Mayor
Frank J. Druetzler
Council President
George J. Coogan
Councilmembers
Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Laurie Fu
Jason C. Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne B. McCluskey

November 2014

PLAINS TALK

WINNING ENTRIES

“I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS” PHOTO CONTEST
WINNING ENTRIES
(MORE WINNING ENTRIES ON PAGE 12)
HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING

SPEEDWELL SCARECROWS
Robert Guild recently took the Oath of Office as Probationary Patrolman for the Morris Plains Police Department.

Robert Guild with Chief Jason Kohn.

MORRIS PLAINS 9-11 MEMORIAL FUND

Donations are always welcome and will help to provide continuing care and maintenance of the Memorial site.

Please make checks payable to “Morris Plains 9-11 Memorial Fund” and mail to:
Borough of Morris Plains 9-11 Memorial Fund
531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950. Thank you!
BOY SCOUT TROOP 39 PHOTOGRAPHED FOR MORRIS PLAINS TIME CAPSULE

In 2064, when Morris Plains opens the time capsule being buried this year, many of the Boy Scouts in Troop 39 today will likely be grandfathers. The Troop posed for pictures at the Court of Honor ceremony on October 13, where they were recognized for merit badges earned and rank advancement. Troop 39, founded in 1930 in Morris Plains, has been an important part of the boro’s history and community.

Each year the Troop grills hamburgers at the Community Bonfire, gives canoe rides at the Family Picnic, marches in the Memorial Day parade, participates in town cleanups and works at the recycling center. Many Troop Eagle projects have also benefited the community.

Troop 39 has a full calendar of events, including camping, hiking, canoeing, and white water rafting. Troop 39 is chartered by the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, where it meets every Monday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, visit the troop’s website at www.troop39bsa.org.

This photo of Troop 39 was submitted by Carolina Garavaglia, and received an “Honorable Mention” prize in the I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS photo contest.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Recycling of Televisions and Other Electronics is now mandated in New Jersey

Be sure to bring ALL TVs, computers, audio/visual equipment, small appliances, phones, - even holiday light strings - to the Recycling Depot on Route 53 on Saturday mornings, 9 am to noon.

DO NOT PLACE ELECTRONICS IN THE TRASH!

If you need assistance getting items to the Center, please contact the Morris Plains Rotary Club by calling: Tom Zinckgraf (973-292-0169)
Girl Scout Troop 873 of Morris Plains recently completed the Bronze award which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout may earn. It is also the first of several leadership awards that a Girl Scout may earn.

There are several steps that lead up to the Bronze award. The first is to earn a Girl Scout Journey which was completed as a first year Junior Girl Scout. A journey takes one year to earn as the girls learn to work together to fulfill the journey badge. The Bronze award was completed in small groups, so the girls formed their individual groups to work together. The girls then decided how they would contribute to their community. They decided to beautify their school by painting murals near the cafeteria and hallway. The murals would have significant meaning to the school. One mural exemplified the school motto and the other encouraged healthy eating and the school mascot. Girls had completed sketches that were submitted to the principal for approval and did community service to earn money for supplies.

This project took many hours after school and over the weekend to complete. It was approved by Girl Scout Council as well as the girls’ leaders, Linda DelGiorno, Denise Allocco, Gayle Frascati and Lori Weintraub. Congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 873!
The Borough of Morris Plains
The First Sweet 16 States of the USA
Search-A-Word

DELAWARE  PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY  GEORGIA
CONNECTICUT  MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND  SOUTH CAROLINA
NEW HAMPSHIRE  VIRGINIA
NEW YORK  NORTH CAROLINA
RHODE ISLAND  VERMONT
KENTUCKY  TENNESSEE
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.

CALL Before You DIG!

Planning a home improvement job?  Planting or removing a tree?  Installing a fence or deck?  WAIT!

Here's what you need to know first:

Whether you are planning to do-it-yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job in order to arrange for proper markout of underground utilities. (Call at least 3 days before you plan to dig.)

It’s for your safety, it’s FREE, and it’s the LAW!

Questions?  Dial 8-1-1 or visit www.call811.com

MORRIS PLAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Saturday, Dec. 6th
10:00 a.m.
Borough School Gymnasium

MORRIS PLAINS
OPENING DAY
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

Saturday, Dec. 6th
10:00 a.m.
Borough School Gymnasium
Three Great Ways to Stay in Shape!

**Fusion Fitness**
with Stacey Williamson
Tuesday Morning
9:30AM - 10:30AM
Until January 20th
Community Center
New Sessions begin

**Cardio Boot Camp**
with Theresa Myers
Wednesday Evening
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Until January 21st
Community Center
New Sessions begin

**Kickboxing**
with Stacey Williamson
Thursday Mornings
9:30AM-10:30AM
Until January 29th
Community Center
New Sessions begin

"Kids Helping Kids" 4th Annual "Kids are Special" Talent Show!

"Kids Helping Kids" will be sponsoring the 4th Annual "Kids are Special Talent Show" January/February, 2015.
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

Acrylic Painting Classes with John Darvic

Morris Plains Community Center
January 13 to March 17
Children: 4:30 - 6:30PM
Adults: 7 - 9PM
5 sessions / $150.

**Tuesday Evening Yoga**
7:30PM - 8:30PM
Until January 20th
MP Community Center
New sessions begin
January 27th, 2015!

**Yoga with Peg Clark**

**Thursday Evening Yoga**
7:30PM - 8:30PM
Until January 29th
MP Community Center
New sessions begin
February 5th, 2015!
Recreation Programs!

Winter Fun with Ms. Prisco!

**Buddy Bonding!** (Mondays)
2nd graders will bond & work together on crafts & games with a younger student @ Mt. Way

**Rainy Day!** (Tuesdays)
Kindergarten–4th Graders will learn rules & have fun playing good ol' fashioned games!

**Creative Colors!** (Thursdays)
Be an illustrator! 1st to 4th graders will have fun water coloring & adding a story!

Programs begin January 12th
www.morrisplainsboro.org
For dates, times & registration forms

---

Senior Exercise with Irene Phelan

Thursdays Mornings
10AM-11AM
Morris Plains VFW

---

Chair Yoga with Diane Tartaglia

Wednesday Mornings
10AM-11AM
MP Community Center

---

**Make Believe Adventures!** (11/22, 11/29 & 12/6)
Children will embark on an adventure existing in the world of "Make Believe!"

**Holiday Crafts!** (11/19, 12/3 & 12/10)
Bring back the old fashioned way to prepare for the holidays!

**Gingerbread Dreams!** (12/13)
Make a wonderful Gingerbread House with the help of a Mentor!

**Annual Cookie Exchange!** (12/16)
AND...
"The Magic of Reading" (Nov & Dec.)

For more information & registration forms
www.morrisplainsboro.org

---

**Adult Book Club with Charlot Lamm**

Fourth Wednesday of every month
2PM—4PM

[The Book Club meets at The Community Center, check website www.morrisplainsboro.org for book selection]

---

**Morris Plains Residents**

**Adult Soccer**

Wednesday Evenings
September - June
8:30PM-10:00PM
Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required

**Adult Basketball**

Thursday Evenings
September - June
8:30PM-10:00PM
Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required

**Young Adult Basketball**

Tuesday Evenings
September - June
8:30PM-10:00PM
Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required

---

Please call the Morris Plains Community Center @ 973-538-3455 for any changes in Recreation Programs/Events due to weather conditions.
Morris Plains School News
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

We’ve had a very successful start to the 2014-2015 school year. In my visits to each of our schools, I see students eager and ready to learn and teachers excited about the important work ahead of them. Since the start of summer recess, we’ve been busy working on a number of initiatives to strengthen our academic programs, enhance the learning experience for students, and work with student performance data to address student and curricular needs.

Our District Goals for 2014-15 are a continuation of the Strategic Planning goals developed in the spring of 2013:

- To create a culture of thinking and learning that promotes student growth/performance and enhances instructional programs; with attention to technology, small group instruction, student engagement, and 21st century learning skills.
- To provide professional development to ensure the delivery of instruction of the aligned curriculum to the NJCCSS.
- Continue to implement AchieveNJ; and to successfully implement PARCC testing in grades 3-8.
- Increase revenue in order to reduce burden on local taxpayers and maximize educational funding.
- Continue to provide a facilities infrastructure that meets the needs of all student learners.

On October 7th, The Morris Plains Board of Education appointed Mr. Andrew Kramar to be Borough School’s next principal. Mr. Kramar follows Mr. Sean Dolan, who will be leaving the district November 12th to undertake the position of superintendent of schools in Fredon Township.

Mr. Kramar, a Google Certified Teacher, comes to Borough School with five years administrative experience as an assistant principal in a fifth through eighth grade middle school in Montvale, New Jersey. Throughout his tenure as assistant principal, Mr. Kramar initiated numerous school-wide initiatives, including a one-to-one iPad and Chromebook initiative and a summer program for students entering grades one through nine.

Mr. Kramar is very excited to join the Morris Plains School Community, and the Morris Plains School District looks forward to Mr. Kramar’s visionary leadership. Mr. Kramar is scheduled to start his principal assignment on or before December 8th.

Currently, New Jersey schools are preparing for required PARCC assessments, which will be administered to students in grades 3 – 8 in mathematics and literacy in March (Performance Assessment) and in May (Summative Assessment). These will replace the ASK tests that have been in place for many years. We will continue to provide information about PARCC throughout the year. It is important to note that our students are being well-prepared for these assessments.

- This year, Social Studies and Science Curriculum Initiatives (K-8), facilitated by Educational Consultants, have been designed to support literacy and develop authentic-based learning experiences aligned to the standards.
- School goals have been drafted to support literacy, technology integration, 21st century learning, and differentiated instruction.
- Mathematics curriculum supports Common Core Standards.
- Teachers in all grades are working to provide students with opportunities to problem solve and read informational text.
- Regular practice opportunities are provided to students in online assessments.
- Increase number of technology devices for student learners.
- Access to digital content and text.
- Creation of Data Teams at both schools.
- Ongoing professional development for staff.

We continue to see positive results from our curriculum and program enhancements. Fewer students are requiring long-term academic intervention support, language arts/literacy scores have dramatically improved, and math achievement continues to be strong.
Please visit the “Curriculum” tab on the district website to access resources that support the Common Core, PARCC, board-approved curriculum, previous instructional-related presentations, and our 2014-2015 Professional Development Plan.

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

The Morris Plains School District is fortunate to work in collaboration with supportive and generous school community organizations. This year, the MPEF (Morris Plains Education Foundation) has awarded $15,000 to support the science program at Borough School. In addition, the HSA (Home and School Association) generously donated $6,000 towards a new audio/visual system at Mountain Way School and $5,000 to purchase STEM Kits for teachers, grades K-4. 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 safe and positive learning environment that supports innovation and 21st century learning.

School and $5,000 to purchase STEM Kits for teachers, grades K-4. 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 safe and positive learning environment that supports innovation and 21st century learning.

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

As winter weather approaches, we would like to remind you of our weather delay/closing procedures. Our school district uses School Brains for automated emergency notifications. This includes school closing, delayed opening (90 minute ay), 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 School Brains alert system, please email Cristie Bruhn at cbruhn@mpsdk8.org.

What’s Happening?

- District staff will be meeting soon to develop a budget for the 2015-16 school year.
- The Morris Plains Police Department will be working with building principals to facilitate a district-wide faculty meeting to discuss and review the district emergency crisis plan.
- November 25th Board Meeting – Mrs. Vieira and Mr. Maire will conduct a presentation on the 2014 NJASK results
- MPSD opens Parent Portal in School Brains, providing parents digital access to student grades, report cards, schedules, etc.
- Beginning on Sept. 1, all school districts must have an identifiable AED system in an unlocked location on school property (Janet’s Law). The MPSD has six AED’s, four located at Borough School and two at Mountain Way. Each school building has teams of staff who are CPR/AED certified. The district emergency plan has been updated to include procedures and protocol to support this legislation.

Finally, I want to inform you about an upcoming Morris Plains School District Parent Forum meeting, which I will be hosting several times throughout the school year. Specific meeting dates may be found on the district website, under “Headlines.”

As parents/guardians, please continue to participate in your child’s education. Parents have an important role in the success of their child’s school and overall education. Have a happy and healthy upcoming Holiday Season!!!!

Best,

Borough School Soccer Teams got the chance to play on the new turf fields at Morris County’s Central Park

Borough School Student Council Officers are pictured with Morris Plains Councilmembers and Mayor as the Mayor proclaims October 27-31 as “Red Ribbon Week” in Morris Plains - all in support of the Municipal Alliance Committee and the MPHSA in their efforts to promote Drug and Alcohol Prevention.
HALLOWEEN PARADE!

SOCCER opening day
MORRIS PLAINS welcomes these new business partners:
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES - 1775 Route 10 East
SEASONS HAIR & NAIL SALON - 546 Speedwell Avenue
I LOVE MP
PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES

Audrey Eapen, 2nd Place
Adult Category

Claudia Holt,
2nd Place
Senior Category

Heather Sawin,
Honorable Mention, Adult Category

Dawn Bruhn, Honorable Mention
Adult Category

Vaughn Klug, Honorable Mention, Adult Category
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!

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!

THANKS TO THE JUDGES!

The Sustain the Plains Committee thanks ALL who participated in the I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS photo contest as well as the following volunteers who served as judges for the photo contest:

David Banks, George Coogan, Peg Dugan, Roberta Novak & Joan Scaccia

Community Crèche Christmas Celebration

Friday, Dec. 5th; 6-8:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 6th; 4-8:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 7th; 2-7:00 pm

All are welcome to this free event hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 283 James Street, Morristown

NATIVITY DISPLAYS from Around the World

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES by Local Artists


THANKS TO THE JUDGES!

The Sustain the Plains Committee thanks ALL who participated in the I LOVE MORRIS PLAINS photo contest as well as the following volunteers who served as judges for the photo contest:

David Banks, George Coogan, Peg Dugan, Roberta Novak & Joan Scaccia

Find more than great books at your hometown library.

MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY

77 Glenbrook Road • Morris Plains • NJ • 07950 • 973-538-2599

THE MORRIS PLAINS LIBRARY wishes to thank the community for its support of the October Paper Shredding Event. We had our largest collection ever with over 7500 pounds of paper shredded!
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

SINGLE-STREAM
all-in-one
RECYCLING

Paper
Recycle office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, fliers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel cores, toilet tissue rolls, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes used for milk, juice, soup, broth, etc., clean pizza boxes, 6-pack and 12-pack cartons from soda, clean paper ice cream containers. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened. (**Shredded paper - see below)

Plastic
Recycle plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) coded
- PETE
- HDPE
- LDPE
- PP

Other
- Do not recycle plastics coded
- HDPE
- LDPE
- PP

Plastic caps and lids larger than 3" in diameter are acceptable*. The smallest acceptable plastic container is a 6- to 8-ounce yogurt cup*. Containers must be empty.

Metal
Recycle aluminum collection and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays. Containers must be empty.

Glass
Recycle glass bottles and jars with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Bottles and jars must be empty.

Residential Curbside Collection
There is a 50-pound weight limit on recycling containers. If necessary, use multiple recycling containers. Containers must have handles. Lids are strongly recommended.

Do not recycle plastics coded.

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority “all-in-one,” single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

All items must be empty and free of food residue.

No liquids
No garbage

*No plastic items smaller than 6- to 8-ounce yogurt cups; for example, do not recycle small plastic caps or pill bottles.
No VHS/VCR tapes
No hardcover books
No flower pots or trays
No window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, or Pyrex® dishware
No stickers or address label sheet waste
No plastics other than those listed
No metal other than what is listed
No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
No paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
No plant material or food waste
No waxed paper or waxed cardboard
No Styrofoam® or paper to-go containers
No motor oil/anti-freeze containers

**No plastic bags other than shredded paper
**No loose shredded paper

**Shredded paper must be in clear plastic bags. Nothing else should be in a plastic bag except for shredded paper. Shred only confidential information.

Collection by:

Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority

973.285.8390
www.mcmua.com

Morris County’s Recycling Resource
ALL Residents are Strongly Urged to Participate in the NIXLE Alert System

NIXLE 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. NIXLE provides alerts about police emergencies, advisories, traffic concerns, and even community events.

Be a CONNECTED CITIZEN

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 right 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
The Morris Plains Museum has an interesting and diverse collection of maps, photographs, and artifacts.

\~ \~ LOOKING BACK \~ \~

Many feel that Morris Plains never changes and others see changes everywhere they look. The following are excerpts from a poem, dated 1867, written in the oldest known newspaper published in Morris Plains - THE ARGUS. Some of the words used, which may seem strange, seem to be in old English. It was all hand written!

. . .I’ve lived for many a tedious year, And here we meet to sing and pray, to preach, to
On grand old Morris Plains; teach and sporte;
And seen the changes which occurred, And here the glorious lyceum band
On broad street, and its lanes . . Hold their meetings for debate. . .

Improvements multiply so fast,
Upon this spacious plain,
That if you went away last year,
And now returned again,
We had no spacious depot then,
But now we’ve one in view;
Which looks quite well at a distance,
And we hope the draft is nil . .

You’d scarcely recognize the place,
Or know that you were back;
Unless some old familiar friend,
Should tell you of that fact.

We can boast too of Lawyers, Doctors and priests,
Who are now the first in the place;
Who practice a great ell less than they preach,
Which is almost always the case. . .

Where once the schoolhouse stood erect,
A building made of stone;
There stands a new one made of wood,
A grand and spacious one.

Now who cannot say, and agree with us, too,
That we’ve pictured the best of all places;
We’d be sure of recognizing the kindest acquaintance
of all, if you’d look in the faces. . .

Lawrence Monahan, Jr. built his blacksmith shop on Stiles Avenue in 1887. In addition to his successful business, he taught instrumental music to young boys and organized the MORRIS PLAINS CORONET BAND. The following are lyrics to a favorite Patriotic Song he wrote. His band played at the dedication of “Jockey Hollow” as the first National Historical Park in the nation, and at the many local parades of the time.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE FLAG OF MY COUNTRY

There is one white star in the field of blue, in the flag of our great nation, That stands for my state most loyal and true, For which I have great admiration.

CHORUS

Three cheers for the flag of my country, whose fame o’er land and sea, Is the pride of the home of the freemen, And the dearest flag to me.

I admire the blue with its splendid hue, With its emblem of perfection, Holding deeds in respect to states now elect, A noble and united collection.

I have loved the Red and I love the White, From the Blue I shall not sever, And I’ll stand by yo true, the Red, White and Blue, and glory in the Stars and Stripes forever.

The Morris Plains Museum Association members enjoy our work preserving our town’s past with its rich history. We hope you will visit and consider joining our association. The museum is open Saturday’s from 10 am to 2 pm.
MORRIS PLAINS MEMORIES

How many of these 1988 Little League All-Stars can you identify? Look for the listing of players and coaches on pg. 22.

MORRIS PLAINS ROTARY CLUB PROMOTES BICYCLE SAFETY

The Rotary Club has teamed up with TransOptions of Cedar Knolls to provide “Bike Right Kids” events for community youth. The Learn to Ride program aims to teach young children to bike safely on two wheels. Visit www.transoptions.com.
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, 2015 to avoid an additional $25 late fee.

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

2015 RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 10th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m

DPW Garage - 10 Borough Terrace
(Snow Date, January 17th)

*All DOGS must be on a leash or in a carrier*
*All CATS must be in a carrier*
*ONLY ONE PET, PER PERSON, AT A TIME*

Rabies Registration Form and information will be available at www.morrisplainsboro.org

TIP: 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 waiting time.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

Property Tax Reimbursement Program (“Senior Freeze”)

Applicants for the 2014 Property Tax Reimbursement Program must be 65 years or older or be receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits. Applicants must have continuously lived in the State of NJ for the last 10 years and owned and lived in their current home for the last 3 years.

The application will be mailed to qualified applicants in 2015 by the State of NJ. Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office if you do not receive an application by April 1, 2015.

NJ Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline:
1-800-882-6597, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F

Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse Property Tax Deduction

To qualify for this deduction an applicant must own and reside on the property as of Oct. 1st of the pretax year and be a legal resident of NJ. Total household income may not exceed $10,000 with the exclusion of either Social Security or Federal or State retirement benefits. Applicant must be 65 years or older or totally and permanently disabled.

Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office for an application.

Veteran or Surviving Spouse Property Tax Deduction

A Veteran must have had active wartime service in the US Armed Forces, owned the property and be a citizen and legal resident of NJ.

Please contact the Borough of Morris Plains Tax Office for an application and further information.
Centenarian, Mary Ann Tomney, recently received the Key to the Borough from Mayor Frank Druetzler and Councilwoman Laurie Fu as she celebrated her 100th birthday. Mary Ann is the mother of Terri Kaag and resided in the Borough for many years with Terri and her husband Jim before moving to Morris View Nursing Home. Mary Ann was born in County Tyrone, Ireland on October 31, 1914. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY ANN!

1988 LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS PLAYERS AND COACHES (from pg 20)

Coaches L to R: Mr DeVenzia, Mr Doug Swenson, Mr Jack Manheimer, Mr Tom Scorsune (Mgr), & Mr John Krauss
Standing L to R: Corey Lorent, Eric Vasilik, Jason DeVenzia, Ian Stewart, Brian Geary, TJ McGoldrick, Ed Rolph
Kneeling L to R: Matt Scorsune, Joe Bellomo, Mike Moore, Dan Appell, Jimmy Krauss, Mark Manheimer, Billy Lang
AUGUST TRIVIA ANSWER
The Veterans Memorial Plaque is located at the base of the American Flag pole at Roberts Garden.

November Trivia Question
What was the name of this building, and where did it once stand in the Borough?

The Borough Council will hold its ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
On Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Council Chambers, 531 Speedwell Avenue

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Saturday, Dec. 20th
7:00 p.m. at the Freight Station (Merchant Block)
Bernard Brothman, Coordinator

Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival!

Sunday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm
At the Merchant Block

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

Happy Chanukah
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 19th, 2015. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com