PLAINS TALK
November 2015

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ONE DAY ONE SCHOOL
October 10, 2015
See inside for more details and photos
Superintendent Mark Maire shown with Thomas “Ace” Gallagher - coordinator of One Day One School.
On Saturday, October 10th, 2015, local tree service contractors and landscapers, government and school officials from Morris Plains and neighboring towns, school and community organizations, students, teachers and parent volunteers - all came together to beautify the landscape and to remove potentially hazardous trees and branches from the Borough School grounds.

Hanover Twp Committeeman, Tom “Ace” Gallagher, began the program in 2006. Ace, owner of a stump-grinding business, launched the program in Hanover Twp. and it has benefitted many schools over several years.

The Morris Plains governing body as well as the officials of the school district are so grateful to all of the local businesses, organizations, departments as well as representatives from other towns, for their generous help and contributions which made this incredible project possible and created a safer outdoor environment for the students. A special thanks goes out to Ace Gallagher for bringing his inspiration to Morris Plains and for all of his time, effort and enthusiasm shared with our community.

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony - 2015
Mayor Druetzler presents Tom D’Ambola with a rocking chair in honor of his 25 years of service.

Lt Tom D’Ambola (pictured here in his early days with the Department) will retire from the MPPD December 1st. We thank Tom for his years of dedicated service, and wish him all the best in retirement.

Patrolman Mike Kelly supervises the “Operaton Takeback” collection held recently at the Morris Plains Stop & Shop. The event helps community members to safely dispose of expired/ unused prescription and OTC drugs.

NEWS FROM THE MORRIS PLAINS SENIORS

At their September meeting, the Morris Plains Seniors Group installed the following officers:

President: Betty Gaynor
Vice President: Mickey Toye Young
Recording Secretary: Fran Spillane
Social Secretary: Joan Sambrowski
Treasurer: Lottie Krolik

Outgoing President, Pam Antonaccio and Vice President, Jean Cipparulo, are recognized for their 10 years as dedicated leaders of the Club.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Representatives of the Borough School Student Council attended the October 15 Borough Council meeting to report on their Drug Free Schools Week activities.

All Morris Plains residents age 60+ are invited to join the Monday Seniors. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month (excl. July & December) beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All Seniors are welcome!
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
Your Morris Plains Museum Association

The members of the first Morris Plains Museum Association work hard to fulfill our mission statement - to collect, preserve and exhibit information about the history of our town. We have been forced to cut back on our Saturday openings because of declining number of volunteers. We are in need of exhibit planners, photographers, a web site and email manager, computer entry skills and docents. If you can help, please call Dan Myers at 973-267-3303.

In the past we have presented many noteworthy programs, exhibits and special projects.

~~~ Our Past Programs ~~~

The History of New Jersey by John Cunningham; History of the Rockaway Valley Railroad (Rock a Bye Baby) by Bill Wilkie; How to Do an Oral History; How to Research Your Own Property; Needlepoint for Children; and a special video program of round table discussions of Morris Plains thru the years.

~~~ Our Past Exhibits ~~~

Our Exhibits included Veterans of all Wars = WWII Home Front; Home Davenport; Teddy Bears; Firemen and Ladies Auxiliary; Morris Minute Men EMS; A Glimpse of Greystone; 350th Anniversary of New Jersey; The Works of Local Artists; History of the Morris Plains Library; History of Morris Plains Schools.

~~~ Our Special Projects ~~~

Our Projects included the Helen Schnack Morris town High School scholarship; Kenneth Cramer Award to 8th grade students from Borough School; and Annual contributions to Fire Department, Minute Men and Morris Plains Recreational Basketball.

THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN MUST BE AND WILL BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Members gather for the Schnack Scholarship Award presentation. Pictured (L to R) are Jack O’Brien, Michelle Schultz, Joyce Hendrickson, Jean Johnson, Barbara Dabinett, Ronnie Kelly, award recipient Megan Reilley, Dan Myers, Larry & Mary Everitt, Clare & Drew Sterling, & Maryclare Myers. Not pictured - Will Henson, Nancy Mirabell, Janice Stevens, Carol Mowder, Nancy Shivas, Cara Del Gaudio & Ellie Arnould-Tomb-Falco.
AUTUMN UPDATE

This year our club acquired a few more flower pots to fill, so we planted 65 flower pots along Speedwell Avenue and the Merchant Block. The Borough has been adding new pots over the last few years. We hope everyone enjoyed the flowers we planted in the pots. It was a very dry summer, so there was a lot of watering to do. A big “thank you” to all the businesses that have been helping to keep those thirsty plants watered.

Soon the Borough will be putting Christmas trees in the flower pots and we will be putting bows on the trees. In addition, we will be making decorations for some of the trees at our November meeting. As usual the various Girl and Boy Scout Troops and some school children will also be decorating trees.

Our club meets in the evening on the 3rd Wednesday of each month - September through May. We are planning many fun and informative meetings for this year. If you think you may be interested in joining or you just want to find out more about us, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings. Just give me a call - Margo Rishe at 973-267-7116, or call our president, Dale Smith at 973-267-9016. For additional info and a list of the topics for our meetings, please check out our website at www.allseasonsgardenclub.org

Submitted by Margo Rishe, VP & Publicity Chair

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 29, 2016 to avoid an additional $25 late fee.

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

2016 RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 9th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

DPW Garage – 10 Borough Terrace
(Snow Date – January 16th)

In the Interest of SAFETY:
- ALL DOGS must be on a leash.
- ALL CATS must be in a carrier.
- ONE PET, PER PERSON, allowed at a time.

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

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

The EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF MORRIS PLAINS is an independent public charity made up of a group of concerned citizens dedicated to enhancing and enriching educational opportunities for Morris Plains School District students. Our goal is to ensure long-range financial flexibility for our schools.

This year, among other initiatives, we will work to support the development of a STEM lab in each school.

To learn more about the foundation or to get involved with our work, please visit our website at: www.educationfoundationmp.com or email us at educationfoundationmp@gmail.com and be sure to “LIKE” us on Facebook.
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

We’ve had a very successful start to the 2015-2016 school year. Throughout 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 have been drafted to address student achievement, communication, buildings and grounds, and character education. In addition, they were designed to serve as a continuation of the Strategic Planning goals developed in the spring of 2013:

1. Improve student performance for ALL students through data analysis and an intense focus on enhancing the teaching and instructional experience throughout the district; continuing to support the district's initiatives in 21st century learning, technology integration and Writer’s Workshop.

2. Effectively utilize newsletter, social media, parent forums, parent workshops, and the school and district websites to keep the community informed about news, events, achievements, and initiatives in our district and schools.

Since the start to the school year, our staff has been working hard to implement new programs, and instructional resources; along with revised curriculum in various subject areas. Our district has made many advancements in how we deliver our instruction. This includes transitioning to Writer’s Workshop, Words Their Way, 1:1 Chromebooks at Borough School, Discovery Education Techbooks, and Google Apps For Education. The overarching goal is to promote 21st century skills, while integrating authentic assessments designed to chart student progress and individualize instruction. We are excited to receive the 2015 PARCC results so we can continue to monitor student growth and assess our programs.

3. Identify and implement programs and interventions designed to support social and emotional needs of our students.

4. Analyze short and long-term facility needs, recognizing items that need immediate action, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Develop a Long-Range Facility Plan with a projected five year action plan.
In the 2015-2016 school year, we have launched an after-school program to support student learners. The program is called Enriching Minds. Enriching Minds courses are enrichment-based, developed and facilitated by Morris Plains teachers, and offered to students across the district, K-8. The Enriching Minds program will run in 6 week increments, three time per year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). The winter catalogue and registration information will be released in November, and it will be made available on the district website.

On October 10th, the award-winning "One Day One School" program came to Borough School. Beautification projects transformed the landscape; while dangerous trees and branches were removed from the grounds to keep students safe from harm. Students, parents, staff, private businesses, law-enforcement, and school community organizations joined forces with landscapers and tree service companies to support the event. The Board of Education will recognize every participant that contributed to this program at a future board meeting. We thank Mr. Tom “Ace” Gallagher, founder of One Day One School, for selecting Morris Plains for this special project.

The Morris Plains School District is fortunate to work in collaboration with supportive and generous school community organizations. This year, the EFMP (Education Foundation of Morris Plains) has awarded funds to support the STEM/Innovation Lab at Mountain Way, a community-based writing project, and the after-school Enriching Minds program. In addition, the HSA (Home and School Association) generously donated funds to purchase student agendas and headphones for every student; as well as providing assemblies for students. Also, the Municipal Alliance Committee 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 for our students.

The HSA, Education Foundation, and Municipal Alliance 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 Honeywell for automated emergency notifications. This includes school closing, delayed opening, and early dismissal information. Families have the option to receive text message notifications, in addition to the usual phone and email messages. Please be sure that all parent information is accurate and updated.

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 “Quick Links.”

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. Please be sure to visit our website at www.mpsdk8.org, and follow us on Facebook!

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

Best,

[Signature]

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Students, staff, and parents volunteering their time to support One Day One School.
HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING

HALLOWEEN
HAPPY

HALLOWEEN
HAPPY
Thank you to our Fire Dept Volunteers!
Morris Plains Recreation
For additional information and registration forms contact:
The Morris Plains Community Center at 973-538-3455 Monday - Thursday ~ 9AM - 4PM
or visit us at www.morrisplainsboro.org

Morris Plains Community Park Pool News!
The Morris Plains Recreation Commission is actively planning new and exciting enhancements and improvements at our Community Park Pool!
Watch for our informative flyers on the Borough Website: www.morrisplainsboro.org

"Kids Helping Kids" 5th Annual "Kids are Special" Talent Show!

"Kids Helping Kids" will be sponsoring the 5th Annual "Kids are Special Talent Show" January/February, 2016

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

Three Great Ways to Stay in Shape this Winter!

Yoga with Peg Clark
Tuesday Evenings until January 26th
New sessions: February 2
Thursday Evenings until February 4
New sessions: February 11
7:30PM - 8:30 PM
MP Community Center

Cardio Boot Camp
with Theresa Myers
Wednesday Evenings until January 26th
7:30PM - 8:30 PM
New Sessions begin January 27th, 2016
MP Community Center

Boxing/Pre-striking Bag
with Stacey Williamson
Thursday Mornings 9:30AM-10:30AM
until February 4th
New Sessions begin February 11th, 2016
MP Community Center

Drawing & Acrylic Painting for Beginners with John Darvie

Drawing for Beginners
Learn to capture, detail & shade your subject!
Mondays: January 4th to January 25th
Seniors: 2:30-4PM $80. (4 sessions)
Children: 1:30-6PM $120. (4 sessions)
Morris Plains Community Center

Acrylic Painting for Beginners
Leave each class with a finished painting!
Mondays: February 1st to February 22nd
Seniors: 2:30-4PM $80. (4 sessions)
Children: 4:30-6PM $120. (4 sessions)
Morris Plains Community Center
Morris Plains Borough School
Pre Registration not Required
Wednesday Evenings
8:30PM - 10:00PM
Morris Plains VFW

Let's Dance! with April Molinare
Pre Ballet & Tumbling (ages 3-5)
Thursday Mornings 11AM - Noon
Morris Plains Community Center

Ballet & Jazz (ages 5-6)
Wednesday Afternoons 4:30-5:30PM
Morris Plains Community Center

Mommy & Me with April Molinare
(ages: 18 months to 3 years)
Thursday Mornings 10 - 10:45AM
Morris Plains Community Center

Senior Exercise with
Irene Phelan
Thursday Mornings
10:30-11:30AM
Morris Plains VFW

Gentle Beginner Yoga
with Diane Tartaglia
Wednesday Mornings
11AM to Noon
Community Center

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

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

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

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

Young Adult Basketball
Morris Plains Residents
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.
PREVENTING SEASONAL INJURIES ................ from Morris Plains Board of Health

Injuries can happen anywhere, and some often occur around the holidays.

Suggestions for preventing injuries around the holidays include:

- Use step stools instead of climbing on furniture when hanging decorations;
- As most residential fires occur during the winter months, keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees and curtains;
- Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended;
- Don’t use generators, grills, or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage;
- Check the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. When you change the clocks it is recommended to change the batteries in your detectors as well.
- As you prepare holiday meals, keep yourself and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to proper temperatures. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than 2 hours. Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator.

HEALTH BUZZ

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.
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!

MOMS CLUB HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE
The MOMS Club of Morris Plains Moms will partner with Community Blood Services to host a community blood drive on November 12th from 3:00PM - 7:30PM at the Community Center parking lot (51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains). Donating is quick and easy in the CBS blood-donor-mobile, right in the Community Center parking lot. More information available on our Facebook page and the Morris Plains website.

CBS is a not-for-profit organization that supplies blood and blood products to hospitals in the NJNY region and has been devoted to serving the community’s transfusion medicine needs for more than 60 years. Please join us in giving to CBS to do our part as a community for those in need.

Streetlight on the Blink? Tell Us.

Streetlights brighten up a community and help keep it attractive and safe. Help us keep streetlights working as they should by letting us know when lights are in need of repair. If you see a streetlight out, please contact us so that repairs can be made.

To report a streetlight outage:
- Call our automated outage reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-8777). For faster service, use the phone number associated with your account and say “streetlight problem” after the greeting.

When you contact us, just let us know the following:
- Your name and phone number, in case we need more information
- Address where the streetlight is located – nearest house or business address and the nearest cross street
- The number on the pole
- What is wrong with the streetlight – for example, damaged pole, light fixture is broken, the light is on during the day or the light flickers

Outages can now also be reported on Facebook! Visit facebook.com/JCPandL and click the “Report an Outage” tab.
There was a time when almost every village and hamlet had a town band – concerts in the park, people of all ages playing their instruments, families of two and three generations playing in the band together, and Morris Plains was no exception.

In 1886, 23 year-old Larry Monahan came to Morris Plains from Dover to open a blacksmith shop at 21 Stiles Avenue. (The building is still standing and is now a private residence).

Larry's grandfather had been a blacksmith, and he had learned the trade first by apprenticing at the blacksmith shop at Greystone Hospital, and later at the Bartley Forge in Long Valley.

At the same time, he was nurturing his passion for music by studying cornet and music theory with an instructor in Boonton, and later studied harmony with a professor in Morristown while playing in bands in Mt. Olive and Chester.

Shortly after opening his blacksmith shop, the local teenage boys began gathering at the shop to hang out. Larry didn't think this was a particularly wholesome activity for young boys, so he decided to teach them to play music and start a band here in Morris Plains. He gathered some beat-up old horns, fixed them up and passed them out to the buys and began teaching them to play.

After awhile, he had enough players to form a band, and in 1887, the Morris Plains Cornet Band was established.

Larry led the Morris Plains Cornet Band without interruption for 53 years until his death in 1940. After he died, the members of the band decided to rename it the L. Monahan Memorial Band, and they kept it going for another 13 years until it finally disbanded in 1953.

The band gave regular concerts in and around Morris Plains and marched in parades all over; as far away as Philadelphia and Queens, NY. During WWI when the young men were all in the service, he recruited younger teens, and kept the band going that way, renaming it the Morris Plains Boys Band. When the soldiers returned from the war, the band met them at the train station and paraded them up Speedwell Avenue.

Monahan was a legend. There were several testimonial dinners given in his honor in his later years. He spent countless hours every week giving free music lessons to the kids in town as well as leading the band. In the later years, he charged $.25 or $.50 for lessons, but never refused anyone if they didn't have the money.

To raise money for uniforms, instruments, etc., they gave concerts and charged admission, or sent the boys out in their uniforms to go door-to-door soliciting contributions. They even held a raffle one year and sold chances on a set of andirons that Larry had made by hand in his blacksmith shop. The policy was that the instruments belonged to the band rather than the individual members, so that when they grew up and moved on, the instruments would stay behind for the next group.

There's a great collection about Monahan and the band at the Borough Museum. It includes several horns, a uniform from the 1950’s, a bass drum and a large sampling of the music they played, as well as two compositions by Monahan himself.

*We're Getting the Band Back Together!*

Well, in Morris Plains, the sounds of clarinets and trumpets...trombones and cymbals; drums and saxophones are coming back. Walk by the Borough School on a Wednesday evening, and through the open windows you'll hear the sounds of a Sousa March, Broadway tunes, traditional American songs, TV themes...played by members of the Morris Plains Community Band...musicians from twelve to eighty; all having fun playing music together.

Designed to be a no-pressure opportunity for musicians of all levels and all ages, the music is easy (about junior high level), there is no cost, and just as important, no commitment or obligation. People are welcome to participate on any basis that they enjoy and fits their lifestyle. The player who joins us once a year is just as welcome as the musician that attends every week.

There will be concerts; mostly for people that don’t get an opportunity to hear live music very often – nursing homes, senior citizen groups, etc. And again, participation in the concerts is just as optional as the rehearsals.

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 973-984-2505 or larryripley@verizon.net OR just get that horn out of the closet and stop in at the Morris Plains Borough School Band Room some Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Enter the school’s rear parking lot from Mountain Way and follow the signs (and the sounds), and *come join the band!*
Come Join The Band!

The Morris Plains Community Band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 in the Morris Plains Borough School Band Room, 500 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ. Please enter from Mt. Way and park in rear. Follow signs.

Young people, if you enjoy playing your instrument and would like to play more and get better, come join us!

Older musicians, if you enjoyed playing in the band years ago and miss it, get that horn out of the closet and blow off the dust!

For more information, please contact us at 973-984-2505 or larryripley@verizon.net

The music is easy and fun - patriotic songs, marches, holiday music, pop songs, show tunes.

No audition required.

Ages 12 to senior citizens.

About the Director:
Larry Ripley is a retired musician and band leader.
Educated at Berklee College of Music, his career included recording sessions, musical theater, concerts, nightclubs and social events. Larry is the third member of his family to lead a community band.
TYLER URRUTIA RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT HONORS

Boy Scout Troop 39 of Morris Plains recently held a Court of Honor to recognize its 82nd Eagle Scout: Tyler Urrutia of Morris Plains.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. It requires completing a service project that demonstrates project planning and leadership. For his Eagle project, Tyler led a team that designed and installed a new mural under the New Jersey Transit Morris Plains Station Train Bridge on the northbound side of Speedwell Avenue.

The Eagle project is one of the last steps toward becoming an Eagle Scout. With Troop 39, Tyler has also hiked and backpacked extensively, camped more than 100 nights in tents, and canoed hundreds of miles on rivers in both the United States and Canada. He attended summer camp and went on high adventure trips, including a weeklong canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park. Tyler, a junior at Morristown High School, has also volunteered hundreds of hours in his community with the troop.

Troop 39 meets every Monday at 7:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Morris Plains. For more information, visit the troop’s website at www.troop39bsa.org

ANTHONY TRISCH, Mayor

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Sponsored by the VFW and Morris Plains Fire Department

Daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, Nov. 29th

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

ANNUAL SANTA TOUR

The Morris Plains Fire Department
Is bringing Santa to your street.
So when you hear the siren -
It’s all the kids he wants to meet!

Watch and listen for Santa

On Dec. 20th, 2015
Beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Morris Plains

Tyler’s completed mural at the Morris Plains railroad underpass
TRIVIA

AUGUST 2015 TRIVIA ANSWER
The farm that cartoonist, Homer Davenport owned in Morris Plains in the early 1900’s was called “Red Gables”.

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 8th

7:00 p.m. at the Freight Station
(merchant Block)
Bernard Brothman, Coordinator

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING and Santa’s Arrival

Sunday, December 6th

6:00 p.m. at the Freight Station
(In the event of inclement weather, Santa will arrive at the Community Center)

MORRIS PLAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Opening Day

Saturday, Dec. 5th
10:00 a.m.

Borough School Gym

The Borough Council will hold its ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING on Thursday, January 7th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 531 Speedwell Avenue

ALL are invited to attend.
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 15th, 2016. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com