

Borough of Morris Plains

PLAINS TALK

May 2016

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**SUMMER'S
COMING!**

**BEAT THE
HEAT** & *JOIN THE POOL!*

See page 9 for more details about the Community Park Pool

Don't Miss the

30th

ANNUAL

MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE

Saturday, May 28th

Service at Roberts Garden at 9:00 a.m.

Parade Begins at 9:30 a.m.



Parade Route: Begins at Roberts Garden, then heads south on Mountain Way to Rosedale Avenue, making a left turn onto Speedwell Avenue to head toward town. Parade continues to Route 53 and ends at the Watnong VFW.

VFW POST 3401 REMEMBRANCE: Please join our Veterans on Monday, May 30th at Post 3401 (Rt 53) for their annual Memorial Day Remembrance at 11:00 a.m. The public is always welcome

Military Units, Marching Bands, Clowns, Animals, Town Organizations and many more surprises are in store as we celebrate 30 years of the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade.

This year's Grand Marshals are:

DAVE & BARBARA VISSCHER

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT DAVENPORT VILLAGE



The Borough of Morris Plains, through its agent, Madison Affordable Housing Corporation, is now accepting applications for 56 units of affordable housing at 260 Tabor Road, known as Davenport Village. The building has one, two, and three bedroom apartments for seniors (over 55) and families with qualified very low, low, and moderate incomes. Each apartment has a full kitchen with appliances and separate heating and air conditioning units. Laundry facilities are available on site.

Applications for Davenport Village, including income requirements and rents, are available at the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall, 2nd Floor. Applications are also available at the Morris Plains Public Library and on our website: www.morrisplainsboro.org. **The application deadline is Friday, May 27, 2016.**





LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR: DET./SGT. BRUCE RAPP

VFW Post 3401 recognized Detective/Sgt. Bruce Rapp from the Morris Plains Police Department as the VFW sponsored Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



TWO in DPW REACH MILESTONE



Brian Gates (pictured left) and Jeremy Diamond (right) recently received rocking chairs in honor and appreciation of their 25 years of service to the Borough.



KNOW WHAT'S BELOW - CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Any type of digging requires a call - whether you are hiring a professional or plan to dig on your own.

- Installing a new deck?
- Planting a tree?
- Installing a fence or mailbox?

Always call 8-1-1 before you begin ANY project that involves digging. Avoid injury, expense or inconvenience due to loss of service by calling a few days before you plan to dig so that underground utilities can be identified. Calling 8-1-1 is FREE and it's the LAW!

GIRL SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY



Morris Plains Girl Scout Service Unit held their first ever pinewood derby on Sunday March 6th at the Morris Plains Community Center. More than 60 Morris Plains Girl Scouts participated in the event. Bravo, to all the scouts who raced that day. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the day a success.

In addition to racing cars, the girls completed a service project. Each participant donated a new set of children's pajamas. On Thursday March 17th, several Morris Plains Girl Scouts delivered the new pajamas to the Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown, NJ. The girls chose this service project because of the hospital's proximity to our town and because the hospital provides excellent care to children similar to themselves. The girls hope that warm, fuzzy pajamas will bring a smile to a child who is receiving treatment.

The Morris Plains Girl Scouts look forward to many more service projects and pinewood derbies in the future.

The Morris Plains Girl Scout Service Unit is comprised of troops within St. Virgil's, Mountain Way and Borough Schools grades K-8. If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout or volunteering, contact Rachel Sambrowski via email at rachelsambrowski@gmail.com.



MHS HOCKEY 2016 STATE CHAMPIONS

The Morristown High School Colonials Hockey Team skated their way to their second state championship trophy in three years with a Public A Division win over Randolph, played in March at the Prudential Center in Newark.

Shown L to R are Morris Plains members of the team: Nick Mosuriak, Nick Swiontkowski, Kyle Beyer, Brad Greik, Justin Leifer, Drew Shandlay, Jay Horan, and Evan Szary (in goal).



Summer Update

The members of the garden club just had our last meeting of our club year. We had a very enjoyable tour of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum with Cynthia Tricoli Frelinghuysen Horticultural Specialist as our very knowledgeable guide. In May we will have our annual dinner.

As summer approaches we are getting ready to plant the flower pots along Speedwell Avenue and the Merchant block. This year we will be planting and caring for 80 pots. As our club only has 24 members at present, this will be a bit of a challenge. However we have managed to find some wonderful volunteers to help with the planting and/or watering. If you think you would enjoy helping to care for the plants this summer please call one of the numbers below.

We will be holding two fundraisers this summer selling delicious baked goods at the Morris Plains Farmers Market on Saturday June 18th and July 16th. We are planning many fun and informative meetings for the coming club year starting in September. If you think that you may be interested in joining or you just want to find out more about our club please call myself Margo Rische at 973-267-7116 or Dale Smith at 973-267-9016.

Submitted by:

Margo Rische

Publicity Chair, Vice President

All Seasons Garden Club



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.

YARD WASTE NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Please note that there will be NO Spring leaf clean-up. Homeowners who may have leaves from the Fall have the following options:

- 1) Place leaves in plastic trash bags and place at curb for Thursday pick up (no more than 3 or 4 bags per week, please)
- 2) If you use a lawn maintenance service, have them remove the debris from your residence.
- 3) Use the leaves for mulch/compost

GRASS CLIPPINGS will be picked up on Wednesdays through October 12th. ONLY GRASS should be put in covered containers for this pick up. NO twigs, branches, leaves or other materials.

BRUSH PICK-UP will be during the weeks of May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug 29 & Sept 26. Please do not put out brush more than 48 hours prior to these dates. Please see the Borough's website for further "Trash and Brush Pickup" details.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Morris Plains Farmers Market
 Every Saturday, June 11th - October 8th Rain or Shine
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m
 Parking Lot - Merchant Block,
 next to Model RR Club building
 Sue McCluskey, Market Manager (973-267-1488)
 sue@deltacon.com



Welcome back to the Morris Plains Farmers Market for its 14th season. The Farmers Market will be open Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and continue every Saturday through October 8th.

We will introduce our newest vendor, Paolo's Kitchen of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Paolo's Kitchen will bring freshly prepared, homemade, healthy, and convenient frozen Italian specialties, including eggplant rollatini and vegetable lasagna using vegetables from local farms.

Ort Farms: Fruits and vegetables, sweet corn, honey, herbs, flowers, jellies, jams, sauces, preserves, antibiotic-free, hormone-free milk, eggs, cheese.

Mara's Country Desserts: Fresh fruit pies, key lime pie, cheesecakes, carrot cake, cookies, and quiches.

Hoboken Farms: Frozen meat and fish, fresh artisan breads, croissants, scones, tomato sauce, focaccia, olive pockets, fresh mozzarella cheese, frozen chicken pot pies, steaks.

Pickles, Olives, Etc.: Pickles, pickled vegetables, olives, olive oil, stuffed grape leaves.

Krakus Deli, LLC: Freshly prepared stuffed cabbage, pierogi, cabbage soup, cookies, sausages, kielbasa, babka.

Brook Hollow Winery: Red, White grape wines, non-grape fruit wines.

Flying Alpaca Farms: Yarn spun from local alpacas, alpaca wool products.

Farmers Market Special Events:

Craft Fairs: July 16th & September 10th
(Registration Form on website)

New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum
July 23, 2016



HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

Come tour the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum at the Morris Plains Farmers Market on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Over 200,000 visitors have toured the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum since its launch!

It's a space built to share the stories of true greatness the likes of Yogi Berra, Grover Cleveland, Thomas Paine, Derek Jeter, Christie Rampone, Carl Lewis, Buz Aldrin, Frank Sinatra, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Meryl Streep, Bruce Springsteen, Jersey Joe Walcott, Annie Oakley, F Scott Fitzgerald, Carl Sagan, Walt Witman, Jerry Lewis, Tony Bennett, Joe Theisman, Martha Stewart, to name a few.



Museum welcomes thousands of visitors in communities across the Garden State. Through the power of images, artifacts, film and a suite of interactive tools, New Jersey's leaders and legends are made accessible to every curious imagination.

The Mobile Museum was designed by Hall of Fame inductee, celebrated architect and designer, Michael Graves, and Ralph Appelbaum Associates, renowned planner and designer of museum exhibitions. The 53-foot double-expandable trailer is transformed on location to 850 square feet of stunning exhibition space.

Begin your personal adventure of discovery by visiting the Mobile Museum.

FIND IT AT THE MORRIS PLAINS FARMERS MARKET!

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JELLIES
 KEY LIME PIE
 KIELBASI
 MELONS
 OLIVES
 PICKLES
 PIEROGI
 POT PIES

QUICHE
 RAVIOLI
 SOUPS
 STRAWBERRIES
 STUFFED CABBAGE
 SWEET CORN
 TOMATOES
 WINE





Morris Plains Recreation
Summer Camp

"Super Kids Camp"

June 27 to July 29 9AM-Noon
Morris Plains Community Center
Grades K-5; Fall, 2016

"Teen Camp"

June 27 to July 29 9AM-Noon
Teen Center House, Route 53
Grades 6-9; Fall, 2016

Morris Plains Recreation
Summer Enhancement Programs

Openings still available in many
exciting Programs!

Red Cross Babysitting Course
Exercise , Speed & Agility Clinic, Art



"Kids Helping Kids" Programs
Sports , Science Experiments...
New... Dance! Scavenger Hunt! Stem Fun!
and...so much more!

Senior Picnic

Save the Date!

*Morris Plains
Community Center
Thursday July 14th
1PM*

Please join us!



Morris Plains Recreation

presents

Summer Concert Series at
Roberts Garden

- July 3 MP Community Band
(rain date to be announced)
- July 10 Koverup
(rain date July 11)
- July 17 Plains Blues Band
(rain date July 18)
- July 24 Retro Kings
(rain date July 25)
- July 31 Heartbreaker
(rain date August 1)

Bring your lawn chairs !

Concerts are from 6 PM - 8 PM

Family Day!

Saturday

June 25th

5PM

Fireworks!

9:30PM!

Great Food, Fun and Entertainment!

Morris Plains Community Park

Rain date: Sunday, June 26

Who's Ready for Summer?

Morris Plains Community Park Pool News!

New Pool Website!

Keep updated on what's new this year as well as:
Pool membership registration and booklet, closing announcements and extended hours,
Friday night activities and events, Marlin's Swim Team news and so much more!

Visit: www.morrisplainspool.com

What's New This Summer ...

Friday Fun Days!
PIZZA & POPS NIGHT!
July 8
6-8 PM
Lovey's Pizza & Ice Pops

FRANKS & FLOATS NIGHT

July 22
6-8 PM
Hot Dogs and Chips
Between 6-8 PM
Patrons may use floats during
Friday night events

Friday night events are for
Pool Members.
Pool Members are
permitted guests provided
they purchase guest passes

Pool Preview!

Saturday, June 18th
Pool will open from Noon - 7PM
Pool Activities: 3PM - 5PM
Free Admission
Join us at the Pool Preview for
Music! Games! Activities!
(Refreshments available for purchase)

Save the Date!

Splash Party!
Saturday, July 16
6:30PM



Join friends and neighbors for
a night of fun, food & entertainment



Senior Aquasize

Extended Sessions!
Every Wednesday for Six Weeks!
Beginning July 6th
Noon to 1:00 PM

Join in the Fun!





EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST!



LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

Photo Credit: Audrey Eapen



MP KIDS TAKE THE STAGE



The cast of the recent Borough School production of Alice in Wonderland



Young dancers learn ballet basics in the "Let's Dance!" Recreation class



This year has once again moved at a very rapid pace! The arrival of spring means that we have just several weeks of instruction left with students.

BUDGET NEWS 2016-17

The preliminary 2016-17 school budget was presented to the public and Board of Education at the Feb. 23 board meeting. The new budget addresses our district's need to expand our reading intervention programs, further support successful initiatives and courses, enhance our safety and security, increase technology resources, and upgrade facilities.

The 2016-17 budget represents a 2% increase in the tax levy over last year's budget. Worth noting, Morris Plains has seen a \$35-million-dollar increase in town valuation. As a result of the increase in town valuation, the average home assessed in Morris Plains will see their local school tax reduced by \$32.



The Garden Club visited Mountain Way and helped our 2nd graders plant a garden. They planted strawberries, lettuce, beans, zucchini and cherry tomatoes. The 2nd grade now has certain jobs in order to maintain and help the garden grow.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

In recent years, the Board of Education has made significant progress towards its Strategic Plan. In fact, in year 3 of the 5-year Strategic plan, 93% of the plan has been completed. The areas of significant focus and priority address student achievement, revenue, technology, and communications. This progress has been made, while effectively managing our budget within the tax levy. This also includes cutting excess costs to add staff and instructional resources.

We have seen advancements that create a learning environment that supports all student learners.

- Our PARCC scores outperformed state and high achieving districts with similar demographics
- Investment in professional development
 - Technology and Enrichment Supervisor, Literacy Coach, consultants, and common planning time for every staff member
- Increased instructional time in Math and Language with an innovative master schedule
- Increased revenue with School Choice
- 21st Century Learning
 - STEM/iLab
 - Discovery Education
- Sharing services with regional consortium, MSD, and One Day One School

IMPORTANT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

From an infrastructure perspective, within our operational budget, we have prioritized and are investing in safety and security by:

- Modifying entrances at both schools to create safer security entrances that will include holding areas to effectively manage visitors entering the buildings, effective September 2016.
- Installing state-of-the-art video surveillance cameras at both schools; 24/7 police access.
- Installing new alarm systems and door monitors



Borough School recently hosted a "Lunch & Show" for our Seniors.

Now that we've achieved these critical milestones, we are looking forward to addressing the needs of the learning environment and capital infrastructure (buildings) through a 5-year Long Range Facility Plan. We have learned that we need to advance our energy efficiency and ADA compliance, protect and update our facilities, and update our classroom and large venue areas.

SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

REFERENDUM PLANNED TO ADDRESS LONG RANGE FACILITY PLAN IN DISTRICT

We strongly feel the facilities projects are necessary and would provide a great long term investment for our property values, but they cannot be attained through our regular operating budget. As a result, we will be seeking the community's support through a bond referendum for approximately \$4.8 million. During the second week of September, we will be holding a special election posing two separate questions to the public.

The First Question will address many energy efficient and operational improvements at Borough School.

The Second Question will support an ADA compliant renovation project to the auditorium at Borough School.

We are asking for your support of both of these questions as you join us in the evolution of our school district and protection of your investment as a Morris Plains resident.

Borough School's original construction dates back to 1921. In 1958, the Speedwell wing and main office area were added. In 2010 and 2013, the school underwent roof repairs.

The last time the Morris Plains School District asked the community to support a referendum was 2002. The \$11.75 million referendum passed, and it addressed new HVAC systems at both schools, new interior doors, lavatories, elevator, lunchroom and computer lab at Borough School, and new kindergarten wing at Mountain Way School.

Please watch for more information to come on the referendum, including photos of the existing school conditions, as well as architectural renditions of the renovations. We will also convey anticipated tax

impact, energy efficient cost savings, project objectives, etc.

For more information about our budget and specific details on the referendum projects, please view the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMiKMBfxsU8>

* SUPERINTENDENT - PARENT FORUM *

Thursday, May 26th – 7:00 p.m.
Borough School Library

*This Forum will be dedicated to providing information about the Referendum.
All residents are welcome to attend.*

NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER FILLS VACANCY

At the April 12th board meeting, members of the board interviewed six candidates for the open board seat. At the conclusion of the interview process, the board selected Christina Perry. We welcome Ms. Perry to the Board of Education, and we are greatly appreciative to all applicants who expressed an interest to support our schools.

I look forward to working closely with all members of the school community as we continue our steady course towards excellence.

Please don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WeAreMPSD

Best,

Mark Maico

REFERENDUM QUESTION #1 (Borough School)	
Increase Energy Efficiency and Produce Cost Savings	Replace windows and window treatments throughout
	New LED lighting in all classrooms
	Replace electric service panels
Address Security	Replace exterior metal doors and frames
Address Aging Facilities	Replace hallway floors and a portion of the roof

REFERENDUM QUESTION #2 (Borough School)	
Renovate worn and outdated auditorium space to provide state of the art venue that supports our performing arts programs and large group instruction, as well as community events	Replace seats on main floor and reupholster seats in balcony
	Install new carpeting and replace stage curtains
	Upgrade stage lighting and improve acoustics
	Renovate ceiling and balcony facade
	Address ADA compliance requirements

Health Buzz- From the Board of Health:

A Healthy Home for Everyone



Many people spend at least half of every day inside their homes. A healthy, safe, affordable, and accessible home supports basic needs and protects from illness and injury.

Did you know many homes have unhealthy conditions?

- 1 in 16 have high radon levels
- 1 in 6 have structural problems
- 1 in 4 do not have a working smoke alarm
- 1 in 10 have water leaks
- 1 in 4 have lead-based paints

Also, a lack of ventilation (airflow) keeps poisons in the home and builds up moisture; moisture causes deteriorated paint, attracts and sustains pests and leads to mold and pests make holes that become leaks and make people use poisonous pesticides. Healthy homes prevent injury and disease.

A healthy home has:

- Good indoor air – it is smoke-free and carbon monoxide free and has good ventilation
- Safe water – a clean supply and water temperature set at 120°F.

A healthy home is:

- Free from lead, high levels of radon, and excess chemicals.
- A solid structure that keeps out pests, moisture, noise, and pollution.
- Safe from injuries – it has smooth floor surfaces, stair handrails, adequate lighting, and safety devices.

Solutions for housing problems are interconnected. One fix can help with more than one problem:

- Ventilating well can get rid of poisons, keep moisture down and bring in fresh air.
- Installing a vapor barrier can keep out radon and prevent moisture.
- Replacing old windows can reduce lead-based paint, save energy, and improve ventilation.

Some hazards not always thought of:

- For carpet mold and fungus which gives that musty smell, steam-cleaning with vinegar, alcohol and a cleaning solution mixed with water may help.
- Replacing bottled water with more-economical water filters means changing the filters every three months so that they do not get contaminated.
- If using an ammonia all-purpose cleaner wear gloves and prevent inhaling the fumes by using a mask.
- Read labels for all the cleaners and products used in the home to know how to apply them safely.

With knowledge, having a healthy home is in everyone's reach. For more specific information for each room of your home, CDC has a guide for families and individuals which is accessible online at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/final_companion_piece.pdf

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE



UPCOMING SATURDAY DATES FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

June 4
July 2
August 6
September 3
October 1
November 26
December 3

Held at Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains
400 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains
8:00am to 2:00pm
Sponsored by Morris Plains Rotary

RECYCLING

- Beginning on July 6, 2016, curbside pickup of your single-stream recyclables will occur EVERY TUESDAY.
- Also at that time, the operational hours of the Reimer Recycling Center on Saturdays will be changed to 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Due to the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28, the Recycling Center will be open from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy, 500 W. Hanover Ave., Parsippany. Visit www.monmouth.com for more info.



* CONSTRUCTION ALERT *

During the next few months, the Borough will be paving:

MOUNTAIN WAY from Glenbrook Rd to Granniss Ave.
BURCH DRIVE and MERCHANT PLACE
KEENAN PLACE and BOROUGH TERRACE
LIBRARY Parking Lot

In addition, sidewalk work will be done on
CENTRAL AVENUE

New lights and pavers will
be installed on
SPEEDWELL AVE. from
Hillview Ave to W. Hanover Ave.



PSEG SERVICE UPGRADES

Please be alerted that PSE&G has plans to upgrade gas service in the Borough and to replace 5 miles of older cast iron mains with plastic pipes. Exact dates and locations of the work to be done in the coming months is not confirmed at the time of this publication, however we are advised that residents in the affected areas will be contacted prior to work commencing in their areas.



WELCOME TO THE BOROUGH!

We welcome "Riviera Maya Taqueria" to Morris Plains. Now open at 1767 Route 10E., Riviera Maya also has Mexican Restaurants in Branchville and Rockaway. Hours: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.



* NEW JERSEY PRIMARY ELECTION *

Morris Plains residents who are registered to vote may vote at the Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Drive.

The last day to register to vote in the Primary is May 17th, 2016. An undeclared voter, voting for the first time in a primary, may submit a party declaration form at the polls at the time of voting.

Mail-in voter ("absentee") applications may be requested at any time but not less than 7 days prior to the Primary Election. Vote by Mail Ballot Applications are available in the Borough Clerk's office.

Voters can also apply in person at the County Clerk's Office in Morristown or at the Morris Plains Borough Clerk's Office up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election. Please visit www.morriscountynj.gov/elections/dates or call 973-285-6066 for further details.



ARBOR DAY AT MOUNTAIN WAY

Mountain Way students celebrated Arbor Day on April 29th. As one student put it, "Arbor Day is a holiday for trees!"

MORRIS PLAINS FIRE ASSOCIATION FUND DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

Please visit www.morrisplainsfire.com to learn more about our organization and to view our 2016 fund drive letter.

Or if you'd like to make a donation to support the work of our Morris Plains Volunteer Fire Department, send your donation to:

Morris Plains Fire Association
PO Box 281
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Morris Plains Museum

51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950

973 - 683 -1089

The Last of Our Grand Old Houses



Bretton Woods is Now Only a Memory of Our Past

This lovely old home was built by a descendent of the Canfield family to replace an 1868 mansion that burned down in 1915. The fire claimed the life of a local resident, Eugene Coffee. Coffee was assisting our fire department in removing items from the basement when the ceiling collapsed, sadly trapping him.

Dr. Guy Laudig and his family were the last residents of this grand old home. Dr. Laudig was a noted physician who served bravely in World War II. He was on the staff of General George Patton during the African Campaign.

Earl Freeman purchased the home in 1982 and transformed it into a venue for weddings, receptions and other events. Mr. Freeman was sad to have to sell the property. Many area residents have fond memories of special events there.

The home is gone now and construction has begun for a new building to take its place.

The Morris Plains Museum Has a New Addition to the Collection

Recently a donation was received from Joan Duffy of a wooden Record Box which she has purchased from a sale of items from the original Canfield family. Its label reads "H. Canfield" and it is dated 1849-1900.

The Morris Plains Museum is now open on the first, second and third Saturday of each month from 10 am until 2 pm. We are always eager to welcome new members to our Association and those interested are invited to attend one of our general meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at 11 am. The members of the first Morris Plains Museum Association work hard to fulfill our mission statement - to collect, preserve and exhibit information about the history of our town. For more information please call our town historian Dan Myers at 973-267-3303.

Find more than great books



at your hometown library.

MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

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Spring into Reading!

Nothing says Spring like a fresh coat of paint!

Our Morris Plains Rotary Team has been sprucing up and painting and designing new bulletin boards in our vestibule. And our book drop has had a long awaited face lift. Thank-you, thank-you to all the hours spent on completing an amazing job! We are truly grateful!!



Our porch is coming along! Landscape is complete, furniture is on order, the weather is finally perfect, it's time for the unveiling! Please come in, grab a book, and enjoy a few minutes in a different surrounding.

One more thank-you to all who supported our Paper Shredding Event.

You made it a huge success! Security Shredding will return in September – watch or call for details.



Too busy to select a book? Our Ladies will be happy to assist! Here are their selections for the season:

1. First Women – by Andersen Brower
2. The Last Goodnight-A World War II Story of Espionage, Adventure, and Betrayal – by Howard Blum
3. Kick Kennedy-The Charmed Life and Tragic Death of the Favorite Kennedy Daughter – by Barbara Learning
4. Private Paris –by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
5. The Summer Before the War: A Novel – by Helen Simonson (author of- Major Pettigrew's Last Stand)
6. Fool Me Once – by Harlan Coben
7. The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American In Britain – by Bill Bryson

Enjoy the beautiful warm weather, stay well, and keep reading!!

— Camille —

SAFE KIDS DAY

5K RUN/WALK

HONEYWELL is hosting a Safe Kids Day 5K Run/Walk and a 1 mile Family Walk on Sunday, May 22, at 9 a.m., at our new Morris Plains campus located at 115 Tabor Road. This year we are expanding the event to create a fun and exciting Safe Kids Day festival for Honeywell employees, their families, community members and our partners. Runners, walkers, family and friends can enjoy a day of games and other activities designed to raise awareness about child safety and the many tools and resources available to prevent injuries at home.

The 5K Run/Walk is also virtual. That means this race can be run at any location. Honeywell employees and their families can walk, use the treadmill or run outside. The idea is to provide an option to run the race at their pace, wherever they like, either in a team or solo.

Proceeds raised will benefit Safe Kids Worldwide, and support the work of its local coalitions in the

United States, including Safe Kids New Jersey and Safe Kids Northern New Jersey. Safe Kids Worldwide is a global organization dedicated to keeping kids safe from preventable injuries, the number one killer of kids in the United States. For more than twelve years, Honeywell and Safe Kids Worldwide have partnered to protect children from preventable injuries in the United States, China and India.

Safe Kids New Jersey, with its 14 local coalitions and hundreds of partners across the state, supports events such as car-seat checkups, sports safety clinics and many other

initiatives that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

Safe Kids Day is part of a larger Safe Kids initiative to engage more communities in keeping kids safe, and includes more than 200 events in communities across the United States throughout April and May.

Awards will be given to the fastest team, the fastest Honeywell employee and the fastest in each age category. Visit the site for more information and to sign up:

<https://runsignup.com/safekids5k>

Please Note: Tabor Road will be closed to traffic between Littleton Road and Foxwood Drive for approximately 1 hour on Sunday, May 22 - beginning at 9:00 a.m.



TRIVIA

DO YOU KNOW?

WHO is the longest serving employee currently working in the Borough?

HOW LONG has he/she been employed by the Borough?

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