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Borough of Morris Plains

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PLAYING BALL
WITH THE
HARLEM WIZARDS

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**REORGANIZATION 2017**

**MAYOR’S ADDRESS**

Good evening:

Tonight, my fellow citizens, at our reorganization meeting, we report very briefly on the results of our efforts in 2016 and some of our plans and goals for our town in 2017.

As always, we continue to work on improving our Borough infrastructure. In 2016, we paved Keenan Place, Burch Drive, Merchant Place, Borough Terrace and the Library parking lot. We also completed the Central Avenue Sidewalk Project. With a $160,000 state grant, Mountain Way from Glenbrook Road to Granniss Avenue was paved.

The final phase of the Speedwell Avenue Beautification Project was completed. We now have lights and brick pavers the entire length of Speedwell Avenue; from Jaqui Avenue to Hanover Avenue. We are very pleased with the improved appearance of Speedwell Avenue. We believe our downtown is one of Morris Plains’ greatest assets. It is important to keep it viable. So I ask all citizens to buy local. Our businesses support our sports teams and schools.

In 2017, we plan to pave Old Wood Road and the next phase of Borough Terrace. In addition and in cooperation with PSE&G, our roads must be returned to their quality condition after PSE&G’s extensive digging to upgrade their gas pipes.

Our most ambitious project was the construction and completion of Davenport Village; 56 units of affordable housing on Rt. 53. Special recognition goes to the committee who headed up this project: Sue McCluskey, Jason Karr, Sal Cortese, Leon Hall, Gail Fraser, George Coogan and Dave Banks. We believe this will solve our Round 3 State obligation for affordable housing. However, I caution all of you; the courts of New Jersey have the final say not just for Morris Plains but all towns in New Jersey.

We are still in litigation over Round 2 of affordable housing with M&M Properties which owns the property located between the railroad and Rt. 53. M&M has at least another year of clean-up to do. We will continue to strive to make the best decisions for the people of Morris Plains on this site. The M&M site and Round 3 affordable housing obligations are our most challenging issues in 2017.

Investors Bank recently opened on Speedwell Avenue with a nice building replacing three tired properties. We are hopeful that Coco Pazzo will shortly have new owners as we continue to monitor...
Roseland Properties is constructing high-end apartments at 250 Johnson Road. This project is well on its way to completion and is expected to be finished this summer. Arbor Terrace, a senior and assisted living facility next to the Provident Bank, is well on its way to completion by May 2017.

This year the Morris Plains Police Department earned its 3 year re-accreditation from the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police. To receive accreditation the department must adhere to a whole host of strict standards. Of the approximate 470 police agencies in New Jersey, only 162 are accredited. Of those receiving the initial accreditation, only 8% of the police agencies earn re-accreditation. CONGRATULATIONS to our police department on this awesome accomplishment!

Also in 2016, we started collecting recycling weekly. The results are very positive. And with a $75,000 grant we installed a generator at the Community Center so we can use the Center in case of emergencies.

We are thrilled that the Morris County Freeholders entered into a long term Management and Use Agreement with the State on additional Greystone property to be controlled by the Morris County Park Commission. Also, the Freeholders have announced that a new access road off West Hanover Avenue to Central Park will be under construction this fall. This will relieve Central Avenue of traffic during events held at Central Park. We also thank Assemblyman Jay Webber for his efforts in moving the State so that the road project would proceed.

In 2016, we made improvements to our pool and tennis courts, and in the coming months we will be making improvements to our Little League fields. This year we enjoyed the music of our new Community Band under the direction of the “Music Man” himself, Larry Ripley! Please call Larry at 973-984-2505, if you wish to be part of the band they are certainly a fun group!

Our Garden Club could still use volunteers to help plant the flower tubs along Speedwell Avenue. If interested, please call the Clerk’s office at 973-538-2224. Our Beautification Committee, Municipal Alliance, Teen Center, Library, Museum, Kids Helping Kids Program, Clean Communities Program, Recreation, Farmers' Market, Community Center, Blood Bank and Model Railroad Club continue to flourish.

On behalf of the Borough Council, I wish to thank the Borough employees, all of the many, many volunteers on boards, commissions, committees, and all citizens for your devotion to our town. Your Governing Body thanks you for your support and we always welcome your thoughts.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS YOU!

Mayor Frank Druetzler

BELOW: Councilwoman Suzanne McCluskey and Councilman Jason Karr take the Oath of Office.

ABOVE: Honoring our Volunteer Fire Department and its officers.
The Morris Plains Municipal Alliance sponsored a Pokemon League Cup on January 8th, 2017 at the Morris Plains Community Center. Pokemon Trading Card Game (TCG) League Cup tournaments are smaller events that give players an opportunity to earn Championship Points and practice their skills for larger competitions. It is a great way for kids who get their start at the local Sports Page in town, where they can play every Sunday from 11:30 - 1:30 in the BattleZone, to move to the next level of competition. It’s a great activity for both adults and kids to play -- and for some can be a great family activity!

Special thanks to tournament organizer Rob Weidemann, Sports Page owner Darrell Giordano, judging and computer admin team consisting of Mike Martin, Nancy & Joe D’Andrea, and Drew Guritzky, donation coordinator Tom Weidemann, and set up / clean up crew Arjun Khadse, Jeremy Gibson, Robby Weidemann and Jessy Weidemann! Thank you also to Mayor Frank Druetzler and Councilwoman Sue McCluskey for kicking off the event and cheering our competitors on.

Players competed in a full day event, with the top players moving on to "Top Cut" in each division. Overall there were 58 players - 7 Juniors, 14 Seniors and 37 Masters.

And the top players were:
Masters (ages 16+): Bob Zhang and Jeremy Gibson
Seniors (11-15): Sam Ertman, William Thomas
Juniors (under age 11): Hunter Smith and Mira Giunta

But perhaps the best win of all was for the community - Attendees generously donated 10 bags of food and $150 to the Interfaith Food Pantry!!

We look forward to seeing even more residents out at the next League Cup event later this spring - so head on over to the Sports Page where beginners through Masters can get introduced to or practice the game on Sundays.

NEW LOCATION FOR INVESTORS BANK
Visit their brand new building at 453 Speedwell Avenue.
Presents

Rotary Club of Morris Plains
Presents

8th Annual
Derby Night at the Races!

Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Ukrainian American Cultural Center
60 North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981

Join us for a fun night that includes an “All You Can Eat” dinner with beer, wine, soft drinks, video cast horseracing and prizes.

For Ticket Information and Details, Contact Larry Ripley at larryripley@verizon.net or 973-539-4598

This event raises money for the Morris Plains Rotary’s many community projects. Annually, the Morris Plains Rotary the Child ID and Third Grade Dictionary Project; scholarships for students at Borough School and Morristown H.S.; Medical Alert units for Morris Plains and Morris Township residents; Uncle Frank’s Fishing Contest; Halloween Window Painting; Labor Day Block Dance; and Holiday Tree Lighting.

Morris Plains Rotary provides support to community organizations and events such as Little League, Garden Club, Memorial Day Parade, Morris Minute Men, Police, Firefighters, Employment Horizons, Community Blood Drives, Interfaith Food Pantry and many others.

The Rotary Club has funded or built many facilities to improve the community, including the Pavilion at Community Park, Scoreboards for the Little League Fields, Playground at Simons Park, Computer for Morris Plains Library, Clocks for Morris Plains Borough Hall and Merchant Block Corner, Flag Pole Bases and American Flags for Speedwell Avenue, Bench for 9-11 Memorial, and the Community Bulletin Board on Merchant Block Corner.

Morris Plains Rotary supports international programs such as Polio Eradication, Gift of Life Children’s Heart Surgeries, and the Rotary International Youth Exchange.

NEW BUSINESS: CHIPOTLE

Morris Plains welcomed new business neighbor, Chipotle, to the Kohl’s Shopping Center in December. Marketing Strategist, Lauren Mancuso says that Chipotle is “Happy to be part of the Morris Plains Community.”
World War I -- 100th Anniversary

The Morris Plains Museum is planning an exhibit to highlight the brave men from our town who fought in World War I. It is the 100th Anniversary this year. The exhibit is currently being worked on and the members would love to include any items you might consider lending. Photos, discharge papers, newspaper clippings, or other family items would be welcome, to honor those in your family that served. We already have Leslie Magazines from the period and some of the association members have already brought in items such as a WWI army uniform, an army hat, and a helmet. The grand opening of the exhibit will be announced.

OUR BRAVE BOYS –SAMPLE EXHIBIT ITEMS

The Morris Plains Museum is open on the first, second & third Saturday of each month from 10 until 2 pm.

We are always eager to welcome new members to our Association and those interested are invited to attend one of our general meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at 11 am.

The members of the Morris Plains Museum Association work hard to fulfill our mission statement - to collect, preserve and exhibit information about the history of our town. For more information please call our town historian Dan Myers at 973-267-3303.
CUB SCOUT TROOP 233

Morris Plains Cub Scout Troop 233 (boys grades 1 through 5) kicked off the autumn with a brand new 1st grade Tigers troop, led by Joe Stavisky! Thanks Joe! Plans are currently underway to form next year’s Tiger troop! Let us know if you would like to be included.

Troop 233 spent time cleaning Simons park, working at the Recycling Center, playing Bingo and having their annual Christmas party. They also wrote thank you letters to our troops serving our country. STEM oriented meetings included designing and building Stomp Rockets! The annual 2016 Fishawack Cubelos Day at Camp Somers was extra fun and included activities such as zip line, rock climbing, archery, ropes course and boating.

Big plans are underway for Cub Scouts springtime fun, including participating in the Pinewood Derby! For further information on how to get your little guy on the Cub Scout or Boy Scout journey, please contact Scoutmaster Steve Eck, stephen.eck@njit.edu or den leader Shannon Mulvey, shannonmulvey@optonline.net.

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT BENEFITS THE BAT POPULATION OF MORRIS PLAINS

The Eagle Scout Service Project is the opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership while performing a project for the benefit of a religious institution, a school, or his community.

With those criteria in mind, Michael Swanson, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 39 of Morris Plains, recently completed the requirements for his Eagle Scout service project by designing and leading the construction and installation of five bat houses throughout three of the local Morris Plains Borough parks.

In the words of Michael, the bat houses were designed to “help increase the population of bats in our area and help to reduce nesting in homes. This project not only encourages species growth, but is also greatly beneficial in the field of insect control.”

The rectangular boxes resembling mailboxes are constructed of wood and painted black. They’re mounted on top of 16-foot wooden posts that are secured in the ground with cement. Providing safe cover for the natural insect predators, each one of the houses has the capacity to hold up to eighty bats at a time.

Michael planned and led the implementation of this project by developing and submitting a detailed proposal and directing a team of Scouts and volunteers in the execution. A total of 279 service hours were dedicated to the completion of this auspicious community service project.

Curious to view these bat houses? Two of the houses are located in Watnong Park and two in Community Park, while the other one can be found in the Morris Plains Community Garden.

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: http://troop39bsa.org.
Superintendent’s Corner

We have much to be excited about and proud of as our 2016-17 school year progresses. The Morris Plains School District has been diligently working to accomplish the tasks necessary to provide our students the full benefits of a quality education. Students continue to learn the core academic subjects, while learning the fundamental technological, critical thinking, and character education skills needed to succeed in a rapidly changing society.

At the start of the school year, each of the grade levels met and identified a list of standards specifying the skills and abilities required for student success in our school district. The responses were thoughtful, comprehensive and educationally sound. Over the past few months, we have been working with teacher representatives at both schools to break down the responses to develop a list of six core competencies.

The six competencies listed below will serve as a great resource for us moving forward. They will guide our planning, preparation, decision-making and goal-setting. Our teachers have posted the competencies in each classroom, and they have reviewed them with their students. Our student learners have positively embraced changes to the curriculum, and they are effectively utilizing the new instructional resources as we continue to expand their repertoire of skills.

A Morris Plains Student Will:

1. Develop perseverance skills. They will work through challenges to complete a task, find inner motivation, pursue interests, stick to a predetermined purpose, and keep their drive and focus. Additionally, they will learn from their failure and accept constructive criticism from peers and teachers.
2. Use and apply knowledge and skills in creative ways to solve novel problems. They will select and utilize appropriate tools and strategies to overcome them.
3. Be able to lead when leadership is needed and be a team player when they need to accomplish a task as a group.
4. Develop empathy. They will value another’s viewpoint, examine their own thoughts, recognize differences and listen carefully. Students will display integrity by holding themselves accountable in all aspects of life.
5. Set specific goals, collaborate, reflect and evaluate best practices to meet those goals.
6. Apply existing technology in creative and innovative ways and seek new technologies when needed.

Board of Education News

January is School Board Recognition Month. Our school board members are elected by the community and represent the public’s voice in public education. This voluntary post requires a significant time commitment. In addition to our own monthly board and committee meetings, there are county meetings and mandated training sessions for school board members.

We thank our Morris Plains Board Members for their service to our schools: Scott Bober, Anthony Galdi, Vice-President Lucia Galdi, Adam Higgins, Shawna Longo, President Maria Manley, Tina Perry, Denise Rawding, and Ken Wilbur. We welcome our community to Board of Education meetings which typically meet the first and third Tuesday of every month.

2017-18 Budget Preparation

We are working intensely on the preparation of the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 school year. In creating the annual budget, we conduct a challenging balancing act between two, often competing interests: providing the resources necessary to maintain excellence in education, while exercising fiscal responsibility in order to minimize the impact on our taxpayers.

Some of the areas the proposed school budget will address include Reader’s Workshop, classroom libraries, reading intervention programs, professional development, and enhancing successful programs and initiatives. A board presentation on the proposed 2017-2018 will be scheduled shortly, and announced on the district website.

20-Time

20-Time is a new program at Borough School based on the corporate practice of giving employees one day a week to work on a project of their choice; giving people the freedom to work on something they are truly passionate about. Ideas such as Gmail and Post-It Notes are just two examples of concepts that were born from 20-Time. This is just what we are giving our students at Borough School - time to work on something they are passionate about. For our sixth and eighth graders, one day per week during each student’s iLab and STEM related arts cycle (for two marking periods) students have had the opportunity to work on a project of their choosing.

We celebrated the efforts of these students as they showcased their 20-Time projects to fellow Borough School students, 20-Time coaches, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members on January 19-20, 2017.

For Morris Plains School Information, Please Visit: [www.mpsdk8.org](http://www.mpsdk8.org)
Morris Plains Public Schools will hold their annual

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING**

on April 4, 5, and 6 at Mountain Way School.

Any parents who have Kindergarten age children should contact Mrs. Cristie Bruhn at Mountain Way School (973-538-0339 or cbruhn@mpsdk8.org) to be added to the registration list. Registration packets and appointment times will be mailed out in March.

Children must be residents of Morris Plains and five years of age on or before October 1, 2017, to be eligible for a September entrance into kindergarten. A birth certificate, proof of residence and health information are required at the registration.

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**VETERAN’S DAY**

Local veterans were recognized and honored on Veterans Day with a special outdoor display and a special breakfast and assembly program presented by the Borough School students, under the direction of teacher Ginny Hussey.
Members of the Borough School Student Council attended a December Borough Town Council meeting to share details of the school's Drug Free Schools Week activities with the Mayor and Council.

**SC Members:** Emily Swope, Shivani Vel, Sam Lewis, Natasha Dhar, Fiona Foley. Their advisor is Ms. Debbie Drake.
MENORAH LIGHTING

New MPBA President: Jim Myers

BASKETBALL OPENING DAY

Rabies Clinic
SENIOR LUNCH & SHOW AT ARBOR TERRACE

Arbor Terrace treated Morris Plains’ senior citizens to a “Gilded Girls Gone Wild” Luncheon and Show on Tuesday, November 15th at the Morris Plains VFW.
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE OFFICIAL

This is a friendly reminder to all residents that snow is coming! Please adopt your nearest fire hydrant and make sure that it is cleared of all snow. Help our fire department help you in a time of need. Thank you!

Residents are reminded to trim trees, bushes, hedges and shrubbery adjacent to sidewalks, and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, so that pedestrians can pass safely. Trees and other vegetative growth located near intersections must also be trimmed in order to provide sufficient line of sight for vehicles and pedestrians. Thank you!

SIDEWALK SAFETY

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Health Buzz – From the Board of Health

Personal Health Records: Is one right for you?

Did you know that every time you see a doctor, visit a hospital, clinic or health care facility a record of your personal health information is kept? Your blood type, allergies, vaccinations, past procedures, all information to help medical professionals give you fast, efficient, treatment. It is known as your medical record, and is part of a provider’s electronic health record.

The Personal Health Record (PHR) is a tool that you can use to collect, track, and share past and current information about your health or the health of someone in your care. Sometimes this information can save you the money and inconvenience of repeating routine medical tests, or getting copies of your health record from your healthcare provider. It gives you easier access to all the information you choose to maintain.

As you are ultimately responsible for making decisions about your health, your PHR can help you accomplish this.

Important aspects to know about a PHR:

- You should always have access to your complete health information.
- Information in your PHR should be accurate, reliable, and complete.
- You should have control over how your health information is accessed, used and disclosed.
- A PHR may be separate from and does not normally replace the medical record of any provider.

A PHR is information about your health compiled and maintained by you. The difference is in how you use your PHR to improve the quality of your healthcare. Having information in your personal PHR helps you maintain all your records in one place.

Common documents to most health records include:

- Identification Sheet – originated at the time of registration it lists your name, address, telephone, insurance and policy number
- Problem List – significant illnesses and operations
- Medication Record – A list of medications prescribed and what you are currently taking
- History and Physical – describes major illnesses and surgeries, significant family history of disease, your health habits, and current medications.
- Consultations – opinions by another physician other than your primary care physician.
- Imaging and X-Ray Reports – describe the findings of these tests.
- Lab Reports – describe the results of tests conducted on body fluids: throat culture, urinalysis, cholesterol level and complete blood count (CBC)
- Immunization Record – documents immunizations given and when.

PHRs can be kept on paper or electronically. There are software applications for personal computers or Internet-based services. Employers, insurance companies, and providers may offer products you can use. Laboratories offer access to lab results and you can download and keep copies on file. There are many options. Research has shown that when consumers actively participate in their own care, the outcomes are better. Use your PHR to assist with decision-making when it comes to potential health conditions, treatment options, costs of treatment, management of chronic conditions, healthy lifestyle choices, preventive actions, and monitoring the accuracy and security of your health information.

The American Medical Records Association has detailed information about PHRs. For more information visit: www.myphr.com.
Happy New Year!

This is my first chance to greet you all as new Director. I’d like to thank everyone who has been so helpful during this transition. An especially warm thank you to Camille Garretson, who will certainly be missed. If I haven’t met you yet, please stop by and say “Hi.”

I’d also like to thank our wonderful Morris Plains Garden Club for decorating our Library for the holidays. And thank YOU if you’ve donated to our annual fundraising appeal. We have so many wonderful things planned, so your donations are greatly appreciated.

As the winter weather can be unpredictable, please remember that if the Morris Plains Public Schools are closed, our Library will be closed also. If it’s snowy on a Saturday, please call the Library at 973-538-2599 after 10:00 a.m. or check our new Facebook page before venturing out.

This season our staff has chosen the following as suggestions for your reading pleasure:

- ‘In Such Good Company’- by Carol Burnett
- ‘The Whole Town’s Talking’-by Fannie Flagg
- ‘Vinegar Girl’-by Anne Tyler
- ‘Born to Run’-by Bruce Springsteen
- ‘Night School’-by Lee Child
- ‘Wrong Side of Goodbye’-by Michael Connelly
- ‘Underground Railroad’-by Colson Whitehead
- ‘Hidden Figures’-by Margot Lee Shetterly
- ‘Hero of the Empire’ – by Candice Millard
- ‘Fates and Traitors’ – by Jennifer Chiaverini

A few reminders:
- Even though April seems a long way off, please mark your calendar for our next Paper Shredding Event – **Saturday April 22 from 9:00am-12:00pm**. As always, it’s $5 for each box or bag to be shredded.

Also, we're always collecting food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Non-perishable items are always needed to assist members of our community.

Bye for now, and stay warm with a good book!
---Mary Ellen---
**Winter/Spring Recreation Programs:**
(pre registration required)
- Tuesday Evening Yoga with Lauren Deodino
- Thursday Evening Yoga with Peg Clark
- Gentle Beginner Yoga with Diane Tartaglia
- Mommy & Me with April Molinare
- Pre Ballet & Tumbling with April Molinare
- Ballet & Jazz with April Molinare
- Drawing (Adult & Youth) with John Darvie
- Painting (Adult & Youth) with John Darvie

**US Sports Institute Spring Programs:**
(pre registration required)
- Foundation Tennis
- Development Tennis
- Tennis Squirts
- T Ball Squirts
- Parent & Me T Ball

**“Kids Helping Kids”**
(pre registration required)
- The Magic of Reading
- Lego Builders
- Spring Crafts

**Senior Programs**
(no fee or pre registration required)
- Adult Book Club with Charlot Lamm
  Every 4th Wednesday at 2PM
  Morris Plains Community Center
- Senior Exercise with Cora Terzo
  Thursdays at 10AM
  Morris Plains Community Center

**MP Residents: Men’s Basketball**
(no fee or pre registration required)
- Thursday, 8:30-10PM
  MP Borough School

**MP Residents: Men’s Soccer**
(no fee or pre registration required)
- Wednesday, 8:30-10PM
  MP Borough School

**MP Residents: Young Adult Basketball**
(no fee or pre registration required)
- Tuesday, 8:30-10PM
  MP Borough School

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**2017 Spring Trips**
The Morris School District Community School is teaming up with Morris Plains Recreation to offer a variety of exciting trips this Spring!

For a complete list and details of Spring Trips being offered and to register online:
www.msdcommunityschool.org

For more information:
973-292-2063

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**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!**
April 8th ~ 9AM
Morris Plains Community Center

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**After School Program at Mountain Way School with Ms. Prisco!**
**Spring Relay Races!**
Mondays: March 13 to April 3
2:50 to 3:50PM
(pre registration required)

For additional information and registration forms, contact the Morris Plains Community Center at 973-538-3455
Monday - Thursday, 9AM - 4PM
or visit us @ www.morrisplainsboro.org
Morris Plains Recreation 2017 Summer Programs!

Summer Program Registration Begins April 19th
Registration Fee Increases May 11th

Informative Flyers & Registration Materials will be available beginning April 14th @ morrisplainsboro.org

The Fun Begins June 26th – July 28th for Grades K-9/Fall of 2017!

Morris Plains Recreation Summer Program News!

Morris Plains Community Park Pool
Pool Booklet & Membership Form available March 1st @ Morris Plains Community Center & www.morrisplainsboro.org

Come Swim With Us This Summer!

Morris Plains Recreation Summer Counselor Employment

Preparations are underway for 2017 Summer Programs!

Applications for Summer Counselor Positions available at the Morris Plains Community Center Monday - Thursday, 9AM-4PM
NY BOTANICAL GARDENS TRIP – APRIL 29TH 2017
Join our bus trip to the NY Botanical Gardens.

What it includes:
- General admission to the NYBG
- A private guided tour of the Gardens via tram
- Admission to Specialty Gardens, Rock and Native Plant Garden, Chihuly Exhibit, and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

The NY Botanical Garden website is http://www.nybg.org/gardens/

Charge is $75/person
The coach will leave Morris Plains at 10 AM and return in late afternoon.
Please contact Kathy or Sue at kmkelly1106@gmail.com or suestrele@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!
2017 HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE & COMPUTER/TV DROP-OFF EVENTS

Saturday, June 3, 2017 &
Saturday, September 30, 2017
at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy

Saturday, October 28, 2017
at Pequannock Valley Park
*9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rain or Shine*

Community Blood Drive Schedule
Upcoming Saturday Dates

March 4 May 6
April 15 June 10

Held at the
Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains
400 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Geoffrey & Elaine Weinman
who were married 50 years on
12/25/16

CONGRATULATIONS
to Cal & Ann Benson who were
married 70 years on
1/30/17
Morris Plains will continue weekly curbside pick-up of recyclables in 2017 - EVERY TUESDAY. Please note there will be NO pick-up on July 4th.
The All Seasons Garden Club is looking for some local volunteers to help with keeping the flower tubs along Speedwell Avenue looking beautiful. This would involve regular watering, weeding, and removing of dead flowers from a planter throughout the months of May to October, and could be done by an individual, a couple, a group or business -- a great opportunity for students to earn "community service" hours! If interested, or if you would like further information, please call Pearl Law at 973-538-8189.

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The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is April 14th, 2017. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com.