

Borough of Morris Plains

PLAINS TALK

November 2016

Mayor
Frank J. Druetzler

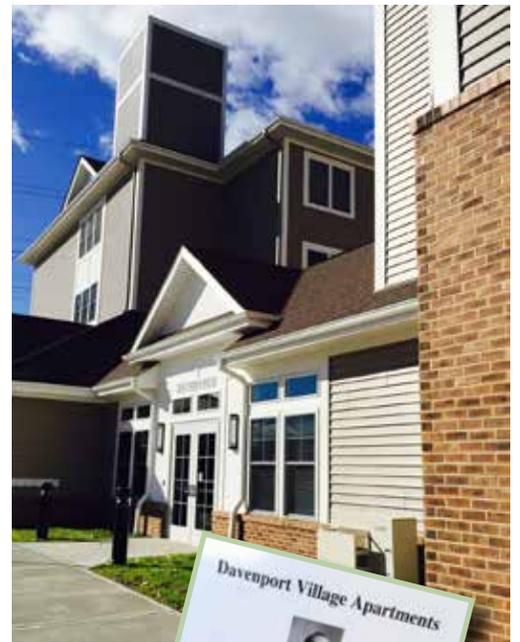
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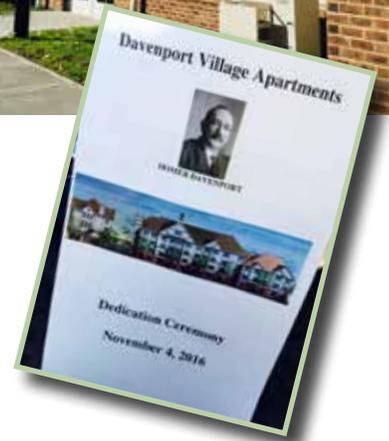


MEET DAVENPORT VILLAGE

A Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the new Davenport Village Apartments, 260 Tabor Road on November 4th, 2016



HOME SWEET HOME
 Photos of the Davenport Village Apartments, recently completed and opened for occupancy. The complex offers 19 units for seniors and 37 family units.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 2016

The Borough commemorated the 15th anniversary of the events of 9-11-01 with special guest speaker, U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, along with students of the Borough School, local Emergency Services personnel, VFW Post 3401 and members of the community.





Pictured are Kevin Seidel, Executive Director and Marybeth Kane, Senior Care Counselor



SENIOR HOUSING AT ARBOR TERRACE

Morris Plains welcomes the new senior living community, Arbor Terrace, being built on Speedwell Avenue. Arbor Terrace is thrilled to be soon joining the Community of Caring that is Morris Plains.

A visitor center will be opening on November 15th and can be accessed by using "The Buckley Way".



MAYOR FRANK EARNS AWARD FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

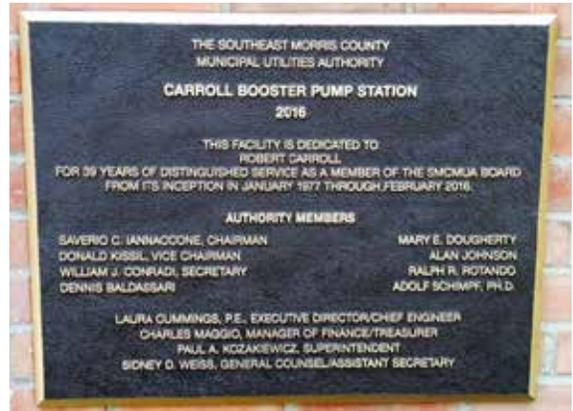


Pictured are Council President Suzanne McCluskey who gave the introductory speech, the Mayor, and Paul Boudreau, President of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy of the Daily Record Newspaper of Morris County.

Mayor Frank Druetzler was selected as the recipient of the Alex DeCroce Public Leadership Award given by the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. The event was held on October 28, 2016 at the Park Savoy in Florham Park.

The Chamber created this award to recognize leaders who emulate Alex DeCroce's commitment to a strong economy and to maintaining a business friendly environment in New Jersey. Alex represented the 26th District in the NJ Assembly from 1989 to his passing in 2012.

Congratulations Mayor Frank on a well-deserved honor!



WATER AUTHORITY REMEMBERS ROBERT CARROLL

The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority honored the memory of Robert Carroll, by dedicating its Pump Station on Mountain Way (near Mt Way School) in his name. Representing Morris Plains, Bob was a devoted member of the SMCMUA Board, from the time it began in 1977, to February of 2016.



Shown in the photo are Bob's daughters, Linda Berry and Nancy Shay, both of Morris Plains. Bob's wife Anita (married to Bob for over 70 years) was also present for the dedication.

MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES REACCREDITATION



The MPPD earned its 3-year reaccreditation from the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police.

Harry Delgado, Program Manager, presented the certificate to Lt. Mike Koroski, coordinator of the accreditation process, and Chief Jason Kohn at the September 15th Council Meeting. Not present for the presentation was Lt. Mike Rolph who was also instrumental in coordinating the process.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to the MPPD on this awesome accomplishment!



(L to R) Prob. Ptl. Cerrato, Ptl. Ferris, Ptl. Heinz, Lt. Koroski, Chief Kohn, Ptl. Guild, Prob. Ptl. DiMeo

CELEBRATING OUR DPW WORKERS



The Borough celebrates the 25-year anniversary of the employment of DPW staff members Alfred "Leo" Mulligan and Tom Silk.

Congratulations and THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!

Leo (left) and Tom (right) with their families and their new "rockers"

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

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

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

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



Non-compliance may result in issuance of a summons.



BE CONNECTED IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY



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

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



Be a **CONNECTED CITIZEN**

ConnectedCitizen E-mail Alert

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

MORRIS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

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

www.morrisOEM.org

973-829-8600

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

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

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

ANIMAL LICENSING

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

The fee for spayed or neutered pets is \$16, and for non-altered animals it is \$19. Renewals must be received by January 30, 2017 to avoid an additional \$25 late fee.

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



2017 RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 7th

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

DPW Garage – 10 Borough Terrace
(Snow Date – January 14th)

In the Interest of SAFETY:

- ALL DOGS must be on a leash.
- ALL CATS must be in a carrier.
- ONE PET, PER PERSON, allowed at a time.



Rabies Clinic Registration Forms will be available at www.morrisplainsboro.org and must be completed **for each pet, in triplicate.**

MP Resident Tips: Many pet owners tend to come early and form a line which can lead to some waiting time outside in the cold. Those who arrive after 2:00 p.m. typically have little to no wait. Parking is available in Municipal Lot behind DPW Garage (enter behind Arthur's).

Health Buzz – From the Board of Health

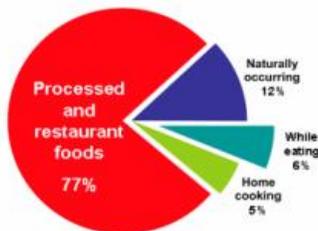
Improving the Food Environment: A Focus on Sodium

Most of the sodium we consume is in the form of salt, and the vast majority of sodium we consume is in processed and restaurant foods. Your body needs a small amount of salt to work properly, but too much is bad for your health.

The 2015 – 2016 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that Americans consume less than the 2,300 milligrams (mg) of sodium each day as part of a healthy eating pattern. The average daily sodium intake for Americans age 2 years and older is more than 3,400 mg.

What does 2,300 mg of salt look like? It is ¼ teaspoon of table salt. Americans get most of their daily sodium – more than 75% - from processed and restaurant foods. Nutrition labels help us understand the amount of sodium in the foods we purchase, but many times sodium levels are not listed on menus.

Most Sodium Comes from Processed and Restaurant Foods

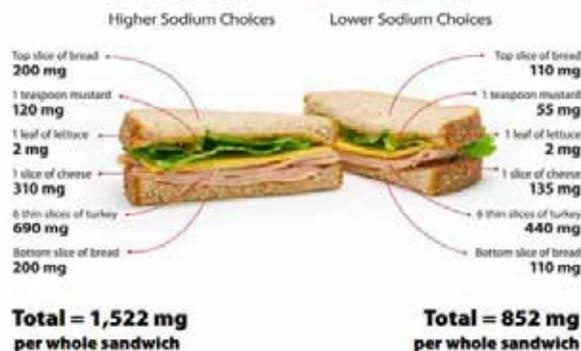


Research strongly shows a relationship between consuming too much salt and raised levels of blood pressure. High intakes of sodium contribute to heart attacks and strokes as well. Nearly 400,000 deaths each year are attributed to high blood pressure and decreasing sodium intake could prevent thousands of deaths annually.

Drinking water contains small amounts of sodium and the amount is regulated by Federal and New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. For healthy individuals, the sodium intake from water is not important because a much greater intake of sodium is from salt in the diet. Water softeners also add sodium to water but the amount is dependent on the hardness of the water. The sodium shouldn't be an issue for most healthy adults. However, persons on sodium restricted diets should seek the advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Understanding how much sodium is in your diet is the first step and then making choices that work with your lifestyle to reduce the sodium is next.

Choose wisely—sodium content can vary within food categories





Morris Plains Museum

51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950

973 - 683 -1089

The Hero's Corner – Our Current Exhibit

Our intention with this exhibit is to put a face on the brave men from our community who died in the service of our country. There were three men from WWI, six from WWII and one from Vietnam. All their names are inscribed on a plaque in Roberts Garden. We feel it's important for our children to remember these gentlemen who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Come visit the museum for this special exhibit.

Our Latest Museum Acquisition

Mr. James Meeker generously donated the school bell, which had been a cherished possession of his family for many years. His grandfather, Nicholas Meeker purchased the Old Schoolhouse (built in 1886) that still stands at the corner of Hanover Avenue and Irondale Road. While renovating the building, Nicholas Meeker found the original school bell and kept it in his family. Meeker ran a carriage and then automobile paint shop at the site for many years. It's amazing that the building is still there.



Morris Plains Then and Now

The area known as American Way was once the site of the Morris County Sand & Gravel Company, known by locals as "the Sand Pit". The following photographs, circa 1940's, were donated to our museum by Mr. Misak K. Murdichian.



The Morris Plains Museum is now open on the first, second and third Saturday of each month from 10 am until 2 pm. Our general meeting is on the 3rd Saturday at 11am. All are welcome to attend and join our group. Members of the 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.

BENEFIT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS, A SUCCESS AT MORRIS PLAINS VFW



Members of the Morris Township PBA #133 Police Union welcomed respected Mayor Frank Druetzler and Council President Sue McCluskey at the Morris Plains VFW Post 3401 on Saturday, October 8th.

As Hurricane Matthew threatened to wash out the east coast on Saturday, the dome over Morris Plains proved to be intact. Attendees at the Morris Plains VFW enjoyed delicious Bratwurst and Knockwurst, German potato salad and Bavarian Pretzels, rain free! Oktoberfest beer from Germany, New Jersey and Pennsylvania was also served, and "Breitenbach, The Band" provided live German music. The event was organized by the Morris Township PBA Police Union to benefit Community Hope. It's the leading non-profit saving veterans from homelessness.

Community Hope was chosen by the PBA due to their longstanding reputation as a respected advocate for homeless veterans in New Jersey. The organization was suggested by PBA member Christopher Tongring, who served in the United States Army.

As always, the Morris Plains VFW proved to be a fantastic venue for the event. The outdoor pavilion would have provided shelter had the skies opened and Hurricane Matthew bore down on the Community of Caring. PBA #133 plans on once again holding the Oktoberfest in 2017 at the VFW.

MORRIS PLAINS COMMUNITY BAND

Invites You to a Join Us for a
Holiday Concert at Borough School
Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 7:00 p.m.



The Morris Plains Community Band will perform a free concert in the Morris Plains Borough School Auditorium on December 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The 25-piece concert band will perform a selection of traditional American music, patriotic tunes, marches, Broadway & movie selections and holiday songs.

The Morris Plains Community Band, dedicated to the memory of the Larry Monahan Band from the early 1900's, was established in October of 2015 and is led by retired professional musician and band leader Larry Ripley of Morris Plains, who is the third member of his family to lead a town band.

The band rehearses at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings in the Morris Plains Borough School Band Room, and always welcomes new members. For more information about the Morris Plains Community Band, please contact Larry Ripley at larryripley@verizon.net or 973-984-2505.

Hope to see everyone at the Concert!

**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.



MOMS CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Are you a new mom? New to town? Or maybe just a mom looking to make connections with other moms in the area? Check out MOMS Club of Morris Plains (momsclubofmorrisplains.org). With more than 50 members, there is something for everyone:

- Moms Night Out
- Play Dates & Outings
- Wine Night
- Book Club
- Parents Night Out
- Private Facebook Page
- Holiday Events

Join today: www.bigtent.com/groups/mpmomsnj or contact us for more information at mpmomsclub@hotmail.com. We look forward to meeting you soon!

**If you request (or have requested) to join our Facebook page, please note that we ask that people join the group first for privacy purposes. You likely have a message in

your junk folder regarding how to join.**



MPFD VISITS MP MOMS CLUB

Friday, October 7, 2016 Chief Fire Marshall Chris Shay and Mike Geary collaborated with Kristie Lynn Conway to organize and host an afternoon at the MPFD station for the MOMS Club of Morris Plains. The MOMS Club is a non-profit international group with their own chapter based here in Morris Plains. The young children were super excited to visit the station, meet the firemen and of course were in awe of the massive trucks!

There is nothing better than a child's smile and admiration for our real life heroes who VOLUNTEER their time, especially during a time when fear has been heightened. MOMS Club thanks the MPFD for their time, efforts and endless dedication to our community and for always going above and beyond for our children. There are not enough words to express how amazing our volunteer MPFD truly is!



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- BANANA CREAM
- BLUEBERRY
- CHERRY
- CHOCOLATE CREAM
- COCONUT CREAM
- GRASSHOPPER



- HUCKLEBERRY
- KEY LIME
- LEMON MERINGUE
- MINCEMEAT
- MISSISSIPPI MUD
- PEACH



- PECAN
- PUMPKIN
- RHUBARB
- SHEPHERD'S
- SHOOFLY
- STRAWBERRY
- SWEET POTATO

halloween window painting



halloween parade





bonfire



mp soccer
opening day



**block
dance**



Morris Plains Recreation

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



"Kids Helping Kids" will be sponsoring the
6th Annual "Kids are Special Talent Show"
January - February, 2017.

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

Participants: Grades K-5/ Mentors: Grades 3-12

Fall/Winter "Kids Helping Kids" Programs...



Mentor Training
MP Borough School
Grades 3 to 12
Become a supportive
big buddy!

Gingerbread Dreams
MP Community Center
Ages 5-10
Get into the Holiday
Spirit...create your own
Gingerbread house!



The Magic of Reading
New Location!
Mountain Way School
Grades K-4
One or two day sessions

For dates, times and registration forms: morrisplainsboro.org

Acrylic Painting with John Darvie



Acrylic Painting

Leave each class with a finished painting!

Wednesdays: January 4th to 25th

Seniors: 2:30 to 4 PM

Children: 4:30 to 6 PM

4 sessions: \$125.00

Morris Plains Community Center

Recreation Programs!

Winter/Spring Fun with Ms. Prisco!
Grades K-5

Fall Holiday Bake & Crafts (Mondays)
Baking and creating crafts to donate to those in need

Fall Water Color Inspiration (Tuesdays)
Create original water color designs!

Winter Blast from the Past Games (Tuesdays)
Have some fun with friends & ol' fashion games!

Spring Relay Races (Mondays)
Come join your friends for fun games & let's race!

Programs begin November 21st

morrisplainsboro.org
For dates, times & registration forms



Let's Dance! with April Molinare
Pre Ballet & Tumbling (ages 3-5)

Thursday Mornings 11AM - Noon
Morris Plains Community Center



Ballet & Jazz (ages 5-6)

Wednesday Afternoons 4:30-5:30PM
Morris Plains Community Center



Mommy & Me with April Molinare

(ages: 18months to 3 years)
Thursday Mornings 10 - 10:45AM
Morris Plains Community Center



Senior Exercise
Thursday Mornings
10 AM to 11 AM
New Location!
Morris Plains

Gentle
Beginner
Yoga
with
Diane
Tartaglia



Wednesdays
10:30AM to
11:45 AM
Morris Plains
Community
Center

Yoga with Peg Clark
Tuesday Evening or
Thursday Evening
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Morris Plains
Community Center



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



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



Morris Plains Residents
Adult Soccer

Wednesday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School

Morris Plains Residents
Adult Basketball

Thursday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School

Morris Plains Residents
Young Adult Basketball

Tuesday Evenings
September - June

8:30PM-10:00PM

Morris Plains Borough School



On behalf of the Morris Plains School District, I would like to thank the voters of Morris Plains for their overwhelming support of the school district's referendum. Nearly 75% of voters said YES to our plans to renovate the Borough School auditorium; replace classroom lights with LED lights in both schools; and replace windows, a section of roof, exterior doors, and corridor flooring in Borough School.

Now that the referendum has passed, we will secure the funding for the bond, and our architects will begin to schedule the time frame for getting the projects underway. With the exception of the corridor flooring project, which is scheduled for the summer of 2018, we expect to start all projects this spring/summer 2017.

I want to thank the Morris Plains community, from the many parents who got involved in sharing information with neighbors, supporters who put signs on their lawn, community members who spoke up at meetings or during tours to share their views and perhaps convince someone else to change theirs. I can only begin to acknowledge and express my appreciation to the countless community members whose hours of work and dedication have brought this referendum to a successful conclusion.

The success of our district rests on a shared vision among all stakeholders. The Morris Plains School District is fortunate to work in collaboration with supportive and generous school community organizations.



MPSD staff vs. students in a soccer game to support Play 4 The Cure

Last spring, the MPEF (Morris Plains Education Foundation) awarded over \$6,000 in grants to support STEM resources, interactive educational devices, and social skills manipulatives/materials. In addition, the HSA (Home and School Association) recently donated over \$8,000 to purchase a Basketball System for Borough School and Chromebook Laptop Sleeves for Borough School. Also, the Municipal Alliance continues to provide financial assistance to support our

anti-drug and alcohol/character education programs. We are excited to continue working with all stakeholders within the community to create a positive learning environment that supports innovation and 21st century learning.

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



Second grade students taking advantage of 1:1 Chromebook initiative to blog

Please mark on your calendar: The comical Harlem Wizards basketball team is coming to take on the Morris Plains teachers on **Sunday, January 22, 2017**. This highly anticipated event will serve as a fundraiser for the Educational Foundation of Morris Plains. Please check the EFMP website for more information. Ticket sales will be open in November.

I want to inform you about Morris Plains School District Leadership Council Roundtable sessions that are scheduled throughout the year. The roundtables offer a chance for parents and the community to meet with the Morris Plains School District administration (Mr. Maire, Mr. Kramar, Mrs. Lion-Bailey, and Mrs. Vieira) and hear an update on the state of education in Morris Plains. Administration will facilitate discussions about current issues impacting education and the Morris Plains School District. Agendas are open with discussions directed by attendees or determined by specific situations involving the Morris Plains School District. The roundtables are open to all grade level parents in the Morris Plains School District. Specific meeting dates may be found on the district website, under "Quick Links."



Borough students creating flashlights out of household materials in STEM

Finally, as winter weather approaches, we would like to remind you of our weather delay/closing procedures. Our school district uses Honeywell for automated emergency notifications.

This includes school closing, delayed opening (120 minute delay), and early dismissal information.

Families have the option to receive text message notifications, in addition to the usual phone and email messages. If you have not yet completed a

registration form and would like to be included in the Honeywell alert system, please email Cristie Bruhn at cbruhn@mpsdk8.org.

Please don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WeAreMPSD. In addition to posting important school activities and headlines, our social media sites serve as a window into the classrooms, showcasing best practices and student engagement.

As parents/guardians, please continue to participate in your child's education. Ask questions about your

child's learning. Even if the answers are "fine" and "nothing", keep trying and dig deeper. Find out what they wrote about in class, who they helped, who helped them, etc. Creating a home environment that encourages learning and communication is the first step to guaranteeing success.

Have a happy and healthy upcoming Holiday Season!!!!

Best,

Mark Mairo

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



MORRIS PLAINS
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
500 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950

Shopping Showcase



Saturday, November 19th, 12-4pm

A fabulous day of shopping to support the Morris Plains HSA.
Enjoy shopping without the hassle of the mall.
Find some great gifts or a little something special for yourself!

Children's Gift Making Activity: Kids can make a gift for someone special while you shop! Cookie plate for Santa or a serving bowl for Grandma. Volunteers will be on hand to direct & help children in the craft room. Registration required. Sign up at:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cabae28aa8-kids>

Vendors, tables are still available: Go to www.mphsa.org for more information and to print registration form. Registration must be in by November 13, 2016.

Questions? Please contact: Julia - Murtha-juliamurtha@gmail.com
or Amy - amywilkins1@yahoo.com



MARK THE DATE!

**Harlem Wizards
vs.
MPSD Faculty**

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Tickets Available Soon

Sponsored by
Education Foundation of Morris Plains
watch.educationfoundationmp.com
for details

MORRIS PLAINS WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS NEIGHBOR



PARAM ADULT DAY CARE

is located at 60 E Hanover Ave, Unit C

DEER MANAGEMENT

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



SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

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



Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides:

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

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products:

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

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

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

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

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

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



MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

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Ready or not, the seasons seem to be changing...

Here at the Morris Plains Library we also have a change. After ten amazing years I am stepping down as Director. I'd like to thank all who continually support and care for our Library. It has been my pleasure to serve the "Community of Caring!"

Please join me in welcoming Mary Ellen Albin as our new Director. She will bring experience, knowledge, and new energy to this house and to our town!

As always, our very well read staff recommends the following selections to keep you warm before the cold blast of Winter hits:

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| 1. When Breath Becomes Air - by, Paul Kalanithi | 6. Murder on the Quai - by, Cara Black |
| 2. Her Again, Becoming Meryl Streep - by, Michael Schulman | 7. Commonwealth - by, Ann Patchett |
| 3. Bullseye - by, James Patterson | 8. The Whistler - by, John Grisham |
| 4. Dinner With Edward - by, Isabel Vincent | 9. The Twelve Dogs of Christmas - by, David Rosenfelt |
| 5. The Shattered Tree - by, Charles Todd | 10. The Girl From Venice - by, Martin Cruz Smith |



Please come in and visit or feel free to contact us for all your reading needs! 973-538-2599

Very sincerely, for the last time, stay well, stay warm, and keep reading!

Camille

Camille - Thank you for ten years of touching our hearts with your kindness, caring about our community, warming every corner of the Morris Plains Library, and most of all inspiring the young and ageless to read!



Every

Drop counts

The NJDEP has issued a drought warning for areas of the State, including Morris County. The County Freeholders and the County MUA urge residents and businesses to reduce unnecessary or excessive water use in order to help with conservation at this time.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Sponsored by the VFW and Morris Plains Fire Department

Daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, November 27th

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

NEWS FROM CUB SCOUT TROOP 233



Morris Plains Cub Scout Troop 233 (boys grades 1 through 5) had a fun-filled summer! They kicked off the summer by participating in a Rain Gutter Regatta, riding the covered wagon in the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, cleaning up Simons Park, and then wrapped up the summer by walking our Morris Plains Cub Scout flags onto the field during a Somerset Patriots game. A fun time was had by all! For further information on how to get your little guy on the Cub Scout or Boy Scout journey, please contact Scoutmaster Steve Eck, stephen.eck@njit.edu or den leader Shannon Mulvey, shannonmulvey@optonline.net.

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!





ANNUAL SANTA TOUR

The Morris Plains Fire Department is bringing Santa to town! Watch and listen for Santa to come to your neighborhood - beginning at 11am

On Sunday, December 18, 2016

ALL SEASONS GARDEN CLUB



This beautiful bronze statue, gifted to the Borough by the All Seasons Garden Club, is a new addition to the entrance of the Municipal Building.

MORRIS PLAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Opening day

Saturday, Dec. 3rd
10:00 a.m.



Borough School Gym



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Sunday,
December 4th

6:00 p.m. at the
Freight Station

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



PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING



Thursday, December 29th

6:30 p.m. at the Freight Station
(Merchant Block)

Bernard Brothman, Coordinator



HAPPY HANUKKAH



The Borough Council will hold its
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
on Thursday January 5th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 531 Speedwell Avenue.
ALL are invited to attend.

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



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



**May the New Year bring prosperity,
good health, and happiness to all!**

The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is January 16th, 2017.
Please submit articles and photos to plainstalknews@gmail.com