THANK YOU
MAYOR
FRANK
for 32 years of
the Memorial
Day Parade!
SENIOR PICNIC 2018

ART IN THE PARK

“HARMONY” BAND
AT SUMMER SPLASH PARTY

MILLIE’S CLOSET
AT ROBERTS GARDEN

“SWING TONES” BAND
AT 4H FAIR - CHUBB PARK
Students of the Borough School proudly carried posters in this year’s Memorial Day Parade showcasing the ten men from Morris Plains who lost their lives in World War I, World War II and Vietnam. They also constructed a wonderful float emulating the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. There were 40 Gold Stars on it; each one representing 10,000 soldiers, totaling the over 400,000 who died in WWII. Our Hometown Heroes were shining in these stars.

The school’s parade unit also celebrated “Rosie the Riveter”, the catchphrase that represents all women war workers. While men fought on the battlefield of WWII, over 18 million women filled the civilian and defense positions created as the country shifted to wartime production. The marching “Rosie’s” walked proudly reminding us of their contribution in history.

Finally, the 3rd grade students at Borough School, along with the Morris Plains Beautification Committee, planted a Rose Garden in the center of town below the town clock. The satellite “Rosie” Garden was planted in conjunction with a national campaign to plant Rose Gardens throughout the United States in recognition of the contributions of women and their pivotal role as Rosie the Riveter. Initially, there were inaugural gardens planned for 15 State WWII Memorials. These gardens were to serve as the backbone of a national network of Rosie the Riveter Memorial Gardens and act as “living” memorials. After the announcement of these planned gardens, many organizations began to join in planting smaller gardens. Currently there are 36 Rose Gardens in the nation. Our garden was the first one planted in New Jersey! The goal of the movement is to have at least one garden in every Congressional District in the nation by the 75th anniversary of WWII in 2020. Our garden, in the 11th Congressional District, joins with all of theirs to acknowledge and celebrate the legacy of women. An assembly was held at Borough School in May in recognition of the “Spirit of ’45” campaign. Present was Eleanor Otto, Spirit of ’45 Day Spokeswoman, 98 years old - America’s longest working Rosie the Riveter.

We have a 98-year-old “Rosie” living right here in Morris Plains! Evelyn Carroll worked at the US Hammered Piston Ring Factory in Sterling, NJ for seven years at $12 per week, manufacturing the piston rings that were needed for the planes flown by the man she would eventually marry after the war. Evelyn was honored at the Rose Garden planting ceremony.

The Boro appreciates the effort made by the school students, under the guidance of teacher, Ginny Hussey, and helping us to recognize the awesome contributions made by our Hometown Heroes and Rosie the Riveter. They are true role models that will hopefully inspire future generations to come.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
Morris Plains Beautification Committee, for funding the garden and assisting with the planting
MPSHA, for funding the bandanas and the gloves for planting
Borough School Student Council, for funding the materials for the parade float
First Rate Landscaping, for providing the truck for the parade float

“We hope our Garden will inspire other schools to participate in this national program to educate our children about the values and achievements of America’s ‘greatest generation’ so that they can continue to preserve their legacy of courage, shared sacrifice, ‘can do’ attitude, and service to community and country.

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Ginny Hussey, 3rd Grade Teacher
Morris Plains Borough School
In 1985, the NJ Fair Housing Act provided for the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to develop affordable housing compliance numbers for NJ municipalities on a regular schedule. First Round rules were established for 1987-1993. Second Round rules were established for 1993-1999. But since that time, many legal challenges have been made to the rules and to COAH’s authority, which resulted in the Third Round rules ultimately being left to the NJ Court system to determine. Only now, in 2018, are those rules finally being established.

LITIGATION IN MORRIS PLAINS

In the summer of 2012, M&M Realty Partners purchased the 63-acre Pfizer property on the west side of Route 53. At a combined meeting of the Borough Council and Planning Board, M&M presented a “conceptual plan” to develop the site. The plan envisioned a mixed use of approx. 500 apartments, condominiums and townhouses plus about 100,000 square feet of retail space on a property that was not zoned for either residential or retail use at that time.

The Borough responded with a list of proposed changes for M&M to consider. Among them were fewer housing units, less retail space, a larger front yard setback from Route 53 and better site aesthetics at the rear of the complex. In early 2013, M&M responded by filing a “Builder’s Remedy” lawsuit against the Borough and the Planning Board, alleging that the Borough had not fulfilled its low and moderate income housing requirement under the NJ Fair Housing Act and the relevant COAH regulations. M&M asked the court to allow them to construct 800 housing units of which 295 would be low or moderate income housing. The affordable housing advocate organization “Fair Share Housing Center” also entered into this suit. In early 2014, we received notice that an additional Builder’s Remedy suit was filed by JMF Properties which had acquired a 28-acre property on The American Road where they also proposed to construct housing. (A Builder’s Remedy suit, if successful, allows a developer to construct housing at a much higher density than would normally be allowed and without regard to existing zoning laws, if the developer’s plan includes a ‘substantial’ affordable housing component).

In 2013, Morris County Superior Court ruled that the Borough fell short of our affordable housing requirements under Rounds 1 and 2 rules. The Court’s opinion was that we were 73 units short of a 144 unit obligation. The judge then appointed a Special Master to review our housing plan and to modify any existing zoning ordinances to allow M&M to build residences at the Route 53 property, as well as to establish the number of affordable housing units that the Borough would be required to construct to meet the ‘yet-to-be-determined’ Round 3 requirements of the COAH regulations.

The Court did not allow credit for the fact that the Borough had acquired property and had plans in place to construct a 100% affordable housing development further north on Route 53, stating that the project had not progressed far enough at that point. Since that time, construction of Davenport Village (with 56 units of affordable housing), Arbor Terrace (with 10 Medicaid bedrooms) and Signature Place (with 30 units of affordable housing) has been completed. These 96 units are credited toward our Third Round COAH obligation. It was ultimately determined by the Court that our total Third Round obligation is 205 units. In our small Borough with approximately 2200 total homes, our affordable housing obligation for all three rounds is 349 units.

Although there was an existing deed restriction on their property which prohibited residential development, the Court granted M&M permission to remediate contamination at the site to bring it to DEP standards. Once that remediation process is deemed complete, M&M may begin construction of 434 units of housing, including 139 townhouses and 295 apartments, along with 15,000 sq. ft. of retail space and one hotel with approx. 150 rooms. The apartments will include 73 low or moderate income units.

An agreement has also been reached with JMF Properties to construct 281 units of housing on their American Road site. They plan to build a 125-unit building of rental apartments as well as 60 condominiums and 96 townhouses. The apartments will include 50 low or moderate income units. A majority of the housing on this property will be age-restricted (55+) living.

FINAL SETTLEMENT REACHED

After close to 6 years of proceedings through the courts and the Special Master, working with the two developer’s attorneys as well as the Fair Share Housing Center, the Borough submitted a revised housing plan that satisfied the court’s requirements. The final settlement was reached on June 29, 2018, when Superior Court Judge Maryann Nergaard entered a Judgement of Compliance and Repose effective for the Borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HEFSP) until July 2025.

Municipalities throughout New Jersey are reaching similar settlements now that Third Round obligations are finally being established by the state’s court system. Due to the ability for developers to use the Builder’s Remedy as leverage for constructing high density market rate housing, New Jersey will be experiencing quite a bit of development in the coming years. Morris County communities are no exception. Many of our neighboring communities will be facing similar development. While we are concerned and disturbed by the amount of development that is being imposed across the state, we are relieved that our affordable housing obligation will now be fulfilled through 2025. We will move forward and do our best to see that these pending new developments have a positive impact in our community.
Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste - you name it, and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey’s greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that’s why we’re all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up after it’s dirty.

As a resident, business, or other member of the NJ community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water:

**Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides**
- Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions
- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer
- Look into alternatives for pesticides
- If you use fertilizers or pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to apply them correctly.

**Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products**
- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or work place, make sure you store or dispose of them properly.
- Read the label for guidance
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives.
- Recycle used motor oil
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the location of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

**Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains**
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.
- Remember to obey local laws to clean-up after your pet (on public and private property) and dispose of solid pet waste promptly and properly.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**Prescription Drug Box Installed at County Government Center as Part of Opioids Battle**

Residents now have an additional option for properly disposing of unused or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs. A new Prescription Drug Drop Box has been added by the Morris County Sheriff’s Office to the lobby of the Morris County Administration and Records Building, which is located at 10 Court St. in Morristown, directly across from the Morris County Courthouse. The new drop box is available to the public during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note that needles, lances, inhalers, liquids and ointments are not accepted at the drop box.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM OUR RECYCLING CENTER**

Unfortunately we are not able to accept hardcover books for recycling at this time. Please visit [www.newlegacybooks.com](http://www.newlegacybooks.com) for other local book drop locations where you can now take hardcover books for reuse/recycling.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.
BRUSH PICKUP

SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 24TH
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-FT 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 10th. 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 15th to December 3rd. DO NOT put grass, brush, sticks, vines or stones with your leaves.
Rake leaves to curbside. DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN BAGS. Put them in neat piles at curbside.

ALL SEASONS GARDEN CLUB

SUMMER 2018 UPDATE

We are in full swing caring for the flower tubs that line Speedwell Avenue as well as maintaining the memorial
garden on the side of the library. We are so appreciative
of the volunteers that help us plant, weed and water
the tubs – a big thank you to all of you!

We ended our programs last April with an excellent
presentation on growing and caring for Irises and
Peonies. We all received Irises to plant in our own
gardens. Additionally, one of our members had
heirloom Irises from a family farm that she was willing
to share with her fellow members. This is just one of
the perks of being a member of the club – we not only
share gardening tips and friendship, but plants and
seeds as well.

At our May dinner, we installed a new club president
– Kathy Kelly. We look forward to her enthusiasm and
new ideas for the 2018-19 season.

The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each
month, September thru May, at 7pm. 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, or Kathy Kelly at 973-538-5829. You can also
check out our new website: Allseasonsgc.org. We’d
be happy to have you join us for a meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS
CONCERNING THE EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

Residents should be aware that the presence of the
Emerald Ash Borer has now been confirmed in Morris
County. The Ash Borer has killed many millions of Ash
Trees across the United States - devastating entire
forests. The Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission
recommends that residents who have Ash Trees on their
property should have them evaluated by a licensed tree
care professional, to determine whether the trees should
be removed or treated to prevent infestation. All Ash
Trees are at risk of infestation, which will potentially kill
the trees.

A list of tree professionals can be obtained by contacting
the NJ Board of Tree Experts at 732-534-0982 or
njtreeexperts@gmail.com

For information on identifying the Ash Tree and
recommended actions, please visit:
https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/pdf/EABH
omeownerRisk.pdf; or
www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov

If signs of the EAB are found, please contact the NJ
Dept. of Agriculture at 609-406-6939
Alert MorrisPlains

Morris County has moved to a new emergency alert system called AlertMorris. In our town, it is called AlertMorrisPlains.

With AlertMorrisPlains, you can receive emergency alerts by email, text, phone, or whatever method of communication you prefer.

Sign Up for free at:

If you were a member of the County’s old notification system, Everbridge, your information was forwarded to AlertMorrisPlains. But we ask that you register again, so we are sure to have captured everyone in the new system.

Alerts on Social Media
Morris County’s social media alert accounts on Facebook and Twitter, @MCUrgent, have also changed their names to @AlertMorris. Get updates from OEM and multi-jurisdictional emergency alerts through your favorite social media platform!

If you’d already signed up for @MCUrgent, there’s nothing to do - you’ll see @AlertMorris in your Twitter and Facebook feeds. Otherwise, follow @AlertMorris today!

Smart911
AlertMorris Plains also automatically signs you up for Smart911 which is an important and free emergency 9-1-1 call component for those jurisdictions (including Morris County) whose 9-1-1 center utilizes this product.

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

Got Drugs?

NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

October 27, 2018
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

STOP & SHOP
ROUTE 202, LITTLETON RD
MORRIS PLAINS
All Prescription & Non-Prescription Medications

VOTE

Tuesday, Nov. 6th
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Community Center

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING LAWN SIGNS

In a few months the General Election and the political season will be upon us. Citizens are reminded that political signs should be placed on private property only, and for the period of 30 days before the election, and removed within 3 days after. The placing of political signs is not permitted on municipal properties and in street right of ways. The “right of way” is the area within approx. 10 feet of the curb.
Skylands RSVP of NORWESCAP is pleased to announce a new location for SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counseling for Medicare beneficiaries in Morris Plains!

Skylands RSVP has been coordinating the SHIP program in Morris County for over 25 years. We have 20 trained volunteer counselors available in locations throughout the county who provide free, unbiased information, counseling, and education on Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, Medigap and related topics to help improve the lives of all beneficiaries. The volunteers help beneficiaries make informed health insurance decisions; assist beneficiaries resolve enrollment and claim problems; and help those with low income to apply for assistance programs to help with medical and prescription costs.

Beginning in September, three counselors will be available to counsel at the Morris Plains Community Center. We are also working with senior living facilities in Morris Plains in hopes of expanding the locations where Medicare beneficiaries and their families can meet with counselors.

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, oversees the administrative responsibilities of the SHIP (e.g. reporting forms, funding distribution), as well as the technical and training aspects of the program (e.g. Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, Long-Term Care Insurance, etc.).

Funding for the SHIP is provided under a federal grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). SHIP is a national program, with counseling available in all 50 states.

For more information on SHIP Medicare Counseling program, or if interested in becoming a SHIP Counselor, please contact Morris County SHIP Coordinator, Nancy Hess, at 973-784-4900 ext 3501.

The mission of Skylands RSVP is to provide opportunities for individuals 55 and over to make a difference in their community through volunteer service. RSVP is part of Senior Corps, along with Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions. Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that supports service and volunteering programs to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement. Skylands RSVP is sponsored locally by NORWESCAP, Inc.

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**ROBOTY CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS – 45TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, October 7th
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](http://WWW.MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG) or Email: [INFO@MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG](mailto:INFO@MORRISPLAINSROTARY.ORG)
With the help of his fellow scouts, Matt Enderly, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 39 of Morris Plains, created the “Welcome to Morris Plains” sign located at the south east corner of Speedwell Avenue and East Hanover Avenue. The sign is a replica of the Rotary Park sign at Rt. 53 and 202. With the help of the Morris County Park Commission, the lettering for the sign was cut with the router using the pattern prepared by Matt. The sign was made from 4 x 8 foot cedar – 1 ½ inches thick. After approval by the Boy Scout Council, Matt had fund-raising events to pay for the project along with generous donations from Benjamin Moore and the Morris Plains Rotary Club, and the help of Morris Plains DPW to prepare the site. He arranged for his fellow Scouts to volunteer on the day the posts were installed and on the day the sign was mounted. Pictured with Matt are Jack Thraen, Michael Swanson, Carson Barone, and Jack Keane. The site was completed by adding landscaping material. Thank you Matt for beautifying this entrance to Morris Plains.

DIAMONDS SOFTBALL
Congratulations to the Morris Plains Diamonds 12U and 10U teams on outstanding summer seasons! Both teams competed in the Bi-County Softball League. The 12U Diamonds, undefeated during the regular season, made it to the semi-finals, where they fell short against Hanover Park. The 10U Diamonds, 7-3 in the regular season, made it to the finals where they were defeated 2-1 by Chester-Mendham. The game featured an outstanding pitching duel between the pitchers for both teams. Pictured are the Morris Plains 10U Diamonds who received trophies for their 2nd place finish.

BERGELT OPTICIANS 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
Come join the celebration on Saturday, September 29th at 9am to celebrate Bergelt Opticians 45th Anniversary! The business has been a fixture in Morris Plains making quality eyewear since 1973. And they’ve been celebrating every 5 years since their 20th anniversary as their way of thanking their customers. Come join the fun for a bubbly toast and a snack.
Pictured left are the Morris Plains Graduates of the Tri-Morris Junior Police Academy 2018

(Left to right) Patrol Officer Anne Marie Ferris, Recruit Jake Gringeri, Senior Recruit Rebecca Snyder, Recruit Tyler Bautista, Senior Recruit Jack Keller, Senior Recruit Tyler Shay, Recruit Cody Wald and Lt. Michael Koroski

CHRIS CORNINE
VFW AWARD

Christopher Cornine was honored in May by the VFW as “Police Officer of the Year” for 2017. In addition, Chris was recently promoted to Police Sergeant as was Detective Ryan McKay. Congratulations to our officers on these achievements.

VFW SWEARS IN NEW COMMANDER

Thomas Villante takes the reins as the new Commander of the Watnong VFW Post 3401 from former Commander Chip Leiher.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Dunkin Donuts on Speedwell Avenue offered their venue for Morris Plains officers to share conversation and coffee/doughnuts with community members in a friendly setting
Morris Plains FCCHA
Five Corners Cornhole Association

Morris Plains Cornhole Tournament
To benefit the College Scholarship funds of the Morris Plains Fire and Police Departments, and Steve O'Neils Children

September 22, 2018

Youth Tournament 3:30-6:00
Adult Tournament 7:00-11:00

- Random Team Selection
- Max. 224 Adult Players

Date: September 22, 2018  Time: 3:30 until 11pm
Location: Morris Plains Community Park

$50 Entry Fee
Adult Players 18+

$20 Entry Fee
Ages 11-17

Non-Player - $20
(Includes food, soft drinks and a $10 donation.)

Raffle Prizes
- 50 - 50
- Longest Cornhole Toss
- Set of Cornhole Boards and Bags Raffle

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

About the Event

This event will raise funds for the College Scholarship accounts:
- Morris Plains Fire Association
- Morris Plains Policeman Benevolent Association
- Steve O’Neil Children’s College Fund - Steve was a long-time Morris Plains resident who lost his battle to cancer this year. Steve is survived by his wife and 2 children.

Direct questions to mpcornhole@gmail.com
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 Stacey Williamson & Hollie Parrillo
Morris Plains Community Center
Multi Purpose Room
Thursday Mornings 10 AM

USSI Fall Tennis
Mondays - 7 Week Program
September 17 to October 29
Tennis Squirts  Ages 3-5
4 PM-5 PM $134.
Foundation Tennis  Ages 5-8
5 PM-6 PM $134.
Development Tennis  Ages 8-10
6 PM-7 PM $134.
Development Tennis  Ages 10-14
7 PM-8 PM $134.
Morris Plains Community Park Tennis Courts

NEW Fall PROGRAM !
Speedwell Running Club
With Jessica Drew-Suttle
A program for Morris Plains students grades 3-5 who like to run, have fun, bond with teammates and develop their racing ability over the course of eight weekly cross country competitions.
For more information:
morrisplainboro.org

For More Information:
973-538-3455

Tuesdays with Lauren Deodato
7:30 PM -8:30 PM
18 sessions - $100.
Begins September 11

Thursday Yoga
with Peg Clark
7:30 PM -8:30 PM
18 sessions - $100.
Begins September 13

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
Fall Recreation Programs & Events

Town-Wide Garage Sales!
October 6th & October 7th!

Sign up at Community Center by October 1st

Annual Bonfire
Saturday, October 27th
6PM - 9PM
Rain date:
Sunday, October 28th

Gentle Beginner Yoga with Diane Tartaglia
Session #1
Wednesday Morning
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM
September 12 to December 19
(15 sessions)
Morris Plains Community Center
Fee: $80.00

Session #2
Wednesday Morning
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
September 12 to December 19
(15 sessions)
Morris Plains Community Center
Fee: $80.00

Acrylic Painting with John Darvie
September 19 to October 10
(4 sessions)
Seniors: 2-3:30PM
Children: 4:30-6PM
Morris Plains Community Center

Coming in January...
...photography with Audrey Eapen!
(details to follow @ morrisplainsboro.org)

Drawing with John Darvie
October 31 to November 28
(4 sessions; no class Nov. 21)
Seniors: 2-3:30PM
Children: 4:30-6PM
Morris Plains Community Center

Halloween Parade!
October 31st
4PM
Roberts Garden
Be a Part of Morris Plains History
Contribute to 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.

Before it Closes!

The Museum's 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.

2018 Scholarship Winners
The Morris Plains Museum Association is pleased to recognize two scholarship winners. Both wrote exceptional essays on the importance of preserving national and local history. Carly Cannavina was the recipient of the Helen H. Schnack Scholarship at Morristown High School. The Kenneth Cramer Award at Borough School was given to Shivani Vel.

WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP 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.
Handwashing Saves Lives! An Important Reminder!

Flu season is just around the corner. The most important thing that you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands.

It is estimated that one out of three people do not wash their hands after using the restroom. By frequently washing your hands, you wash away germs that you may have picked up from other people or contaminated surfaces. Many diseases, such as the common cold, flu, hepatitis A and infectious diarrhea can be prevented if people wash their hands. Frequent handwashing also prevents others around you from becoming sick with germs that you could unknowingly spread.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After touching garbage

How do you correctly wash your hands?

- First wet your hands, then apply soap (liquid or clean soap bar)
- Rub your hands together to make a lather
- Scrub all surfaces for at least 20 seconds (it is the soap along with the scrubbing action that helps to get rid of germs)
- Be sure to wash those areas that carry germs most often
  - Back of hands
  - Wrists
  - Between fingers
  - Under fingernails
- Rinse well
- Dry hands with paper towel or a clean towel
- Alcohol based sanitizers are okay but are recommended only when soap and water are not available. Make sure to supervise young children using alcohol-based hand sanitizers as swallowing can cause alcohol poisoning.
A Message from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark R. Maire

It's summer, and the Morris Plains School District is working hard preparing for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Summer recess is the time to coordinate numerous facility projects at both Mountain Way and Borough School. The completion of these projects will support safety and security, energy efficiency, cleanliness, and the referendum. The projects include:

**Borough School**
- Window, hallway floor, and exterior door replacements
- Gym painting, refinish gym floor (logo, lines, etc.) - thank you HSA and MPBA
- Install 20 additional security cameras
- Build TV Studio Wall
- Circle sidewalk replacement

**Mountain Way**
- LED hallway lights
- Roof repair/gutter work
- Install outside speakers
- Install digital clocks

It is through the dedication and hard work of our entire school community that we continue to pursue and achieve excellence. I would like to share with you some highlights of what has been accomplished in the district throughout the school year:

- Mountain Way and Borough School obtained Future Ready certification status
- Initiated 2018-2023 Strategic Planning process
- Renovated Borough School auditorium
- Enhanced activities/programs at both schools that cultivate a positive school climate and culture (character education) infused into all academic courses
- Scheduled parent programs designed to support social and emotional wellness
- Successfully implemented balanced literacy programs
- Received generous support from our dedication school-community organizations, such as the Education Foundation, HSA, and Municipal Alliance

Over the next month, administration will spend time planning instructional programs and initiatives. They include professional development opportunities for staff in mathematics instruction, personalized learning, social/emotional wellness, remedial support for student learners, and Arts Integration. A new course at Mountain Way will foster creative literacy and dramatic play. Also, a Reading Specialist was hired to provide reading support to identified students. Master schedule enhancements will extend the allotted recess time for students at both schools. In turn, this creates more flex time to address students' needs.

For the next school year, we will implement new learning spaces in Borough School that promote virtual reality, creativity, exploration, reading, and digital communication. The new STEAM Lab learning environment will feature amazing 21st Century innovative learning spaces that will include a Virtual Reality Lab, Collaboration Zones, a MakerSpace, and more. MakerSpace workstations will provide tools that allow students to discover, invent and understand through “making.”

**VIRTUAL REALITY KITS**

At Borough School, virtual reality kits will allow teachers to reimagine the learning process and allow students to experience the subject of their studies first-hand. Students can attend a concert hall, navigate an underwater expedition, or take a walk on the Great Wall of China. This equipment will be leveraged in both the STEAM classes as well as in the content areas.

**BEST WISHES MR. FRANKOSKY**

At the June 12th board meeting, we recognized Mr. Frankosky for his 46 years of service to the district. We appreciate his years of service and his dedication to the students of Morris Plains. We wish him all the best on his retirement!

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.
STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MODERN LEARNERS

Through the efforts of the Strategic Planning Council (comprised of staff and community members), a draft of the core values, mission, vision and broad goal statements were created to support the 2018-2023 MPSD Strategic Plan. The updated Strategic Plan will guide our targeted efforts throughout the next five years.

Throughout the upcoming weeks, the Administrative Team will be working in collaboration with The Madison Institute to develop the comprehensive action plans to each of the goals identified in the new 2018-2023 Strategic Plan:

1. To improve the social and emotional wellness of our students
2. To improve our data collection of stakeholder perspectives, student learning, and school process
3. To foster empathy and global awareness in our student body
4. To increase opportunities for our students to develop passion and perseverance
5. To increase student access to learning spaces that align to our instructional vision

CONGRATULATIONS - DR. RAWDING

The MPSD is beaming with pride as one of our board members was recently honored in Washington, D.C. Morris Plains School District Board President Dr. Rawding was one of 140 educators across the country who received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Dr. Rawding, a Math Coach in the Newark School District, received the award for Mathematics. Additionally, Dr. Rawding participated in the White House STEM summit and had the opportunity to share her knowledge and experiences about elementary math education to help draft the next national STEM strategic plan.

I would like to thank the school community for entrusting us with your children. We truly appreciate the tremendous support of the Morris Plains School Community, which values exemplary programs for students. In addition, I am grateful for the efforts of our students, teachers and administrators in collaboration with parents. Together, we have established and implemented a vision of success and excellence for all students. We remain committed to creating the very best possible learning environment in our classrooms, our schools, and in all that we do.

All my best,

Mark Mao
Happy Summer! As always, summer is a busy time here at the Library. We held our annual Petting Zoo with our friends from Great Meadows Farm on July 18. Our very own “Music Man”, Larry Ripley, led our little ones in a marching band parade on August 7.

For the adults, the Library has been showcasing books featured in the PBS series *The Great American Read*. How many have you read? Also, come check out our expanded Large Print section.

On July 28, “Steve’s Crafting Corner” was dedicated by the Morris Plains Library Association in memory of Steven Storgion. Steve was a long time employee of the Library, as well as an accomplished artist. We’ve commemorated Steve’s interest in teaching art to children by adding a number of “how to” art books to the children’s collection. We also have a table and shelf with art supplies for use in the Library. Pictures of this special day to follow and will be posted on our website, morrisplainslibrary.org.

It’s never too early to mark your calendar for our next Paper Shredding Fundraiser. It will take place Saturday October 20th from 9-12. As always, it’s $5 for each box or bag to be shredded.

On these hot days, cool off with a good book. Try these suggestions from our staff:

- *Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life* – Laura Thompson
- *Aunti Poldi and the Sicilian Lions* – Mario Giordano
- *Fade to Black* – David Rosenfelt
- *The Fallen* – David Baldacci
- *Jane Seymour: The Haunted Queen* – Alison Weit
- *Marry Me by Sundown* – Johanna Lindsey
- *Spymaster* – Brad Tho
- *Still Lives* – Maria Hummel
- *The Sugarhouse Blues* – Mariah Stewart
- *The Wedding Date* – Jasmine Guillory

**For our younger readers:**

- *Jabari Jumps* – Maia Cornwall
- *Lola Plants a Garden* – Anna McQuinn
- *Look Out! It’s a Dragon!* – Jonny Lambert
- *Quick Quack Quenton* – Kes Gray
- *Wishtree* – Katherine Applegate

Please remember that we’re always collecting non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
---Mary Ellen Albin---
ANNUAL MORRIS PLAINS 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

September 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.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!

THANK YOU JOAN!
The Beautification Committee of Morris Plains wants to thank Joan Scaccia for being our secretary for the past 10 years! Joan’s ongoing dedication and attention to detail made all of our jobs so much easier! Thank you, Joan! We will miss you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB THOMSON!
Congratulations to long time Morris Plains resident Bob Thomson who turned 90 on June 6th!

Food Truck Festival Planned to Support Borough School 8th Graders
Saturday, October 6th ---- Save the Date!
This year we are trying something new for the 8th grade Washington, DC trip fundraiser—the first-ever Food Truck Festival right here in our backyard! Enjoy live music and family fun as you make your way through a parking lot of culinary delights. Delectable dishes will include all your food truck favorites plus a few surprises. Our fundraiser rolls into town on October 6th. Watch for more details on social media, town emails and in school publications over the next several weeks.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
Hank and Dot Sawoski recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on July 8, 2018. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary, Hank and Dot!
Morris Plains 53rd Annual
BLOCK DANCE & PRIZE DRAWING

Saturday, September 1st
6:15 to 9:30 p.m.
on the Merchant Block
Rain Date: Sept. 2nd

Free Music and Rides!

MORRIS PLAINS BLOCK DANCE DRAWING
YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
Town: __________________________
Drop Ticket in Collection Jars at Block Dance
No Purchase Necessary to Enter—2 per person only

The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is October 12th, 2018.
Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com.