At their July meeting, the Plainsboro Planning Board approved a 52-unit age restricted development known as Serenity Walk. The development will be located on Dey Road between the PSE&G substation and the seventy-unit development known as The Place.

The 52 single family homes will be developed as a market rate project and contain amenities such as a dog park, swimming pool with a recreation center and cabana, pickleball court, and a walking path around the entire perimeter of the property. A sidewalk is planned along Dey Road in addition to a crosswalk at Dey Road and Woodland Drive.

“This project will help bridge the housing gap for empty-nesters who want to remain in Plainsboro but no longer need the larger home where they raised their family”, said Township Committee member Ed Yates, who is the liaison to the Planning Board.

The homes will be built by K. Hovnanian Homes and range in size from 2,000 square feet to 2,700 square feet. Each home will contain two to three bedrooms and a two-car garage. Master bedrooms will be on the first floor.

The original thirty acre parcel, which also contains The Place, was deeded to the Township from Calton Homes in 2002. Since then the entire parcel has been farmed until about ten acres was acquired in 2018 by the developers of The Place to partially satisfy the Township’s court-ordered affordable housing requirement. Serenity Walk will be located on the remaining 20 acres.
Did You Know?

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. Middlesex County placed an official ballot drop box at the plaza of the municipal center. The box will remain in this location indefinitely and certainly through this year’s General Election.

As of this writing, the last day to apply for a mail in ballot for the November 8, 2022 General Election is November 1, 2022 and the last date to apply for a mail in ballot in-person at the Middlesex County Clerk’s Office is November 7, 2022 by 3:00pm.

Did you know that sidewalk maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the owner, occupant or tenant? A question often asked of township staff is 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 and Zoning.

Plainsboro Library Receives $350,000 Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Linda Greenstein, a Plainsboro resident, and Assemblymen Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, also of the 14th legislative district, the township public library will receive a $350,000 grant in support of a new youth activity area on the third floor of the library.

"We are very appreciative of Senator Greenstein for her early support, and Assemblymen Benson and DeAngelo for recognizing the need and benefits of this initiative for the children of Plainsboro", said Mayor Peter Cantu.

This special legislative grant will be used to build a Youth Engagement Services (YES) project that will enrich the community’s children at all educational and developmental stages since approximately 65% of the library’s patrons are youth.

This new state funding is in addition to a $100,000 grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and a $50,000 grant from Princeton University.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the YES program, visit https://plainsborolibrary.org/yes-project/

Preserve Welcomes New Environmental Coordinator

This summer, the Township welcomed their new part time Environmental Education Program Coordinator, Amy Messeroll to the Plainsboro Preserve. Amy grew up in New Jersey and received her B.S. degree from Cook College, Rutgers University, where she studied Natural Resource Management, focusing on Conservation and Applied Ecology and secondary school Biology teacher education.

After college, she worked at the Preserve as a Teacher-Naturalist with New Jersey Audubon for several years in addition to serving as the New Jersey state coordinator for NJ Project W.E.T. (Water Education for Teachers). She then moved to California where she continued to work in fields related to education and the natural environment, as well as photography. During summer seasons, Amy worked at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens with their educational summer camp programming, and during the school year, she worked at a school for children on the Autism Spectrum. In all, Amy brings more than 20 years of experience in environmental and science education to the Preserve.

She is glad to be back home in New Jersey, and looks forward to sharing her talents in environmental education and nature photography with the residents of Plainsboro and surrounding towns. Please stop by and welcome Amy back to the Preserve!
Early Voting and Other Voting Methods Explained

New state legislation P.L. 2021, c.40 now allows in-person early voting as an option to New Jersey registered voters. This new option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine, during a nine-day period prior to the General Election and two-day period prior to the Primary Election at any of the early voting locations within Middlesex County. The early voting option gives registered voters the ability to vote, in person, when it is most convenient for their schedule. No matter where a voter lives within the county, they can vote their town’s specific ballot at any of the county’s designated in-person early voting locations.

For the 2022 General Election, early voting will begin on Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6. Hours will be Monday through Saturday, 10:00am-8:00pm and Sunday, 10:00am-6:00pm and no appointment is needed. The county’s early voting polling location list can be found on the county website at www.middlesexcountynj.gov. If you are currently registered to vote-by-mail in the 2022 General Election and would prefer the early voting option, you must first opt out of vote-by-mail in order to cast a ballot in person on a machine at an early voting location. Contact your County Clerk’s office at 732-745-3471 or online at https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-community-services/office-of-county-clerk/elections to make this change.

If early voting is not for you, other options include:

- **Vote-by-mail** - Apply for a vote-by-mail ballot and return it one of the following ways:
  1. By mail – Your ballot must be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. November 8 and be received by your county’s Board of Elections on or before November 14.
  2. Secure Ballot Drop Box - Place your ballot in one of your county’s secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 8. For your convenience, a drop box is located at the municipal building (see article and related photo on page 2).
  3. Board of Elections Office - Deliver it, in-person, to your county’s Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 8. County Election Officials’ contact information can be found at https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml

- **Vote in person** at your designated polling location, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities. Please note that vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to your polling location on Election Day.

Students and Moms Take Action to Prevent Gun Violence

In collaboration with Students Demand Action and Moms Demand Action, Mayor Peter Cantu and the Township Committee passed a proclamation supporting efforts to prevent gun violence and to honor and remember victims and survivors impacted by this senseless violence.

Pictured with Mayor Peter Cantu (from left to right) are Jennifer Kelley – teacher at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, club advisor and volunteer for Students Demand Action and Moms Demand Action; West Windsor-Plainsboro students Zoey and Yaeger McKeown; Nirali Sanghvi-President of Students Demand Action at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South and Graelyn McKeown-Vice President, West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education, volunteer with Moms Demand Action and mother to Zoey and Yaeger.
Plainsboro Township is divided into two sections for leaf collection. Starting in mid-October and typically lasting through mid-December, township crews collect leaves at least twice from each section. Residents are permitted to rake their leaves to the curb or along the street adjacent to their residence for collection by municipal staff. To find out which section corresponds with your street, see page 7 of this newsletter or visit the website at https://www.plainsboronj.com/465/Leaf-Collection.

Residents are prohibited from placing their leaves curbside more than seven days prior to their section’s scheduled collection; leaves must be at least ten feet from a storm drain and cannot be mixed with any other debris. Residents failing to comply with these regulations become responsible for the removal of their leaves and may be fined. Residents employing private landscapers are responsible to inform their landscaper of these rules.

Though the program allows placing leaves at the curb, we strongly encourage residents to keep their leaves off the street. Leaves on the street primarily cause two problems. First, when it rains the water washes leaves onto a basin’s grate, prohibiting the flow of water and creating ponding or flooding. Second, leaves in the street may create a traffic hazard by extending into the roadway and hindering the flow of traffic.

Residents wishing not to wait for their scheduled collection may bring their leaves to the conservation center located off of Grovers Mill Road. The conservation center is open Mondays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Thursdays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Residents utilizing a contractor to transport their leaves are required to notify the public works department at least one business day prior to delivery. This notification allows public works staff to determine the difference between a legitimate residential delivery and an attempted commercial drop-off.

“In order to provide instant information regarding the program, residents can now follow the daily progress of Plainsboro’s Leaf Collection Program through the Municipal website”, states Township Committeeman David Bander. Check it out at https://www.plainsboronj.com/465/Leaf-Collection.

**Leaf Collection Reminders**

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**Bulk Waste Events at the Recycling/Conservation Center**

Each year, the Township hosts four Bulk Waste Days at the Conservation and Recycling Center. During these events, residents can dispose of items typically not collected by their private contractor (e.g. furniture, appliances, bicycles, etc). Items not accepted are those considered as household hazardous waste (HHW) and waste generated from home construction projects. Residents can dispose of their HHW at Middlesex County events. Residents requiring the use of a commercial vehicle must notify the Department of Public Works at least 24 hours in advance. The final Bulk Waste Day for 2022 is scheduled for November 5th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Additional information on the Conservation Center, upcoming Bulk Waste Days and county programs is available at https://www.plainsboronj.com/225/Public-Works or by calling 609-799-0099.

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**Personal Document Shredding Event Scheduled For October 22nd**

Safely dispose of documents that contain personal information at the municipal complex (641 Plainsboro Road) on Saturday, October 22nd from 9am-12pm, or until the shredding truck is filled. Bring your old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, etc. for disposal. Please be advised:

- There is a limit of 5 file boxes or 100 pounds per car
- No plastic bags. Paper must be in a manageable, liftable container (box or crate). We will give it back to you
- There is no need to remove paper clips or staples
- We will not accept plastic binders/sheet protectors, newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photos, x-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage. Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected
- Your materials must be in your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle
- RESIDENTIAL PAPER ONLY - NO BUSINESSES.
New Software Will Streamline Inspection and Permit Process

Last October, the township’s Code Enforcement Department changed their computer software program to a web-based platform. The initial transfer was within the Building Division, followed by the Housing Division in March. The transition is ongoing and there are additional features to be enabled over time. One such feature is the Spatial Data Logic (SDL) portal that will give residents, contractors and business owners the ability to request inspections online.

“We plan to enable this portal within the next few months,” stated Township Committeeman Ed Yates. In the coming months, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will promulgate regulations allowing applicants to submit permits electronically. Visit www.plainsboronj.com for updates on this exciting project.

Safety Comes First With Outdoor Recreational Fires

Outdoor recreational fires, such as those set in a fire pit or outdoor fireplace, can be an excellent gathering place for family and friends this time of year. When fires are not tended to properly, this fun pastime can quickly become dangerous. Following is a list of rules and requirements relating to outdoor recreational fires:

- Recreational fires must be less than 3 feet in diameter and less than 2 feet in height.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher with a 4A rating, garden hose, dirt, sand, etc. are acceptable for extinguishing the fire.
- Recreational fires cannot be used for waste disposal purposes.
- Recreational fires, in an approved container (such as chimineas or grills), must be located at least 15 feet away from any structure.
- Recreational fires not contained in an approved container must be located at least 25 feet from any structure.
- Open burning is prohibited when atmospheric conditions make such fires hazardous.

Museum Update

This has been an exciting time for the museum! We are expanding our collection to include more items about the specific residents of Plainsboro, and about the different cultural backgrounds of Plainsboro’s immigrant population. If you have items related to Plainsboro’s history and development which you would like to donate, please email us with detailed information about the objects.

We are also expanding our programming with new programs for adults and children. The Junior Historians Club, which was begun in 2020, will be returning this summer, and is open to children ages 6-10. The Friends of the Wicoff House will be developing new lectures, workshops and events for adults this year as well.

This summer, 25 local teens are participating in the museum’s internship program. They are working on individual projects with the museum’s collections, programs and outreach. Some of the projects include designing new museum brochures, transcribing historical documents, conducting oral history interviews and digitizing some of the collection.
Daniel Titen was hired on June 13, 2022 by the Plainsboro Township Police Department. Titen was born and raised in Plainsboro Township where he resided for 26 years. Titen attended West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North where he graduated in 2010. After graduating from WW-P High School North he attended Montclair State University where he obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice.

After college, Titen wanted to serve the community he grew up in and started volunteering for Plainsboro Township EMS Station 100, where he volunteered until moving out of Plainsboro Township. Titen knew he wanted to continue serving as a First Responder and attended the Mercer County Police Academy as an Alternate Route Candidate where he graduated in 2015. Titen served multiple agencies in Hunterdon County for a total of 6.5 years, most recently West Amwell Township Police Department, before being hired by Plainsboro Township.

Titen is the first officer hired by Plainsboro Township in approximately a year and half. Titen stated “I am excited for the opportunity to work for Plainsboro Township and give back to the community where I was born and raised. My previous experience in law enforcement will allow me to better serve my community and I look forward to the opportunity.”

Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis Stated, “We are pleased to welcome Daniel back to the town where he grew up and will now be joining our police department. We look forward to him having a long a successful career in Plainsboro.”

School and Bus Zone Safety

The Plainsboro Police department would like to remind motorists as the beginning of a new school year approaches that it is increasingly important to be mindful of safety in and around school zones and school buses. The new school year brings with it an increase in pedestrian, school and vehicular traffic throughout town.

It is critical that motorists be aware of the reduction in speed limits when approaching school zones. Also, motorists should be mindful of laws pertaining to school buses that are stopped with their emergency lights illuminated in order to allow students to enter and exit the bus at designated stops.

The law in New Jersey Title 39:4-128.1 specifically states:

On highways having roadways not divided by safety islands or physical traffic separation installations, the driver of a vehicle approaching or overtaking a bus, which is being used solely for the transportation of children to or from school or a summer day camp or any school connected activity and which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any child, shall stop such vehicle not less than 25 feet from such school bus and keep such vehicle stationary until such child has entered said bus or has alighted and reached the side of such highway and until a flashing red light is no longer exhibited by the bus.

“The Plainsboro Township Police Department is committed to the year-round safety of all motorists and especially children that are in route to and from school”, stated Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis.

Preparing for Emergency Search and Rescues

This fall, Plainsboro’s emergency response agencies will execute a full-scale emergency search and rescue drill at the Plainsboro Preserve. Participating departments will include Plainsboro Police and OEM, Fire Department station #49, Rescue Squad station #100, CERT team members, park rangers, and surrounding emergency agencies.

“Our goal is to be as prepared as we can in the event of an actual emergency and learn how to quickly coordinate and execute a search and rescue effort. We run these drills to keep our agencies refreshed and our new recruits and volunteers familiar with the areas of operations”, said Township Committeeman Nuran Nabi, liaison to the Department of Recreation and Community Services.
At Your Service... Township Clerk's Office: 799.0909 x 2547

2022 Election Schedule

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**Early Voting at specific county sites**

General Election Voting Period – October 29, 2022 – November 6, 2022


Pet Licenses: New Jersey State law mandates that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed. License applications are available 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.

To assist pet owners, a Free Rabies Clinic has been scheduled for November 5, 2022 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.

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

Public Works Department: 609-799-0099

Conservation Center Hours: 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, 2022 – March 31, 2023 the center will be open only on Saturdays 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.

Section 1 - Beechtree Lane, Beechwood Drive, Brentwood Lane, Bunting Court, Cardinal Drive, Chandler Court, Cottonwood Court, Cypress Court, Denville Place, Etna 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, Keppler Road, Kingsley Drive N., Kingsley Drive S., Krebs Road, Louis Court, Mackenzie Lane, Mahogany Neck Road, Daisie Court, Derry Meeting Road, Dey Road, Dickinson Court, Dogwood Drive, Drayton Lane, Dryer Court, Edgemere Avenue, Eiker Road, Elsie Drive, Farmhouse Drive, Franklin Drive, Gardenia Court, Grovers Mill Road, Hancock Court, Harvist Drive, Hasbrouck Drive, Heath Court, Heritage Way, Heron Court, Hilltown Court, Hummingbird Court, Joffre Road, King Haven Court, Knights Drive E., Knight Drive W., Larborg Drive, Linden Lane, Linden Lane S., Lovell Drive, Madison Drive, Maple Avenue, Marshall Court, Mayfair Terrace, Meadow Drive, Mifflin Court, Millstone Court, Monroe Court, Narrowbrook Court, Nustard Road, Oakley Street, Orchard Lane, Orchid Drive, Padock Drive, Parkway Avenue, Patuce Lane, Petty Road, Plainboro Road, Pollak Court, Pondview Road, Prospect Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Ruedemann Drive, Rutledge Court, Scott's Corner Road, Sherman Court, Silo Lane, Stanton Court, Stone Meadow Court, Stultz Drive, Sullivan Street, Sycamore Drive, Trumbull Road, Walker Gordon Drive, Webster Court, Wethersfield Road, Wheatsheaf Court, Windmill Court.

Leaf Collection Schedule/Guidelines – Dates are Only Estimates-Residents will receive at least two collections: In Section 1, leaves are scheduled for collection from October 17th through October 28th and again from November 14th through November 30th (weather permitting). In Section 2, leaves are scheduled for collection from October 31st through November 11th and again from December 1st through December 14th (weather permitting). Leaves must be curbside for collection no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled pickup date. When using this service, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack brush lengthwise at curbside between sidewalk and curb. Do not place brush in the street or within 10' of any catch basin.
- Brush cannot exceed 6 feet in length or 5 inches in diameter.
- No roots, stumps, soil, tree logs or any other debris.

Residents not wishing to wait for their scheduled collection date can bring their brush/leaves to the conservation center during normal operating hours.

Curbside Recycling Schedule: September 12th, 26th; October 10th, 24th; November 7th, 21st

Final 2022 Bulk Waste Day: November 5th from 8:00am-5:00pm at the conservation center
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
Emergencies - 9 1 1
Website: www.plainsboropd.com

Plainsboro Public Library
Location: 9 Van Doren Street
Phone: 609-275-2897
CALL FOR HOURS
Website: www.plainsborolibrary.org

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

Township Meetings
All meetings are held in the municipal building at 641 Plainsboro Road unless otherwise noted:

Development Review Committee
3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm (virtual)

Environmental Advisory Committee
4th Monday, 6:00pm (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 6:00pm (virtual)