

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN-UP

The Plainsboro Community Garden, located on Plainsboro Road, will be available to residents for the sixth year in a row. The Township offers garden plots for up to 55 interested residents. The plots measure 20 feet by 20 feet. Water is available, as well as an on-site compost facility. "Plots are assigned through a lottery system," explains Michael Weaver, the Township Committee liaison to the Public Works Department. "Each year the program has increased in popularity. With this in mind, we ask that residents submit their applications as quickly as possible."

The Community Garden also has several plots for the disabled. Through a grant received by the Township, the site has been equipped with raised beds for gardening and wheelchair accessible paths.

The deadline to apply is March 10th. An application can be obtained through the Clerk's office at the Municipal

Complex, at the Township's website at www.plainsboronj.com (click on *News/What's New*) or from the Public Works department at 799-0099, extension 10 between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Voter Registration Deadlines/Elections

- The deadline to register to vote in the School Election is **Tuesday, March 28th**. The election will be held on April 18th.
- The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election is **Tuesday, May 16th**. The election will be held on June 6th.

SHADOW BUDDY PROGRAM

The Plainsboro Recreation Office recently initiated a *Shadow Buddy* program, partnering caring volunteers with special needs children to lend a helping hand during recreational activities. The *Shadow Buddy* volunteers are a local group of students and adults interested in making a contribution to these children and to their community. The difference they make appears simple, but is immeasurable – they are creating positive experiences for the children and helping to foster friendships.

"Our Shadow Buddy volunteers are an admirable group of teens and adults who give generously of their time and attention. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our community" said Ginger Gold Schnitzer, Township Committee Liaison. "The Shadow Buddies interact so well with the children and create a positive, social environment.

The children and volunteers participate in *Kids' Co'Motion*, a movement program for children with disabilities. *Kids' Co'Motion* was created in response to significant community interest and addresses the physical and social needs of children (ages 6-18) with disabilities.

For *Kids' Co'Motion* registration information or to

become a Shadow Buddy, call 609-799-0909, ext. 352. Funding is provided by the NJ State Department of Community Affairs, Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities grant; the HUD Community Development Block Grant; and the Township of Plainsboro.



"Shadow Buddy" Srujana Penumetcha (left) assists program participant Spencer Bacher (right) with his ball skills during *Kids' Co'Motion*, a movement program for children with disabilities run by the Plainsboro Recreation Department.