We would like to congratulate the Borough School and Morristown High School students in the class of 2023. We are extremely proud of our successful alumni, and we wish all of our graduates much success as they continue on their educational journey.

Watnong VFW Post 3401
Field of Flags

A very special thank you to Laurie Fu & Lindsey Fu for creating our ever so loved Plains Talk for over 13 years. We appreciate your commitment to our publication and wish you both the best of luck in your future endeavors.
Mayors Corner

I hope summer is treating everyone well and you are taking advantage of all that the Borough offers for all ages and interests. Congratulations to all the Morris Plains graduates and best of luck in the next chapter of your life. I would also like to say congratulations to Deann Carroll on her retirement for over 27 years of service to the Morris Plains Police Department as a records clerk and crossing guard. Congratulations Deann and good luck and enjoy all of your future plans! Welcome Ciara Holland, who replaced Deann, we wish you the best of luck in your new roll. Welcome Nyuanhs Shaw, our newest Police Officer, who came from NJIT Police Department. Officer Shaw is already on the road learning all about the “Community of Caring.”

Our road and infrastructure projects have started and will be finished before the start of the new school year. One exception will be the entire length of Glenbrook Road which will have new water main and service connections installed and the entire road will be paved in the future.

The much anticipated pickleball courts are constructed, painted and waiting for the delivery and installation of poles and nets. Along with the delay of the nets, we have been informed of a delay in the playground equipment for Simon’s Park; installation is now estimated for October instead of August.

Make sure to check the Borough’s website for upcoming town wide fall events. I look forward to seeing you around town, especially at the Farmers Market which will be there until October 7th. The Farmers Market has had upgrades this season including many new vendors, events and even a new market manager, Mike Cocheo, who has done a tremendous job.

Morris Plains is happy to welcome the following new businesses to town: BE Furniture, Home Towne Pet Shoppe and City MD. We are looking forward in the very near future to more new and exciting establishments opening. Please remember to patronize these and all of the businesses in town. Take advantage and utilize outdoor dining at our local restaurants as well and remember, shop local!

Community Park Pool opened with great success and has had a very busy, hot season. Please check the pool’s Facebook page to see all the excitement. Congratulations to all of our spring and summer sport teams on their successful seasons. The Martin’s Swim Team was back this season and the team couldn’t be happier and has done very well. Recreation and Teen Camp also had a very successful month with many new activities and trips that kept your children engaged and happy which transpired to a lot of fun. Thank you to all of our Recreation Employees for all they have done to open our pool and camp, keeping them exciting and entertaining.

A very special thank you to Lindsey Fu for over 13 years editing our quarterly Plains Talk. She has done a terrific job in keeping the Community of Caring up to date with articles and photos of all exciting happenings in and around Morris Plains. Lindsey along with her mom, Laurie, have kept us captivated and looking forward to the next upcoming issue. Thank you Lindsey and Laurie for 52 wonderful issues of Plains Talk. Welcome Michelle Diamond who will be replacing Lindsey; good luck and we look forward to your collaboration on future issues of Plains Talk.

Stay well and enjoy the remainder of the summer. God Bless You and God Bless the U.S.A.

Mayor Jason C. Karr
jkarr@morrisplainsboro.org

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Nonprofit Launches in Morris Plains

Launched in spring 2023 with a mission to continue the economic, social, and cultural enrichment in our local business district, Downtown Morris Plains is a volunteer-driven nonprofit established following the 2020 formation of the Borough’s Business Development Committee. Through partnerships, fundraising, and events, Downtown Morris Plains aims to initiate and fund projects that benefit our businesses and residents, and attract interest from beyond the Borough of Morris Plains. The organization’s 2023 initiatives include community art projects as well as a seasonal gathering to drive foot traffic.

Downtown Morris Plains’ opening event will be a pumpkin illumination in October.

Check out www.downtownmorrisplains.org for more information and event details, or connect with them on social media @downtownmorrisplains
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

We hope that this message finds you well and you are enjoying the summer months. The Morris Plains School District is working hard preparing for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Our custodial and maintenance crews are preparing buildings for the opening of schools, and summer cleaning is progressing nicely. Classrooms have been emptied, cleaned, and sanitized, and floors have been stripped, waxed and sealed.

Our principals are finalizing student schedules and their September plans. Additionally, administration is coordinating summer programs for new staff and substitutes, drafting department and school-based goals, and preparing their buildings for students and staff. Over the next month, district leadership will spend significant time planning comprehensive, instructional programs and initiatives, along with preparing new instructional tools and resources for students and staff.

**District goals for the upcoming school year will focus on:**
- Successfully preparing for and navigating through the 2023-2024 QSAC state monitoring process.
- Assessing and refining instructional practices in Language Arts and Math to best meet the academic needs of all students.
- Reviewing current Strategic Plan to modify existing goals to further progress in defined areas of focus for the district.
- Overseeing the process, progress, and timeliness of the completion of the referendum while ensuring minimal disruption to the educational environment.

In addition, the district remains committed to staff training and we will schedule professional development opportunities that will focus on math and reading instruction, supporting struggling student learners, and infusing literacy across all content areas.

Referendum planning continues to move along, as scheduled. We have participated in numerous referendum-based meetings with our architect throughout the summer. We are on target with our timelines, and Mrs. Lion-Bailey will provide updates to her school community members, when appropriate, regarding operations and practices that address the construction at Mountain Way, which is scheduled to begin late August.

**MPSD STAFF RECOGNITION**

During the May 23, 2023 Board of Education meeting, the Morris Plains School District 2022-2023 Teachers and Support Staff Members of the Year honorees were recognized. Congratulations to Borough School Teacher of the Year Casey Devlin, Mountain Way Teacher of the Year Kara Pagan, Borough School Support Staff Member of the Year Sheryl McNichol, and Mountain Way Support Staff Member of the Year Carol Bozza. The school community is grateful for your dedication and commitment to the MPSD.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

The Morris Plains School District is fortunate for the unwavering support and generosity from our school community organizations, including the Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA), Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP), Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Coalition (MPMAC), etc. Below are several examples of the contributions made by our school community organizations throughout the school year. If you are interested in getting involved in your school community, please consider becoming a member of these important organizations.

The MPHSA sponsored school-wide assemblies, donated school materials, and funded 8 MacBook Air Computers that will be used to benefit the Borough School STEAM and BTV programs. In addition, they conducted Book Fairs, organized and facilitated fundraisers, catered school and district events, and coordinated teacher appreciation luncheons.

The Education Foundation of Morris Plains coordinated the virtual 5K fundraiser and supported numerous teacher and administrator grants, including magna tiles and board games for Borough School Math classes, new cameras for the BTV morning show, an earthquake simulator for the Borough School Science program, a gong and xylophone stand for the Borough School Band program, needle felting kits for the Borough School Art Program, and a two-week dance residency for Mountain Way second grade students. Furthermore, they purchased graduation lawn signs, which they delivered to every eighth grade student’s residence. They are currently planning for their fall 2023 5K race, which will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 in the Morris Plains "flats." Please check out their website for more information. We hope to see you on the course!
The MPMAC sponsored a multi-week program for our seventh grade students called “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens.” In addition, they funded a “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully” program for Mountain Way students, partnered with the schools during Violence Awareness Week, sponsored a Stage Fun class for students, generated informative newsletters, and participated in community clean-up projects.

In addition to the support from the aforementioned organizations, the Morris Plains Education Association (MPEA) provided numerous programs and donations throughout the year to support our school community members. This includes sponsoring a scholarship for a graduating Morris Plains senior at Morristown High School; organizing food and clothing drives and toy collections; co-sponsoring Family STEAM Night; securing grants from Visions; etc.

The district also collaborated with the Morris Plains Rotary to enhance our facilities, secure educational materials for students, and further promote literacy through essay contests. Lastly, the district partnered with the Morris Plains Police Department to coordinate safety training for all staff, oversee school safety drills, implement the LEAD program for our second and fifth grade students, facilitate the “Books with a Cop” program for Mountain Way students, and provide ongoing support and resources, whenever needed.

Also during the May 23, 2023 Board of Education meeting, the district said goodbye to several educators who have dedicated many years to serve the students and families in the Morris Plains School District. Congratulations to Wayne Looney (Borough School Physical Education Teacher), Laurie Schorno (Borough School Special Education Teacher), and Lindsay Vieira (Director of Curriculum) on their retirement. The district greatly appreciates their years of service to the Morris Plains school community.

MARK MAIRE NAMED MORRIS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Morris Plains Superintendent of Schools, Mark Maire, was named the 2022-2023 Morris County Superintendent of the Year. Mr. Maire was nominated by his peers, and he was recognized for his accomplishments within the Morris Plains School District and for his leadership serving as the President of the Morris County Association of School Administrators, along with his work within the county. This included collaborating with legislatures to address key legislative issues that impact education, coordinating a county-wide reunification site with CCM, and serving on numerous NJDOE task force committees.

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. 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. We look forward to welcoming back students on Wednesday, September 6th.

All my best,

Mark Maire
Morris Plains Co-op Play School has been part of the Morris Plains Community of Caring since 1939. The Co-op values community and is grateful for the connections formed within this town.

The Co-op would like to thank the All Seasons Garden Club for supporting their school by planting with the children. The garden is a favorite spot on the Co-op playground! The Co-op kids care for the garden and look forward to harvesting its delicious fruits and vegetables throughout the season. July rains produced an abundance of cucumbers to snack on this summer!

The Co-op would also like to thank the Morris Plains Police Department for ticketing their group. The Co-op had gathered at Watnong Park for a Community Clean-Up when they were “caught” doing something good by Officer Grawehr. He ticketed the kids with Scoop Station ice cream tickets!

Lastly, The Co-op sends a big THANK YOU to the entire community for its continued support of their preschool. Their May Tricky Tray and Bingo Night was a huge success! Thank you to all the supporters & sponsors, especially the generous businesses and individuals who donated prizes! As a non-profit school, The Co-op relies heavily on fundraising to continue their mission of providing developmentally appropriate, child-centered play-based programs that cultivate each child’s social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth. Follow along with every happening at The Co-op by heading to our Facebook page and Instagram profile @morrisplainscoo!

The Farmers Market is Back!

The Morris Plains Farmers Market has been a great event in our community since 2003. We are thrilled to have such sought-after, anchor vendors like Ort Farms, Hoboken Farms, Krakus Polish Specialties, Olives & Pickles, Paolo's Kitchen and of course our lead sponsor, Provident Bank, as long standing partners and contributors. With the change in market leadership, we welcomed the opportunity to explore new offerings at the farmers market to keep market goers engaged and provide a new experience each Saturday.

One goal was to create an environment where people wanted to hang out for awhile, so we added new offerings including coffee vendors, breakfast pastries and baked sweets, breweries, a distillery, our hometown florist, kids activities, a seating area to consume purchases at the market, music from local artists and bands chairs – small additions that make a big difference to the overall farmers market experience. A second goal was to create an opportunity for local businesses and non-profits to engage with market goers. We’re thrilled to see Monroy Floral Design and All Seasons Garden Club "Flower Bar" collaboration be so successful. We also hosted the launch of the new Downtown Morris Plains non-profit organization to the community. We look to incorporate more creative business and non-profit engagement's throughout the season. The feedback from market goers has been overwhelmingly positive. We’re excited to continue this tradition to make the farmers market a destination in Morris Plains and the greater community.
Solutions for Stormwater Pollution - Easy Things You Can Do Everyday to Protect Our Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet-waste – you name it, and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of NJ’s greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that’s why we’re all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up after it’s dirty. For more information visit https://dep.nj.gov/cleanwaterNJ

As a resident, business, or other member of the NJ community, it is important to know these easy things you can do everyday to protect our water:

Limit You Use of Fertilizers & Pesticides
- Make sure you properly store or discard unused portions
- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer
- Look into alternatives for pesticides
- If you use fertilizers or pesticide, follow the instructions on the label on how to apply them correctly.

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.
- Remember to obey local laws to clean-up after your pet (on public and private property) and dispose of solid pet waste promptly and properly.
- Don’t litter. Use proper trash bins & RECYCLE
- Dispose of yard waste properly.
- Don’t feed wildlife such as ducks or geese.

Properly Use & Dispose of Hazardous Products
- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because the storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or work place, make sure you store or dispose of them properly.
- Read the label for guidance
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives
- Recycle used motor oil
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the location of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

The Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee has recently donated the books below and additional ones to the Morris Plains Library. The books can be found in the “Family Resources” section and are available for check out. This donation is made possible by the GCADA (Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse) Grant. The MPMAC works collectively to identify, plan and implement programs and activities that increase resilience and reduce risk factors associated with drug and alcohol abuse. Members are appointed by the Borough Council and include residents, community leaders, law enforcement, health practitioners and representatives of public and private organizations and schools.

If you would be interested in joining this committee, please email mpmacinfo@gmail.com
On May 8, 2023, Moot Court was in session at the Morris Plains Municipal Building. The 6th and 8th grade Gifted and Talented students were grateful for Judge Carlucci creating and guiding them through this amazing experience!

In June 2023, the NJ State Police Mounted Unit visited our 2nd and 5th grade LEAD students. The State Police were great with the students, who had an opportunity to meet the star of the mounted unit, 2300lb gentle giant Phantom. The students interacted with Phantom, and several staff had a chance to get on him. I would like to thank Officer Ferris and Chief Koroski for facilitating the visit.

Family STEAM Night was held on Friday, June 2nd. The event was well-attended. The hands-on activities, performances, and student work highlighted our focus on science and the arts, while at the same time, showcased our talented and creative staff and students.

Our 6th grade scientists put their engineering skills to the test in our Earthquake Challenge project! Thank you, EFMP, for funding the earthquake simulator, so students can test the sturdiness of their structure.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Borough School Drama Club for their wonderful performance of the Wizard of Oz.
The Morris Plains Community Band is planning a series of concerts this August. The concerts offer an opportunity for the public to hear and enjoy a true American tradition – the town band, consisting of friends and neighbors, performing a concert in the town park.

The Morris Plains Community Band, a “reincarnation” of the original Morris Plains Cornet Band which existed from 1888 to 1953, was re-established in October, 2015 and currently has over 60 members. As the band is a “no-commitment, no-obligation” volunteer organization, it normally features about 40 musicians at concerts. The band is made up of musicians ranging in age from 14 to 89, and includes middle and high school students, recent college graduates and older musicians, many of whom haven't played since their own school days.

The Morris Plains Community Band is conducted by Larry Ripley, a retired musician and bandleader who is the third member of his family to lead a town band.

To learn more about the Morris Plains Community Band, contact Larry at 973-998-1081 or larryripley@verizon.net.

8/16, the MP Community Band will present “Music from Around the World”, featuring music by Grieg (Norway), Holst (Britain), Offenbach (France), Ravel (France), Rossini (Italy), Shostakovich (Russia), Strauss (Austria) and Tchaikovsky (Russia) among others.

8/23, the “Swing Tones” will present “The Count and The Duke”, a program of the 1930’s and 1940’s swing jazz of Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

8/30, the MP Community Band will present a program of music from the World War II years, featuring Big Band hits by Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie, as well as music by Frank Sinatra, Henry Mancini and others.

The Morris Plains Community Band Needs Your Support!
If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the Morris Plains Community Band, Inc., and mail it to the Morris Plains Community Band, Inc., P O Box 25, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

Welcome Officer Shaw

Welcome our newest Probationary Police Officer Nyquan Shaw. He was sworn in by Mayor Karr on July 6th, 2023. Please join us in congratulating Officer Shaw as he begins his career here in Morris Plains!

Welcome to Morris Plains Grand Opening in June

You're Invited!

49th Annual MORRIS PLAINS ROTARY CLUB
Community Breakfast

Sunday, October 15th
8:00am to 11:00 am
Morris Plains Community Center
51 Jim Fear Drive
Tickets (Available at the Door): Adults - $9 Children - $5 (age 3-12)

For More Info: www.morrisplainsrotary.org
email: info@morrisplainsrotary.org
Congratulations to Coach Morris and the Borough School Girls’ Track and Field Team for winning the 2023 Group 1 Morris County Championship Meet. They are an impressive group of student-athletes.

On May 19, Beyond Differences hosted the Around the World Food Festival at Borough School and it was an amazing success! Many families were in attendance, including several students who came on their own. There were a total of 17 different countries represented from all over the world, including Japan, Ecuador, India, Switzerland, France, Honduras, Puerto Rico, United States and Italy. Thank you to some of our local eateries, including Kiori and Delicias Latinas, for donating food.

Family Day & Fireworks

Uncle Franks Fishing Contest

Congratulations to Caroline Richards! Caroline caught the first & biggest fish. The fish she caught was a 17 1/2 inch long Rainbow trout. Thank you to everyone who participated!
Opening Ceremonies
Memorial Day
2023

Memorial Day Parade

special thank you to Laurie Fu, Monia Viola and Bea & Dave Sullivan for their picture submissions
ANNUAL MORRIS PLAINS 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

9/11 remembrance is to be held on:
Monday, Sept. 11th at 10:00 AM
Morris Plains 9/11 Memorial
(corner of Rts 53 & 202)
Morris Plains Soccer Helps Make History at Gotham FC Match
This June 100+ Morris Plains Soccer players and families joined 15,000+ fans to cheer on world champion NWSL players at the Gotham FC match vs San Diego Wave on Pride Night at Red Bull Arena. Our group helped make history, as the event smashed the club’s record for the highest attendance at a single match. With our impressive attendance, the MPSA group qualified for an exclusive field experience, serving as the player honorees accompanying the San Diego Wave onto the field for the National Anthem. MPSA players submitted short essays to enter for a chance to participate. Thank you to everyone who joined us at the match and special thanks to the Law Office of Cara A. Parmigiani for helping to make this event possible by sponsoring select free player tickets for the event. For more information, visit our NEW website at morrisplainssoccer.leagueapps.com

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING MPSA EVENTS:
Sept 9: MPSA Opening Day at Simons Park
Sept 29-Oct 1: MPSA Play4theCure Fundraiser supporting the National Foundation for Cancer Research

Bergelt Opticians
Quality Eyeglasses
is celebrating 50 Years in business!
Join us as we celebrate this milestone on September 30th
9am - 1pm
744 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ
e: cbergelt@verizon.net • P: 973-539-5333 • BergeltOpticians.com

In May, eighth grade Borough School student Maia Fonseca was one of 36, 8th grade students throughout Morris County honored at the Middle School Leadership Dinner. Maia was Borough School’s 2022-2023 Middle Leadership Award recipient. She was recognized as being a student whose academic, extracurricular, and community leadership has had a positive impact on her school environment and who serves as a role model for others. She is pictured with her family, along with Mr. Maire and Mrs. Crudele.

Chief Michael Koroski, is proud to announce the return of the Bicycle Patrol Unit within the Patrol Division for Morris Plains. You will be seeing the bicycle a lot more with the resumption of the bicycle patrol unit, weather permitting, as we continue to demonstrate the capabilities of our two electric bicycles. Our officers have already used the bikes patrolling the parks and trails, attending town events, traffic enforcement, and for both Community Policing and Preventative Crime Patrol.
Blood Drive Dates
Located at the Community Center
Weekday drives 1pm - 7pm
Saturday drives 8am-2pm
August 12th & 24th
September 2nd & 14th
October 5th & 19th
For an appointment to donate blood, contact Larry Ripley at 973-998-1081 or larryripley@verizon.net

Welcome to Morris Plains

Pickleball Courts added to Watnong Park
Morris Plains is ready for the fastest growing sport in the country! See you on the courts! To learn more about Pickleball scan the QR Code below.

Special Olympics Torch Run
June 9th, members from the Morris Plains PD participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run. This year marked the 40th Anniversary of this amazing event! It was an honor to be a part of another successful run, supporting the Special Olympics

BrushPickup
Scheduled for the weeks of August 28th & September 25th
For a safer, cleaner street, brush should be placed out for pickup no earlier than 48 hours prior to scheduled pickup 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 & twigs should be tied in 1-ft round bundles no longer than 6ft., neatly stacked, all in one direction.
- 3. Vines & pricker bushes must be tied in bundles.
- 4. Stumps are to be free of dirt & debris.
- 5. No leaves or grass clippings are allowed with brush pickup.
- 6. No lumber, metal, building material or foreign debris are allowed.

REMINDER
Grass Clipping Pick up
Pick up is on Wednesdays through November 1st
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 16th to December 8th.
DO NOT put grass, brush, sticks, vines or stones with your leaves. Rake leaves to curbside. DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN BAGS. Put them in neat piles at curbside.
Fleury Field Improvements through Community Collaboration

This spring, Morris Plains Little League (MPLL) board partnered with our local community and organizations for a major improvement project at Fleury Field at the Morris Plains Community Center Park. Volunteers from Eastern Janitorial led the field work, which included re-setting field lines to league standards, re-edging transitions from clay to grass (to ensure the ball travels smoothly), and turning over new soil to prepare for 20 tons of new baseball clay (trucked in from the suppliers for the New York Yankees)! Volunteers then spread the clay and blended it into the existing field in addition to spreading 200 pounds of new grass seed. MPLL also coordinated with Morris Plains Department of Public Works (MPDPW), who repainted dugouts across the park as well as the newly repaired snack bar and thatched Fleury Field for the new grass. This tremendous improvement was made possible through community collaboration among the MPLL board, Morris Plains Recreation Commission (MPRC), and the MPDPW and brought to life with the power of community volunteers. Special thanks to major contributors: Rich Sullo, Lauren Udall, Nate Martin, and the MPLL board; John Signorelli, Leo Mulligan and the MPDPW team; Gerry Sittman and the MPRC; and these incredible volunteers: Nino and Nick Rafanello, Jason Serio, Tony Sr. and Tony Longo, Daniel and Rob Davies, Matt and Don Murzenski.

Congrats Mady & Addison

Mady Stavisky and Addison Ochab played on the 14u Juniors All-Stars team and traveled to Orange, Connecticut, after winning and becoming the New Jersey state champions. This talented team is a partnership between Morristown National and Morris Plains little leagues. Our girls went undefeated and won their district and section and finally, the state tournament to be the New Jersey State Juniors Little League 2023 champions.

Morris Plains Host for the Little League Championship

Morris Plains, Morristown, and Morris Township team, Two Rivers West, Haddonfield and Teaneck were the teams playing as we hosted the tournament at Brian Fleury field.

CONGRATULATIONS!

In May, three of our high school senior members received scholarships from the 200 Club! We are extremely proud to announce that the scholarships were awarded to:
- Charlotte Erikson attending University of Connecticut for nursing
- Jacob Gringeri attending Norwich University and wants to join the U.S. Army and become a police officer after graduation
- Ricardo Nulman attending Duke University for biomedical engineering

Thank you for your service to Morris Minute Men EMS and the community! We wish the best of luck on your future endeavors!

Learn to Ride Event at Mennen Arena

Presented by Avenues in Motion and sponsored by Morris Plains Rotary held indoors at Mennen arena. Roughly 60 kids participated and learned to safely ride a bicycle.
Greetings from the Morris Plains Library,
Summer story time takes place every Saturday morning at 10:30 on the front lawn. It will run through Saturday, August 26th. Bring your wagon or blanket and come join us as we read a selection of stories while enjoying a snack. We always have a fun prize at the end and a craft to take home. Our summer story time will run through Saturday August 26th. Don’t forget to turn in your summer reading log for a raffle ticket towards our end of summer prizes! Fall story time hours will resume in September on Wednesdays. We would like to thank the Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee for their donation of books for our "Family Resources" section. We are so grateful for their partnership and donation.

The Library will resume Monday hours starting on Monday September 11th. We are open Mondays during the school year from 12-5pm

Sheila Jain, Morris Plains Library Director

Follow us on Facebook for the latest information

Morris Plains Library Paper Shredding Event
Saturday October 14th 9am-Noon Rain or Shine

Morris Plains Library
77 Glenbrook Rd.
Morris Plains
973-638-2599

We would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Deann Carroll. Deann has been a crossing guard for over 27 years & a Police records clerk for 24 years.

We wish you the best of luck and enjoyment in your retirement Deann!

Tri-Morris Junior Police Academy
45 recruits from Morris Township, Morris Plains, and Morristown attended this two week program. Congratulations to the three Graduates from Morris Plains

The Officers for VFW Post 3401 as well as the Officers for Our Auxiliary were sworn in at our Installation Ceremony and Dinner. It was a wonderful night of celebration and we welcome our new Commander Basil D'Armiento!!
Morris Plains Museum
51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950
973 - 683 -1089________ www.morrisplainsmuseum.com

MORRIS PLAINS HISTORY - THEN AND NOW

In 1923 a new fire station was built at Academy Road and Speedwell Avenue and the original Franklin Place location was abandoned. Unfortunately, in August of 1940, burning paper from a trash fire spread quickly up to the eves and the station was damaged beyond repair. Several men risked their lives attempting to scale the roof to find the source of the fire. The current station and Municipal Building were built on the same spot.

Congratulations to the 2023 Helen H. Schnack scholarship recipients!

Shiven Joshi and Shaila Joshi! The scholarship is awarded annually to a Morris Plains senior graduating from Morristown High School.

Two Interesting New Exhibits Are Now Open:

Odds and Ends - including unique items from the museum collection, some of which are being displayed for the first time

Advertising from 1917-1919 - Featuring full-page color ads from the museum’s collection of the Leslie’s Illustrated Weekly Newspaper.

At the present time the museum is open every third Saturday of the month from 10 AM until 1 PM.

We are happy to accept items that pertain to the history of our wonderful town.
Recent acquisitions received from generous donors include: Copies of photographs related to Lawrence Monahan; a black and white postcard of Stiles Avenue, dated 1907; and the framed marriage certificate of William Jaqui and Hattie Shelley, dated 1877. The museum is interested in acquiring memorabilia pertaining to Morris Plains. It’s time to clean out that attic!

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.
Runners, walkers and teams of all kinds
Get ready to join the community at annual Strides for Education 5K Run/Walk. Last year, this signature event raised $17,000 for grants by the Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP), an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Registration opens Aug. 25 and local sponsors are being sought for this unique, healthy and joyful event. For more information, visit www.educationfoundationmp.com.

How does the event support our students?
All proceeds from EFMP fundraisers go to fulfill grants for innovative educational projects that are outside the school district's budget. In the 2022-23 school year, students benefited from EFMP-funded projects including a dance-artist-in-residency for 2nd graders; "Glow Day" to enhance math learning for 4th graders; an Earthquake Simulator for 6th grade science experimentation; kitchen supplies for RISE students; Magna tiles for 6th grade math; a gong and xylophone for the Borough School Band; state-of-the-art collaboration centers for the Mountain Way STEAM lab; and new cameras for the EFMP-funded Digital Communications Studio, which hosts Borough TV (BTV), home of the morning and evening announcements.

We thank you for your support. It truly makes a difference—for our students, our community and for the future!

Morris Plains Rotary Club
50th year of service
Invites Prospective Member Inquiries

The Rotary Club of Morris Plains, currently celebrating its 50th year of service, is inviting interested men and women who enjoy being active in our community to consider joining our club.

Rotary is the world’s oldest international volunteer service organization. It was founded almost 120 years ago, and has over 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and territories around the world. It consists of men and women of all walks of life that are dedicated to making the world and their community a better place to live.

Our Rotary Club currently has approximately 50 members; men and women from Morris Plains and the surrounding area who endeavor to perform good work in our community and around the world and have a good time doing it.

The club meets weekly on Friday mornings before the work day at Uncle Giuseppe’s Market (upstairs), 1711 Route 10 (eastbound). The meetings include reports on our current projects, enjoyable camaraderie time and always a very interesting and informative program.

For more information, please contact Sean Kelly, Membership Chair at skroty@ymail.com or at 973-714-1795.

NEEDED
Landscape Architect, Designer or Student
To update the plan for Roberts Garden on current software. This plan will be installed at Roberts Garden, so that all vistiors can more easily identify the trees.

If you can help out, please contact Nancy Critchley at 973-390-1129 or nancycritch@optonline.net

Borough School hosted numerous spring concerts. The district is fortunate to have an incredibly talented group of students, led by an outstanding music department.
Preventing tick bites is crucial in minimizing the risk of contracting tick-borne illnesses. Here are some essential tips to prevent tick-borne illnesses:

1. **Avoid Tick-Infested Areas:**
   - Stay away from densely wooded areas with high grass, leaf litter, and brush, especially during peak tick activity seasons.

2. **Wear Protective Clothing:**
   - Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to minimize exposed skin.

3. **Use Tick Repellents:**
   - Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent to exposed skin and clothing, following the product instructions carefully.

4. **Perform Regular Tick Checks:**
   - Conduct thorough tick checks on yourself, children, and pets after spending time outdoors.

5. **Proper Tick Removal:**
   - If you find an attached tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin’s surface as possible.

6. **Protect Your Yard:**
   - Keep your yard well-maintained by regularly mowing the grass and removing leaf litter.

7. **Safeguard Your Pets:**
   - Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best tick prevention products for your pets.

8. **Shower After Outdoor Activities:**
   - Take a shower within two hours of coming indoors to wash off any crawling ticks.

For more information on preventing tick-borne illnesses, visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks)

Are you a Morris Plains resident? Do you want to learn more about tickborne, and other vector borne diseases? Contact Rebecca Emenuga with the Morris County Division of Public Health to set up a presentation for your school, community group or organization. Please email REMenuga@co.morris.nj.us or call (973) 285-6063.
Fall Recreation Events

**Town Wide GARAGE SALES**
**October 7th & 8th**
**9am-5pm**

**Annual Community Bonfire**
**Saturday, October 28th**
**6pm-9pm**
**Raindate Sunday, October 29th**

**Halloween Parade**
**October 31st**
**4pm**
**Roberts Garden**

**Fall Recreation Programs**

- **Senior Exercise**
  Every Thursday beginning September 7th at 10 AM
  Community Center
  Pre registration required no fee

- **Fall USSI Tennis**
  Beginning September 12
  Please see informative flyer/registration form on Borough Website

- **Third Wednesday of every month, 2PM, Morris Plains Community Center**
  Pre registration not required, no fee

**Morris Plains Residents Adult/Young Adult**

- **Soccer and Basketball**
  Morris Plains Borough School Gymnasium
  Pre Registration not required, no fee
  Dates to be announced
Save the Date

Morris Plains 58th Annual Block Dance
Saturday, September 2nd
6:15 to 9:30 p.m.
on the Merchant Block
Rain Date: Sept. 3rd

Morris Plains Dance Block Party Drawing
Name__________________________
Address_______________________
Town__________________________

Drop Ticket off at collection jars at Block Dance
No purchase necessary to enter - two entries per person
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk will be the week of October 16th, 2023.
Please submit articles and pictures to our NEW email plainstalk@morrisplainsboro.org