

CLEAN WATER IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN

Since the passage of the Federal Clean Water Act, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has adopted new regulations that reflect best management practices to reduce pollution that impacts the quality of our ground and surface waters.

Reduction of sediments, nutrients, pesticides, chemicals and pet wastes passing through local storm water systems into nearby streams and rivers is a goal of all New Jersey municipalities.

Plainsboro has already taken several steps towards this

goal with the Public Works Department taking the lead. "Beginning this year, we have initiated several programs to protect our waters including new planning and zoning requirements, mapping of outfalls, marking storm inlet basins, and new education programs for residents," stated Township Committeeman Michael Weaver, who serves as liaison to the Public Works Department.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an NJDEP bulletin that provides simple ways in which you can insure clean water in our community.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP

The fall and winter months offer the perfect opportunity for businesses and residents to show their community spirit and get involved in projects that directly affect members of our community.

The Plainsboro Township Emergency Food Pantry needs the support of the community on an on-going basis. The pantry is used by residents who find themselves in difficult situations that are beyond their control. Disabled residents, victims of domestic violence, fire and abandonment are just a few who utilize this vital service. Nonperishable food items are needed and always welcomed.

In addition, the Municipal Welfare Office is looking for sponsors and donors for our annual Thanksgiving Basket Program. Donated foodstuffs are distributed among households to insure the holidays can be enjoyed by

those less fortunate. We will need not only canned and dried items, but volunteers to help sort and package donated items for distribution.

The holiday season will be here before you know it. The annual Plainsboro Township Holiday Drive Program collects donated items and distributes them to those who are disabled or have circumstances which rob them of the ability to adequately provide for themselves or their dependents. Toys for Tots, Adopt-a-Family and Food Drives directly address some of those needs. Volunteers will also be needed to help sort and bundle donated items for distribution.

Community support is critical to the success of each of these programs. For further information or to find out how you can help, please contact the Municipal Welfare Office at (609) 799-0909, ext. 218.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION

- The last day to register to vote in the November 2005 General Election is October 11, 2005. The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00 pm that day for voter registration.
- Election day is November 8, 2005. The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

For polling locations or to find out what voting district you live in, visit the Township website at www.plainsboronj.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sept 6 - Nov 8 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
The Community Outreach and Education (C.O.R.E.) Unit of the Plainsboro Police Department is conducting Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training which is geared towards the Plainsboro business community. The sessions will run from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel on Route One. For details, contact Sergeant J. Duffy at 799-2333, ext. 619.
- ✓ Sept 6 - Nov 22 CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY
The Citizen Police Academy will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. For an application or for more information, please contact Officer Michael Kelly at (609) 799-2333, ext. 681.
- ✓ Sept 9 SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL
See the Recreation insert for details.
- ✓ Sept 15 SENIOR TRIP
See the Recreation insert for details.
- ✓ Sept 17 FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AND KITE DAY
See the Recreation insert for details.
- ✓ Oct 11 VOTER REGISTRATION
The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00 pm on this day, the last day to register to vote in the 2005 general election.
- ✓ Oct 25 SENIOR TRIP
See the Recreation insert for details.
- ✓ Oct 29 HAUNTED TONITE AND LITTLE TOWN CRIER CONTEST
See the Recreation insert for details.
- ✓ Nov 8 ELECTION DAY
Election day for the 2005 general election. For a listing of polling places or to find out where you vote, visit www.plainsboronj.com.
- ✓ Nov 30 SENIOR TRIP
See the Recreation insert for details.

Look for updates on events in the newspaper, or call 799-0909 for more information