EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST!

Little League OPENING DAY
On April 19, 2018, Roseland Residential Trust, a subsidiary of Mack-Cali Realty, held its ribbon-cutting for Signature Place, a 197 unit luxury rental community at 250 Johnson Road. Roseland has transformed a previously vacant office space into a park-like residential setting with one and two bedroom homes complete with an array of resort-style amenities, like a movie theater and golf simulator, outdoor pool, tennis court and dog run. The facility includes 30 affordable units which will assist the Borough in achieving compliance with its State of NJ Housing Element and Fair Share requirements.

Welcome new Morris Plains neighbors!

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**PLANNING BOARD NOTICE**

The Morris Plains Planning Board is required to update the Borough's Master Plan every ten years. Our last update was done in October of 2008. The Plan is divided into chapters including, but not limited to: Major Problems and Objectives related to Land Development, Changes in Assumptions, Policies and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Circulation (Street) Plan, Open Space Community Facilities, Recycling and Land Use (Zoning) Recommendations.

The Board plans to hold a public input session to which all are welcome.

**Borough Master Plan Update - Public Input Session**
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:00 am to 11:30 am
in the Borough School Auditorium
500 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains

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**CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

During the next few months, the Borough will commence with resurfacing:
Diana Road, Drake Way, Washington Avenue, Malapardis Road, Court Road, second phase of Watnong Drive, and Memorial Field parking lot.
This was the third year of MPMAC Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem solving program, sponsored by the Morris Plains Municipal Alliance. This hands-on program engaged 24 children in grades 3 through 8 on four different problem-solving teams, including a vehicle problem, classic literature, and theater. The participants conceived amazing ideas, made group decisions, built the solutions themselves and presented them at the tournament.

All four teams were successful at the NJ Odyssey of the Mind Skylands Regional Tournament on March 17th, where over 90 teams competed. Our teams’ scores continue to get better and better year over year, and Morris Plains had some of the highest relative scores in certain categories. All of our “OMers” did a tremendous job and represented Morris Plains well.

Our program relies on volunteer parent coaches, Laurie Cama, Mark Foldy, Nehal Joshi, Robert Lawson, Theresa Pagan, Mike Pagan, and Mary Rydstrom, as well as parent chaperones throughout the 5-month season and at the tournament. Special thanks to volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Tournament judges: Jorge Mejia, Laurie Schorno, Hector Schorno, Amy Van Buskirk and Jilliane Zimmerman. Our 2018 t-shirt logo was created by Daniel and Joseph Cama.

Twenty children in grades 4 through 7, performed “Peanuts!” on March 27th at the Morris Plains Borough School Auditorium as part of the Stage Fun program. For ten Saturdays, children in this theater arts program learn the music, choreography and dialogue to perform a theater production. This engaging program is sponsored by the Morris Plains Municipal Alliance, and is under the talented Direction of actor, director and playwright, Joe Wohlgemuth, with Musical Direction by actor, musician, composer, and local music teacher Matthew Pomel. Look for the next Stage Fun production in the fall of 2018.
MORRIS PLAINS FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday, June 9th - October 13th, Rain or Shine
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parking Lot - Merchant Block, next to Model RR Club Building
Sue McCluskey, Market Manager (973-267-1488) sue@dellacon.com

Welcome Back to the Morris Plains Farmers Market for its 18th season. The Farmers Market will open on Saturday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and continue every Saturday through October 13th.

The Market welcomes our newest vendor, Jarred Fresh, a family owned business taking pride in providing fresh and delicious jarred foods with produce prepared from local farmers markets. Gourmet salsa and specialty salads, sauces and dips handcrafted in small batches, including hummus, black bean salad, chickpea salad and their newest Aji Hot Pepper Sauce.

Ort Farms: Fruits & vegetables, sweet corn, honey, herbs, flowers, jellies, jams, sauces, preserves, antibiotic-free, hormone-free milk, eggs, cheese. Frozen grass-fed beef steaks, and burgers from cattle raised on Ort Farms. Also, frozen pork from local farms.

Mara’s Country Desserts: Fresh fruit pies, key lime pie, cheesecakes, carrot cake, cookies, quiches, brownies. Have you tried their chicken pot pie? Don’t miss it.

Hoboken Farms: Frozen meat & fish, fresh artisan breads, croissants, scones, tomato sauce, focaccia, olive pockets, fresh mozzarella cheese, frozen chicken pot pies, steak, and a variety of ravioli.

Pickles, Olives, Etc.: pickles, pickled vegetables, olives, olive oil, stuffed grape leaves.

Krakus Deli, LLC: freshly prepared stuffed cabbage, pierogi, cabbage soup, cookies, sausages, kielbasa, babka. Try the grilled kielbasi at the market.

Flying Alpaca Farms – yarn spun from local alpacas, alpaca wool products

Returning for a second year is Paolo’s Kitchen of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Paolo’s Kitchen will bring freshly prepared, homemade, healthy & convenient frozen Italian specialties including eggplant rollatini and vegetable lasagna, using vegetables from local farms. Try their samples – and their salad dressings.

Special Events – posted on weekly email alert

Craft Fairs: July 14th & September 8th

Pictured above are members and helpers from Girl Scout Troop 96120. We thank them, and all of the Boy and Girl Scout troops and school groups who gave their time and hard work to “Keep Morris Plains CLEAN”

In honor of Earth Day 2018, many sports and school groups have been out cleaning our streets and public grounds. Please help them by keeping our community litter free. Use trash containers or take your litter home to dispose of.

- Ellie Falco, Clean Communities Coordinator
You Can Help Us to Keep Morris Plains a Safe Community

The Morris Plains Police Department is excited to announce a new surveillance camera registration program called “Share the Cam.” The goal, as in many other municipalities in Morris County, is to create a safer community through a partnership with our business owners and residents. This program is voluntary and your information will be strictly for the use of the Morris Plains Police Department. We will never share your information with anyone else.

We recognize that many residents and business owners are investing in video surveillance camera systems to monitor their homes and/or businesses. So why not share that sense of security with our patrol officers and detectives? Simply by registering your camera systems with our Police Department, you are assisting our officers with easily identifying any camera system that may or may not have captured criminal activity, or those responsible for it, in your neighborhood. The decision to allow a member of the Morris Plains Police Department to view your security camera footage or to provide a copy of the footage to the Department is entirely up to you. You will never be required to provide any footage by registering your security camera system but, the “peace of mind” knowing you helped with possibly identifying the person(s) in your neighborhood should be satisfying enough.

If there is an incident in your neighborhood that may have been captured on your security camera system, you will be contacted by a member of the Morris Plains Police Department and asked to allow us to view the footage in an attempt to identify any investigative leads. Registering your camera system with our Police Department DOES NOT provide us direct remote access with your system. If it is determined that the footage from your surveillance camera system is of any evidential value, you will be asked to provide a copy of the footage to the Morris Plains Police Department for investigating purposes and/or we can assist you with obtaining the copy.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Any video footage collected by the Morris Plains Police Department relating to criminal activity may be used in the investigation and as evidence during any stage of the criminal proceeding.

2. Video footage provided to the Morris Plains Police Department is reserved for official use only.

3. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent or employee of the Morris Plains Police Department through the “Share the Cam” program.

4. When necessary, the Morris Plains Police Department will contact you directly using the information you have provided to obtain surveillance video footage.

5. You agree not to release any video footage or still images to the media or through social media without consulting the Morris Plains Police Department.

Registration Forms are available at the Police Department or Online at: www.morrisplainspolice.org

Completed forms may be submitted by email, fax, regular mail, or in person.
E-mail: rmckay@morrisplainsboro.org / fax: 973-538-3382 / address: 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950
After a long, long winter, it's finally spring. Thanks for being patient with our many weather closures this year. As I write this, it's National Library Week. I can't think of a better time to introduce everyone to our new website. You can use the website to get to the library catalog, check on the status of your items, use our databases, or just see what's new at the Library. The address is easy to remember also: www.morrisplainslibrary.org.

We'd like to thank everyone who made our annual fundraising appeal a success. As you know, we rely on your generosity, and you never disappoint us. Thanks also to everyone who came out for our spring shredding fundraiser. It was a little earlier than usual. In case you missed it, we've already scheduled our next one for October 20. As always, it's from 9:00 – 12:00 rain or shine, here at the Library.

Join us for Story Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. Everyone 5 and under welcome. You can also join our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. It's a fun way to help develop your child's early literacy skills. Sign up any time and start on your way.

Our annual Petting Zoo is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 from 10-11:30. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Morris Interfaith Food Pantry. We hope to see you and your little ones there.

As the weather gets warmer, enjoy one of our new books:

- **The Girls in the Picture** – Melanie Benjamin
- **The Jersey Brothers** – Sally Mott Freeman
- **Promise Me, Dad** – Joe Biden
- **Killing England** – Bill O'Reilly
- **How to Fall in Love with a Man Who Lives in a Bush** – Emmy Abrahamson
- **The Temptation of Forgiveness** – Donna Leon
- **I Was Anastasia** – Ariel Lawhon
- **Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions** – Mario Giordano
- **Night Moves** – Jonathan Kellerman
- **I'll be Your Blue Sky** – Marisa De Los Santos

**For our school age readers:**
- **Hello Universe** – Erin Entrada Kelly
- **Bunjitsu Bunny Jumps to the Moon** – John Himmelman
- **Middle School: From Hero to Zero** – James Patterson
- **Surrender the Key** – D.J. MacHale

**And for our younger readers:**
- **Shake the Tree** – Chiara Vignucchi
- **Hooray for Birds** – Lucy Cousins
- **Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel** – Adam Rubin
- **My Pillow Keeps Moving** – Laura Gehl

As always, to keep up with the latest here at the Morris Plains Library, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and now check out our new webpage.

Enjoy the spring weather!
Mary Ellen Albin www.morrisplainslibrary.org

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**NEW HOURS FOR TAX OFFICE**

The Tax Collector’s window at Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, will now be open for service:

**Monday through Friday**

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Lunch closure - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

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**YARD WASTE NOTICE**

Please note that there will be:

**NO SPRING LEAF CLEAN-UP**

Homeowners who have leaves from the Fall may:
1) Place leaves in plastic trash bags and place at curb for Thursday pick up (no more than 3 or 4 bags per week, please)
2) If you have lawn service, have them remove leaves from your residence
3) Use leaves as mulch/compost

**GRASS CLIPPINGS** will be picked up on

Wednesdays through October 10. Place GRASS CLIPPINGS ONLY in covered containers. NO twigs, branches, leaves or other materials.

Brush pick-up will be the weeks of May 29, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24. See Borough website for more “Trash and Brush Pickup” details
Who’s Ready for Summer?
Morris Plains Community Park Pool News!

Check out our Pool Website!
Keep updated on what's new this year as well as:
Pool membership registration and booklet, closing announcements and extended hours,
Friday night activities and events, Marlin's Swim Team news and so much more!
Visit: www.morrisplainspool.com

What’s Happening at the Pool …

Swim Lessons
Sign up at the Pool
beginning June 25th
Pool Membership required
for Swim Lessons

Friday Night Events!
Check Pool Website for
Friday Night Dinners & Events
Friday night events are for
Pool Members.
Pool Members are
permitted guests provided they
purchase guest passes at the gate

Enjoy new
playground equipment
and
Additional Shade areas

Save the Date!

Splash Party!
Saturday, July 14
6:30 PM

Join friends and
neighbors for
a night of fun, food & entertainment

Senior Aquasize

Every Wednesday in July
Beginning July 11th
Noon to 1:00 PM
No Fee
No pre registration required
Join in the Fun!
Morris Plains Recreation
Summer Camp

“Super Kids Camp”
June 27 to July 31 9 AM - Noon
Morris Plains Community Center
Grades K - 5; Fall, 2018

“Teen Camp”
June 27 to July 31 9 AM - Noon
Teen Center House, Route 53
Grades 6 - 9; Fall, 2018

Senior Picnic
Save the Date!
Morris Plains
Community Center
Thursday, July 12th
Please join us!

Morris Plains Recreation
Summer Enhancement Programs
Openings still available in many exciting Programs!
Red Cross Babysitting Course
Basketball, Speed & Agility Clinic,

Summer Fun

Art Programs, Mentor Assisted Programs,
Tennis, Golf, Science Experiments...
New...Just Desserts! Beginning Bakers!
Rigby’s Palette! and...so much more!

Morris Plains Recreation
Summer Concert Series at
Roberts Garden

July 1 Swing Tones
    (rain date July 2)
July 8 Plains Blues Band
    (rain date July 9)
July 15 Millie’s Closet
    (rain date July 16)
July 22 Heartbreakers
    (rain date July 23)
July 29 Stank Tank
    (rain date July 30)
Aug 5 Harmony
    (rain date Aug 6)
Aug 12 MP Community Band
    (rain date Aug 13)

Bring a lawn chair!
Concerts are from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Family Day!
Saturday
June 30
5:00 PM - Fireworks
9:30 PM!
Great Food, Fun and Entertainment!
Morris Plains Community Park
Rain date: Sunday, July 1

Art in the Park

New this Summer!
Enjoy local artist artwork on display at
Roberts Garden during Summer Concerts!
For more information:
kmlceahey@gmail.com
This year, Morris Plains Basketball Assoc. donated some old basketball uniforms in partnership with Morris United. They traveled a long way - and found a new home in the Philippines. Pictured here is the soccer team who is proudly representing Morris Plains' maroon and white!

MORRIS PLAINS JERSEYS FIND NEW LIFE AROUND THE WORLD

MORRIS PLAINS SWIMMERS COMPETE AT YMCA NATIONALS

Submitted by Coach Tina Cecala

Senior swimmers, Meghan Crowley and Dominic Palumbo recently competed at the 2018 YMCA Short Course National Championships that were held April 3-7 at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. There were 1467 swimmers attending the meet along with 204 teams representing 28 states. Sixteen teams represented New Jersey at this extremely competitive meet. Meghan Crowley, 18, has been a competitive swimmer for the Greater Morristown YMCA for 12 years. She qualified for this meet in the 100 yd. breastroke. Dominic Palumbo, 18, qualified in the 200 yd. breastrobe and has also been a competitive swimmer for the Greater Morristown YMCA for 12 years. To qualify for a swim meet of this status is an outstanding achievement. Their hard work and dedication to the sport of swimming has contributed to this exceptional accomplishment. Meghan began swimming at the age of 4 and Dominic at the age of 6 and both have been long time members of the Morris Plains Marlins Swim Team where they began their swimming career. As the Head Coach of the Marlins at that time, I had the privilege of coaching them for many years as they developed into fine young swimmers. Dominic will be attending Georgetown University in the fall. Meghan, at this time, is undecided as to her college choice. We wish them all the best in their next phase of life.

SENIORS KEEP FIT & FABULOUS WITH MORRIS PLAINS RECREATION
“Swing Tones,” Morris Plains’ Newest Band Premiers at Arbor Terrace

“Swing Tones,” a traditional American 17-piece swing jazz band that plays music of the 30’s and 40’s, gave its premier public performance recently at Arbor Terrace Assisted-Living facility. Made up mostly of members of the Morris Plains Community Band, “Swing Tones” plays songs by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other great band leaders of the Big Band era.

After several months of rehearsals, the group is planning to perform regular “Big Band Dance Parties” at area senior residences as well as a concert at Roberts Garden Park in Morris Plains on July 1st.

“Swing Tones” is one of three bands in the Morris Plains Community Band program, the other being “Harmony”, a 5-piece oldies vocal band performing songs from the mid 50’s to the mid 70’s.

The Morris Plains Community Band is looking for more members. We are a concert band of about thirty members, and would like to grow even larger. So if you play a band instrument – or you used to play in a band, come and check us out! Our music is fairly easy – about middle school level, and consists of traditional concert band music such as patriotic songs, marches, light classical, Broadway and movie themes, holiday music etc.

There is no audition, cost, commitment or obligation. Our members join us for rehearsals and concerts whenever they are available or wish to. The player that attends a few times a year is just as welcome as those who come every week. This is all about having fun playing music!

The Morris Plains Community Bands are 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 any of the Morris Plains Community Bands, 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 Community Center some Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00.

Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Celebrates 50 Years of Handbell Music at the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

“The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Program was established in 1968 as a memorial to the Rev. Joseph Walsh, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains for more than 30 years. The bell choirs today, as they have for 50 years, bring the message of Christian love to others through “ringing praise with joy”. A concert was held at the church on Sunday, May 6th, bringing together alumni members of the choirs, including 3 members of the first choir, as well as all of the past bell choir directors. The free concert was presented in appreciation of the community’s generous support over the past 50 years.

Be sure to watch for summer performances of the Morris Plains Community Band, Swing Tones and Harmony Vocal Group at Family Day, Sunday Concerts at Roberts Garden, Community Pool Splash Party and more!
FAREWELL WINTER

Many thanks go out to our Dept. of Public Works staff, led by Joey and Ben Signorelli, for all of their effort in clearing the snow and removing tree debris throughout the many brutal storms in the Borough this winter.

Tree fort built by the Johnson and Azzara families on Sun Valley Way after the massive snowstorm in March.

Photo credit: Ben Signorelli

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MASTER KOH HOSTS MAYOR’S CUP 2018

Students of Master Koh’s Morris Mixed Martial Arts School showcased their tae kwon do skills at their Annual Mayor’s Cup Tournament in March. A portion of the event proceeds were generously donated to our local Morris Plains PBA.
Morris Plains Museum
51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950
973-683-1089

Now Hear This!

The Morris Plains Museums special World War I Exhibit will close on November 11th, 2018. The next few months will be your last chance to view amazing artifacts on loan from local residents that are over 100 years old.

Be Part of Our Next Exhibit

The museum would like to invite residents to display their personal collections, photographs, art work or other items that may be of interest to our community.

We would plan the display to open after mid-November. Please call Dan Myers at 973-267-3303 to discuss your items or for more information.

A Very Big Thank You

We have two new donations to the museum that are now on display. The Museum Association thanks Mary Scripture for donating nine lovely antique post cards and Eleanor Barbanes for a very interesting booklet published by the Ladies Aide Society of the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church in 1926.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN!
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.
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

This year has once again moved at a very rapid pace! After four Nor’easters in March, and 12 weather-related adjustments to the school schedule since December 14, I am excited that spring has arrived. This change in season means warmer weather is (hopefully) on the way, and it also means that we have just a few months of instruction left with students. We have continued to have numerous fantastic events in our school community; including the Science Fair, parent education programs (sponsored by the Municipal Alliance), Kindergarten/Fourth Grade Reading Buddies, Read Across America celebrations, the Borough School drama Shrek Jr., and coming soon, Art Night, and end of year celebrations.

The preliminary 2018-2019 school budget was approved at the March 27th board meeting. The proposed budget maintains current class sizes, programming, and K-8 transportation. In addition, the budget includes enhancements to our instructional programs, educational resources, and learning spaces. A digital presentation of the final 2018-2019 budget is available on the main page of our district website.

Board of Education News

At the March 27th board meeting, the 2018-2019 calendar was revised and approved. You can find the revised 2018-2019 calendar at www.mpsdk8.org.

On Friday, March 16th, the district accepted a $7K donation from the Morris Plains Home and School Association (MHPSA). The donation, combined with the $8K donation from the Morris Plains Basketball Association, will fund the Borough School gym floor renovation project which is scheduled to begin this summer.

Referendum Update

The District continues moving forward addressing the previously approved referendum projects. The window replacement and exterior door replacement projects at Borough School are scheduled to start shortly. Additionally, the hallway floor replacement project at Borough School is scheduled to start this summer. These are the final projects listed in the referendum.

Strategic Planning for Modern Learners

On March 20th and March 24th, members of the MPSD Strategic Planning Council, comprised of MPSD administration, Board of Education members, staff, parents and community members came together for strategic planning. The meetings were led by education consultants from The Madison Institute. During the sessions, participants examined and identified current strengths, challenges, and opportunities; reviewed district data (including 366 responses to our Strategic Planning survey), determined a desired future for our District; identified a 2023 vision; and formulated goals that will guide our strategic planning. The MPSD administrative team will now take on the task to develop action plans for each of the district goals that will be at the forefront of the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

MPSD Spotlight District At Future Ready NJ Summit

The Morris Plains School District had the honor of serving as the spotlight district, presenting at the Future Ready Schools-NJ North Summit on February 22th. We highlighted our involvement with the Future Ready certification process, showcased our Future Ready practices, programs, and initiatives, and we discussed our shared vision and community partnerships. In addition, we
showed a video that highlighted our innovative programs, our outstanding teachers, students, and administration, and our Future-Ready vision. The video can be found on the district website, under “Headlines” at www.mpsdk8.org. The spotlight shines brightly on the Morris Plains School District!

Arbor Day Celebration
Morris Plains owns the honor of having been designated a Tree City 41 years ago. Anyone who lives in town can appreciate how the town came to have this distinction. It’s a beautiful place to live and explore. Each year, Mountain Way celebrates these beautiful trees and all the amazing things that come with them through their annual Arbor Day Assembly. The children sing songs, draw pictures and share time with many members of the town council, MP Shade Tree Commission, All Seasons Garden Club and Mayor Frank Druetzler. It’s not every child who gets to spend time and hear words of wisdom from their town’s Mayor!

In addition to the assembly, each child is given a sapling to take home as a way to continue Morris Plains’ legacy as a Tree City. Please take the time to plant and carefully raise this tree.

PARCC Update
Next month, Borough School will be conducting their annual state assessments in language arts literacy, mathematics, and science. This state mandated assessment tests students in grades three through eight in language arts literacy and mathematics, while the NJASK tests our fifth and eighth grade students in the subject area of science. This year, the testing window for the PARCC will begin on May 9th. Please do your part at home by ensuring your children are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast each and every morning of testing.

Traditionally, our students have outperformed their peers in PARCC at the state level across every grade level. We work hard as a district to focus on student achievement and growth through ongoing professional development, data analysis, implementation of district-wide coaches, state of the art resources, and curricular programs that promote 21st century learning.

Borough School Graduation
The 8th grade graduation will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 7:30PM in the Borough School Auditorium.

Do You Follow @WeAreMPSD?
If you don’t currently follow MPSD on Twitter, please consider doing so. Our staff and administration tweet throughout the day, giving our followers a window into the classrooms and the learning experiences of the students.

Each school year, our eighth graders are treated to a two night, three day excursion to our nation’s capital, Washington, DC. While on the trip, our Borough School eighth graders have an opportunity to visit monuments, museums, the Capitol Building, and a number of other area attractions.

On behalf of the Morris Plains School District, I extend best wishes for a safe, healthy and relaxing close to the school year and upcoming summer. I look forward to continuing our collaborative partnership as we move forward on our course towards excellence. Great things are happening in the Morris Plains School District!

All my best,

Mark Maoz
This past February one of our long time members, Ruth Mills, passed away. Ruth was instrumental in the Garden Club's donation of the statue in front of Borough Hall and coordinated various activities during her membership. Ruth will be very much missed by all.

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Gardening is a lifelong learning experience, and even the most seasoned gardeners are learning all the time—it seems there's too much to know. Just begin somewhere and take it one season at a time. The wonderful thing about gardening is that there's usually room for do-overs. A good place to start would be joining our Garden Club.

The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September thru May, in the evening. If you are interested in joining or you just want to find out more about our club, please call Lu Ann Totaro at 973-644-4612, our club president, Margo Rishe at 973-267-7116 or check out our new website: Allseasonsgc.org. We'd be happy to have you join us for a meeting.

Health Buzz – From the Board of Health
Spring Clean Your Health

Spring is in the air! It's time for some spring cleaning but no brooms and dustpans are needed. Spring clean your health with these quick and easy tips:

- Schedule screenings and doctor appointments. Life is busy but you should still make an annual routine appointment to see your doctor.
- De-clutter your medicine cabinet. Dispose of any expired medication or medication that is no longer needed.
- Allergy-proof your home. Wash all linens and blankets and wipe all smooth surfaces with a damp cloth.
- Clean your pantry and fridge. Get rid of anything in your pantry and fridge that could make reaching your health goals difficult. Stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables.

Some potential springtime ailments include seasonal allergies, asthma, the common cold, Lyme disease and sports injuries.

- Asthma can also flare up in the spring, triggered by air temperature change, pollen, insect repellants, dust, and cleaning chemicals. Remember to use your peak flow meter to check your asthma control.
- Spring and fall seasons are peak times for the common cold, which is easily spread from person to person. Remember to wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Ticks also appreciate the change in weather and become active during the spring season. Protect yourself against Lyme disease by using tick repellant, wearing long sleeves and pants in wooded and grassy areas, and performing tick checks after you have been outdoors.
- Spring sports include baseball, lacrosse, golf, and track and field. Use caution when returning to sports and activities by giving yourself extra time to warm up and cool down.
- Stay healthy during the spring season by being informed.

For more information, visit: www.acmc.com/healthwellness

ALL SEASONS GARDEN CLUB
SPRING 2018 UPDATE

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THE MORRIS PLAINS REIMER RECYCLING CENTER will be CLOSED ON Saturday, May 26th Due to the Annual Memorial Day Parade

The Next Morris County HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY is Saturday, June 9th 9 am to 2 pm Morris County Public Safety Academy 500 W Hanover Ave Parsippany Please note: E-Waste (Consumer Electronics) are no longer collected at these events. Visit www.mcmua.com for further details.

WHEN? WHAT? WHERE? HOW? Now there’s a handy online trash and recycling tool available to answer residents’ questions about recycling in the Borough. You can also get an app for your smartphone. For more info, visit: https://app.my-waste.mobi/US/NJ/Morris_Plains
Meritorious Award for Christopher Cornine

MPPD Patrolman Christopher Cornine was honored at the 46th Annual Valor and Meritorious Awards Celebration presented by the 200 Club of Morris County. He was recognized for his actions on December 19, 2017, at approximately 1:15 a.m.

On that date, Ptl. Cornine identified a vehicle in the area of Hanover and Speedwell Avenues in Morris Plains, with a registration tag that was not assigned to that vehicle. When Ptl. Cornine attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop, the driver accelerated and fled.

The pursuit continued into Morris Township where the driver ultimately lost control and crashed into a telephone pole on Hanover Avenue. There were two people in the vehicle and they fled on foot. The driver was found hiding in a garage in Morris Township shortly after the pursuit and the passenger was apprehended the following morning when he showed up at his place of employment.

When officers searched the vehicle, they recovered two handguns, one of which contained dum-dum bullets. This hollow-point bullet is an expanding bullet that has a pit or hollowed out shape in its tip, often intended to cause the bullet to expand upon entering the target in order to increase penetration and cause far more damage.

It is believed that the driver and passenger had committed at least 13 armed robberies in five counties.

We commend Ptl. Cornine for his keen observations and quick actions which ultimately resulted in the capture of these criminals. Job well done!

Higgins Headed to West Point

Timothy Higgins, son of Ted Higgins and Carole Soder of Morris Plains, has received an appointment to the Class of 2022 at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Higgins is scheduled to graduate from Chatham High School this June, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society and Tri-M International Music Honor Society. He has also achieved Eagle Scout Rank with Chatham Boy Scout Troop 8.

Timothy is pictured here with Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen at the nomination ceremony.

Happy 50th Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS to our neighbors, Dennis & Theresa Garnier, who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 17th.
32nd Annual Morris Plains MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Saturday, May 26th

9:00 a.m. - Ceremony at Roberts Garden
9:30 a.m. - Parade Begins!
Military Units, Marching Bands, Clowns, Animals, Town Organizations & more, and plenty of other surprises in store!

This year’s Grand Marshal is
- JACK VAN ORDEN -
  MP Fire Dept. Volunteer for over 50 years

The Parade begins at Roberts Garden, then heads south on Mt Way, to a left at Rosedale Ave., and another left turn onto Speedwell Ave. to head toward downtown. Parade continues to Route 53 and ends at the Watnong VFW.

All are Also Welcome to Attend the VFW Post 3401 Remembrance Ceremony on Monday, May 28th, 11:00 a.m. (45 Tabor Rd)

David Dodd Achieves Eagle Scout Rank
(At left with Mayor Druetzler) Morris Plains resident and member of Boy Scout Troop #173, David achieved his award by completing a project at the Parsippany Presbyterian Church, Hearts & Hands Preschool. David led his fellow scouts in building a pollinator garden so that the children at the school could enjoy learning about nature and gardening.

Rosemary Strelec Retires After 33 Years of Service as School Crossing Guard
(At right with fellow crossing guards and her grandchildren) The Borough congratulates and thanks Rosemary for her service and dedication to the safety and welfare of our community’s children. We wish her a very Happy Retirement!

Jim Totaro Celebrates 100 Years!

On March 4, friends and family of Jim Totaro celebrated his 100th birthday (actually February 15th) at Calandra’s Restaurant. Pictured are his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. His younger sister (95 years young) is pictured to his right.

Originally from Hoboken, Jim raised his family in Clifton, then moved in 2001 to Morris Township to live with his daughter. Five years ago, they all happily moved to Morris Plains.

An electrician by trade, Jim was never one to stay still. After retirement, Jim kept busy with several different part-time jobs – from running a Zamboni machine to being a Mr. Fix it for a cosmetic firm. Jim still enjoys crossword puzzles, checkers, domino’s and card games. Happy 100th to Jim!
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