“You don’t see many teams like this in Little League.”

This summer, Morris Plains’ 50-70 team journeyed to the State Tournament. Full story on page 4.
The Morris Plains Police Department has been deeply involved in the Opioid Crisis that has been sweeping the Nation and our State. In 2014, every Borough police officer received training and now carries Narcan, an Opioid reversal medication that can be immediately administered when the signs of an overdose are observed. For the last several years, members of the Morris Plains Police Department have also participated in the National Drug Take Back, a one-day program that allows residents to safely dispose of unwanted prescription and over the counter medications. The Department has taken the fight to a new level. Now, rather than only being able to accept medications one day a year, residents can visit the Police Department any time to have an officer assist with the safe destruction of medications that could otherwise find their way into the wrong hands or be discarded improperly.

Through a generous donation by the Inspira Health Network, Chief Jason Kohn obtained 200 Deterra drug deactivation bags. A combination of water and activated charcoal renders the medications placed inside the bag ineffective in a matter of moments. The bag can then be tossed into the trash with no impact to our land or waterways. Stop by the Police Department today and do your part to help fight prescription medication abuse.

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**Tri-Morris Junior Police Academy Graduates**

Congratulations to Tyler Shay, Tyler Bautista, Rebecca Snyder, Jake Gringeri and Jack Keller, Morris Plains youth who recently completed Junior Police Academy Training. MPPD Lt. Michael Koroski is a lead instructor for the program held at the Morris County Police & Fire Academy.

**Happy Retirement!**

The Borough and the Police Department bid fond farewell and send best wishes to Tom Beer who retired from the department after 14 years of dedicated service.

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Morris Plains’ 50-70 team takes third place in Little League State Tournament

By Tom Bergeron

Since the time they played T-ball, their coaches preached one message by asking one question:

What does the “MP” on your hat stand for?

Early on, the boys learned it meant more than just the town they lived in. It was about how they would play the game. And it was about more than just winning.

“You represent yourself, your team, your family and your town,” they were told. “When we play away from Community Park, you are representatives of your community. How you play — and how you act when you are playing — will be the first impression the other team and the other town’s fans will have of Morris Plains.”

The team followed the crushing loss with a scintillating 1-0 victory over Bayonne in a game played over four days due to the summer rain.

Then there was a rematch with Buena. This time, the boys pounded out 18 hits and 9 runs. They eventually ran out of gas in an extra-innings loss, but they made believers out of Buena and their fans.

“You guys just won’t go away,” the fans told coach Rob Cowing. “We weren’t expecting this. Your boys don’t give up. They can really play.”

In the district final, a best two-out-of-three set with Mendham, the boys used timely hitting and overwhelming pitching from Bradley Horan, Max Stahl and Ryan Dodd to triumph. They also proved they could play “small ball,” befuddling Mendham with perfectly timed and perfectly placed bunts. And their defense was stellar. Who records all three outs in one inning at third base? Morris Plains — in the district-winning inning.

In the sectional final, in a best two-out-of-three series with Clifton, all aspects of the team’s skills were on display. Most notably, their never-give-up attitude.

After taking the opener by a single run, Morris Plains was crushed in the second game, falling behind by ten runs in the sixth inning. But there’s something about double-elimination play that brings out the heart of a team.
In the deciding game of the sectional, Morris Plains was behind 8-3 entering the top of the fifth inning. What followed was an inning that will become legendary, as the team put up eight runs to jump into the lead. The biggest moment was the biggest blast of the summer: Bradley Horan’s three-run home run to break an 8-8 tie in what would become a 13-8 victory.

The team’s efforts were a testament to the borough’s rich baseball history. Their run this year was something special, and the residents of Morris Plains rallied around them.

As the summer went on and the titles added up, the number of fans in the stands grew. It wasn’t just parents and siblings and grandparents, but families from around town. Alumni of the team returned to cheer them on. Families still in Little League came to watch. They were joined by Mayor Frank Druetzler and many members of the town council and recreation committee. The Little League president and the Borough School baseball coach made appearances, too.

“To see so many faces from around town come out and support the team was really special,” Manager Pete Horan said. “We’ve played a lot of games in Little League over the years, to cap it with moments that were shared with the community is something the kids always will remember.”

The run isn’t necessarily over. Five of the 13 players are just 12 and thus can return for another year. There’s also the possibility that this is just the start of a new era of baseball in the Borough.

After the run was over, many of the families gathered to celebrate their once-in-a-lifetime moment. Coach Rob Cowing was approached by a man and his son who had followed the team’s efforts online.

“How’d you end up doing?” the man asked.

“We took third in the state,” Cowing said. “It was an amazing run.”

The man turned to his young son, one just learning how to play.

“One day, maybe that can be you,” he said.

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Note: The Intermediate Division of Little League was formed five years ago. The kids play on a field that is bigger than the traditional Little League diamond but smaller than a professional field. It is called 50-70 because the pitcher’s rubber is 50 feet from the plate (not 46 feet as used in Little League) and the bases are 70 feet apart (not the traditional 60).

In other words, it’s for kids who have outgrown the Little League field but are not quite ready for the big diamond.

The outfield fence is deeper, often 250 feet from the plate or more. The added size enables the kids to play more traditional baseball; leading off bases during pitches is allowed.

The division is open to kids 11-13; traditional Little League teams have kids 10-12.

SECTION 1 CHAMPS
The Morris Plains 50-70 baseball team celebrates after winning sectional title. From left: Coach Rob Cowing, Richie Young, Coach Dave Dodd, Ryan Dodd, John Cowing, Patrick McCabe, Matt Hoeman, Max Stahl, Manager Pete Horan, Jared Skelton, Greg Nardolillo, Marc Andreotti, Bradley Horan, Ray McEntee. At bottom: Benji Bergeron
For Morris Plains Residents Age 50 and Over or Under Age 50 with Pre-Existing Condition (and with doctor’s note)

At the Morris Plains Community Center
Saturday, Oct. 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
At “Fast ER”, 130 Speedwell Ave., Morris Twp. (862) 242-8043
Walk-In, October 1st thru 31st
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(must show proof of Morris Plains residency)

FREE and Open to All Morris Plains Residents

“WELLNESS FAIR”
At the Community Center
Exhibitors, Information & Demonstration to Help Your Whole Family to Lead a HEALTHY Lifestyle
(No Registration Necessary)

For Morris Plains Residents Age 50 and Over or Under Age 50 with Pre-Existing Condition (and with doctor’s note)

REGISTRATION DATES FOR ADULT CANCER SCREENINGS AND BLOOD WORK
(Register at Borough Hall)
Sat., Oct. 7 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Questions? 973-538-2224 or www.morrisplainsboro.org

REMINDER to RESIDENTS: Saturday, Sept. 23rd
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Sponsored by Morris County MUA

Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
500 W. Hanover Ave. Parsippany
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)
Safely dispose of household and automotive chemicals, as well as electronics - no cost
Visit MCMUA website for more details on acceptable items www.mcmua.com/sw_hhw_events.asp

MORRIS PLAINS CLEAN COMMUNITIES
~~ Serving Our Community of Caring ~~

Morris Plains wants everyone to take responsibility for their actions and pride in the environment - don't litter, put trash and recyclables in their proper place!

MORRIS PLAINS FCCHA
Five Corners Cornhole Association
Morris Plains Cornhole Tournament to benefit the Morris Plains Police and Fire Department
September 9, 2017
Youth Tournament 4:30-6:30
Adult Tournament 7:00-11:00
Raffle Prizes

$50 Entry Fee
Adult Players 18+

$20 Entry Fee
Ages 11-17
Non-Player - $20
(Includes food, soft drinks and a $10 donation.

Entry Fee Includes:
4 Games Minimum of Play, Food, Refreshments & Music
** Beer available, but not included

About the Event

This event will help raise funds for Morris Plains community building events and upcoming expenditures for needed equipment. A portion of the proceeds will also help fund the Morris Plains Fire Association and Policeman Benevolent Association Scholarship accounts.

For official entry form, visit www.mpcornhole.org or on Facebook see Morris Plains PBA or Morris Plains Fire Dept.

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ROTARY CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS – 44TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST
BUFFET BRUNCH

Sunday, October 1st
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Morris Plains Community Center
51 Jim Fear Drive

Tickets (Available at the Door): Adults - $8  Children - $5 (age 3-12)
For More Info:  www.morrisplainsrotary.org or email:  info@morrisplainsrotary.org

BRUSH PICKUP
SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 28TH AND SEPTEMBER 25TH
For a safer, cleaner street, brush should be placed out for pickup no earlier than 48 hours prior to scheduled pickup date. Branches should not protrude into the path of cars. We ask your cooperation in making brush pickup more efficient by observing the following guidelines:

1. **NO BRANCHES OR LIMBS MORE THAN 3 INCHES IN DIAMETER WILL BE PICKED UP.**
   Only branches, limbs and logs that can be chipped will be collected - due to chipper limits.
2. SMALL LIMBS AND TWIGS should be tied in 1-FOOT ROUND BUNDLES NO LONGER THAN 6 FEET.
3. ALL BRANCHES, LIMBS OR LOGS should be no longer than 6 feet, neatly stacked, all in one direction.
4. VINES AND PRICKER BUSHES must be tied in bundles.
5. STUMPS are to be free of DIRT AND DEBRIS.
6. **NO LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS** are allowed with Brush Pickup.
7. **NO LUMBER, METAL, BUILDING MATERIAL OR FOREIGN DEBRIS** are allowed.

GRASS CLIPPING PICKUP
Pick up is on **Wednesdays** through October 11th. The only material which should be put into COVERED CONTAINERS for these Wednesday collections is GRASS. Please: **NO TWIGS, BRANCHES, LEAVES, STONES OR OTHER MATERIALS.**

LEAF PICKUP
October 16th to December 1st. **DO NOT** put grass, brush, sticks, vines or stones with leaves. Rake leaves to curbside. **DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN BAGS.** Put them in neat piles at curbside.
Fall Recreation Programs

**Book Club with Charlot Lamm**
Fourth Wednesday of every Month
2 PM at the Morris Plains Community Center
September Book Club: Discussion of favorite Summer Reading!

**Senior Exercise with Cora Terzo**
Morris Plains Community Center
Thursday Mornings 10 AM
Beginning September 14th

**NEW Fall PROGRAM!**
**Toddler Boot Camp**
With Stacey Williamson
A beginner program for parent and child to improve balance, coordination and strength while keeping your toddler active!
Begins: Monday, October 16
9:30 AM to 10:10 AM
MP Community Center

For More Information:
973-538-3455
morrisplainsboro.org

**USSI Fall Tennis**
Mondays - 7 Week Program
September 18 to October 30
- Tennis Squirts  Ages 3-5
  4 PM-5 PM  $125.
- Foundation Tennis  Ages 5-8
  5 PM-6 PM  $135.
- Development Tennis  Ages 8-10
  6 PM-7 PM  $135.
- Development Tennis  Ages 10-14
  7 PM-8 PM  $135.
Morris Plains Community Park
Tennis Courts

**Adult Soccer**
Morris Plains Residents
Wednesdays
8:30-10PM
MP Borough School
September-June

**Young Adult Basketball**
Morris Plains Residents
Tuesdays
8:30-10PM
MP Borough School
September-June

**Adult Basketball**
Morris Plains Residents
Thursdays
8:30-10PM
MP Borough School
September-June

**Tuesday Yoga**
with Lauren Deodino
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
18 sessions - $100.
Begins September 12

**Thursday Yoga**
with Peg Clark
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
18 sessions - $100.
Begins September 14
Fall Recreation Programs & Events

**Annual Bonfire**
Saturday, October 28th
6PM - 9PM
Rain date: Sunday, October 29th

**Halloween Parade!**
October 31st
4PM
Roberts Garden

**NEW FALL PROGRAM!**
**Boot Camp**
with Nancy Courtney
September 13 to January 17
(18 sessions)
7 PM to 8 PM
Morris Plains Community Center
Fee: $100.00

**NEW FALL PROGRAM!**
**Abdominal Core Training**
with Nancy Courtney
September 13 to January 17
(18 sessions)
8 PM to 8:30 PM
Morris Plains Community Center
Fee: $50.00

**Let’s Dance!**

*Pre Ballet & Tumbling*
9/14 to 12/7  11AM-Noon  Ages: 3-5
12 Sessions: $65.

*Ballet & Jazz*
9/13 to 11/29  4:30-5:30PM  Ages: 5-6
12 Sessions: $65.
MP Community Center

**Mommy & Me**

September 14th to December 7
10 AM to 10:45 AM
Ages: 18 months - 3 years
Morris Plains Community Center
12 Sessions: $65.

**Gentle Beginner Yoga with Diane Tartaglia**

Wednesdays 10:30-11:45 AM
12 Week Program
Beginning September 13
Fee: $60.
MP Community Center

**Town-Wide Garage Sales!**
October 7th & October 8th!

**Sign up at Community Center by October 3rd**
We hope everyone is enjoying the flower pots along Speedwell Avenue. A big thank you to all the volunteers and businesses that are helping to keep those thirsty plants watered and weeded. With about 95 pots to care for, we could never do it without your help.

We sold delicious baked goods and garden themed stationery at the Morris Plains Farmers Market in June. On September 9th we will be holding another bake sale. In addition to the baked goods, we will be selling handmade Gardener’s Soap. Please stop by and help support our club.

In September we will be kicking off the 2017-2018 season. The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September through May, in the evening. Each month we have different presentations, exchange of ideas and garden tips or a field trip. This is my third year as a member and not only have I learned a lot, but I have met a wonderful group of women and men (yes, the club is not just for women). So if you think that you may be interested in joining or you just want to find out more about our club, please call Lu Ann Totaro at 973-644-4612 or call our club president, Margo Riske at 973-267-7116. We’d be happy to have you join us for a meeting so you can experience the club first hand!

Submitted by LuAnn Totaro

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POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

Poll Workers are always needed during the Primary and General Elections. We encourage anyone interested to please contact June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk at juhrin@morrisplainsboro.org

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SOCcer OPENING DAY

The Morris Plains Soccer Association (MPSA) is excited to kick off the fall soccer season with the annual opening ceremony and parade. Please join us at Simons Park on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am to cheer on our Lee’s Clinic players (3yrs – K) and our divisional teams (1st – 4th grade). There are still limited openings for our program. Please visit www.morrisplainssports.com to register!

MPSA will also be bringing back the third annual “Play 4 the Cure” event, which will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Simons Park. P4tC will help benefit cancer research in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It will include a fun day of “celebrity” soccer games between the kids and Morris Plains “celebrities” (teachers, coaches, board members, etc.)

The MPSA is also looking for new board members to help run our program in the years to come. We have open positions like website administrator, field coordinator, and equipment managers. The time commitment is minimal but the benefit to our program is priceless. Please visit www.morrisplainssports.com or contact MPSA President, Colin Robina (colinrobina99@gmail.com), for more info.

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ALL SEASONS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

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FAMILY DAY

UNCLE FRANK’S FISHING CONTEST

1ST CATCH OF THE DAY!
CONCERTS IN THE PARK
Summer Theatre Kids @ the Senior Picnic
MORRIS PLAINS COMMUNITY POOL
If you’ve been by the Library recently you’ve probably seen our colorful new mural, painted by the Paint the Town program under the direction of Kirsten Rigby. We loved watching the kids paint, and are enjoying the cheerful addition to our entrance.

We have been able to add books to our Family Resource Collection thanks to the generosity of the Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee. This is a collection of books on various topics of interest to parents and families interested in fostering healthy, positive lifestyles. These books are located in the little room past the main circulation desk.

It was a busy summer for kids here at the Library. We had the petting zoo on July 20, our stuffed animal sleepover on July 28, and the Summer Reading Program all through July!

Speaking of children, we all know how important it is to read to our little ones. Join us as we launch our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. It’s a fun way to help develop your child’s early literacy skills. See the Library for details.

Congratulations to Patrick Battagliese, who was the winner of a gift card generously donated by Lovey’s in our Step Into A Story contest. Hope you enjoyed the great food, Patrick!

As we finish up the last bit of summer, relax with one of our new books:
Camino Island – John Grisham  
The Chilbury Ladies’ Choir – Jennifer Ryan  
The Girl Before – J. P. Delaney  
Killers of the Flower Moon – David Gann  
Kiss Carlo – Adriana Trigiani  
Radium Girls – Kate Moore

School Age Kids:
The Bad Guys – Aaron Blabey  
Counting by 7s – Holly Sloan  
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt  
I Survived: True Stories – Lauren Tarshis

Younger Readers:
A Perfect Day – Lane Smith  
Bulldozer Helps Out – Candace Fleming  
How to Dress a Dragon – Thelma Godin  
Poor Louie – Tony Fucile

As always, to keep up with the latest here at the Morris Plains Library, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Have a great Fall.  
Mary Ellen Albin
BOY SCOUT TROOP 39 JOINS MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Boy Scout Troop 39 remembered those who gave their lives fighting for freedom. The troop participated in Morris Plains’ annual Memorial Day service and parade on May 27th. Assistant Scoutmaster Michael Enderley, and Patrol Leader Matthew Enderley, both of Morris Plains, laid a wreath during the remembrance service held in Roberts Garden before the parade. Troop 39 members also marched in the parade.

Boy Scout Troop 39 has been an integral part of the Morris Plains community for 87 years. Founded in 1930, the troop has a long history of service to Morris Plains and the surrounding area. The troop has produced 88 Eagle Scouts, whose projects have added trails and other amenities to local parks, beautified community thoroughfares, made the outdoors accessible to those with disabilities, and much more. In addition, the troop regularly participates in community service projects in Morris Plains, including town cleanups, working at the recycling center, grilling hamburgers at the Community Bonfire in October and providing canoe rides at Family Day in June.

Troop 39 has a full calendar of events, including camping, hiking, canoeing and whitewater rafting. Meetings are held every Monday at 7:15pm at the Presbyterian Church in Morris Plains. Boy Scouting is open to all boys ages 11-17. For more information, visit the troop’s website at: www.troop39bsa.org

NEW OFFICERS HONORED AT THE WATNONG VFW POST 3401

At their installation of Officers held in May, Chip Leiher (left) was sworn in as the new Commander of the VFW and Pel Esposito (right) was sworn in as the President of the Auxiliary. Also recognized were outgoing officers, James Auriemma and Donna Ramirez.
Anastasia Bergeron earned her Girl Scout Gold Award this spring. The honor is the highest and most prestigious achievement in scouting.

Open only to high school students, the award challenges girls “to change the world” with a self-sustaining leadership project of at least 80 hours.

For her award, Anastasia taught a number of week-long public speaking and project presentation courses to middle school girls in both Morris Plains and Newark.

A video summary of her workshops appear online.

“I’ve always felt the ability to speak clearly and confidently in front of a crowd is one of the best attributes a young girl can have,” Anastasia said. “Being able to help other young girls find their voice and learn how to project as a leader was a wonderful experience.

“My goal was to help inspire the next generation of female student-leaders in Morris Plains and beyond.”

Anastasia was one of 42 high school students in Northern New Jersey to earn their Girl Scout Gold Award this spring. According to Girls Scouts of America, fewer than six percent of all scouts earn the honor.

The Girls Scout Gold Award was just one of several honors Anastasia received from her workshops.

Anastasia was awarded First Place in New Jersey for the Dove Right On Girls scholarships presented by Shop Rite and Dove to students “who are doing extraordinary things in their community.”

Anastasia also was one of two Morristown-area students to earn a P.E.O. Star Scholarship, recognizing high school senior women who “demonstrate outstanding leadership, academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.”

Anastasia earned additional honors for her scholastic career.

She was honored with the Stephen B. Wiley Scholarship Arts award by the Morris Educational Foundation, was one of three area winners of a scholarship from the Women’s Club of Morristown and a co-winner of the Kenneth Pfeil Morris Plains Education Association Scholarship.

Last fall, Anastasia and three other Northern New Jersey high school students founded SuiteGirl, a nonprofit aimed at teaching the next generation of female students the skills they will need to reach C-suite level jobs.

The group has held three events, where students participated in question-and-answer panel discussions with accomplished professional women in the state.

Anastasia is a 2017 graduate of Morristown High School, where she served as school president. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

FAR LEFT: Betty Garger, CEO; Anastasia Bergeron; Charisse Taylor, CPO, Alejandro Martinez, COO
LEFT: Garger, Anastasia, Taylor

In honor of National Police Appreciation Week, members of the Borough School Student Council sent these “sweet” appreciation bags to each officer of the Borough Police Department with a message of THANKS!
Morris Plains Museum
51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey  07950
973 - 683 -1089

OUR PROUD AWARD WINNERS FOR 2017

Pictured are Museum President Ronnie Kelly, Maryclare Myers, award winner Cara DelGaudio, and town historian Dan Myers.

This year the Helen H. Schnack Memorial Scholarship went to Cara DelGaudio, a graduate of the Morris Plains Borough School and Morristown High School. Cara has volunteered weekly at the Morris Plains Museum since the eighth grade. We wish her great success as she continues her studies at Rutgers University.

Katherine”Kate” Webster was the recipient of the Kenneth C. Cramer Award. Kate has been a very helpful volunteer at the town museum. We all wish her luck as she starts at Morristown High School next fall.

Pictured below are town historian Dan Myers, award winner Kate Webster and Maryclare Myers.

HONORING WORLD WAR I

The Morris Plains Museum will continue their interesting and popular exhibit on World War I through the Fall, so there’s still time to see it.

WE’RE LOOKING FOR HELP! CALL FOR INFORMATION.

The Morris Plains Museum is open on the first, second & third Saturday of each month from 10 until 2 pm. The Morris Plains Museum Association fulfills our mission statement - to collect, preserve & exhibit information about the history of our town. For information call town historian Dan Myers at 973-267-3303.
I would like to thank the school community of Morris Plains for your partnership and support. We are fortunate to have exceptional staff, wonderful students, involved parents, hardworking volunteers, and a community that believes that our highest priority is the education of our children. This summer is a particularly busy time as we address the referendum projects at both Mountain Way and Borough School. Work on the Borough School auditorium renovation project and partial roof replacement, along with the LED classroom lighting replacement project at both schools, began on June 22nd. Please follow the district’s Facebook and Twitter pages to chart our progress with the aforementioned projects. We expect the auditorium to be ready in time for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

I would like to share with you some highlights we have recently accomplished in the district throughout the 2016-2017 school year:

- Developed a list of student competencies to guide our instructional practices.
- Successfully passed a $6.2 million bond referendum for capital projects.
- Built a security vestibule at both Mountain Way and Borough School.
- Updated district security plan to accommodate best practices.
- Implemented STEM, Innovation Lab, and a Character Education Advisory program at Borough School.
- Applied for Future Ready NJ certification for both Mountain Way School and Borough School.
- Received generous support from our supportive school-community organizations, such as the Education Foundation, HSA, and Municipal Alliance.

For the 2017-2018 school year, our goals will continue to center around innovation, improving instructional practices, and supporting all the needs of our student learners. Specifically, we will implement a district-wide Reading Intervention Plan, which includes diagnostic tools, staff training, etc. In addition, we will transition to Reader’s Workshop, launch a Digital Communication Lab for Borough School students funded by the EFMP, and continue to provide staff training to support the integration of technology, literacy, and math. We also plan to extend, and expand our basics skills program in language arts literacy and math through grade eight. This will afford our most at-risk general education students an added layer of support throughout the school year in those two subject areas. Lastly, we will departmentalize our fourth grade teachers, allowing students to meet with subject area experts in language arts, math, and science/social studies.
BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY:

Recently, a poll by Schooldigger ranked Borough School the 15th best NJ Middle School out of 706 schools. The rankings were based on 2016 PARCC scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Algebra I test scores released by the NJDOE.

We take great pride in our ranking; the second highest Morris County school ranked. In two years, the district has moved from a ranking of 107 to 15.

MPSD RECEIVES NJSPRA AWARD:

On June 1st, the Morris Plains School District was informed that we won the NJSPRA Communication Award recognizing our effective communication to the public. According to the NJSPRA website, “NJSPRA’s School Communication Awards recognize outstanding print and electronic collateral material in New Jersey educational communications programs. The primary role of the professional school communicator is to disseminate important information about schools and school districts to all constituencies. NJSPRA developed the School Communication Awards competition to recognize professional school communicators in New Jersey – and the products they develop – that go above and beyond to disseminate important messages to their publics.” We are very proud to receive this award, and we will continue to maximize our communication tools and strategies.

RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS:

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the Morris Plains School District accepted, with regret, the retirements of Mountain Way nurse Marcia Goldberg and Borough School Media Specialist Joyce Peslak. We are thankful and grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students and school community they have served throughout their tenure. We wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their personal journey.

SUMMER WISHES:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for entrusting us with your children each school day. We truly appreciate the tremendous support of the Morris Plains School Community, which values exemplary programs for students.

On behalf of the Morris Plains School District, I extend best wishes for a safe, healthy and relaxing summer. Please don’t forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WeAreMPSD

Best,

Mark Marcu
Some adults incorrectly assume that the vaccines they received as children will protect them for the rest of their lives. Generally this is true, except that:

- Some adults were never vaccinated as children
- Newer vaccines were not available when some adults were children
- Immunity can begin to fade over time
- As we age, we become more susceptible to serious disease caused by common infections (such as flu and pneumococcus).

Vaccines are an important step in protecting adults against serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. They are especially important for those with chronic conditions, who are more likely to develop complications from certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

CDC recommends that all adults get the following vaccines:

- Influenza vaccine every year to protect against seasonal flu
- Td vaccine every 10 years to protect against tetanus
- Tdap vaccine once to protect against tetanus, diphtheria plus pertussis (whooping cough).

This is especially important for adults who will be around infants, as children are not vaccinated before 6 months of age. Pertussis outbreaks have been identified in some states recently.

- Other vaccines you need as an adult are determined by factors such as age, lifestyle, job, health condition and vaccines you have had in the past. Vaccines may include those that protect against shingles, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, Hepatitis A and B, chickenpox (varicella), measles, mumps and rubella.

An easy to read chart listing all 2017 recommended immunizations for adults by age is available online on the Center for Disease Control and Preventions website: [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html) with general information and contraindications for each vaccination.

For specific questions you may have you can contact the Public Health Nurse, Cindie Bella, at 973-631-5491.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Adult Immunization Schedules United States, 2017
The Morris Plains Community Band is planning to perform a concert in Roberts Garden this fall. The concert offers an opportunity for the public to hear and enjoy a true American tradition – the town band, consisting of friends and neighbors, performing a concert in the town park.

On Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 (rain date – 9/20), the concert, entitled “Broadway Bound”, will feature music from the “Great White Way” from over the years.

The Community Band, a “reincarnation” of the original Morris Plains Cornet Band which existed from 1888 to 1953, was re-established in October, 2015 and currently has 45 members. As the band is a “no-commitment, no-obligation” volunteer organization, it normally features about 30 musicians at concerts. The band is made up of musicians ranging in age from 12 to 75, and includes middle and high school students, recent college graduates and older musicians, many of whom haven’t played since their own school days.

The mission of the band is simple: To provide an opportunity for people to enjoy playing music, and to perform our music for those who would enjoy it.

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 (or the Morris Plains Community Center during the summer months) some Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00. Enter the school’s rear parking lot from Mountain Way and follow the signs (and the sounds), and come join the band!

We Need Your Support!

While we are an all-volunteer organization, we do have expenses and need equipment. To learn more about the Morris Plains Community Band or to make a donation, please contact Larry Ripley at 973-984-2505 or larryripley@verizon.net.

Students from the Morris Plains Co-Op Play School spread sunshine through song to the seniors at Sunrise Senior Living in Morris Plains.

Andy Jensen has been volunteering his time at the Recycling Center almost every Saturday for countless years. Andy spends his time preparing scrap metal pieces for the scrap metal bin. Recently our DPW workers built a work bench to make Andy’s job a little easier for him.
ANNUAL MORRIS PLAINS 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE
September 11, 2017 at 10:00a.m.
at the Morris Plains 9/11 Memorial, corner of Rts 53 & 202
in conjunction with students from Borough School along with our Emergency Services Personnel and VFW Post 3401. All are welcome!

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
BOB & CAROLYN DUBEE

Bob and Carolyn Dubee celebrated 50 years together on June 30th, 2017. Happy anniversary!

MAY TRIVIA
Can you name the “Three Lovely Lady Judges” shown at the Morris Plains Apple Pie Baking Contest?

ANSWER:
Left to Right: Dennis Donero, Jerry Walz, Larry Ripley

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
TOM & PENNY JONES

Happy anniversary, Tom and Penny!

Left: A photo of Tom & Penny taken on July 1, 1967, their wedding day. They just celebrated their 50th anniversary!
Right: Tom and Penny that was taken during the evening of June 30, 2017, the day just before their 50th anniversary.
The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is October 13th, 2017. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com.