



Plainsboro Reporter

A Quarterly Township Newsletter

Summer 2018

Life Time Athletic Opens

The Life Time Athletic luxury fitness, spa, and wellness center, located at 7 Forrestal Road South, opened its doors for business in May. The 120,000 square foot athletic resort is modeled after their other facilities, which now number 127 in 27 states, with over 1.8 million members. The facility is located on about thirteen acres accessed by Forrestal Road South, across from the Beacon medical office building.

Headquartered in Minnesota, Life Time boasts not only health through exercise and fitness but a total healthy lifestyle. The center offers state-of-the-art fitness equipment, indoor and outdoor pools, a café for healthy snacks and meals, diet counseling, and team sports such as basketball. Families can enjoy the experience together or by taking individual classes or participating in group or individual programs.

Committeeman Ed Yates said, “This facility will draw members from Plainsboro and the surrounding area, it will truly be a regional facility. Along with Penn Medicine merging with the hospital, having Life Time locate in Plainsboro puts us on the map as a health and wellness destination.”

Life Time will offer extended hours of operation so anyone just about anytime can enjoy all that it will offer. For more information call 609-608-7100.



Mayor Cantu and Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis (top right) attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Life Time Athletic facility.

Riverwalk Breaks Ground

The Riverwalk project is a 305 unit adult retirement community located off of Plainsboro Road between Firmenich and Merwick Care & Rehabilitation Center. The project broke ground in April. The initial phase of units will be available late spring 2019, with full completion set for late summer 2019.

Most of the site will contain a 260 multi-level apartment complex with underground parking, restaurants and recreation leisure space. There will also be 45 townhomes with two-car garages, optional elevators, and a choice of ground level or second floor master bedrooms.

“Conveniently located near the medical campus and Route One, this community will certainly have a lot to offer. Factor in the mix of apartments and townhomes along with the addition of new restaurants and plenty of parking, Riverwalk is sure to appeal to a variety of retirees”, stated Township Committeeman Ed Yates.

For more information about the apartments, contact Kelly Andress of SageLife at Kca@sagelife.com or 443-852-1800. For more information about the townhomes, contact Danielle Spilatore of Calloway Henderson/Sotheby’s International Realty at dspilatore@callowayhenderson.com or 609-658-3880.



Mayor Cantu (far right) participated in the recent groundbreaking for Riverwalk.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Plainsboro Township has been recertified as a sustainable community by Sustainable Jersey? The Township has been recertified at the bronze level. The rigorous recertification process was completed by staff and sanctioned by the Environmental Advisory Committee. Staff has already begun work on the next round of recertification which comes up again in 2020.

Did you know that the Plainsboro Township Police Department has joined with police from around New Jersey in implementing a comprehensive pedestrian safety program? In 2017, the Plainsboro Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit received a New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety grant for pedestrian safety enforcement and education. Since July 2017, Plainsboro officers have made over 10,000 motor vehicle stops and issued over 1,200 summonses related to pedestrian safety violations. Enforcement efforts have included roving patrols and fixed location crosswalk operations.

Additionally, Plainsboro officers have attended numerous community events and HOA meetings to educate the public on pedestrian safety. As a result of this grant, Plainsboro Township will see 250 hours of dedicated pedestrian safety enforcement during the 2018 fiscal year. An application for the 2019 fiscal year has already been submitted, and the police department anticipates program participation through 2020.

Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis emphasized the importance of pedestrian and bicyclist safety, stating, "The most important message for our community is that pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility, and pedestrians and motorists must both do their part to keep our residents and visitors safe."

Did you know that Plainsboro Recreation in conjunction with the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association is once again offering a discount ticket program to some of your favorite summer fun spots? Save money to the following local area attractions by ordering tickets through the recreation department: Hersheypark, Philadelphia Zoo, Mountain Creek, Six Flags Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom, Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park, Diggerland USA, Adventure Aquarium, Crayola Experience, and iPlay America. Visit the Recreation and Cultural Center to purchase your tickets.

Did you know there are two different kinds of bamboo? When used in gardens or landscaping, running bamboo can quickly spread and take over your and your neighbor's property. Be careful when thinking about planting bamboo and avoid this extremely invasive variety. The other, called clumped bamboo, is less invasive but will also spread into unwanted areas.



Did you know that you can receive power outage updates and account notifications from PSE&G on your cell phone or via email through the MyAlerts Notification Program? This 24/7 notification service allows

you to report power outages to PSE&G through text message. It also allows you to receive outage and payment notifications to your cell phone and/or email address. There are two ways to register: login through your existing PSE&G online account or simply text "REG" to 47734 (4PSEG) to register for alerts. You will need your account number to complete your registration.



The Superfresh in Plainsboro Plaza opened for business in February. Cutting the ribbon in celebration were (from left to right) Matthew Flath of Onyx Equities, the owner of the shopping center; Kevin Kim operator of Superfresh; Kim's partner Philip Hwang; Mayor Peter Cantu; Kim's wife Jane and Key Foods Executive Sharon Konzelman.

In Celebration of Our Upcoming Centennial! *Plainsboro Township: 100 Years of Pride & Progress*

In 2019 Plainsboro Township turns 100, and we're inviting residents and visitors to join us in a yearlong celebration! We will be engaging the community through monthly activities, photo contests, historical timelines, testimonials, and more! Centered on four major events, the Centennial will culminate with an expanded Founders Day on Sunday, May 5, 2019 where we will re-open the Wicoff House (Plainsboro Museum) with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours. The Centennial Celebration will not only honor Plainsboro's incredible and dynamic history, but will serve as a lasting resource for future generations.

To implement these 2019 year-round centennial activities, we are accepting donations towards the expense of the events.

If you have any questions about donating to the 2019 Centennial, e-mail us at centennial2019@plainsboronj.com

Visit www.plainsboronj.com, and click on the "100 Years" logo (below) to see the various partnership levels available and to access a donation form.



Plainsboro Centennial Photo Contest We Want Your Picture!

As part of the centennial events, we are conducting a photo contest for our 2019 centennial calendar.

We will select 13 winners to appear in our 2019 calendar. The winner whose photo is selected for the calendar cover will receive a \$100 VISA® gift card. Other winning photos will be featured on each of the 12 months inside the calendar. All photos will be displayed at the Plainsboro Recreation & Cultural Center during the month of February.

Photo subject must capture the essence of Plainsboro. The subject can be landmarks, nature, historical buildings, farms, parks etc., as long as your photo doesn't contain people. Simply follow the submission rules posted at www.plainsboronj.com; look for *Centennial Photo Contest* on the left side of the home page.



New Women's Self Defense Program Offered

This useful and exciting self-defense course is developed specifically for women. Techniques are simple, practical, and effective regardless of fitness level.

Ninety percent of self-defense is awareness. Participants will explore the four "risks" of personal safety, risk awareness, risk reduction, risk recognition, and risk avoidance. The class empowers women through self-defense by providing education, dependency on self, decision making responsibility and self-realization of physical power.

"I am happy to see that the Department of Recreation and Community Services continues to come up with new and relevant programming", stated Township Committeeman Nuran Nabi.

For more information, call the Department of Recreation & Community Services at 609-799-0909 x1719.

Township Committee Adopts 2018 Municipal and Capital Budgets

On April 25th the Township Committee adopted the 2018 municipal budget. The budget totals \$28,821,992, which is a 4.4% increase over 2017. Based on the average home value of \$450,800, the municipal tax impact will be \$49 annually or approximately \$4.00 per month on average.

The budget anticipates that state aid will not change and will remain at \$1,644,744. The most significant sources of revenue funding the budget are property tax revenues which

total \$16,820,526, and the use of surplus funds totaling \$3,124,000.

The budget provides funding for road maintenance and improvements, energy conservation measures, new playground equipment in Community Park and the completion of the Wicoff House restoration project. “In responding to the economic challenges we continue to face, we are well served by the solid financial foundation we have established through the years”, stated Mayor Peter Cantu.

New Rules for Ordinary Maintenance/Minor Work

In March, the New Jersey Division of Codes and Standards enacted changes to construction related work categorized as ordinary maintenance and minor work. “These changes will have a significant impact on if and when a homeowner or contractor is required to obtain a construction permit. These changes will also affect apartment complexes and other Use Groups”, stated Brian K. Miller Director of Code Enforcement. “Ordinary maintenance is work that can be undertaken without a permit and minor work is work that requires a permit, however, the work can begin prior to the issuance of a permit.”

For example, a construction permit will no longer be required to repair or replace the roof shingles on a detached one or two family dwelling. If you live in an attached one or two family dwelling or multiple family dwelling, a permit is still required.

Some of the changes can be a bit confusing for homeowners. For example, siding repair or replacement for one or two family dwellings was also included in this change. Previously, replacement of more than 25% of the siding would trigger the need for a permit. Although this requirement has been relaxed, the use of polypropylene siding, in any case, still requires a permit. The Code Enforcement Department can help you understand whether or not a permit would be required for the repair you need to make or the work you are considering.

It is also important to understand that any work that affects structural or fire safety cannot be considered ordinary maintenance and we urge you to contact the Code Enforcement Department for any technical questions you may have. They can be reached at (609) 799-0909 Ext 2545 or via e-mail at buildingdivision@plainsboronj.com

Next Bulk Waste Day – June 9th

The next Bulk Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Residents can dispose of items at the Plainsboro Recycling/Conservation Center, located off of Grovers Mill Road.

Items accepted include e-waste; white goods (washers, stoves, refrigerators, etc.); bicycles; lawn mowers; furniture; wood scrap; and other bulky items. Regularly recycled items are NOT accepted (e.g. cardboard, plastic bottles/cans, & metal bottles/cans). Construction and demolition debris is NOT accepted, but residents are allowed to dispose of small quantities of masonry and paving items. Proof of residency is required.

Two additional Saturday Bulk Waste Day(s) will be held in 2018; the first will be held on August 11th and the second is scheduled for November 3rd. For more information contact DPW@Plainsboronj.com or 609-799-0099.

Plainsboro's Brush Collection Program

Beginning in March and lasting through October Plainsboro's Department of Public Works (DPW) will be conducting brush collection. Plainsboro is split in half and each section is collected every other month (see page 7 for schedule). Residents are required to have all of their brush placed for collection by the first Monday of their scheduled month. The following rules are in place to allow Plainsboro Township to comply with storm water regulations and to provide a cost efficient and practicable collection program.

Brush is considered trimmings from trees and shrubs. Branches should be as long as possible, but not longer than six (6) feet or five (5) inches in diameter. Brush does not include roots, stumps, tree logs, leaves, grass clippings or any type of debris. Unfortu-

nately, any brush pile mixed with the above will not be collected by DPW and becomes the responsibility of the homeowner.

When placing brush for collection, please have all items stacked lengthwise between the sidewalks and curb. Public Works staff does not recommend placing brush in the street for it can prevent vehicles from safely driving through the road and it can create flooding problems during periods of rain.

Residents not wishing to wait for their normally scheduled collection can bring their brush to the conservation center during normal operating hours. For more information contact the Plainsboro Department of Public Works at DPW@Plainsboronj.com or 609-799-0099.

Watering Your Lawn Efficiently

There are many opinions on how to keep a lawn lush and green. Properly watering your lawn is a key step in keeping a good looking lawn and efficiently using water.

The following are simple tips on efficient watering techniques.

- Water your lawn in the early morning; many experts believe between 4:00 am – 10:00 am is optimal.
- Water your lawn twice per week; too much watering can lead to fungus and shallow roots.
- Water your lawn with a timer; therefore you don't need to remember to turn off the water.

- Don't water your lawn while it's raining or immediately after it rains.
- A typical lawn needs 1 – 1 ½" of rain on a weekly basis. Learn how long it takes for your lawn to obtain and percolate this amount of water.

These are only five simple tips. There are many other ways to improve your lawn efficiently, which can include mowing and fertilizing practices. "An individual who utilizes efficient watering practices not only will likely have a healthy lawn, but is also protecting our water supply," stated Township Committeeman David Bander.

Sustainable Plainsboro in the Classroom

Sustainable Jersey is a state-wide non-profit organization that promotes environmental sustainability through principles and programs aimed at the conservation and proper use of the earth's natural resources. Sustainable Plainsboro is part of this organization.

The Township's Superintendent of Public Works, Neil Blitz, took Sustainable Plainsboro into the classroom on March 16th by teaching six Wicoff Elementary School first-grade classes about the benefits of trees and recycling. The energetic students engaged in lessons about how trees help animals and people, and how recycling removes waste from landfills.

The West Windsor-Plainsboro School District's annual Math and Science Day provides an opportunity for parents and professionals with varied job skills to teach students about the different ways that math and science is used every day that usually go unnoticed. For Plainsboro, the day was a way to instill the notion that leaning about the environment in the primary grades can sustain us into the future.

Neil was able connect with over one hundred first graders that now know that roots of a tree are just as important as the

branches, that the April holiday devoted to trees is Arbor Day, and what the tiny number means that is stamped on the bottom of every water bottle.



Superintendent of Public Works, Neil Blitz, reads to first grade students at Wicoff Elementary School.

DARE Teaches Children Valuable Skills

This marks the 29th year that the Plainsboro Police Department has participated in the DARE program. DARE is a national program that places emphasis on teaching students decision making tools that can be utilized in a variety of situations as they mature into young adults.

The ten-week course is taught annually to more than 400 fifth grade students at Millstone River School. At the conclusion of the program, students write an essay that expresses what DARE means to them. The essays are entered into a contest where the students compete for prizes. A winner is chosen from each of the participating classes by their respective DARE Officers and one grand prize winner is then chosen by Plainsboro's Chief of Police, Guy Armour.



Samuel Lasky, a 5th grade student at Millstone River School was this year's DARE essay contest winner. Sam (center) is joined by his teacher Mr. Justin Goetzman (left) and Plainsboro Police Detective Daniel Kanaley (right).

Plainsboro Police Host National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7th, citizens from neighborhoods throughout Plainsboro are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 35th annual *National Night Out*. *National Night Out* is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Please Join the Plainsboro Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad from 6pm-8pm at Morris

Davison Park for a community-wide gathering to mark this important evening. Highlights include a live D.J., kid's ride, car show, bicycle safety checks, local emergency services equipment display and other fun activities.

"The National Night Out Program provides a great opportunity to meet our emergency responders in a relaxed setting", stated Public Safety Liaison and Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis.

Register Now for Plainsboro Youth Police Academy

The Plainsboro Township Police Department is pleased to announce the reinstatement of their Youth Police Academy. This one week program is open to children from Plainsboro in grades 6 through 8 who are interested in learning more about law enforcement. The Academy runs from July 16th – 20th; Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm and on Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. A graduation ceremony is scheduled for July 20th at 1:00pm and parents are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$50 per person and registration is required. Recruits must pack lunch Monday through Thursday and pizza will be provided on Friday.

Recruits will be exposed to parts of what an actual police recruit experiences for 26 weeks in a real police academy. They will get to see different aspects of how the Plainsboro Police Department, Plainsboro Fire Department and Plainsboro EMS work on a daily basis. The academy includes instruction in Drill and Ceremony, Physical Training, Detective Bureau, Traffic Bureau and more! Recruits will meet at the Plainsboro Recreation and Cultural Center each day where they will be met by an officer.

For more information and to register, visit the Recreation and Cultural Center or the Recreation and Community Services Department webpage at www.plainsboronj.com

Plainsboro Police Circulate Community Questionnaire

Help us serve you better!

The Plainsboro Police Department has created a community questionnaire for the purpose of gaining insight from residents on how to better serve the community. The questionnaire is part of an ongoing effort to build positive relationships between our officers and the citizens of Plainsboro Township. Visit the police department's website at www.plainsboronj.com/195/Police-Department and choose 'Community Questionnaire' to complete the brief online form. All comments will be assessed and handled accordingly.

At your service . . .

Township Clerk's Office 799-0909, extension 2547

2018 Election Schedule

Election	Date	Location	Polling Hours	Close of Registration (21 days prior)	Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot in person to County Clerk (by 3:00pm)
PRIMARY	06/05/18	By District	6:00am– 8:00pm	05/15/18	05/29/18	06/04/18
GENERAL	11/06/18	By District	6:00am– 8:00pm	10/16/18	10/30/18	11/05/18

Pet Licenses

New Jersey State law mandates that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed. Applications are available for all new pets in the Township Clerk's Office at 641 Plainsboro Road. Proof of rabies vaccination must be submitted with the application. **According to state regulation, when licensing, the rabies vaccination immunity must extend through at least ten (10) months of the 12-month licensing period.** Therefore, licenses cannot be issued if the rabies vaccination expires before November 1st of each year. If for any medical reason the animal cannot be vaccinated in the required time, form VPH-28 must be completed by the veterinarian and submitted with the form. Submit a copy of the spay/neuter certificate, if applicable. The license fees are \$13.20 for spayed/neutered animals and \$16.20 for non-neutered animals. Late fees of \$5.00 per month are assessed as of February 1st.

If you missed the Township Rabies Clinic in November please contact the Middlesex County Public Health Department at (732) 745-3100 for the listing of the county scheduled clinics held in the surrounding municipalities.

Public Works Department 799-0099

Conservation & Recycling Center

The center is currently open Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am-5:00pm.

Brush Collection Guidelines:

- Brush must be placed curbside by 7:00am the first Monday of your designated month. No brush should be placed in the street or on sidewalks and no closer than 10' from any catch basin.
- Brush left curbside during a non-scheduled month subjects the residence to fines and removal costs.
- Trimmings from trees and shrubs are accepted (maximum 6 feet in length and 5 inches in diameter).
- NO roots, stumps, soil or grass.
- Brush shall be neatly placed parallel to the road with limb ends facing the same direction.

Brush Collection Schedule:

April, June, August, October

Beechtree Lane, Brentwood Lane/Shallow Brook Estates, Cypress Court, George Davison Road, Grace Court, Mapleton Road, Perrine Road, Princeton Collection, Princeton Crossing, Princeton Manor, Serina Drive, Woodland Drive

March, May, July, September

Brookside Court, Cooks Corner, Cranbury Neck Road, Dey Road, Eiker Road, Gentry, Grovers Mill Estates, Grovers Mill Road,

Vital Records

General Information

The Registrar is responsible for maintaining vital records of births, marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships and deaths that occurred in Plainsboro Township. The vital records that occurred in other municipalities or other states are not located in our office. The municipality that holds the original record is the only Registrar, besides the State Registrar, that can issue a certified copy.

A Certified Copy of a vital record is issued to those individuals who have a direct link to the individual(s) named on the vital record, as identified in the Governor's Executive Order 18, and provided that the requestor is able to identify the vital record and can provide proof of his identity and relationship.

For information regarding requirements and fees, call the office or visit the township website.

Heritage Way, Mayfarth Terrace, Millstone Court, Nostrand Road, Okeson Street, Petty Road, Plainsboro Road, Pollack Court, Ponds End, Scotts Corner Road, Stults Drive, Sullivan Street, Village Area, Walker Gordon Estates

Curbside Recycling

Scheduled pickup dates for this quarter are:
June 2, 11, 25 • July 9, 23 • August 6, 20

2018 Bulk Waste Days

Bulky items such as furniture, appliances, electronics, bicycles, etc., will be accepted at the Conservation Center from 8:00am to 5:00pm on June 9, August 11 and November 3. Please note that these items require special handling and are only accepted at the center on the dates listed above.

Middlesex County Programs

Middlesex County provides a number of services for Plainsboro residents to assist in the disposal of residential paint, household hazardous waste and more.

Visit <http://www.plainsboronj.com/content/public-works> to access information for these and other county programs.



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Township Directory and Information

Plainsboro Township Municipal Offices

Location: 641 Plainsboro Road
Phone: General 609-799-0909
Court 609-799-0863
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: www.plainsboronj.com

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[Facebook.com/PlainsboroTwpNJ](https://www.facebook.com/PlainsboroTwpNJ)

Register at: <http://www.plainsboronj.com> to receive notifications from township officials and to request services online.

Plainsboro Public Library

Location: 9 Van Doren Street
Phone: 609-275-2897
Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday 10:00am-8:30pm
Friday – Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.lmxac.org/plainsboro

Plainsboro Police Department

Location: 641 Plainsboro Road
Phone: Non-Emergency 609-799-2333
Emergencies 9 1 1
Website: www.plainsboropolice.com

Plainsboro Recreation and Cultural Center

Location: 641 Plainsboro Road
Phone: General 609-799-0909, press 6
Email recdept@plainsboronj.com

Plainsboro Public Works Department

Location: Scotts Corner Road at
20 Woodland Drive
Phone: 609-799-0099
Recycling Center, Bulk Waste
See Page 7 for details or visit website

Other useful Numbers

School District Information
609-716-5000
Report Street Light Out to
PSE&G 1-800-436-7734
Report Potholes to
Public Works 799-0099
Poison Hotline
1-800-222-1222

Township Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:30pm in the Municipal Building, 641 Plainsboro Road, unless otherwise noted.

Development Review Committee

3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm
Recreation and Cultural Center
Meeting Room #1

Environmental Advisory Committee

4th Monday, 7:00pm or as needed
Call 609-799-0909, x1502
for more information

Fire Commissioners

2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm
at firehouse

Shade Tree Advisory Committee

2nd Monday

Township Committee

Regular Mtg. 2nd Wednesday
Agenda Mtg. 4th Wednesday

Planning Board

1st & 3rd Monday

Zoning Board

1st Wednesday