

*Borough of Morris Plains*

# PLAINS TALK

*August 2016*

**Mayor**

Frank J. Druetzler

**Council President**

Suzanne B. McCluskey

**Councilmembers**

Joseph Cécala, Jr.

Sal Cortese

Jack Doherty

Laurie Fu

Jason C. Karr



The Morris Plains Community Band performed a concert at Roberts Garden, conducted by Larry Ripley.

Photo credit: MaryAlice Brueninger

# 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Photo credit: Dave Sullivan, Marcia Windt, Ralph Lopez

## HONEYWELL MAKES PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DONATION TO BRING MORE “SUMMER FUN” FOR MORRIS PLAINS

Thank You



The Borough of Morris Plains has received a generous donation of playground equipment from Honeywell, its newest corporate neighbor. Honeywell, which moved its global headquarters to Morris Plains in 2015, offered the equipment to the Borough’s Recreation Department, and according to Chairman Gerry Sittmann, it was an offer the Borough couldn’t refuse. Rob Ferris, Vice President of External Communications and Public Affairs at Honeywell, says the company no longer has use for the equipment which was installed just a few years ago at the daycare facility on their old Morris Township campus. They wanted to see the equipment put to good use in the corporation’s new hometown.



And the Borough is happy to have it! The Recreation Department had been considering installing playground equipment at the community pool, but the cost was just prohibitive at this time. Now they have the opportunity, which will enhance the recreational experience for pool visitors. Two large fabric shades have been installed on the pool lawn to provide some sun shield for bathers. There is also one large play structure with several slides, bridge and climbing wall, which the children can enjoy while at the pool. At least a dozen smaller pieces including benches and picnic tables can be placed in other locations throughout the Borough and used to replace existing older pieces.

It was a big job for the Borough’s Department of Public Works to remove and then re-install the equipment, but Superintendent, Joe Signorelli says it’s well worth the effort. This is a great assistance to the Borough, with a significant savings of thousands of dollars. The Department hopes to complete installation of most of the equipment this summer. Other pieces may be installed at later times. Councilwoman Laurie Fu estimated the value of all of the equipment to be near \$50,000.

Mayor Druetzler says the Borough is very grateful for this generous donation from Honeywell. They are a great neighbor, and we are happy to have them as partners in our community.



# MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



## NEW RECRUITS

**Joseph DiMeo** (left) and **Brett Cerrato** (right) take the Oath of Office as MPPD's newest Probationary Patrol Officers.



## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Chief of Police **Jason Kohn** presented MPPD officers with the following awards and recognitions at the Borough Council Meeting on 7/21/16:

*PICTURED L to R:*

**Ptl. Joseph Heinz**  
Educational Achievement

**Ptl. Anne Marie Ferris**  
Educational Achievement

**Ptl. Robert Guild**  
Educational Achievement  
MADD Award

**Ptl. Nicholas Grawehr**  
Life Saving Recognition (Narcarn Rescue)  
Educational Achievement

**Ptl. Michael Kelly**  
Life Saving Recognition (Narcarn Rescue)

**Ptl. Christopher Cornine**  
Educational Achievement

**Sgt. Peter Rolph**  
Life Saving Award  
Educational Achievement

**Sgt. Jeffrey Hochman**  
Educational Achievement

**Lt. Michael Rolph**  
Life Saving Award  
Educational Achievement



# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BUFFET BRUNCH



Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Morris Plains Community Center  
51 Jim Fear Drive

**TICKETS (AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR): ADULTS - \$8 CHILDREN - \$5 (AGE 3-12)**  
FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG) OR EMAIL: [INFO@MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG](mailto:INFO@MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG)

## Arts Access Artist Michael Martin Awarded Dance Innovations Scholarship

Michael Martin, a resident of Morris Plains and an artist in the Matheny Medical and Educational Center's Arts Access Program, was awarded a 2016 Kids for Kids Fine Arts Scholarship by Chatham-based Dance Innovations. The scholarship, awarded on May 25, is presented to individuals with special needs to help them pursue their interest in the arts.



Matheny is a special hospital and educational facility in Peapack for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. Arts Access enables people with disabilities to create fine art, assisted by professional artist-facilitators. Dance Innovations is a studio for dance and the performing arts. Its dance students often perform for the students and patients at Matheny.

Michael is the son of Morris Plains residents, Alan and Linda Martin.



**PICTURED:**

**Top:** Michael Martin and Arts Access dance facilitator Heather Williams at the awards ceremony.

**Bottom:** Michael Martin with his parents, Alan and Linda Martin of Morris Plains.



## Mosquito Prevention Begins At Home

The most probable New Jersey carrier of the Zika virus is the Asian Tiger Mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, which thrives in backyard settings. The Morris County mosquito control experts are asking residents to help keep these mosquitos from flourishing by removing standing water on and around their property.

The Asian Tiger will use almost any container that holds water to breed, including flower pots, cans, buckets, discarded tires, wheelbarrows, clogged gutters, vases, bird baths, pet water bowls, rain barrels, and even bottle caps. Preventing Zika virus in Morris County starts with limiting mosquito populations.

The Zika virus was first identified in 1947 in Uganda's Zika forest. Prior to 2007, there were sporadic cases. The largest number of cases were in an outbreak in 2007 on Yap Island. It was not until February 2015 that the Brazilian Public Health Ministry began investigating cases of an illness in 26 Brazilian states that numbers of Zika virus cases began to increase steadily.

Zika virus is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, the *Aedes aegypti* in tropical regions. In laboratory testing the Asian Tiger Mosquito has been demonstrated to carry the virus. For a list of countries that are impacted by Zika, visit: [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika).

Not all people infected with the virus develop symptoms and the symptoms are usually mild. Complications of Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause birth defects, such as microcephaly. Primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, it can be transmitted sexually.

In the U.S. there have been 1,132 travel-associated cases reported. Precautions for women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant include: delay travel to areas with local transmission of Zika, pregnant women and their partners should follow steps to prevent mosquito bites; for women who have a male partner who lives in or travels to an area with Zika, use condoms or abstain from sex and if you develop symptoms of Zika during pregnancy, or have traveled to a country with Zika, consult with your health care provider.

For travelers returning from countries with Zika, it is important to prevent mosquito bites once home and continue using EPA-registered repellants such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol. Apply as directed on the label.

For the most up-to-date Zika virus resources visit: <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/zika/index.shtml> or [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika)

# MORRIS PLAINS WELLNESS DAY

sponsored by Morris Plains Board of Health & Morris Plains Rotary

**Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
at the Community Center – Jim Fear Drive

*FREE and Open to All Morris Plains Residents*

### REGISTRATION DATES FOR ADULT CANCER SCREENINGS AND BLOOD WORK

*(Register at Borough Hall)*

Wed., Oct. 5 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 8 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions? 973-538-2224  
or [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)



## “WELLNESS FAIR”

At the Community Center

**Exhibitors, Information &  
Demonstration  
to Help Your Whole Family  
to Lead a HEALTHY Lifestyle**

(No Registration Necessary)



**Free Flu  
Vaccines**

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

**At the Morris Plains Community Center**  
Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

**Walk-In, October 1<sup>st</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

Find more than great books



at your hometown library.

# MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

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## *Dog Days of Summer*



Hope everyone is enjoying the sizzling days of Summer 2016!!

All of you have been very patient with our ongoing grounds improvements! Progress is a beautiful thing but the process is agonizing. I promise the final result will be so amazing you'll find yourself dancing in our parking lot!

All said and done, we will have two additional parking spaces and an improved handicapped spot! Our porch is ready and waiting for our patrons to visit, sit and read! Enter through the main entrance, grab a book, magazine, or newspaper and enjoy a few outdoor quiet moments!

This season our ladies have chosen the following as suggestions for your reading pleasure:

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| 1. 'Most Wanted'- by, Lisa Scottoline  | 6. 'Chance Developments Stories'- by, Alexander McCall Smith |
| 2. 'Lilac Girls'- by, Martha Kelly   | 7. 'The Last Mile'- by, David Baldacci                       |
| 3. 'Blood Defense'- by, Marcia Clark   | 8. 'Fool Me Once'- by, Harlen Coban                          |
| 4. 'A Most Curious Murder'- by, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli  |  |
| 5. 'Romeo and or Juliet a Chooseable Path Adventure'<br>- by, Ryan North and William Shakespeare |  |

A few reminders:



**Green Meadows Farm** will be joining us on 31 August 2016  
10 am-11:45  
Admission: One can or box of non-perishable, unexpired food for the Interfaith Food Pantry



**Paper Shredding Event** – Saturday 24 Sep.2016  
9 am – 12 noon Rain or Shine  
\$5 per box donation



Stay well, stay cool, and keep reading!

*— Camille —*



## 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.

## Morris Plains Timeline 1685-----2016

There have been many changes in our town since 1685, the date when our first settlers arrived. Your Morris Plains Museum Association Volunteers have been lovingly caring for the many artifacts and the collections pertaining to our town history.



We are finding now that we cannot realize the plans we have for the present or pursue future projects due to our diminishing membership.

### **WE NEED HELP!!!**

Please consider joining our lively group. If you enjoy history, if you love Morris Plains, you will derive so much pleasure as part of our Association.

The museum is open the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 am to 2 pm.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 11 am. This would be an ideal opportunity for you to meet the group and tour the museum at our business meeting.

Any questions: Please call Dan Myers at 973-267-3303

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### The Morris Plains Museum Association Provides a Scholarship and an Award on a Yearly Basis

Scholarship Reception: Sunday, July 17, 2016

The Helen H. Schnack Scholarship was awarded to Matthew R. Lopez, 2016 graduate of Morristown High School.

The Kenneth C. Cramer Award was presented to Logan Blankinship, 2016 graduate of the Morris Plains Borough School.

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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.

# PROVIDENT BANK SHOWS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Officials from the Morris Plains branch of Provident Bank presented a generous contribution of \$7500 toward the Davenport Village affordable housing development at 260 Tabor Road. The apartments are planned to open for occupancy this October.

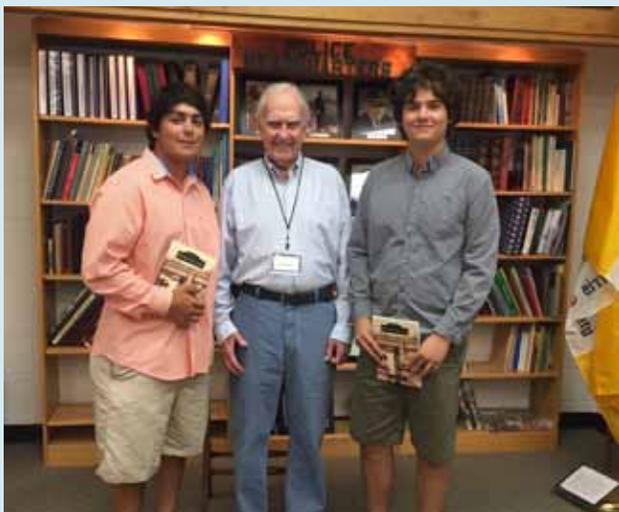


# NJ MOBILE HALL OF FAME

The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum was the attraction at the Morris Plains Farmers Market on Saturday, July 23rd. Museum Board of Directors member Bart Oates, former NY Giants football great, attended to greet the visitors (at left). The Museum appearance was arranged by Sue McCluskey, Farmers Market volunteer manager.



**Below:** Morris Plains Museum Director, Dan Myers, is pictured with Helen H. Schnack Scholarship winner, Matt Lopez (L) and Kenneth C. Cramer Award winner, Logan Blankinship (R)



# MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Morris Plains Municipal Alliance presented two special awards to five 8th grade students during their commencement exercises in June.

The first award is the Peer Leader Award. This award is special because the winners are selected by their peers. The 8th grade students were asked to nominate a fellow student who exhibited positive influence on others, demonstrated good leadership skills, and who made an effort to be a part of the school and community. The two winners were Jameson Rulon and Christina Rosamond. The second award is the Volunteer Award. This

award was given to the two students who had the highest number of volunteer hours during their middle school years for the Kids Helping Kids and Volunteer Corp programs. This year there was a tie and so three awards were given! The recipients were Christina Rosamond, Danny Dicker, and Casey McNichol.

Each award winner received a certificate and a check for \$100. We commend all of these wonderful students for a job well done and encourage them to continue with their involvement throughout their high school years.



## Curbside Collection of Mixed Recyclables is **NOW EVERY TUESDAY**

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

*- for safe disposal of household chemicals, automotive fluids, and E-waste -*

**Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**



Public Safety Training Academy  
500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany  
visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com) for more info



### NEW HOURS AT REIMER RECYCLING CENTER, TABOR ROAD

**Now Open Saturday Mornings  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

*For drop-off of Mixed Recyclables, Electronics,  
Scrap Metal, Bulky Rigid Plastics, Hardcover Books, Clothing  
Light Bulbs and Rechargeable Batteries*





# FAMILY DAY



# UNCLE FRANK'S fishing contest



Dear Borough Citizens,

It's summer, and the Morris Plains School District is making the most out of every minute of the season! Summer affords the time to coordinate numerous facility projects at both Mountain Way and Borough School. The completion of these projects will support safety and security, energy efficiency, and cleanliness.

The projects include:

- Modifying security entrances at both schools to facilitate proper vetting of those entering and visiting our schools.
- Replacing and upgrading lighting (LED) throughout Borough hallways.
- Painting stairwells at Borough School and hallways at both schools.
- Replacing old plaster ceilings in several areas at Borough School.

Administration will also spend significant time planning comprehensive programs and initiatives, which include professional development opportunities for the upcoming school year to support technology integration, literacy, and professional learning communities. In addition, administrators are working hard to finalize the curriculum for the new Innovation Lab and STEM courses that will be offered to all students at Borough School next year.

**UPDATE ON SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> REFERENDUM**

Over the past year, our Board of Education and Administration have been working to present to the community a referendum proposal that will address the most critical infrastructure needs in the school district. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be seeking the community's support through a special election bond referendum for a total of approximately \$6.2 million. There will be two questions on the ballot for consideration.

The financing will be a 15-year loan. Historically low interest rates make this a favorable time to borrow money to invest in our children's educational experience. Additionally, in 7 years the 2003 bond will mature, resulting in a reduction in the debt service.

**40% of the total cost for each question on the ballot will be offset by state aid, which reduces the impact on property taxes.**

**TAX IMPACT: Average \$450K Home = Approx. \$250/yr.**

**REFERENDUM QUESTION #1 - \$5.2M**

**To address many energy efficient and operational improvements at Borough School and Mountain Way.** This includes window replacements at Borough School. Many of the windows date back to the origin of the building (early 1920's). Also included in Question 1 are HVAC upgrades at Mountain Way, new corridor flooring and exterior metal door frames in Borough School, and new LED lighting in all classrooms. According to a recent energy audit, replacing all lights in the district with LED lights will result in immediate energy cost savings for the district by 50%, which is approximately \$75K savings annually.

**REFERENDUM QUESTION #2 - \$1.0M**

**To support an ADA compliant renovation to the auditorium at Borough School.** This includes new seating, carpeting, stage curtains, stage lighting and acoustics, and ceiling and balcony façade renovation. The last renovation in the auditorium dates back to 1985.



Rendering of proposed new auditorium seating



Artist rendering of new Borough School main entrance



Artist rendering of new Mountain Way main entrance

**\*\*\* SPECIAL ELECTION \*\*\***

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Borough School Auditorium**

## WHERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REFERENDUM PROJECTS

- **7/19:** Democratic Committee Meeting @ Community Center (7:30pm) - presentation
- **7/28:** Summer Theater Performance @ Borough School (7:00pm) – info table
- **7/29:** Summer Theater Performance @ Borough School (7:00 pm) – info table
- **8/8:** MP Senior Citizens Meeting @ Community Center (1:00 pm) - presentation
- **8/27:** MP Farmer’s Market (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) – info table
- **9/10:** MP Farmer’s Market (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) – info table
- **9/12:** Republican Club Meeting @ Community Center (7:30 pm) - presentation
- **9/17:** Public Forum in Borough School Auditorium (12:00 pm)
- **9/20:** Public Forum in Borough School Auditorium (7:00 pm)
- **9/24:** MP Farmer’s Market (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) – info table



For more information concerning the referendum projects, please visit the district website at [www.mpsdk8.org](http://www.mpsdk8.org) and click the “Referendum Project Presentation” link under “Quick Links.” Also, please refer to the informational flyer that was mailed to all Morris Plains Residents during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## BOARD OFFICE RELOCATION

Effective July 1, 2016, the Board Office has a new address. The Business Office and Superintendent’s Office are now located at 520 Speedwell Avenue, Suite 116.

Over the next year, completion of two residential developments is scheduled in Morris Plains. The future of a third development, on Route 53, is yet to be determined. The board office move will free up additional classroom spaces. The location of the move, the expected increase in enrollment, and the reasonable lease agreement were all determining factors to support the office relocation. Morris Plains is fortunate to have attractive class sizes compared against other high-achieving districts in our area. As a result, we could absorb a spike in enrollment across our K-8 classes. However, with the impact on enrollment for the third project still an unknown, we must be proactive in case other accommodations are needed.

## SUMMER WISHES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for entrusting us with your children each school day. We truly appreciate the tremendous support of the Morris Plains School Community, which values exemplary programs for students. In addition, I am grateful for the efforts of our students, teachers and administrators in collaboration with parents. Together, we have

established and implemented a vision of success and excellence for all students. We will remain committed to creating the very best possible learning environment in our classrooms, our schools, and in all that we do.

On behalf of the Morris Plains School District, I extend best wishes for a safe, healthy and relaxing summer.

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

Best,

*Mark Maico*



Hats Off to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates of Borough School for 2016!



## COACH TINA RETIRES

It was a bittersweet end to the Morris Plains Marlins Swim Team's 2016 Summer Season as Coach Tina Cecala announced her retirement after 34 years of coaching Borough teams. Hundreds of swimmers have seen many victories and broken records over the years under Tina's patient and encouraging coaching, and she will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Tina is pictured receiving many gifts and memories from the Swim Team Board and the Recreation Commission. Her footprints were placed forever in cement at "Tina's Corner" on the Community Park Pool deck. She also received the Community Service Award from the Mayor and Council. Tina's daughter, Corrine, will also be leaving after 12 years of co-coaching with her Mom. MANY THANKS AND BEST WISHES COACH TINA AND COACH CORRINE!

Photo credit: Rich Ahlmeyer



Mayor Druetzler presents Tina with the Key to the City



We hope everyone is enjoying the pots of flowers we have planted this year along Speedwell Avenue. A big "thank you" to all the businesses that are helping to keep those thirsty plants watered. We also want to thank our volunteers for helping to water our pots.

This Spring we helped our 2nd graders at Mountain Way School to plant a garden. They planted strawberries, lettuce, beans, zucchini and cherry tomatoes. They maintained their own gardens and were so excited when they saw their gardens grow.

We held two fundraisers this summer selling delicious baked goods at the Morris Plains Farmers Market on June 18th and

July 16th. Our baked goods go fast, and we want to thank you for your support.

We are now planning many fun and informative meetings for the coming year. The club meets every third Wednesday of each month starting in September. If you think you may be interested in joining or just want to find out more about our club, please contact Terry Haas at 973-267-0420 or Margo Rishe at 973-267-7116.

# EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

The Education Foundation of Morris Plains (www.educationfoundationmp.com) is on a roll! On May 5, we hosted the successful second annual "Strides for Education 5K Run/Walk" at Central Park of Morris County; on June 8, we saw the culmination of the EFMP-supported project "Stories About in the Community of Caring," a collaboration between the Borough School 3rd and 5th grades and community members, which was the brainchild of dynamic Borough School teachers Ginny Hussey and Larissa Wilczak. The beautifully printed and illustrated book that resulted from this project tells many stories of long-time Morris Plains residents, as seen through the eyes of young writers and illustrators.



In June, we celebrated our district's 8th graders on the momentous occasion of their graduation from Borough School with congratulatory lawn signs. Keep in touch, graduates!

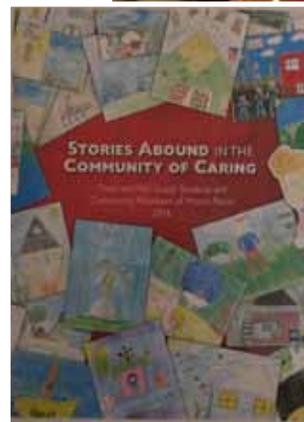
We also approved three teacher grant proposals. In the 2016-17 school year, as a result of EFMP support of teacher proposals:

- kindergartners will benefit from play-based learning;
- all Mountain Way students will have a chance to create 3D "Doodles" in the STEM/iLab;
- and Borough School students will experience interactive, state-of-the art mobile learning technology--the EFMP's contribution to the brand-new STEM/iLab that will open at Borough School in September.

Next up: On January 22, 2017 at 3 p.m., we will host the Harlem Wizards, playing our fearless Morris Plains teachers, in the Morristown High School gym. Mark your calendar for this incredibly fun fundraiser!

Educational innovation takes many forms. It is the EFMP's goal to support our teachers and administration as they seek to bring excellence in education to all Morris Plains students.

**Questions? Want to donate, or volunteer?  
Don't be shy -- contact us at:  
educationfoundationmp@gmail.com.**



Stories from these wonderful retired MPSD teachers are included in "Stories About." (L to R): Theresa Garnier, Cathie Kelly, MaryLou Bellomo, Donna Lanktree, Judy Baiel



## EFMP MAKES STRIDES FOR OUR SCHOOLS

The group's 5K fundraiser held in May raised over \$6500 to benefit education of Morris Plains students

# BRUSH PICKUP GRASS PICKUP LEAF PICKUP

## BRUSH PICKUP

SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>.

For a safer, cleaner street, brush should be placed out for pickup no earlier than 48 HOURS prior to scheduled pick-up date. Branches should not protrude into the path of cars. We ask your cooperation in making Brush Pickup more efficient by observing the following guidelines:

1. **NO BRANCHES OR LIMBS MORE THAN 3 INCHES IN DIAMETER WILL BE PICKED UP.**  
Only branches, limbs and logs that can be chipped will be collected – due to chipper limits.
2. SMALL LIMBS AND TWIGS should be tied in 1-FOOT ROUND BUNDLES NO LONGER THAN 6 FEET.
3. ALL BRANCHES, LIMBS OR LOGS should be no longer than 6 feet, neatly stacked, all in one direction.
4. VINES AND PRICKER BUSHES must be tied in BUNDLES.
5. STUMPS are to be free of DIRT AND DEBRIS.
6. **NO LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS** are allowed with Brush Pick-Up.
7. NO LUMBER, METAL, BUILDING MATERIAL OR FOREIGN DEBRIS are allowed.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS PICKUP

Pick up is on **Wednesdays** through October 12<sup>th</sup>. The only material which should be put into COVERED CONTAINERS for these Wednesday collections is GRASS. Please: **NO TWIGS, BRANCHES, LEAVES, STONES OR OTHER MATERIALS.**

## LEAF PICKUP

October 17<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. **DO NOT** put grass, brush, sticks, vines or stones with leaves. Rake leaves to curbside. **DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN BAGS.** Put them in neat piles at curbside.

## MORRIS PLAINS CLEAN COMMUNITIES

~~ Serving Our Community of Caring ~~



**SCHOOL, SCOUT AND SPORT GROUPS ARE HELPING TO KEEP MORRIS PLAINS LITTER FREE**

Morris Plains wants everyone to take responsibility for their actions and pride in the environment - don't litter, and put trash and recyclables in their proper place!

## Poles and Posters Don't Mix

If you are planning to use a sign to publicize any activity, please post it on a stake, not on a utility pole. **Nails, staples or other fasteners used to attach signs to poles can be hazardous to our workers** who must climb these poles to repair or maintain our equipment.

In addition, **state law prohibits the posting of signs or outdoor advertising on any utility poles.**

If you want to advertise your event, get permission from property owners to post your signs on stakes, and check with your local municipality on any regulations your town may have about posting signs.



# NEW BUSINESS NEIGHBOR: IDEAL STRENGTH & FITNESS

**Ideal Strength & Fitness**, which offers Personal, Small Group and Bootcamp training, is now open at 60 E Hanover Ave, unit B-5. For more info, visit: [www.isfmorrisplains.com](http://www.isfmorrisplains.com).



## FAME!

Morris Plains Recreation's Summer Theater Production of "FAME"  
Directed by Joe Wohlgemuth, Sarah Washington and Joe Verga



## SOCCER OPENING DAY



The Morris Plains Soccer Association (MPSA) - is excited to kick off soccer season with the annual opening ceremony and parade. Join us at Simons Park Saturday, September 10th at 9am to cheer on our Lee's Clinic players (3yrs - K) and our divisional teams (1st - 4 th Grade).

MPSA is also bringing back last year's successful "Play 4 the Cure" event which will be held on Saturday, October 1st. P4tC will be a full day event at Simons Park with various play-in

games involving current teams, coaches, alumni, parents and more! There will also be several fun skill competitions throughout the day including a juggling contest, fastest shot, longest kick, and dribbling contests judged at various age levels (Kindergarten and younger, 1st - 2nd grade, 3rd - 4th grade, 5th - 12th grade, and 18 & older). All proceeds to benefit the National Foundation for Cancer Research. Come out on October 1st to cheer on the Morris Plains teams in their special October uniforms, and participate in any of the competitions!



# Fall Recreation Programs & Events

**Town-Wide  
Garage Sales!  
October 1st & October 2nd!**



**Sign up at  
Community Center  
by September 27th**

## Annual Bonfire



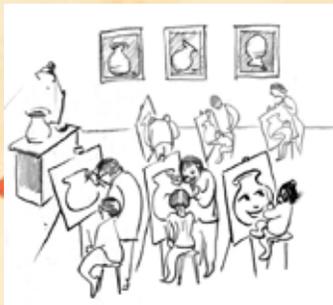
**Saturday, October 22nd  
6PM - 9PM  
Rain date:  
Sunday, October 23rd**



## Halloween Parade!



**October 31st  
4PM  
Roberts Garden**



### Drawing Classes with John Darvie Adult and Youth

Students will learn to capture the shape of their subject and continually modify it shading the features using pencils, colored pencils, blending tools and erasers. Classes will consist of long and short duration sketch projects resulting in a sketchbook filled with ideas!

Mondays at the Morris Plains Community Center  
Adult: October 3 to October 24; 2 PM to 3:30 PM  
Youth: October 3 to October 24; 4:30 PM to 6 PM

### Let's Dance!



#### Pre Ballet & Tumbling

9/15 to 12/8 11 AM-Noon Ages: 3-5  
12 Sessions: \$65.

#### Ballet & Jazz

9/14 to 11/30 4:30-5:30 PM Ages: 5-6  
12 Sessions: \$65.

### Mommy & Me

September 15th to December 8  
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM  
Ages: 18 months - 3 years  
Morris Plains Community Center  
12 Sessions: \$65.



### Gentle Beginner Yoga with Diane Tartaglia



**Wednesdays 10:30-11:45 AM  
12 Week Program  
Beginning September 14  
Fee: \$60.  
MP Community Center**

# THE MORRIS PLAINS FIRE ASSOCIATION

presents

## THE GUS OPEN GOLF CLASSIC 2016



### The Fire Prevention Bureau Needs Your Help!

If you have experienced a fire with your  
**Hover Board**, we need to know.

The New Jersey State Division of Fire Safety is tracking these fires. Please contact Fire Marshal Christopher Shay to log your issue. He can be reached either by email [mpfp@morrisplainsboro.org](mailto:mpfp@morrisplainsboro.org) or by cell (201) 602-2699. If any photos have been taken a copy would be appreciated also for the report Thank You.

Please visit the web site below to see if your Hover Board is one of the many that have been recalled.

NEWS from CPSC-----  
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4330 East West Highway,  
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**FARMSTEAD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**88 LAWRENCE ROAD, LAFAYETTE, NJ**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

REGISTRATION & LUNCH 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
SHOTGUN START 12:00 p.m.  
BBQ BUFFET DINNER TO FOLLOW

GOLF CONTEST & DOOR PRIZES  
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For more information, contact  
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# BOY SCOUTS COMPLETE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS WHILE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH

On Saturday, June 18, 2016 Boy Scout Troop 39 of Morris Plains participated in a Court of Honor for Jacob Stelwagon, the troop's 85th Scout to earn the distinction of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout is the highest and most coveted award possible for a Boy Scout. Jacob officially earned this rank on November 24, 2015 after completing his Eagle Scout Service Project, documenting GPS coordinates for all fire hydrants in the Borough of Morris Plains. The exact locations of all the fire hydrants were charted on an electronic map that is now part of the Morris County "Fire Central" system and will serve to aid local units responding to fire emergencies. This mapping feature will increase the responsiveness of fire personnel and help protect the lives and property of Morris Plains residents.

Jacob is a recent graduate of Whippany Park High School and has served in a variety of leadership roles with Troop 39, including Patrol Leader and Historian. Troop 39 is very proud of Jacob and Arjun.



On Sunday, June 5, 2016, Boy Scout Troop 39 of Morris Plains participated in a Court of Honor for Arjun Khadse, the troop's 86th Scout to earn the distinction of Eagle Scout.

Arjun accomplished his Eagle Scout Service Project by leading more than a dozen youth and adult volunteers in transforming the decaying asphalt front walk of the Morris Plains Teen Center into an attractive patio-type gathering area, complete with pavers, landscaping, and other improvements. Arjun was responsible for the concept, approval, planning and execution of all aspects of this project. The updated Teen Center has earned praise from the teens and parents of Morris Plains.

Arjun is a resident of Morris Plains and will be entering his senior year at Morristown High School in September, with a focus on pursuing a major in engineering in college. He participated in the Boy Scout of America's National Youth Leadership Training and has served Troop 39 as Troop Scribe and been elected Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.



## About Boy Scout Troop 39

Troop 39 meets every Monday at 7:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Morris Plains. To learn more about Boys Scout Troop 39, visit the troop's website at <http://www.troop39bsa.org>.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4904

Junior Troop 4904 of Morris Plains has earned their Bronze award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout may achieve. The girls are implementing in Morris Plains a safety crosswalk for pedestrians. Crossing flags for pedestrians will be placed at the crosswalk by Dunkin Donuts/Art in Motion where pedestrian crossing is a concern. The idea is simple, but it could save a life. Here is how it



works: A pedestrian takes a flag from the bucket at one side of the street and waves it while crossing the street. After the pedestrian has safely crossed, they place the flag in the bucket on the other side of the street. The flag is a simple, neon-colored flag mounted on a stick. The girls hope this program will catch on and be installed along other areas on Speedwell Avenue. The girls have also decided to support their local Teen Center. Money raised from cookie sales and community clean-up has been put towards the purchase of a new basketball hoop and two 6' picnic tables. The girls have been to the Teen Center on several occasions to clean up around the Center and make minor repairs. Be sure to ask your local 6-8th grader all about it!

## MORRIS PLAINS TEEN CENTER HAS NEW INSIGNIA

Special thanks go out to Borough resident and Teen Center Board Member, Ann Gallagher, for her fun new logo design for the Morris Plains Teen Center House. Special thanks also to the DPW for its work painting all of the rooms of the Center to help give it a fresh new look!



## 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: LOUIS & EMILY PALLOTTA

Louis and Emily Pallotta recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Verde's Restaurant in Morris Plains. The affair was hosted by their daughter Gigi Pallotta. Members of the wedding party and family and friends joined in the happy occasion. The couple was married on April 28, 1956 at Our Lady Of Mercy Church in Whippany.





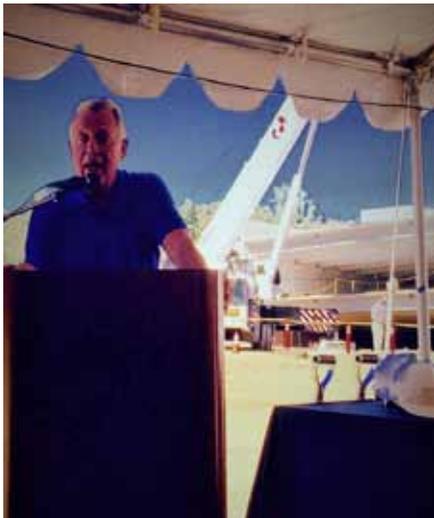
# ANNUAL MORRIS PLAINS 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

September 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

at the Morris Plains 9/11 Memorial, corner of Rts 53 & 202  
in conjunction with students from Borough School, along with our  
Emergency Services Personnel and VFW Post 3401

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen will be a guest speaker.  
Please join us as we commemorate the 15th anniversary of the tragedy of 9-11-01.

## COMING SOON - "SIGNATURE PLACE" AT MORRIS PLAINS

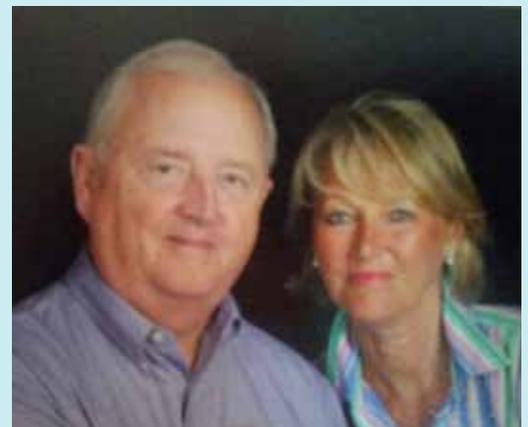


A ground-breaking ceremony was held August 4th at 250 Johnson Road, soon to be the site of 197 luxury apartments to be constructed by Roseland Residential Trust, a subsidiary of Mack-Cali, which owned the office building that previously stood vacant at this location. The complex, planning to open in the Fall of 2017, will offer numerous amenities including outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, billiards, theater, golf simulator, dog run and more.

Photo credit: Mike Koroski

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: JUDY & BILL SHAEDEL

Judy and Bill Shaedel moved to the Borough in 1971. They have 3 children, Stephanie, Noelle and Mark, as well as 8 grandchildren. Long-time parishioners of St Virgil's and Notre Dame churches, both have been leaders of Operation Appalachia and were also organizers for the Morris Plains Swim Team in the 1980's. They celebrated their anniversary with a family trip this summer. They will be married 50 years on September 17th.



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# Morris Plains 51st Annual BLOCK DANCE & PRIZE DRAWING



**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:15 to 9:30 p.m.**

*on the Merchant Block*

**Rain Date: Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Free Music and Rides!**

**2016**

**MORRIS PLAINS BLOCK DANCE DRAWING**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Drop Ticket in Collection Jars at Block Dance

No Purchase Necessary to Enter—2 per person only

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*The deadline for the next Plains Talk is October 17th, 2016. E-mail your article and pictures to  
[plainstalknews@gmail.com](mailto:plainstalknews@gmail.com).*