Annual Community Breakfast
Mt Way School Preschool Playground Project
New Native Tree Nursery at Community Garden
Memorial Day Parade Float
Annual Block Dance
What is a Rotarian? Well - in Morris Plains, at least, a Rotarian is a tirelessly dedicated volunteer who responds to seemingly any call for assistance or support in our Borough, in the nation and throughout the world. Look around the Borough and you will see examples of the efforts and generosity devoted by our local Rotarians, such as the recently completed upgrade of the Mt Way preschool playground, which the same group originally helped to install many years ago. The group also recently assisted the Garden Club and Shade Tree Commission with establishing a new tree nursery at the Community Garden off of Central Avenue. Rotarians are always busy, but they are particularly active in the fall months assisting with the annual Block Dance, sponsoring the Halloween Window Painting project for Borough School students, cooking and serving their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Community Center, assisting with the Community Blood Banks held all throughout the year, lending support to the Education Foundation through participation in their annual 5K fundraiser and preparing for the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's arrival on the Merchant Block - and that's just some of what they do.

The Morris Plains Rotary Club was founded in 1973 to serve Morris Plains and Morris Township. Today they are composed of over 50 men and women who want to make a difference in their community. They are an example of what can be accomplished when people work together for good.

Would you like to learn more about Rotary and/or how to become a member or to support their efforts? Visit www.morrisplainsrotary.org or attend one of their weekly meetings - held every Friday morning at 7:47 a.m. at Uncle Guiseppe's in the Kohl's plaza. They are always welcoming new members to assist them in living out their motto of "Service Above Self." Our community is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers in our midst. THANK YOU, Morris Plains Rotary!

Photo Credit: Eileen Claffey & Steve Rosenstein
Mayor’s Corner

As fall comes to an end and the holiday season begins, the Community of Caring is continuing our annual traditions, which include the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4th and the Menorah Lighting and Gelt Drop on December 18th. We also held all of our annual events this past summer and fall which included the summer concert series at Roberts Garden, the 20th successful year of the Farmers’ Market, Block Dance, Garage Sale Days, Bonfire, Halloween Window Painting and Halloween Parade. Our annual 9/11 Memorial Service was a success with special speaker, Greg Manning, who is a current member of the Morris Plains Fire Department and retired FDNY. Greg gave a moving account of what he experienced that day and the months following, which kept the attention of all the students and adults in attendance. He also paid tribute to the fellow members of his immediate station whom he lost. The tribute was very touching and gave us all a special feeling that, still 21 years later, we will never forget. Thank you, Greg, for participating in our ceremony and making it special.

Many new businesses have opened this fall including Woodham Korean BBQ, Kiori Japanese Kitchen, Plaza Diner (under new management), 4E Fitness and F45 Fitness. Progress is being made at the City MD site in the Kohl’s Shopping Plaza in anticipation of opening in spring of 2023, and BE Furniture will be opening soon on Route 10 in the old Crib City building near Harley-Davidson. We also are looking forward to the opening of a microbrewery on Route 10. We wish all of our new businesses the best of luck and success. Remember to “Shop and Dine Local!”

We are happy to announce that all of our infrastructure paving and upgrades have been completed for this year. The roads paved included Beaver Ridge Road, Coursen Way, Holiday Drive, Lakeview Drive, Oregon Trail, Rudden Lane, Schoolview Drive, Walsh Way and Freight Station walkway, Route 53 to Route 10 and Route 202 from Route 53 to Route 10. I’d like to thank everyone for their patience throughout that process.

I would like to take this opportunity, along with the Council, to congratulate Chief Mike Koroski and his entire department for once again being recommended, being accepted, and becoming an Accredited Police Agency! This is the 4th consecutive time the department has achieved this high and well-respected achievement! This not only protects the Borough, the Police Department and our officers, but also victims and criminals. This is achieved by having over 110 proper policies, standards and procedures in place that are strictly followed and properly applied. We as a community should all be proud that our department consistently operates at such a high standard, and they deserve our thanks. A special thanks to the three officers who led this process; Sgt. Rolph - Accreditation Manager, Lt. McKay - Accreditation Assistant and Sgt. Guild - Accreditation Assistant.

In closing, I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season. Have a Happy New Year and continue to make memories the rest of this year. Stay well and safe, and I’ll see you at the next town event!

God Bless You and God Bless the USA,
Mayor Jason C. Karr
jkarr@morrisplainsboro.org

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

Our guest speaker for this year’s 9-11-01 Memorial Ceremony was Greg Manning, a current volunteer for the Morris Plains Fire Department and retired member of NYFD Squad 41 in the South Bronx and NYFD Special Operations Unit. Greg worked at Ground Zero for several months after the attack on the World Trade Center, which took the lives of 343 fellow firefighters.

Pictured here are several members of our Morris Plains Volunteer Fire Department; NJ Congresswoman Mikie Sherill with Greg Manning and Mayor Karr; Rev. Danielle Baker of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and some of our student participants.

Photo Credit: David Sullivan and Cathie Kelly
Morris Plains Recreation Programs

Senior Exercise with Jessica Battaglione
Thursday Mornings
10 AM to 11 AM
Multipurpose Room
Morris Plains Community Center
September to June

No Fee
Pre-Registration is required
Registration Form available at morrisplainsboro.org
& Morris Plains Community Center

SAVE THE DATE!
FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, February 24, 2023

For More Information
973-538-3455

Informative and Registration Forms:

Book Club

Third Wednesday of every Month
2 PM to 4 PM
Morris Plains Community Center
No Fee
No pre registration

Morris Plains Residents
Young Adult Soccer
Monday Evenings
8:30 PM - 10 PM

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Men’s Soccer
Wednesday Evenings
8:30 PM - 10 PM

September - June
Morris Plains Borough School Gymnasium

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

Plowing of Borough roads is difficult when vehicles park haphazardly on both sides 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 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 am each morning.
6. Please do not park along the turnaround area of cul-de-sacs.

Non-compliance may result in issuance of a summons.

Coffee - or Kona - with Cops

"Kona with a Cop" and "Coffee with a Cop" events held around the Borough provided great chances for our police officers to meet and interact with the community members - of all ages - for whom they work to protect and serve. Opportunities were held in the summer at local parks and in the fall at Davenport Village, Arbor Terrace and Dunkin Donuts.

MPPD Promotion Noted

Congratulations to Officer Mike Kelly, recently promoted to Police Sergeant!
Scoutmaster Honored for Service

Congratulations and many thanks to Ron Swanson as he steps down after serving 8+ years as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 39 (based at the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains). Under his dedicated leadership, 13 young men have achieved their Eagle Scout status - including his own two sons - and many more have learned to "Be Prepared!"

Ron is pictured right with his wife, Lisa, and Mayor Jason Karr.
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 to 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.

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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 31, 2023** to avoid an additional $25 late fee.

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

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2023 RABIES CLINIC

**Saturday, January 7th**
1:00 to 3:00 pm
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 pm typically have little to no wait. Parking is available in Municipal Lot behind DPW Garage (enter behind Arthur’s).
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

The beginning of a new school year reminds us that the future holds boundless possibilities. The Morris Plains School District takes great pride in providing a foundation of solid academic excellence for students within a caring and nurturing environment.

In late August, the District welcomed our newest staff members and largest ‘rookie’ class. They are an incredibly talented group of educators who will learn and grow together. We wish them much success, and we are thrilled that they have chosen to work in Morris Plains.

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, we welcomed all staff to the start of the school year. The morning began with a tasty breakfast spread, courtesy of the MPHSA. Mayor Karr joined the festivities and shared positive remarks with staff.

After the “Opening Remarks” portion of the program, I facilitated a brief presentation, highlighting key information for staff, including facility enhancements, NJDOE legislation, district goals, professional development objectives, and staff expectations. Following my presentation, keynote speaker Jesse Lubinsky delivered an engaging presentation, highlighting the importance of promoting creativity in the classroom, and our school attorney delivered a presentation addressing harassment, intimidation, and bullying legislation.

We’ve had a very successful start to the 2022-2023 school year. In my visits to each of our schools, I see students eager and ready to learn; teachers working tirelessly to meet the needs of their students; and classrooms and learning spaces filled with student work, motivational messages, and educational resources. As we strive towards academic excellence, we continue to dedicate our efforts to enhance the learning experiences for our students. This includes promoting best practices of instruction and using student performance data to evaluate our curriculum programs and resources. In addition, we strive to establish a culture and climate that promotes risk-taking, respect and tolerance, and equity and inclusion.

District Goals

Our District Goals for 2022-2023 are centered around providing meaningful professional development for staff, conducting effective fiscal management practices, increasing family and community involvement, and supporting the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

- The District will continue to enhance supervision practices, coordinate meaningful and relevant professional development, and deliver lessons that promote innovation and student engagement, maximize instructional resources, and increase academic growth and achievement.
- The District will establish a positive and safe school culture and climate through the promotion of citizenship, social and emotional wellness, inclusivity, tolerance, and diversity awareness.

- The District will continue to increase family and community involvement in the educational program through home-school communication, school and district-based events, and learning workshops.
- The District will update all job descriptions.
- The District will explore and implement sustainable revenue generating source(s) and cost savings opportunities for the district, along with replenishing reserve accounts, enhancing security measures and addressing the Long-Range Facility Plan, including a project to increase instructional space at Mountain Way School.

Professional Development and Educational Programs

Professional development goals for the 2022-2023 school year have been discussed during Professional Development Committee meetings last June and throughout our summer administrative team meetings. Development opportunities will focus on Math instruction; diversity, equity, and inclusion; supporting struggling student learners; and infusing literacy across all content areas.

Facility Enhancements

The District has been active throughout the summer and early fall upgrading both buildings in various capacities, including: Equipping all classrooms with interactive boards and voice amplification systems; installing new indoor and outdoor security cameras; upgrading several learning spaces with LED lighting; replacing the windows and exterior doors at Mountain Way School, clearing the fence around the perimeter of the Borough School athletic fields and installing a black-mesh banner; upgrading our school boiler and securing a new firewall.

The District will continue to assess the state of facilities, with a focus on efficiency, safety, and security. In addition, the District’s Long-Range Facility Plan and Technology Plan will guide the course of action moving forward.

Public Relations

Communication is an essential component to support the partnership between a school community and their school district. To enhance the home and school relationship, the district will publish four newsletters throughout the 2022-2023 school year. The newsletters will be available on the district website (www.mpsdk8.org). The district website serves as a great resource to learn more about our district. It contains school calendars, access to school websites, links to district social media sites, district resources, headlines and news items, and important dates and events.

School Community Organizations

When we look beyond the school district for support and resources, we do not have to look far. The District greatly appreciates the efforts and generosity of our school community organizations; Education Foundation, Home and School Association, Municipal Alliance, etc. These organizations are comprised of volunteers who work tirelessly to enhance our schools. Their monthly meeting schedules are posted on their respective calendars. Please continue to support these important organizations. The District has benefited greatly from their fundraising efforts, particularly during fiscally challenging times.
Board of Education
During the September 13, 2022 board meeting, board members identified goals for the 2022-2023 school year:

• The Board will strive to complete negotiations with the Morris Plains Education Association, building on a strong relationship and ensuring a fair and equitable multi-year commitment.

• The Board will pursue a capital bond referendum to enhance facilities at Borough School and expand instructional space at Mountain Way School.

• The Board will continue to increase Board attendance and participation in school, district, and school-community events.

• The Board will increase student and staff presentations at board meetings.

Board meetings run the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Please check the district website for the latest board-related information.

Employment Opportunities - Substitute Teachers
The Morris Plains School District is continuously looking to increase our substitute pool. Substitute candidates must have either 60 college credits, or 30 college credits, over 20 years of age, and enrolled in a college program.

Please contact my Administrative Assistant, Karen Koster, at kkoster@mpsdk8.org if you are interested. Additionally, please check the Employment Opportunities page on our district website for the latest staffing vacancies.

It is an exciting time to be involved in education and working in a collaborative manner to support our community's educational programs. Our children benefit a great deal when we practice the philosophy, “Together we can make a difference!”

Wishing our Morris Plains community members a very happy and healthy upcoming Holiday Season!

Best,

Mark Mao

Inside MPSD:

1. BTV behind the scenes preparing for their morning announcements broadcast.

2. On 9/27, MP Rotary leaders unveiled the renovated preschool playground. They resurfaced the play village area with turf so it may be used year-round.

3. Borough School students are always excited when therapy dogs come for a visit.

4. MPSD thanks the EFMP for their generous donation of new STEM lab furnishings for Mt Way School.

5. MPFD, MPPD and Morris Minutemen visited Mt Way School to participate in their Community Helpers Day.


7. Mt Way students made their own maracas/shakers from recycled materials in their Culture Arts class.
Happy Halloween!

Officer Grawehr provides Halloween safety patrol on the e-bike!

Many thanks to our MPFD volunteers for providing snacks for the trick-or-treaters of all ages!

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Coming on Saturday, December 3, 2022*

10 am to 3 pm - Merchant Block

**Morris Plains Holiday Outdoor Farmers Market**

Holiday Craft Vendors Welcome (Morris Plains Residents Only)

For More Details, Contact Sue McCluskey, Volunteer Market Manager - suzannebmcluskey@gmail.com

Sponsored by PROVIDENT BANK
Halloween Window Painting

Morris Plains Soccer kicked off the 2022 fall season with a record breaking number of participants at their annual Opening Day parade and celebration in September. MPSA players paraded through Simons Park, and the event featured MP Borough Elementary student, Brielle Casafranca, singing the national anthem.

In October, MPSA held their annual "O'Neil's" Play 4 the Cure event to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Since 2016, this event has raised more than $11,500 to support the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Registration for the MPSA spring soccer clinic opens soon at www.morrisplainssports.com
Fall has been a busy time for our All Seasons members. We’re happy to report two very successful fundraisers. First, at the September 24th Farmers’ Market, we sold beautiful potted mums, baked goods, and hand-decorated, reusable tote bags. The mums were so popular, we plan on selling more plants next fall.

For our second fundraiser, we participated in the Morris Plains Garage Sale Weekend. Although the weather was dreary, our results were anything but dismal. Club members donated all kinds of appealing items, resulting in almost $1,000 dollars being raised.

Our fundraisers help support our ongoing projects such as revamping the Morris Plains Library garden next spring. They also allow us to continue our Roots and Shoots program at both the Mountain Way School and the Morris Plains Co-Op Play School. Our continuing support of the Native Tree project in the back of the community garden off Central Avenue was greatly assisted on Sept. 24 as members from the Rotary Club helped us plant the first 18 saplings. For photos of the planting, visit our website - www.morrisplainsasgc.org and click on the Gallery tab. Our final project for the year will be decorating the tubs on Speedwell Avenue with greens and birch for the holidays.

Our meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, are always open to the public. If you are interested in attending a meeting or would just like to talk to someone about our club, please contact us. On our website, there is a form on the bottom of the home page; please complete the form, press submit, and someone will soon contact you.

Thanks to everyone who has helped our club either by volunteering to maintain the summer tubs or supporting our fundraisers. We so appreciate your support!

If you would like to attend a meeting or join our club this fall, please log on to our website – www.morrisplainsasgc.org – or email us at morrisplainsasgc@gmail.com. We’d love to hear from you – new members are always welcome.
HAPPY FALL!

It's one of my favorite times of year, falling leaves, crisp weather and yes, pumpkin everything!

I also love when all the kids stop in after school to get a start on their homework or to look for something new to read. We love finding out from the school kids what they like to read and what kinds of books they would like added to our collection. If your child enjoys reading a certain series or author we don't have, please let us know!

Story-time with our fabulous volunteer, Ms. Geiger, starts on Wednesday, October 26th at 10:30 a.m. Bring the little ones for a few great books followed by a craft. Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/hot cocoa with a treat afterwards as you stock up on books to check out and take home. We are always adding new picture books to our children's collection.

Our Fall Shredding Event will take place on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 a.m - noon. The cost is $7.00 per bag/box (banker's box size). This is a rain or shine event. Just pull up from our Mt. Way driveway entrance, and our volunteers will unload your boxes for shredding. We accept cash, check or Venmo. We look forward to seeing you. Our Spring date for 2023 will be announced after the new year.

The library's annual fundraising mailer will be sent out to all residents at the end of November. We appreciate every donation we receive during this time and throughout the year. We'd also like to thank everyone who made a donation to the library in memory of Charlot Lamm. Charlot helped run the library for decades! Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her and for everything she did for our Library.

Sheila Jain
Morris Plains Library Director

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2022 Former Trooper of the Year – Heidi Scripture

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., announced that former Morris Plains resident, Heidi S. Scripture, was the recipient of the Association's 2022 Former Trooper of the Year award. Heidi, daughter of Mary and the late George Scripture, was born and raised in Morris Plains and is a graduate of Borough School and Morristown High School. (Heidi is pictured above with Mary.)

A proud member of the 97th Class, Heidi’s enlistment began on April 3, 1981. She was the first ever woman to command the NJ Turnpike. She retired at the rank of Major on June 1 2011. Heidi was very active in retirement, becoming a member of Concerns of Police Survivors and involved with the NJSP Survivors of the Triangle - C.O.P.S. Chapter. She is a former bagpiper with the Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold, and the longtime coach of the NJSP Women's Softball Team. Heidi also participated in several Habit for Humanity home build projects, including one in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Upon her retirement from the State Police, Heidi joined the Former Troopers Association and immediately volunteered to become a member of the Board of Directors. Over the past ten years, she has been involved in virtually every aspect of Association Business. An active member and trustee of the Passaic County 200 Club for almost two decades, Heidi currently serves as its Board Secretary, Chairperson of the 200 Club Scholarship Committee, and is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement.

Heidi has earned this award through her selfless service to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Association, Inc., the New Jersey State Police, the Survivors of the Triangle C.O.P.S. Chapter, and the many other organizations and programs where she volunteers her time and expertise. She is truly a compassionate and professional woman, CONGRATULATIONS, Major Heidi S. Scripture, on being awarded 2022 Former Trooper of the Year!
LITTER IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

Let’s Keep Morris Plains Clean!

Litter is unhealthy and unsightly, and most people don’t realize that it can be a safety hazard, too. Our parks not only have baseball and soccer fields, as well as open areas, but also have well-used playgrounds so there is always a chance that broken bottles and crushed cans could lead to injuries.

Trash and recycling bins are placed throughout the parks as well as all along Speedwell Avenue, and even though they are well-used, a lot gets left on the ground with the wind carrying it farther than you might think.

To prevent this, attitudes that cause people to litter need to change. Many people tend to think that somebody else will clean up litter left in the street or on the sidewalk, especially in places where there already is a lot of litter.

Morris Plains wants everyone to take responsibility for their actions and take pride in the environment and our town – don’t litter, put trash and recyclables in their proper place.

You can help by picking up trash that you find along the street and tossing it in a garbage can!

Please flatten all boxes and cartons prior to putting them into your curbside recycling bins or into the roll-off container at Reimer Recycling Center on Rt. 53. Doing so helps to conserve space in the recycling collection trucks and in the roll-offs. Thank you for cooperating. If you have any questions about this request, please call "Glinda" at 973-267-2963.

The Morristown American 10u Little League All-Stars came to a Council meeting to share the story of their amazing championship season. The team, made up of Morristown and Morris Plains residents, progressed all the way to regional competition in Rhode Island this summer. We look forward to hearing about these athletes in future seasons! Congrats players and coaches!

Welcome to the Michael F. Varratto Field 2023 Little League District Champions

LITTLE LEAGUERS TAKE DISTRICT & STATE TITLES
WHERE IS YOUR HOUSE LOCATED?

This early map of Morris Plains shows many of the first roads and important locations.

A brand new exhibit is in the works at our town museum. Check our Facebook page for updates on when it will be completed!

The museum will continue to open on the third Saturday of each month. We will expand our hours when we have more volunteers.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN!
To help just call the museum and leave a message. The Morris Plains Museum Association fulfills our mission statement - to collect, preserve & exhibit information about the history of our town.
SHOP MORRIS PLAINS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Small Business Saturday & Holiday Promotions

The Borough’s Business Development Committee (Councilmembers Dennis Wagner, Joan Goddard, and Nancy Verga) reached out to local businesses with tips on how to attract shoppers during Small Business Saturday, traditionally held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and throughout the holiday season. Morris Plains merchants and business owners can email Councilman Wagner dwagner@morrisplainsboro.org with a link to their promotions and events by November 18 for inclusion in the Borough's Weekly E-Newsletter sent to 2,500+ residents.

Resident Advisory Group

Several residents volunteered to help the BDC research and develop a nonprofit board that will engage businesses, residents, and local organizations to fundraise, sponsor events, and generate foot traffic downtown. Members of this advisory group include: Amanda Cocheo, Portia Levasseur, Scott Palagy, Agatha Smerak, Marianne Steckert, Diana Taub and Allison White.

Spruce-Ups

The BDC’s plan includes making the downtown more attractive for shoppers and business owners. Recent improvements include:

- Colorful banners purchased and installed on our decorative light poles inviting residents and visitors to “Shop, Dine, Play” in the Community of Caring.
- New trash receptacles made of recycled material were purchased and installed in more locations along Speedwell Avenue.
- Pumpkins and seasonal decorations were placed in front of local storefronts to create a cohesive and welcoming display.

New Business Openings

Morris Plains welcomed more new business openings in the Borough since July. Please show them your support and patronage:

Meineke Car Care Center            4E Fitness Studio
The Plaza Cafe and Diner            Sephora at Kohl's
Woodam Korean BBQ      Kiori Japanese Restaurant

Businesses expected to open later this year include Autodidact Brewing, City MD, F45 Fitness, and BE Office Furniture.

Visit www.morrisplainsboro.org/business-development to see the BDC’s plan to create and support a thriving downtown and business district in the Borough.
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) can be dangerous for infants and young children. RSV is spread through contact with contaminated respiratory droplets. Kissing, sharing drinks, or transferring things from mouth to mouth can transmit RSV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that each year, an estimated 58,000 children younger than 5 years old are hospitalized due to RSV infection in the United States. Those at greatest risk for severe illness from RSV include:

- Premature infants
- Very young infants, especially those 6 months and younger
- Children younger than 2 years old with chronic lung disease or congenital (present from birth) heart disease
- Children with weakened immune systems
- Children who have neuromuscular disorders, including those who have difficulty swallowing or clearing mucus secretions

RSV season occurs each year in most regions of the U.S. during fall, winter, and spring. If you have contact with an infant or young child, especially those who were born prematurely, are very young, have chronic lung or heart disease or a weakened immune system, take extra care to keep the infant healthy by doing the following:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid close contact, such as kissing, shaking hands, and sharing cups and eating utensils, with others
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile devices
- Refrain from kissing high-risk children and infants

If you are experiencing cold-like symptoms, you should not interact with children at high risk for severe RSV disease, including premature infants, children younger than 2 years of age with chronic lung or heart conditions, and children with weakened immune systems. If this is not possible, carefully follow the prevention steps mentioned above and wash your hands before interacting with such children.

For more information on preventing RSV in infants and young children, please visit:

Health Buzz from the Board of Health
PREVENTING RSV IN CHILDREN AND INFANTS

by Imge Uludogan

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!

Service Announcement From THE MORRIS PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the coming months, please be sure to not park your vehicle on any piles of leaves in the roadway and to help us to help you this winter by 'adopting' a fire hydrant. When the snow comes and the plows clear the streets, the fire hydrants are usually covered and hard to locate.

Also with Daylight Savings Time passing, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke / carbon dioxide detectors.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!
The Borough Council will hold its

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM

in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building,

531 Speedwell Avenue. ALL are invited.

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LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

REGISTER TODAY!

Delivery Format:

Blended learning: 2-hour self-paced online course (mid-January)
followed by 4.5-hour, in-person, instructor-led class. For adults only. 
May be eligible for CEUs. Fee sponsored by MPMAC.

Date and Time:

Sat. January 21st (snow date 1/28) 9am to 1:30pm (lunch provided)

Location:

Morris Plains Community Center- 51 Jim Fear Drive (Room B)

Where to Register:

morrisplainsboro.org/mpmac-mental-health-first-aid-training

For more information, visit MHFA.org

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HAVE YOU NOTICED...

...a new STOP SIGN has been installed at the intersection of Sun Valley Way & Sunrise

...a new STREET LIGHT has been installed at the crosswalk at Glenbrook & Speedwell?

...a new 'Crosswalk' indicator on Speedwell Avenue near Borough School?

Some small changes to help make big differences!
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 11 am on

Sunday, December 18

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Sponsored by the VFW and Morris Plains Fire Department

Mon-Fri, Noon - 8 pm;
Sat & Sun, 9 am - 8 pm
Beginning Sunday, November 27

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

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Sunday, December 4

6:00 pm at the Freight Station (Merchant Block)

*SINGERS NEEDED! Would you like to join in the singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus" at this concert? Contact Larry Ripley at 973-998-1081 / larryripley@verizon.net for details.

This Concert will also be available via livestream on YouTube @ "PCMP"

*Please check the Boro website frequently for updates and more information about upcoming events.*

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MENORAH LIGHTING

Sunday, December 18

6:00 pm at the Freight Station (Merchant Block)
The Mayor and the Borough Council wish to extend 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 20th, 2023. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com.