

## UPCOMING EVENTS

✓	November 21	TOYS FOR TOTS	Kickoff of annual Toys for Tots program—through December 17th
✓	November 25	FAMILY MOVIE DAY	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	December 3	TRADITIONS	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	December 10	DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE	Open to all Township residents (with NJ Drivers License), successful completion of this course may entitle participate to insurance savings. For more information contact officer Eric Potts at 609-799-2333, ext. 686.
✓	December 16	“USA ON WATCH” TOWN MEETING	Introduction to Plainsboro Township’s “USA on Watch” Program, and how to start a watch group in your neighborhood. For more information contact officer Eric Potts at 609-799-2333, ext. 686.
✓	December 18	SANTA COMES TO TOWN	Sponsored by the Plainsboro Fire Department.
✓	December 28 - December 30	WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	January 6	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	January 10	CERT TRAINING	Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) - Learn how to protect yourself and your family in a disaster. Contact Sergeant Duffy at 609-799-2333, ext. 619.
✓	January 22	FAMILY THEATRE NIGHT	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	February 4	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.
✓	February 24 (Tentative)	YOUTH ARTS MONTH RECEPTION	See “Recreation Programs and Events” insert for more details.

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### A REMINDER TO DRIVE SAFELY

Impaired drivers kill nearly 18,000 people on our nation's roads each year. From November 21st - January 2nd, the Plainsboro Police Department will be stepping up impaired driving enforcement as part of the *You Drink, You Drive, You Lose* 2005 Holiday Enforcement Project.

The holidays are traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol. The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement, and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

In New Jersey, 39% of motor vehicle fatalities are alcohol-related. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that nearly 97% of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. Please be responsible—don't drink and drive.

#### ~CELL PHONE SAFETY~

Drivers using cell phones are four times as likely to have a crash serious enough to cause injuries. If you must use a cell phone while driving—use a "hands free" device.

## COMMUNITY ASSISTS HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

The Plainsboro Township Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Hurricane Relief drop-off center collected two tractor trailer loads of food and relief supplies for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The drop-off center was located in the Plainsboro Plaza Shopping Center and was established by the Plainsboro Township C.E.R.T. The center was staffed by C.E.R.T. volunteers and township residents. Over 100 volunteers, ranging in age from 2½ to 88, assisted in the sorting and packaging of relief supplies during the eight-day community relief project.

Supplies were transported from the drop-off center, courtesy of Fed-Ex, to the Food Bank of N.J., Mercer County Community College and The Princeton Alliance Church, where they were loaded onto trucks bound for Mississippi and Louisiana.

The effort was organized by C.E.R.T. supervisor Tony Lieber and Officer Michael Kelly of the Plainsboro Police Department. Property managers for the Plainsboro Plaza, Colliers Lanard & Axilbund, donated the use of their property. Community businesses were notified of the relief effort and quickly established collection systems within their organizations.

Families brought car loads of supplies and then often stayed to assist with the sorting and packaging. A call for volunteers was made to West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and students came to the drop-off center after school each day. The Plainsboro

SuperFresh provided pallets and equipment for loading the trucks. P.B.A. Local 319 provided meals and drinks for the volunteers.

"The success of the relief effort is a testament to the generosity of the residents and businesses of Plainsboro Township," stated Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis, Township Committee Liaison to the Public Safety Department. The commitment made by our C.E.R.T. volunteers demonstrates the value of this organization to our community. In their short history, the C.E.R.T. members have been a tremendous asset."



Pictured above with a Fed-Ex transport truck are members of the Plainsboro Township Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) along with other local volunteers. The collaborative hurricane relief effort, established by C.E.R.T., was sponsored by Fed Ex, Colliers L&A, SuperFresh, P.B.A. 319 and countless local businesses and residents.