Founders Day is Back...  
Scheduled for September 18th!

On Saturday, September 18th, join us for Founders Day, the celebration commemorating Plainsboro’s birthday. Opening ceremonies will take place on the municipal complex grounds at 641 Plainsboro Road, beginning at 1:00pm. Enjoy cultural performances, jugglers, amusement rides, super inflatables, antique automobiles, children’s activities, crafts, Wicoff House Museum tours and more. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from local non-profit groups. Rain date is Sunday, September 19th.

Plainsboro Road, in front of the municipal complex, will be closed throughout the afternoon. Event parking will be available across the street at the Enterprise Office Center and traffic updates will be posted at www.plainsboronj.com. For event information and CDC safety guidelines, call Recreation and Community Services at 609-799-0909 x1719. For traffic and parking information, contact the Police Department Traffic Bureau at 609-799-2333.

NJ Clean Energy Program Provides Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

Income-eligible Plainsboro residents recently received energy efficient light bulbs courtesy of New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program through the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. These light bulbs use 70% to 95% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, resulting in an estimated savings of $55 in electricity costs over the lifetime of the bulb. The program encourages residents to replace traditional incandescent, halogen and CFL bulbs with LED throughout the household to save money and energy.

If you are having trouble affording your utility bills, the State of New Jersey offers several programs for those who qualify.

Visit: https://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/ for more details.
Did you know that the Township is always seeking ways to be more effective in our operations and better serve our residents at the lowest possible cost? Getting your feedback is one way we can be responsive to your concerns and suggestions. While we cannot guarantee we can satisfy all of your requests, we would still like to hear from you. Pass along your suggestions, advice and what is important to you via email at admin@plainsboronj.com.

Did you know that sidewalk maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the owner, occupant or tenant? Residents often ask who is responsible to maintain or repair sidewalks located adjacent to a home or business. Per township ordinance, the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises abutting or bordering any street in the Township shall repair and maintain the abutting sidewalks of such streets in accordance with the standards on file in the Department of Planning & Zoning.

Did you know that work continues at the PSE&G Dey Road substation? Construction trailers and most of the exterior work for the new PSE&G substation on Dey Road is complete.

Work continues on the interior, connecting all of the new switch gear and testing the new equipment. Upgrades were needed to the existing substation to provide backup systems and increase performance to meet the growing demands for electricity. Landscaping and final site work will continue into the fall depending on the weather and availability of plant material.

Did you know that Middlesex County has placed an official ballot drop box at the municipal complex? Voters who prefer to ‘vote by mail’ now have another method of submitting their ballot. Prior to the primary election, Middlesex County placed an official ballot drop box at the plaza of the municipal center. The box will remain in this location indefinitely, but certainly through this year’s general election. As of this writing, the last day to apply for a mail in ballot for the general election (scheduled for November 2nd) is October 26th and the last date to apply for a mail in ballot in-person at the Middlesex County Clerk’s Office is November 1st at 3:00pm.

Did You Know?

Maplewood representatives and municipal officials gathered on August 11th for the official grand opening of Maplewood at Princeton. This modern senior living community, situated on the campus of Penn Medicine-Princeton Health at 1 Hospital Drive, is an amenity rich facility offering various assisted living options and memory care units.

For more information visit https://www.maplewoodseniornliving.com/senior-living/nj/plainsboro/hospital-dr/ or call 551-258-4604.
Township Events Planned for Saturday, November 6th

The following events have been scheduled for Saturday, November 6th:

- The final bulk waste day of 2021 is scheduled from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Residents can dispose of various household items at the Plainsboro Recycling/Conservation Center located off of Grovers Mill Road. Items accepted include: white goods, bicycles, lawn mowers, furniture, wood scrap and other bulky items. Regularly recycled items are NOT accepted (cardboard, plastic bottles/cans and metal bottles/cans). Construction/demolition debris is not accepted either, but residents are allowed to dispose of small quantities of masonry and paving items. Proof of residency is required. For more information contact DPW@Plainsboronj.com or 609-799-0099.

- A free rabies clinic will be held at the Plainsboro Public Works garage located at 20 Woodland Drive. Dogs are scheduled for 9:00am to 10:00am and cats are scheduled for 10:00am to 11:00am. Owners must have large dogs securely leashed. Very small dogs and cats should be in a pet carrier.

- The Annual Fall Stream Cleanup will take place from 9:30am – 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to join in as we clean up along the Lenape and the Millstone River Park Trails, and at the Plainsboro Preserve. We will meet at the Recreation and Cultural Center for check in. Once we check in and gather our supplies, we will divide into groups and head to our assigned cleanup areas to pick up as much garbage as we can in the allotted time.

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety! Fire Prevention Week is October 3 - 9

Fire Prevention Week 2021’s campaign is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” The purpose of the theme is to educate everyone about the different sounds made by smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. “Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe,” stated committeeman Ed Yates. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action.

For more information about this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, and to find more fire safety and fire prevention resources, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at www.nfpa.org!

New Signage Unveiled at Plainsboro Preserve

Mayor Cantu and Deputy Mayor Lewis today unveiled two new entrance signs at the Plainsboro Preserve. The signs were funded entirely by a generous grant from Novo Nordisk. Not only did the grant allow for the purchase of the two new signs, but also two large message boards located in the Preserve.

“The Township wants to thank Novo Nordisk for being a wonderful corporate partner,” stated Mayor Peter Cantu.
New State Law Bans Single-Use Plastic Bags

This past November Governor Murphy signed into law a ban on single-use plastic bags. Single-use bags are made primarily from fossil fuels and are meant to be disposed of immediately after use. Stores (including retail) and food service businesses will no longer provide nor sell single-use plastic carryout bags to customers. Additionally, grocery stores larger than 2,500 square feet cannot provide nor sell single use plastic bags or paper bags. These businesses only will be able to provide or sell reusable carryout bags.

The law also prohibits food service businesses providing or selling polystyrene foam for food. The most common polystyrene foam food service products are food containers, plates, hot/cold beverage cups, meat/vegetable trays, cutlery and egg cartons. New Jersey Clean Communities, a statewide litter abatement program, provides a condensed version of the law on their website, https://bagupnj.com. A more thorough description is available on the NJDEP website, https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faqs.

Instead of single-use bags, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is recommending reusable carryout bags. A reusable carryout bag must have the following three characteristics:

- made of polypropylene fabric, PET nonwoven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric
- must have stitched handles
- be designed and manufactured for multiple uses

The single-use plastic bag ban is effective May 4, 2022.

“As a community Plainsboro has always been cognizant of, and taken seriously its environmental responsibilities. Using reusable carryout bags is another step in being responsible environmental stewards,” states Township Committeeman David Bander.

Having a “Virtual” Outdoor Education Experience

Having a new experience can be fun in spite of COVID-19! Typically, we plan an outdoor trip with sixth graders to the Pocono mountains with Community Middle school teachers and Recreation Senior Park Ranger Craig Harley. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put an end to those usual plans.

However, an idea was sprung! “We just knew we wanted to provide an educational experience and get the kids as close to nature as we could, given the circumstances”, said Harley.

Over a two-week period, teachers from Community Middle school joined the Township creating a two-week “virtual” outdoor education experience by showing video and audio from smarts phones and tablets touring and presenting on everything from the 17-year cicada emergence to beaver habitat in the Plainsboro Preserve to invasive species.

“Although nothing beats getting outside, we were able to virtually engage and have a learning experience with over 300 middle school students,” said Committeeman Nuran Nabi.

2021-2022 Plainsboro Preserve Deer Management Program

Plainsboro Township will continue the annual deer hunt at the Plainsboro Preserve during the 2021-2022 season beginning September 11, 2021. This is the fourth year for this program. The managed hunt is intended to reduce the deer population to minimize widespread vegetation damage to the Plainsboro Preserve and the surrounding environs. The deer harvest program is consistent with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife rules and policies. For more information visit www.plainsboronj.com or email deermanagement@plainsboronj.com with any questions.
Plainsboro Township accepts online payments and preauthorized automatic debits for property tax payments.

To make an online payment, visit www.plainsboronj.com and click on the Online Payments icon (pictured left). Choose the option “Taxes” and follow the prompts. You can access your tax bill using your name, your address or your block and lot. Payments by credit card or e-check are accepted. A vendor service charge of $1.95 per transaction is included when paying by e-check. Payment by credit card includes a service charge of 2.95% of balance paid. This service charge is 100% payable to the credit card provider.

For a no-cost electronic option, Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment is also available. Register with the Tax Collector’s office and your preauthorized bank account will be debited each quarter for the amount due on your block and lot. This option is very popular because it’s free and you essentially “set it and forget it” when it comes to remembering to pay your quarterly property taxes. Email reminders are sent prior to payments being debited from the preauthorized bank account.

For questions or if you need additional information, please call the Tax Collector’s office during business hours at (609)799-0909 extension 1408 or 1409 or visit https://www.plainsboronj.com/165/Office-of-the-Tax-Collector

**Exciting Projects at the Wicoff Museum**

This summer, the Wicoff House Museum began two exciting projects: A new museum collection - This new collection, called the History of Plainsboro’s Immigrants and Multicultural Families, will help the museum to better reflect the diverse and unique history of the community. We are currently seeking donations for this collection, which could include objects, photographs and memories that depict immigration or multiculturalism in Plainsboro throughout the past fifty years. If you have something to share, please email knolan@plainsboronj.com

An oral history interview database - This new database will feature interviews with Plainsboro residents of all ages, but especially those who have lived in Plainsboro for more than twenty years. We will use oral history interviews to capture the changing landscape of Plainsboro through the voices and stories of the community. One of the museum’s summer interns has started this project as a way to preserve Plainsboro’s history. If you would like to be interviewed, please email knolan@plainsboronj.com

A video compilation of the new oral history interviews will be exhibited during Founder’s Day and will be available at the museum.

Keep up to date with the museum’s events and programs by following us online at www.wicoffhouseplainsboro.com

**Scout Projects Benefit Plainsboro Preserve**

The Plainsboro Preserve has received several great scout projects. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in the local communities have been busy this summer working on projects that benefit the preserve. Projects include working on trails, removing invasive species, creating study plots, making outdoor habitats for the indoor turtles to visit, assembling new picnic tables and extending the greenhouse compost demonstration area. In addition, several scouts are working on creating more activities along the Discovery Trail. When you come to visit the Preserve keep an eye out for the new additions throughout the Preserve. We want to thank all the scout troops for making these projects possible!

Meet “Cardboard” the turtle, who enjoys spending time outdoors at the Plainsboro Preserve in a new outdoor habitat built by local Boy Scout Michael Lenkeit.

This is one of several exciting projects underway at the Plainsboro Preserve by local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
Officer Brandon Ullom was recently recognized as the 2020 Plainsboro Police Officer of the Year.

Officer Ullom was nominated by Sergeant McElrath, and selected by both supervisors and peers, for his efforts and professionalism during an extremely demanding year. Officer Ullom’s dedication, flexibility, and well-rounded skill set was instrumental to the overall department’s success. Despite having been reassigned seven times to fill a variety of positions, Officer Ullom continuously produced exceptional work at every level, often retaining multiple responsibilities from previous assignments. Officer Ullom played a critical role in assisting with responsibilities associated with the Office of Emergency Management’s (OEM) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officer Ullom is currently assigned to the Administrative Division where he is responsible for coordinating the Department’s reaccreditation process.

“Congratulations to Officer Ullom on receiving this recognition”, stated Plainsboro Chief of Police Fred Tavener. “2020 brought with it unprecedented challenges not only for our department but for the community, as a whole. Officer Ullom has proven himself to be a versatile and enthusiastic member of the department, and I have no doubt that he will continue to meet new challenges and advance his career”, remarked Chief Tavener.

Plainsboro Police Conducting Bike Patrols

Plainsboro officers recently attended a training course to become certified in police bicycle patrol tactics and procedures. During the training, officers learned how to operate and control a bike safely on difficult terrain such as stairs and trails, and how important bicycle patrols are with regard to increasing community involvement. Bike patrols can be integrated into other operations and initiatives and are an essential part of community policing. Directed enforcement activities, surveillance and traffic enforcement are just a few ways in which bike officers can be deployed throughout Plainsboro.

“An added benefit to utilizing bike patrols is that they run on human power rather than gas, so their carbon footprint is much smaller than that of a patrol car”, stated Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis.

When you see Plainsboro officers conducting bike patrols around town, we encourage you to say hello, talk about favorite local restaurants or discuss any concerns you may have.

Police to Host National Night Out – October 5, 2021

National Night Out returns to Plainsboro on Tuesday, October 5th*. This nationwide initiative promotes police-community partnerships and shines a spotlight on community police programs that provide public education in areas such as crime and drug prevention, neighborhood security and more. For location and additional information, visit www.plainsboronj.com

*The township will continue to follow state public health mandates resulting in the possible postponement or cancelation of various events.
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.

Public Works Department

609-799-0099

Conservation & Recycling Center: Through December 4th, the center will be open on Mondays and Thursdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm and Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm. From December 5, 2021 – March 31, 2022 the center will only be open on Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Brush/Leaf Collection:

For the purpose of collecting curbside brush and leaves, the Township is divided into two sections.

Brush Collection Schedule:

Section 1 - Beechtree Lane, Beechwood Drive, Brentwood Lane, Bunting Court, Cardinal Drive, Chandler Court, Cottonwood Drive, Cypress Court, Denison Place, Elm Court, Falcon Court, George Davison Road, Goldfinch Court, Grace Court, Groendyke Lane, Gulick Lane, Hale Drive, Hamilton Lane N., Hamilton Lane S., Hickory Court, Holohan Drive, Keppel Road, Kinglet Drive N., Kinglet Drive S., Krês Drive, Louis Court, Mackenzie Lane, Mahogany Court, Major Lane, Mapleton Road, Marion Drive, Meadowlark Drive, Mershon Lane, Mimoso Court, Mockingbird Court, Orisole Court, Osprey Lane, Parker Road, Parker Road S., Partridge Court, Perrine Road, Pine Court, Poplar Drive, Quick Lane, Red Oak Drive, Redwood Court, Rush Court, Saylor Court, Schalk's Crossing Road, Seminary Drive, Serina Drive, Silvers Lane, Simonson Drive, Spruce Court, Tanager Lane, Titus Lane, Walnut Court, Willow Court, Woodland Drive, Wyndhurst Drive, Wyndhurst North of Dey.

Section 2 - Adams Court, Alafia Circle, Allen Court, Amberley Road, barley Court, Barlow Court, Barn Swallow Court, Barnyard Court, Birch Drive, Blossom Hill Drive, Bradford Lane, Briardale Court, Brookside Court, Canas Drive, Clinton Court, Clydesdale Court, Colonial Cour, Cooks Lane, Cranbury Neck Road, Daisy Court, Derry Meeting Road, Dey Road, Dickinson Court, Dogwood Drive, Drayton Lane, Dryer Court, Edgemere Avenue, Eiker Road, Elsie Drive, Farmhouse Drive, Franklin Drive, Gardencourt, Groves Mill Road, Hancock Court, Harvest Drive, Hawthorn Drive, Heather Court, Heritage Way, Henon Court, Hilltown Court, Hummingbird Court, Jeffers Road, King Haven Court, Knight Drive E., Knight Drive W., Larkspur Drive, Linden Lane, Linden Lane S., Lovell Drive, Madison Drive, Maple Avenue, Marshall Court, Mayfairth Terrace, Meadow Drive, Miffins Court, Millstone Court, Monroe Court, Narrowbrook Court, Notstrand Road, Okeston Street, Orchard

To assist pet owners, a Free Rabies Clinic has been scheduled for November 6, 2021 at the Plainsboro Public Works garage. Dogs are scheduled for 9:00am to 10:00am and cats are scheduled for 10:00am to 11:00am. Owners must have large dogs securely leashed. Very small dogs and cats should be in a pet carrier.

Vital Records: The local registrar is responsible for maintaining vital records of births, marriages/civil unions, domestic partnerships and deaths that occurred in Plainsboro Township. The municipality that holds the original record is the only registrar, besides the State Registrar, that can issue a certified copy.

For more information regarding requirements and fees, call the office or visit the township website.
# Township Directory and Information

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

## Plainsboro Recreation and Community Services
- **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

## Plainsboro Police Department
- **Location:** 641 Plainsboro Road
- **Phone:** Non-Emergency 609-799-2333
- **Emergency - 9 1 1**
- **Website:** www.plainsboropolice.com

## Plainsboro Public Library
- **Location:** 9 Van Doren Street
- **Phone:** 609-275-2897
- **Website:** www.plainsborolibrary.org

## Township Meetings
- **Development Review Committee**
  - 3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm (virtual)
- **Environmental Advisory Committee**
  - 4th Monday, 7:00pm (virtual)
  - Call 609-799-0909, x1502 for more information
- **Fire Commissioners**
  - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm at firehouse
- **Township Committee**
  - Regular Mtg. 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm
  - Agenda Mtg. 4th Wednesday, 7:00pm
- **Planning Board**
  - 3rd Monday, 6:00pm (virtual)
- **Zoning Board**
  - 1st Wednesday, at 7:00pm

## Useful Numbers
- **School District Information**
  - 609-716-5000
- **Report street light out to PSE&G**
  - 1-800-436-7734
- **Report potholes to Public Works**
  - 609-799-0099
- **New Jersey American Water**
  - 1-800-272-1325

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