



## Accomplishments of 2023

### **Administration**

- Completed 12 *Eye on Plainsboro* TV segments highlighting various events, initiatives and services
- Completed four quarterly *Plainsboro Reporter* newsletters sent to residents and business
- Successfully transitioned leadership of four departments: Police, Information Services, Planning and Community Development and Human Resources

### **Finance**

- 2023 coefficient of deviation (a measure of uniformity among assessments) was 12.22%
- The tax collection rate was over 99%
- The township had a director's ratio of almost 90% in 2023, a result of actively managing our assessments
- Increased participation in on-line payments and preauthorized ACH tax payments

### **Planning and Zoning**

- Updated General Business Zone ordinance permitting a second bank pad site, with drive-through, within the Plainsboro Plaza
- The Planning Board approved Phase 1 of the Penn Medicine Healthcare Cancer Center project, consisting of a 1,161 space parking deck and temporary parking lot. A site plan for Phase 2 (the Cancer Center building) is expected in March 2024
- Princeton Nurseries General Development Plan, a mixed-use project, including 950 units of mixed housing types, a commercial/retail center, hotel and office space, will move forward to the Planning Board for Concept Plan review in early 2024
- A modified site plan application for the Forrestal Village Residential development, 394 units, is expected to be filed in early 2024
- Fusion, a smaller mixed-use project, including 525 multi-family units, a commercial/retail center, hotel and office space will move forward for site plan approval in early 2024
- Recognized by New Jersey Planning Officials for the adoption of a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

### **Code Enforcement**

- Conducted over 11,000 Departmental code inspections including building, fire safety and housing areas
- Completed lead-based paint training and certification for housing inspectors offered by Rutgers University
- Implemented new online payment system for construction permits to make it easier for residents and businesses

### **Municipal Court**

- Completed 25th successful year of a joint court between Cranbury and Plainsboro
- Continue to all hold court session virtually via Zoom
- Addressed increased traffic and criminal matters workload without additional Court staff
- Processed tickets and complaints electronically, achieving a more efficient process

## **Recreation**

- Expanded presence on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram
- Improved and expanded summer camp enrollment to pre-COVID levels
- Implemented new youth cricket program in cooperation with Rising Stars Cricket League
- Wicoff House Museum hosted 3rd grade class school tours for West Windsor-Plainsboro School District
- The Preserve added interactive nature programs, as well as hosting school trips and birthday parties, all while increasing attendance by 79%
- Collaborated with Department of Public Works to open handicap accessible playground at Community Park

## **Township Clerk**

- Created a webpage and utilized social media for citizen engagement outreach efforts to recruit residents for volunteer for township boards
- Conducted a review of the current records management program to ensure project goals, cost and benefits are all met and consistent with state policies
- Facilitated comprehensive analysis of Plainsboro's ordinance and resolution codes to maintain a reliable and enforceable code
- Completed staff training and implementation of state vital records system updates

## **Police**

- Designed and implemented new driver and pedestrian program called *Project Safe Roads* which has resulted in 17% fewer motor vehicle accidents involving injuries and a 42% reduction in overall motor vehicle accidents
- Achieved 84% reduction in property burglaries from previous years
- Improved collaboration and communication between community members, township employees, stakeholders and public safety professionals to better coordinate safety and social service needs
- Implemented *Coffee with the Chief* program to gain valuable insight from residents and business owners about public safety concerns

## **Public Works**

- Began the Plainsboro Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program highlighting the importance of stormwater management actions
- Opened to the public three major open space areas: Mill Pond Park, Bulk Farm Nature Area and handicapped-accessible Community Park playground
- Resurfaced/repainted and installed new rims/backboards on the Schalks Meadow Park basketball court
- Completed all planned road paving work

## **Grants Received**

- NJ Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant-College Road-\$457,410.00
- Recycling Tonnage-\$44,579.37
- Safe & Secure Communities - \$32,400.00
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - \$17,559.68
- National Opioid Fund Settlement - \$16,967.16
- Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage - \$16,000.00
- Federal Highway Safety Sustained Enforcement - \$14,000
- Click it or Ticket - \$6,710.67
- Lead Grant Assistance Program \$3,000.00
- Body Armor Replacement Fund - \$2,433.82

**Total = all grants for 2023: \$611,060.70**

## **2023 Shared Services Participation**

- Middlesex County Improvement Authority – Recycling (Curbside, organic, Tires & CFC)
- Middlesex County – Health Services
- Cranbury Township – Municipal Court
- East Windsor Township – Animal Control Services
- West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District – Cable Station Manager
- West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District – Class III Officers
- Middlesex County Cooperative Purchasing System
- Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing System
- Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Purchasing System
- Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System
- National US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing System
- Educational Services Commission of Morris County Cooperative Purchasing System
- National BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative
- National Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative
- New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Bergen County Coop)

**Total = 15 shared services programs for 2023**