Plains Talk’s 20TH Anniversary (Story on pg 14)

PLUS
It’s Here! (See MPFD’s new truck on pg 9)
During these continued unprecedented times, I hope you and your family are well. As you read below, I would like to keep you informed on the current status of Morris Plains, our Community of Caring.

Our scheduled paving projects started earlier than normal due to the closure of schools in March. M&M and Vision developers continue to move fill dirt and are beginning the early stages of site work along Route 53. JMF is continuing their site work and have applied for the appropriate permits to begin digging foundations on American Road. As the summer is coming to a close in the near future, our projects are progressing and all paving projects are complete.

We are still faced with challenges and difficult decisions related to COVID-19 and the opening of our local businesses and schools. I have been continuously working with our school Superintendent and our Chief of Police to be confident that we can provide a safe school year. With the new school transportation plan, the Borough and the Board of Education will be entering into a shared services agreement to provide additional crossing guards in key locations throughout the Borough. The Council has passed an ordinance easing outdoor dining restrictions to help our local businesses with outdoor dining and shopping. Please patronize our local businesses!

One of the difficult decisions the Council and I had to make was to suspend the opening of Community Park Pool, summer recreation and the annual Block Dance. Our pool survey revealed only 182 of our 2100 households were interested in pool membership which resulted in a financial hardship if we opened. Other events needed to be canceled for the safety of all of our residents. This is truly not what we are accustomed to in the Community of Caring but we know next year will be better!

The Recreation Department had some wonderful events to bring a little sunshine into our spring/summer. The drive-in movie event and the concerts in the park were well attended and much appreciated!

Our Police Department, Administrative and Road Department staff have resumed normal work hours and shifts. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their dedication and for all they have done during this difficult time. I would like to mention that in July, we welcomed three new police officers, Joseph Kohl, Kelvin Preciado and Vincent Zarrillo. We wish them well as they begin their career with Morris Plains.

Stay well and enjoy the remainder of the summer.
God Bless You and God Bless the U.S.A.
Mayor Jason C. Karr
jkarr@morrisplainsboro.org

MPPD Welcomes New Officers

The Morris Plains Police Department is joined by three new officers this summer. Probationary Patrolmen Joseph Kohl, Kelvin Preciado and Vincent Zarrillo were sworn in by Mayor Karr at the July 16th Council meeting. An additional ceremony was held outdoors at the Community Park Pavilion on July 23rd so that their families and fellow officers could safely attend and celebrate. Please join us in congratulating them as they begin their career here in Morris Plains.

Complete Your 2020 Census Today
Take ten minutes to impact the next ten years! Help New Jersey, Morris County and Morris Plains get our share of federal funding by completing your 2020 census.

If your household does not “self-respond” by August 11th, a census worker will knock on your door to complete your census in person. Representatives from the US Census also will be at the Saturday Farmer’s Market and other events in the area to assist you and answer any questions.

SOLUTIONS FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION

Easy Things You Can Do Everyday to Protect Our Water  www.njcleanwater.org

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water
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.
We hope you are enjoying the tubs of flowers along Speedwell Avenue. We want to thank all our volunteers who help plant, water, and weed the tubs. So far, it’s been a hot, dry summer, and the tubs would not look as good as they do without your help.

Unfortunately, in the beginning of the season, we had plants taken from many of our tubs. Happy to say this is the first time this has happened. Let’s hope it’s also the last!

Next time you’re out for a walk, stop by and visit the garden under the large window on the side of the Morris Plains Library. Our club members also plant, water, and weed this delightful garden.

Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. This year, adapting to social-distancing guidelines, we will be holding the meetings via zoom. If you would like to join a meeting, please send an email to morrisplainsasgc@gmail.com.

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**BRUSH PICKUP**
**GRASS PICKUP**
**LEAF PICKUP**

**BRUSH PICKUP**
SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 31st AND SEPTEMBER 28th
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 14th. 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 19th to December 4th. **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.
**Health Buzz**

**The Benefits of Walking**

*Kristina Favo, Morris County Office of Health Management*

Walking is a great way to get the physical activity needed to obtain health benefits for all ages and fitness levels. Walking is important to an individual's overall health, but it also lessens the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes or other chronic diseases. Physical activity can also lessen anxiety symptoms and improve your mood, immune system, sleep and memory.

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, more than 145 million adults now incorporate walking into their daily routine. More than 6 in 10 people walk for transportation or for fun, relaxation or exercise. The best part about walking is that it does not require any skill, gym membership or expensive equipment.

The following tips can help incorporate walking into your daily lifestyle:

- If you commute, get off the bus or train one stop early and walk the rest to your destination
- Park farther away from the store or your workplace
- Consider walking instead of driving to complete errands, so you can complete your tasks and exercise at the same time

Warm up and cool down before and after walking or exercising to prevent injuries. It may be helping to consult with your doctor before starting a new fitness routine.

Consider the following tips to ensure safety while walking or exercising:

- Walk in areas designated for pedestrians. Use sidewalks if possible
- If you are walking in the evening hours, make sure to bring a flashlight or reflective clothing so cars can see you
- Wear proper shoes, such as sneakers with good heel and arch support
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day
- Wear sunscreen to prevent sunburn, even on cloudy days.

For more information on the health benefits on walking and physical activity, check out the Center for Disease Control and Prevention - Walking and Physical Activity (www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/walking/index.htm).

To find a trail or park in Morris County, check out Morris County Parks (morrisparks.net/parks/).

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**Happy 10th Anniversary State Farm**

State Farm Agent Teri DeGrande and her team celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their Morris Plains office at the July 18th Farmers Market. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Teri and her team!

**Cool Off with a Cop**

On August 12, Morris Plains Police invited residents to get a break from the August heat with free treats from Kona Ice at local parks. Over 200 kids and adults took the chance to “cool off” and visit with our officers. Thank you MPPD for all you do!
We hope that this message finds you well, and that you are enjoying the summer months. Looking back at the 2019-2020 school year, it was quite remarkable what we accomplished as a district. I would like to thank every member of our school community for your partnership and support throughout the year. It truly took a village!

Summer is a busy time in the Morris Plains School District. Our custodial and maintenance crews are preparing buildings for September. Our principals are drafting re-entry plans to support a safe return to school for students and staff. Administration is working with staff to revise curriculum and schedule professional development opportunities for the upcoming school year. Central Office continues to prepare for summer board meetings, while the Business Office continues to process purchase orders, including important cleaning and disinfectant equipment. The district and school offices are open for business throughout the summer, and they are available to answer any questions you might have as you prepare for September.

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 2019-2020 school year:

- Awarded as a Future Ready Schools-NJ Silver Distinction District. Our district is one of 4 districts in the entire state of NJ that received Silver Distinction, the highest Future Ready Schools-NJ certification currently available. Additionally, we were the only K-8 district to receive this honor
- Created Multiple Disabilities classroom in Borough School
- Established sensory hallways at both Mountain Way and Borough School
- Successful transition to iXL, a digital learning platform designed to track student progress
- Implemented Dibels Assessment in Reading and Math
- Launched Sonday program for our Language Arts Literacy special education classes
- Established LGBTQ and Diversity and Inclusion Committees, comprising staff members, administration, and parents
- Enhanced school safety and security
- Scheduled parent programs to address key topics and issues
- Provided high-quality professional development for staff
- Received generous support from our dedicated school-community organizations, such as the Education Foundation, HSA, MPBA, MPEA, and Municipal Alliance.

For the next school year, we will continue to work hard to enhance our academic, remedial, and accelerated programs; maximize our instructional resources; promote safety and communication; coordinate parent workshops; implement character education and social and emotional learning-based programs/resources; foster digital citizenship, creativity, and innovation; promote diversity, tolerance, and inclusion; and dedicate our efforts to meet the needs of all of our student learners. Specific goals for the 2020-2021 school year include:

- A safe re-entry to on-site learning
- Establish and maintain a daily cleaning and disinfectant schedule
- Implementation of Second Step, a SEL Curriculum, for all students, K-8
- Implementation of Fundations, a phonics program, for grades PreK(4) - 2nd grade
- Work with key stakeholders to ensure the MPSD remains an inclusive and supportive school climate for all members of the Morris Plains school community
- Draft a scope and sequence for grammar instruction, grades K-8
- Analyze Math standards to support targeted Math instruction across the district
- Expansion of our 2nd-8th grade 1:1 technology device program to Pre-K and Kindergarten
- Transition to a new phone and internet service provider
- Continue to address Strategic Plan, while updating our Long Range Facility Plan

In addition to the aforementioned goals, the MPSD has made the difficult decision to eliminate courtesy bussing for families who reside under 2 miles from Borough and Mountain Way Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. This action was necessary to address the significant financial and operational obstacles directly related to COVID-19. The district is working with local law enforcement to station four additional crossing guards in key locations.

The school community has been extremely supportive as we plan for September. Many residents, along with our school community organizations, have offered their services and support. We greatly appreciate their assistance.

MPSD RECOGNIZES 2019-2020 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:
At the June 9, 2020 Board Meeting, the Morris Plains School District recognized the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year recipients:

Susan Harrington - Mountain Way School
Dawn Bruhn and Ashley Morris - Borough School

The Morris Plains School District is proud of the outstanding staff that represent our district. It was an honor to recognize dedicated, student-centered, and passionate educators who earned the distinction of Teacher of the Year.

EFMP SPONSORS VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK:
The Education Foundation of Morris Plains is excited to host a virtual 5K run/walk event between October 23 - October 25, 2020. There will be fun raffle prizes and free giveaways. Proceeds benefit educational innovation in the Morris Plains School District, and raffles will support local businesses in Morris Plains. Please check the EFMP website for more details: https://educationfoundationmp.com/news-events/event-calendar.html.

BECOME INVOLVED:
The continued building of our partnerships with our district's families and our community stakeholders is vital to a successful school setting. We are fortunate for the unwavering support and generosity from the Home and School Association, Education Foundation of Morris Plains, Municipal Alliance, Morris Plains Basketball Association, etc. If you are exploring ways you can get involved and make a difference, please make
it a priority to learn more about becoming a member of these important organizations.

CONGRATULATIONS BOROUGH AND MHS GRADUATES:
The MPSD would like to congratulate the Borough School and Morristown High School students in the class of 2020. We are extremely proud of our successful alumni, and we wish all of our graduates much success as they continue on their educational journey.

On June 18th, Borough School aired a virtual promotion ceremony for our 8th grade students. The ceremony was authentic, simulating a typical Borough School graduation ceremony. Most importantly, it was student-centered. The students were in the spotlight, as they should be. After the ceremony, students and parents were escorted by the MPPD through the center of town and around Borough School. For those of you who attended, it was simply incredible to witness a community rise to the occasion to support their most valuable assets. Arguably, my most memorable experience as an educator.

I would like to thank the parent volunteers who prepared the “Grad Bags” for our students, and the parents who decorated the front of Borough School. Thank you to the MPDPW for cleaning the facilities in preparation for the parade. Thank you to Mr. Lovelsmith and Mrs. Kitchell for freshening up the flower beds along the parade route. I would like to thank Mrs. Eapen and Mrs. Murtha for dedicating their time and services to photograph the 8th grade portraits, and Mrs. Eapen for capturing the beauty of the parade with her camera. I would like to thank the HSA for their financial contribution to support the festivities. Many thanks to Mayor Karr for purchasing the flags along the sidewalk, and the banners that were placed on the front lawn of Town Hall. Thank you to Chief Koroski and Lt. Rolph for their time and assistance planning for the event, leading the procession, managing traffic, etc. I would like to thank the MPFD for using their vehicles and resources to contribute to the celebration. I would like to thank our staff and the Morris Plains Education Association (MPEA), who came out in droves to give our students the proper send-off they deserve. The cowbells, purchased by the MPEA, were a nice touch! Lastly, I would like to thank our graduates, for demonstrating perseverance and resilience during a most challenging time. We wish them all the best.

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. 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 will 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 Maurer

On June 19th, we had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate our 2nd grade stars as they leave Mountain Way and prepare for Borough School. Similar to the 8th grade parade, staff lined the streets, and waved and cheered for our 2nd grade students as they drove up Mountain Way, and around the front circle in front of Mountain Way School. It was so exciting to see the students. They were so excited to see their teachers, and the feelings were obviously mutual.
Graduation images are courtesy of Audrey Eapen Photos (audreyeapenphotos.com).

Mrs. Eapen donated her time to photograph the Morris Plains Borough School promotion parade. We are fortunate to benefit from her expertise and greatly appreciate her generosity.
After two years of planning and design, the Morris Plains Volunteer Fire Department accepted delivery of its new Pierce 100’ Tower Ladder on Monday, July 20, 2020. This truck will be replacing our current 1993 Seagrave 100’ Aerial Quint. The department started training on August 3, 7, 8, and 9 with factory trainers. We are anticipating entering the truck into service for the Borough on September 1, 2020. There has been a lot of talk about the color of the truck. This was a color that the department had on apparatus in the 1940’s and 1950’s and we decided to return back to the color to show a department tradition. This truck was designed and built to bring the Morris Plains Volunteer Fire Department many years into the future of protecting the residents and businesses of the Borough.

Special thanks to former Mayor Frank Druetzler, the members of the Council, and the truck committee: Kevin Rongo, Mike Geary, Chris Shay, Robert Webster, John Downs, Donald Underhill III, Lawrence Keller, Joseph Barlotta IV, Paul Cullen III, James Koller, Greg Manning, Suzanne McCluskey, George Coogan, and Mayor Jason Karr. We would like to thank our salesman Eric Trevena and the dealership Fire & Safety Services.

The members of the department want to thank the current Mayor, Council, and especially the residents and business owners of the Borough of Morris Plains for their support.

Usually when a new apparatus is delivered the department throws a big party, which we call a Wetdown, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 we will be postponing this until next year when hopefully COVID-19 will be a thing of the past. We will keep everyone updated on the date. For the meantime, please feel free to stop by when the truck is outside on the fire ramp or you can contact myself or a member of the department and we will give you a close up look.

Stay safe,
Kevin Rongo
Chief of Department, Morris Plains Fire

Pictured below: MPFD’s Art Bruhn and Phil Wilk taking some Lovey’s food to the NJ Firemen’s Home in Boonton.
Watnong Park Tree Clean-Up
Thank you to the Morris Plains DPW for conducting a nice cleanup of Watnong Park! A tree that was hanging over the pond was removed. Several other dead or dying trees were removed or pruned. The paths around the park were also improved.

These painted rocks were found on the bridge on Mountain Way that passes over Watnong Brook; an unexpected (and much needed!) pop of brightness and patriotic spirit.

Rotary Club: New Pavilion Path
The Rotary has been working on a cement path to the Pavilion at Community Park. The cement has been poured and is dry! In June, many Rotarians spent time grading, seeding the soil, covering it with hay, and adding stones to the other areas. Thank you Rotary Club!

Photos: Steve Augenblick

Pictured (L to R): Ralph Rotando, Steve Rosenstein, Pat Boyne, Steve Augenblick, Cathie Kelly
Hello from the Library,

We hope you and your families are doing well. The Morris Plains Library is open for curbside service at this time. Please call or email us with book requests for pickup. We can pick specific titles or authors for you or one of our Library Assistants can help put together books based on your reading interests. Don’t forget books and movies for the kids too!

This summer, the Morris Plains Library Summer Reading Challenge for kids age 5 to 12 is online. Win Raffle tickets for prizes! Please register at: MORRISPLAINS.READSQUARED.COM or on the Read Squared App. This program will run through the 3rd week of August.

If you are new to town or haven’t had a card before, now is the perfect time to get one. Your library card gives you access to more than just books. Explore free platforms like Cloud Library, RBdigital, Rosetta Stone, Tumble Books and many more via our website www.morrisplainslibrary.org or www.mainlib.org. To start the process of obtaining a card, please email us at circ-mp@mainlib.org or visit the www.mainlib.org website and go to “Catalog” then to “My Account.” Scroll to the bottom and click “Log In/Register.” Follow the prompts and input all your information. Once you complete the online registration, an email will automatically be sent to the Morris Plains Library circulation desk and we will contact you with your new library card information.

Please know that we are getting the Library ready to re-open to the public while following all recommended guidelines for social distancing and sanitizing. All books returned to us at this time go through a quarantine period before being checked-in from patron’s records. The items are then wiped down with sanitizer before going back on the shelves and listed as available in the catalog. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for full reopening information. As always, we look forward to talking with and seeing you soon.

Sheila Jain,  
Morris Plains Library Director

Concerts in the Park

Morris Plains Recreation has been fortunate to be able to hold our annual Summer Concert Series at Roberts Garden this year. After many weeks isolated indoors, it felt great to get outside and enjoy some live music together.
WE REMEMBER

Veronica M. Kelly
September 18, 1940 - May 14, 2020

Ronnie was the President of the Morris Plains Museum Association. Over a number of years she contributed much to our group. Always happy, friendly, kind and eager to help at the museum. Ronnie will be greatly missed.

The Museum Association awards a yearly scholarship in memory of Helen H. Schnack to a Morristown High School Senior from the Borough of Morris Plains. This year’s recipient was Megan Bruhn. Our congratulations to Megan!

THE MUSEUM WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN!
Due to a lack of staffing, the Morris Plains Museum is now only open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 am until 1 pm. To help call town historian Dan Myers at 973-267-3803. The Morris Plains Museum Association fulfills our mission statement - to collect, preserve & exhibit information about the history of our town.
Provident Bank Presents Farmers Market Sponsorship

On June 4th Provident Bank presented a $1,000 sponsorship check to the Morris Plains Farmers Market. Pictured left are: Anthony Grzan, Manager of Provident Bank, Morris Plains, Ylka Padilla, Provident Bank Manager, Sue McCluskey, Farmers Market Manager, Chris Martin, President of Provident Bank NJ, former Mayor Frank Druetzler and Mayor Jason Karr.

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday through October 10th from 9AM to 1PM at the Merchant Block. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Local farmers and entrepreneurs need your support - shop local!

Message from the Morris Plains Soccer Association

Like other youth sports organizations in our community and across the country, Morris Plains Soccer Association (MPSA) cancelled our spring programs in response to COVID-19. Despite our disappointment and the many challenges we continue to face, this public health emergency has revealed the tremendous power of community.

It has never been more important to support our community partners, the many local businesses that operate within and serve our community. As a non-profit organization run entirely by community volunteers for more than 30 years, MPSA relies on their support to achieve our mission to provide affordable youth athletics to the Morris Plains Community of Caring. Because the benefits of youth sports go far beyond the playing field to impact broader communities when they promote policies and infrastructure that encourage healthy behavior, this kind of support represents a long-term investment in our community (Figure 1 below).

This year we have seen our sponsors show incredible resilience in the face of a wide range of challenges (from COVID-19-related health and safety measures to tropical storm Isaias). They have adapted in many ways in order continue to serve our community by expanding or creating virtual services, expanding take-out options and outdoor dining, moving indoor fitness to safer outdoor venues, offering one-on-one appointments, and providing pandemic relief programs.

In addition to choosing local goods and services, there are many ways community members can continue to support and promote these local businesses for free (Figure 2). Visit www.morrisplainssports.com to find complete lists of sponsors supporting Morris Plains recreational youth athletics (baseball, basketball, swimming and soccer) and please join us to give back to these dedicated community partners.

Portia Levasseur
President, Morris Plains Soccer Association
Plains Talk Celebrates
20 Years

This issue marks the 20-year anniversary of the Plains Talk newsletter. The first edition, edited by Michael Carlucci, was mailed to residents in August of 2000. It was printed in black and white, was six pages long, and billed as “a work in progress.”

The contents of the inaugural edition consisted of a postal survey, an interview with Police Chief Douglas Scherzer, and articles from the Board of Health and the Eagle Scouts. It also announced the grand opening of the Teen Center house on Tabor Road (September 15, 2000) and the publication of Images of America: Morris Plains, a history of the town researched and written by the Museum’s Virginia Dyer Vogt and Dan and Maryclare Myers. See the entire August 2000 issue on the Borough website: morrisplainsboro.org.

Though over the past 20 years, Plains Talk has grown into a colorful 16+ page publication, it is still (and always will be) a work in progress. As it was in 2000, the goal of the newsletter is to send relevant Borough information and exciting community news directly to your home, and we continue to welcome your feedback on how to improve.

(Photos continue on back cover)
Morris Plains is reopening for business! Please show our local and small businesses your support if you are able to do so!

Due to public health concerns as related to COVID-19, the very difficult decision has been made to cancel this year's Block Dance. We will miss seeing everyone on the Merchant Block. Please stay safe and healthy and we look forward to gathering again next year in 2021!
The deadline for the next issue of Plains Talk is October 16th, 2020. Please submit articles and pictures to plainstalknews@gmail.com.