behalf of the Borough Council, I wish to thank the Borough employees, all of the many, many volunteers on boards, commissions, committees, and all citizens for your devotion to our town.

Together we will face many challenges, which will also present new opportunities. Our goal is to seize these new opportunities and become an even better community.

Your governing body thanks you for your support and we always welcome your thoughts.

Happy New Year and God bless you.

*Mayor Frank Druetzler*



**Congratulations Michael Geary:**  
*Incoming Fire Chief Kevin Rongo presents outgoing Chief Geary with the "Chief's Trumpet" trophy in honor of his dedicated service.*



*Michael is presented with a special rocking chair by the Borough in appreciation of his 19 years of service as MPFD Chief*



*Councilwoman Sue McCluskey presents officer pins to Art Bruhn (left) and John Boudreau (right)*



**A Tradition of Leadership:** *Former Fire Chief Brian Rongo presents his son, Kevin Rongo, with his Chief's Badge*



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*2015- Happy New Year and I hope this finds everyone flu free!!*

We're excited to begin a fresh New Year and are looking forward to a busy calendar year. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to meet our newest employee- **Gail Albiston**. She is very well read, full of stories, and makes a terrific addition to our team! Please stop by and say 'hello'! In the months to come we will be having a **local author and book signing**, we're planning a **book sale in the Spring**, and our **Petting Zoo will be returning in early Summer**. Dates to be announced.

Our next **Paper Shredding Event is Saturday, 11 April 2015**. 9am- 12 noon.

\$5 per box or bag donation. As always, for further info call us at 973-538-2599.

We're still **collecting unexpired, non-perishable food for the Interfaith Food Pantry**.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

*A reminder of our hours as our website is under construction:*



**Tuesday: Thursday – 10 am – 7 pm**

**Wednesday: Friday – 10 am – 5 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm**

**Sunday/Monday: CLOSED**



There is an abundance of amazing books to be read – so, get cozy, stay warm, and here are a few staff selections:

- On Duty With the Queen – by, Dickie Arbiter
- The Empty Throne – by, Bernard Cornwell
- The Job – by, Janet Evanovich
- Written in My Own Heart's Blood – by, Diana Galbadon
- Gray Mountain – by, John Grisham
- Saving Grace – by, Jane Green
- The Lost Island – by, Preston & Child
- Insatiable Appetites – by, Stuart Woods
- The Monogram Murders – by, Sophie Hannah  
(a new Christie delight)
- The Dog Who Could Fly –by, Damien Lewis  
(WW11- 4 legged hero)

If you haven't found anything that peaks your interest, don't hesitate to ask our staff for a suggestion!

Stay well and always stay warm with a good book!!

*— Camille —*

*Snow is Falling... Books are Calling!*

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

Happy New Year to our entire Morris Plains school community! It's hard to believe we have welcomed in another new year, sure to be filled with exciting adventures for our students.

Each new year signifies a fresh start. The new year allows us an opportunity to take charge of our own direction. As a district, we renew our commitment to helping all children succeed to the best of their own individual abilities. We resolve to continue to offer a wonderful, safe, and nurturing learning environment for all of our students. And we look forward to our continued partnership with our community.

**Welcome, Mrs. Lion-Bailey**

The Morris Plains School District welcomes Mrs. Christine Lion-Bailey! Mrs. Lion-Bailey was recently appointed as the district's Technology and Enrichment Supervisor. Coming to Morris Plains with both instructional and administrative experience, she will serve as a technology coach for staff and model the integration of technology in the classroom. Her role will also be to oversee the implementation of the district's technology plan and facilitate several administrative projects.



**Drafting the 2015-2016 Budget**

We are working intensely on the preparation of the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Building the annual school budget is one of the most important tasks of the district administration and board of education. In creating the annual budget, we conduct a challenging balancing act between two, often competing interests: providing the resources necessary to maintain excellence in education, and exercising fiscal responsibility in order to minimize the impact on our taxpayers.

In our effort to ensure that all items in the budget are essential to the effective operation of our district and enhance the learning for all of our students, we will continue to creatively look for new opportunities to reduce costs, share services and generate revenue.

**Curriculum Initiatives**



As we look forward to the months ahead; we plan to further enhance our academic programs, maximize our instructional time, analyze student performance data, strengthen our reading and writing programs, and continue to keep abreast of the latest technologies and instructional resources that can be effectively integrated into the

educational program. Currently, we are in the process of revising our Science and Social Studies curriculum. Also, we are working with staff to incorporate more literacy and technology into their instruction. Our students and staff are utilizing iPads and Chromebooks as instructional tools, and we will continue to infuse more technology devices into the hands of our students.

**January – National School Board Recognition Month**

One of the most important groups of a school district's organization is the Board of Education. I would like to express to the members of our Board and to our community my sincere thanks for the work, talent and time that each member gives. During my time in this wonderful district, I have had the pleasure of working with a group of individuals who, collectively, share ideas, debate issues and work very hard to be a supportive and caring unit.

Please join me in taking time to express our appreciation to the members of our Board for what they do for our community and our schools: President, Mrs. Maria Manley, Vice President, Mrs. Lucia Galdi, Mr. Alan Albin, Mr. Scott Bober, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mr. Francis Foley, Mr. Anthony Galdi, Mrs. Terri Kaag, and Mrs. Denise Rawding.

I would like to welcome our newest member of the board, Mr. Anthony Galdi. I would also like to thank departing member, Mr. Doug McCabe for his years of service. Mr. McCabe has been an asset to this district, and we appreciate his contributions and his time.

**MPSD Receives High-Marks from NJDOE**

The School District has been designated as a "high-performing" district by the State Department of Education. The NJDOE rates districts based upon quality performance indicators in five components of school district effectiveness (Instruction and Planning, Operations, Personnel, Governance, and Fiscal). This achievement means the district will not have to undergo the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) evaluation for the next three years.

**One Day/One School**

Our School District has been selected for the 2015 One Day/One School program! The program brings together tree professionals, town leaders, students, school administrators and community volunteers to clean up school grounds. Local tree companies donate their services to trim and remove hazardous tree limbs, and volunteers rake, weed, plant and clean up at no cost to the school district. The program will improve the landscape at both Borough School and Mountain Way. The event is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredible service to our facilities, and we thank Mr. Ace Gallagher, founder of One Day/One School, for choosing MPSD!

**PARCC Update**

New Jersey is a member of the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. PARCC is one of two national consortia whose mission is to assess acquisition of the skills outlined in the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. New Jersey adopted the Common Core in 2010 and this year will replace its NJASK testing program with PARCC.



As a district, we have been taking steps to ensure a smooth delivery of the PARCC tests. We have enhanced our infrastructure and we have acquired and deployed Chromebooks throughout the grade levels that will take the tests.

Our administration and testing coordinators have been working to develop schedules that will not only provide for optimal test administration, but also maximize instructional time outside of the tests. Borough School will communicate specific testing schedules and parameters with families about a month in advance of the tests. More information about PARCC may be found on our district website, under "Curriculum."

**Morris Plains School District Creates A District Brand**

We are proud to unveil our new logo, which is displayed in the beginning of this article. For the past month, we have been working with community member, Mrs. Ann Gallagher, to create a brand that supports our vision. We wanted the brand to address innovation, excellence, and achievement. We feel the compass symbolizes these points. We are navigating, we are leading, we are pushing forward, and we are advancing. Along with the brand, we created a tag line, and both will now be included on all district communication.

**Kindergarten Registration to Begin Soon**

Annual Kindergarten Registration and Screening will be held on March 25, 26 and 27 at Mountain Way School. Any parents who have Kindergarten age children should contact Mrs. Cristie Bruhn at Mountain Way School (973 538-0339, option 1 or cbruhn@mpsdk8.org) to be added to the registration list.



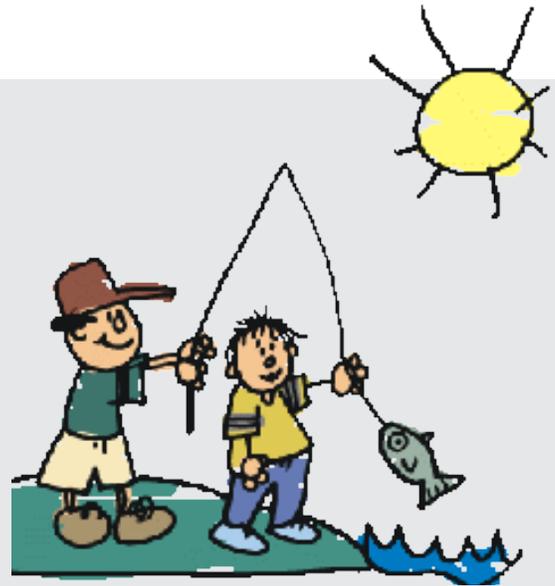
Our children benefit a great deal when we practice the philosophy, "Together we can make a difference!"

*Mark Maire*

# UNCLE FRANK'S FISHING CONTEST

Saturday, May 9, 2015  
Community Park Pond  
7:00 - 10:30 AM  
ALL residents 13 years or younger

*sponsored by Morris Plains Rotary Club*



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Morris Plains Public Schools will hold their annual Kindergarten Registration and Screening on March 25, 26 and 27 at Mountain Way School. Any parents who have Kindergarten age children should contact Mrs. Cristie Bruhn at Mountain Way School (973 538-0339, Option 1 or [cbruhn@mpsdk8.org](mailto:cbruhn@mpsdk8.org)) to be added to the registration list. Registration packets and appointment times will be mailed out the beginning of March.

Children must be residents of Morris Plains and five years of age on or before October 1, 2015, to be eligible for a September entrance into kindergarten. A birth certificate, proof of residence and health information are required at the registration.

# SAVE THE DATE

*The Education Foundation of  
Morris Plains is planning our  
1st Annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser*

*Please Mark the Date and  
Come Out to Join Us!*

*Watch for Details Coming Soon at  
[www.educationfoundationmp.com](http://www.educationfoundationmp.com)*

*Tuesday*

**- MAY 26th -**

*Central Park of Morris County*  
**"STRIDES FOR EDUCATION"**

Education Foundation  
of Morris Plains

## MORRIS PLAINS YOUTH HELPING NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE FAMILIES

Sisters Hope and Erin McHugh, who live in Morris Plains, have made it a yearly Christmas tradition of bringing gifts to the very young patients of Morristown Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Both girls are familiar with the NICU. Hope spent over four months in Morristown's NICU after being born 16 weeks premature. Erin visited her sister during the many months Hope stayed in the hospital. They wanted to give back to the hospital and their community for the care that was given to Hope during her first months of life. Bringing the gift bags to the babies in the NICU spreads holiday cheer to the families who are going through a difficult time during the holiday season.



### ADOPT-A-FLOWER-TUB

The All Seasons Garden Club is looking for some local volunteers to help with keeping the flower tubs along Speedwell Avenue looking beautiful. This would involve regular watering, weeding, and removing of dead flowers from a planter throughout the months of May to October, and could be done by an individual, a couple, a group or business -- a great opportunity for students to earn "community service" hours! If interested, or if you would like further information, please call Pearl Law at 973-538-8189.

# FIRST GRADERS SAY 'THANK YOU MPPD!'

January 9, 2015 was the 1st National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Mountain Way students in Mrs. Shepard's 1st grade class integrated this day into their Language Arts and Social Studies subject areas. Each student wrote a personal letter to the Morris Plains Police Department thanking the officers for protecting and helping the citizens of Morris Plains on a daily basis.



**Standing (left to right):** Emily, Artie, Riley, Bryce, Ian, Sophie, Dylan

**Seated:** Ally, Colin, Mady, Jeremiah, Mattie, Hope, Leah

**Not pictured:** Eric and Wusofom

**Photo credit:** Jill Cecere, aide in Mrs. Shepard's 1st grade class

## INVASIVE BEETLE FOUND IN NEW JERSEY

**The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)** is a non-native insect pest that infests and kills all species of ash trees. With 24.7 million ash trees, approximately 9 percent of New Jersey forests are susceptible to emerald ash borer attacks. The greatest numbers of ash trees can be found in the northern part of the state. Ash is also commonly planted along streets, as landscape trees in yards, and in parks throughout the state.



### EAB in New Jersey

EAB was found in four New Jersey townships in 2014 in Somerset, Mercer, and Burlington Counties. While all ash trees in NJ should be monitored for EAB, ash within 15 miles of known sightings should be most carefully and frequently monitored.

### Background of EAB in the United States

EAB was first discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002 and has since been found in 23 additional states and 2 Canadian provinces. The EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan alone, as well as tens of millions of additional trees in the other infested states and provinces.

### What Homeowners Can Do

The Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission will be working to keep abreast of any evidence of the EAB in the surrounding area and to keep residents informed.



Homeowners who own ash trees can take steps to protect their trees. You may need to contact a certified tree expert in the area to help with identification and detection.

**For further important information about the EAB, please visit [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)**

**Please report any confirmed signs of the beetle to the Department of Agriculture at 609-406-6939 and to the Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission at 973-538-0325.**

**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.*



# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2014



*Students from Art in Motion dance studio waiting to perform.*



*Thank you, Rotarians, for the hot cocoa!*



*The crowd anxiously awaits the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.*



*The above addition to our holiday display was donated to the Borough by Ann Endahl.*

*The sleigh and reindeer were handcrafted by her late husband, Charlie Endahl, who was a dedicated community volunteer for many years.*





# MENORAH LIGHTING 2014



# BASKETBALL OPENING DAY



# Morris Plains Recreation 2015 Summer Camp & Enhancement Programs!

Camp & Enhancement  
Registration  
Begins April 15th  
Camp Fees Increase  
May 18th

Informative Flyers &  
Registration Materials  
will be available  
beginning April 10th @  
[morrisplainsboro.org](http://morrisplainsboro.org)



The Fun Begins June 29th - July 31st!

## Morris Plains Recreation Summer Program News!

### Morris Plains Community Park Pool

Pool Booklet &  
Pool Membership Forms  
available  
March 2nd at:  
[www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)  
and at the  
Morris Plains Community Center

Come Swim With Us  
This Summer!

### Morris Plains Recreation Summer Counselor Employment



Preparations are underway for  
2015 Summer Camp!

Applications for Summer Counselor Positions  
available at the  
Morris Plains Community Center  
Monday - Thursday, 9AM-4PM

# Morris Plains Recreation 2015 Spring Program News!

## Winter/Spring Recreation Programs:

(pre registration required)

- Yoga with Peg Clark
- Light Weight Training with Stacey Williamson
- Freestanding Boxing with Stacey Williamson
- Cardio Boot Camp with Theresa Myers
- Let's Dance! with April Molinare
- Mommy & Me with April Molinare
- Acrylic Painting (Adult & Youth) with John Darvie
- Chair Yoga with Diane Tartaglia
- Yoga for Kids Theresa Myers
- "ZUMBA" with Yvette Tosado

## US Sports Institute Spring Programs:

(pre registration required)



- Youth Tennis    Tennis Squirts
- Adult Tennis    Cardio Tennis
- Parent & Me Total Sports
- T Ball Squirts

## "Kids Helping Kids"

(pre registration required)

- The Magic of Reading
- Rainbow Loom Spring Crafts
- Make Believe Adventures
- Lego Builders



## Senior Programs

(no fee or pre registration required)

Adult Book Club - Every 4th Wednesday at 2PM  
Morris Plains Community Center

Senior Exercise - Thursday 10AM  
Morris Plains VFW (Route 53)

## MP Residents: Men's Basketball

(no fee or pre registration required)

Thursday, 8:30-10PM MP Borough School

## MP Residents: Men's Soccer

(no fee or pre registration required)

Wednesday, 8:30-10PM MP Borough School

## MP Residents: Young Adult Basketball

(no fee or pre registration required)

Tuesday, 8:30-10PM MP Borough School

## 2015 Spring Trips!

The Morris School District Community School is teaming up with Morris Plains Recreation to offer a variety of exciting trips this Spring!

For a complete list and details of Spring Trips being offered and to register on line:  
[www.msdcommunityschool.org](http://www.msdcommunityschool.org)

For more information:  
973-292-2063



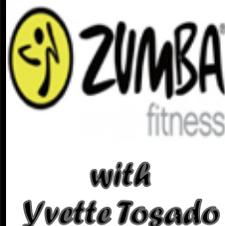
*save the date...*

Saturday,  
March 28th @ 9AM



Breakfast with the  
Easter Bunny!

*new this spring...*



**Free "ZUMBA" Demonstration Class!**

**Monday March 9th 7PM**  
**Morris Plains Community Center**

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**"ZUMBA" Class Begins:**  
**Monday March 23rd 7-8PM**  
**Morris Plains Community Center**  
**12 sessions ~ \$60.**

For additional information and registration forms, contact the  
Morris Plains Community Center at 973-538-3455  
Monday - Thursday, 9AM - 4PM  
or visit us @ [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)

## HELPING HAND

Morris Plains is a Helping Hand community.

Homes or businesses displaying the Helping Hand symbol are places our children can seek assistance should trouble arise on the way to and from school. These homes and businesses have been approved by the police department.

Please speak to your children about this program. They should know what this symbol means. They can look for a Helping Hand and know that is a safe place for them to go if they need assistance for any reason, such as:

1. Dogs
2. Bullies
3. Fear of being lost
4. Sudden illness
5. Accident
6. Alarming stranger

We would like as many homes and businesses as possible to be involved with this very important program. If you are interested in becoming a Helping Hand, please fill out an application (see the town website under "Town Forms") and return it to the MP Police Department. Upon approval, you will be notified and given the below red Helping Hand sign for display in your home/business.

For more information on becoming a volunteer please contact Maureen McEntee (maureenmcentee@optonline.net) or Jan McCabe @ (mccabe007@verizon.net).

THANK YOU!



## HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

If you notice a street light is not working near your home, you may contact JCP&L to make them aware. This can be done online at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com).

Click on "Report an Outage" and then select "Report a Lighting Problem" or call: 1-800-662-3115.

You will be asked to provide the nearest home address as well as the ID number which is located on the light pole.



PLEASE NOTE: Leaves are NOT picked up in the winter or spring seasons. They may be included with grass clippings and weed pick-ups scheduled to start Wednesday, April 1st. Each household is limited to 4 containers. Please DO NOT include twigs, branches, stones or other materials.



**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!*



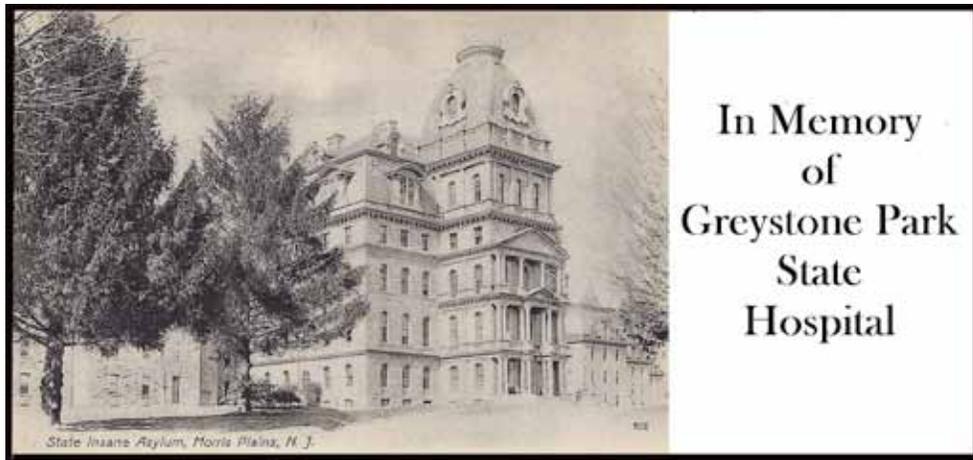
## Morris Plains Museum

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.

### - - The Vanishing History of Morris County - -



#### **A BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC BUILDING IS BEING DESTROYED!**

The State Asylum was called Greystone because of the color of the local stone used in the construction. When the hospital opened in 1876, it was like a self-sufficient town and created a population explosion in the area. A railroad spur was built to carry supplies and provide transportation for people from the center of Morris Plains. At that time Grannis Avenue was called Asylum Road. The main building and other support buildings were established on 400 acres of prime farm land at the cost of \$2,250,000. Each ward was initially set up to accommodate 20 patients, with a dining room, exercise room, and parlor. On some wards, other amenities included stuffed furniture, pictures, curtains and fresh flowers. When Greystone was built, the predominant psychology was that the mentally ill could be cured or treated only if they were in a proper environment.

Immigrants found employment at Greystone and homes were built on the former Willison farm, off West Hanover Avenue, to house families of the workers. Many employees lived in the Borough and Morris Township. It was these hardworking, dedicated people who made the hospital a successful institution.

#### **The Greystone Park Legacy**

The many descendants of the early employees of Greystone have over the years been active and productive members of the community of Morris Plains and Morris Township.

It's sad that not even the center section of the Main Building could be preserved.

**An Exhibit about the original glory of Greystone Park State Hospital will be opening within the next few months at the Morris Plains Museum.**



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.



# The Borough of Morris Plains Classic Cars ~ Makes and Models Search-A-Word



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 ROLLS ROYCE  
 CADILLAC

CHEVROLET  
 LINCOLN  
 CHRYSLER  
 STUDEBAKER  
 REO  
 TUCKER  
 JEEP

MODEL T  
 PEUGEOT  
 PACKARD  
 PORSCHE  
 BENTLEY  
 OPEL  
 VAUXHALL

AUSTIN  
 MERCEDES  
 MASERATI  
 PONTIAC  
 STANLEY STEAMER

\*2-Word car names/makes are in puzzle as single words (i.e. search Model T as MODEL T)



## NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM: EVERBRIDGE



The Morris Plains Police Department would like to announce the arrival of Everbridge. Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our new emergency alert program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. To sign up and receive emergency notifications, please visit:

<https://member.everbridge.net/3091830992273776>

## KEEPSAKE PHOTO ALBUM

Limited Copies Still Available



This special collection of photos of Morris Plains scenes and events was specially created for the Borough's 2014 Time Capsule. Limited copies are being made available to residents. Photo books are a great keepsake and a wonderful gift idea.

*Books can be purchased at Borough Hall, the Community Center and the Library for \$30 each. Get your copy today!*



The Recreation Commission Invites Residents to Come Out  
for Some Winter Fun at

## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 20th  
7:00 p.m.  
at the Community Center

Win Prizes - Have a FUN Time!  
Just \$ 2/Bingo Card



# CO-OP PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

The Morris Plains Co-Op, the oldest cooperative preschool in New Jersey, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year! The Co-Op kicked off the special year with a carnival in September for students and alumni. They continued the festivities with a fundraising Book Fair at Barnes & Noble, where teachers read to pajama-clad students and siblings while parents shopped for holiday gifts. Our students and alumni then rang in the holidays by serenading the residents of Sunrise Senior Living in Morris Plains in our annual caroling event.

The Morris Plains Co-Op, located on Cleveland Avenue, offers flexible educational and enrichment programs from 8 am until 3 pm, up to five days a week, for children 18 months to 5 years old. The Co-Op is proud to announce some exciting new changes for the 2015-2016 school year, including more time in the classroom, a variety of new enrichment programs with a focus on STEM education, and flexible hours and co-op options to accommodate all families. Students come from Morris Plains and many surrounding communities including Denville, Hanover, Morristown, Parsippany, Randolph, and Whippany. Please visit us at <http://morrisplainsco-op.org/> or call for more information (973) 540-1537.



**PICTURED (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT):** Janet Carr reads at Barnes & Noble Night; The kids enjoy the bouncy slide; Shambhav Shriram cools off; Caroling at Sunrise; Julia Suttile poses with Elsa.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ENHANCES BOROUGH WALKING TRAIL

Morris Plains resident, Ryan Wolff, a member of Patriots Path Boy Scout Troop 333, recently completed a project in Morris Plains which will help him to earn his Eagle Scout Award. Ryan developed a project to create an outdoor sitting area along the walking path that now connects the American Road Office Park to the downtown Morris Plains train station, shops and restaurants with just a short 5-minute walk. His hope was to provide a convenient

place for walkers to rest, and perhaps enjoy an outdoor lunch or snack along their way between work and town - increasing visitors to the downtown area without adding vehicular traffic! He coordinated volunteers to build and install wooden benches, planters and signs, and then worked with our DPW to install them. He also incorporated new pine trees into the landscaping. We thank Ryan for this wonderful addition to our community!



# TRIVIA

## NOVEMBER 2014 TRIVIA ANSWER



The Green Tent Company once stood where the DPW garages are now situated on Borough Terrace.

## FEBRUARY 2015 TRIVIA QUESTION



Can you identify these three special men, and the years that they served as Mayor of the Community of Caring?



ROTARY CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS  
PRESENTS

Saturday April 11 6:30 PM  
St. Virgil's Gym

## A DERBY NIGHT AT THE RACES!



GREAT FOOD AND BASKET RAFFLES!

PRIZES!



Delicious and Succulent  
beefsteak dinner  
plus beer, wine,  
and soft drinks

\$50.00 per person  
UNDER 21 NOT ADMITTED— ID REQUIRED

Video cast horseracing  
Bet on races for a chance to win  
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Become a horse owner for the  
night. You could be in the  
winners circle and get chances  
in the horse owners  
Super Raffles!!

Prize for fanciest hat!

Purchase Tickets at:  
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Call Steve 973-432-4521

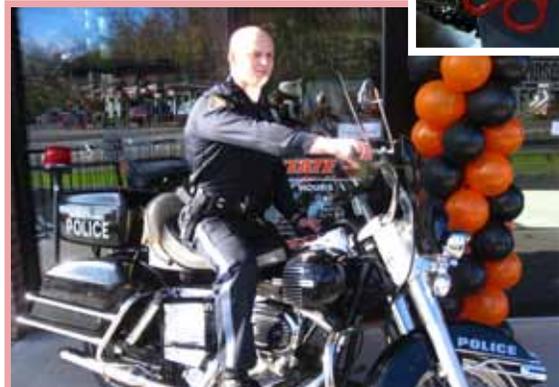
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## HARLEY-DAVIDSON GRAND OPENING



Harley-Davidson rumbled in to their Route 10 East location late last year! Stop by to ogle the showroom, bring your bike in for a tune-up, or go shopping for some authentic Harley-Davidson gear. Congratulations and Welcome to Morris Plains!



The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is April 17th, 2015.  
Please submit articles and pictures to [plainstalknews@gmail.com](mailto:plainstalknews@gmail.com)