Plainsboro's Centennial Farmers Market & Arts Festival Weekend took place on Saturday and Sunday, September 21st and 22nd. Hundreds of residents participated in the centennial celebration which included the sale of farm-fresh favorites and other locally-produced products, arts and crafts demonstrations/craft items for sale, historic trolley tours, live music and a blood drive!

Another fun-filled collaboration took place on October 6th, when the Township partnered with Eden Autism for the Eden 5K Fun Run/Walk and International Food Truck Festival and Concert. Each year Eden's 5k Fun Run/Walk is a popular fundraiser held on the grounds of the Princeton Forrestal Village. This year, courtesy of event sponsors Princeton University and Princeton Forrestal Center, the event was expanded to add not only more food trucks with an international flair, but also a concert featuring America's #1 show band…The Infernos!

To culminate our year-long Centennial celebration; join us at the municipal complex on Saturday, December 7th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for Winter Wonderland. There will be an ice carving display, horse-drawn carriage rides, Dickens carolers, wonderland inflatable obstacle course, international food tables, Santa Clause Village at the Wicoff House and an assortment of other fun family activities; plus, we will end the day with fireworks! Visit http://www.centennial2019.com/ to view photos, videos and for other centennial information.

Eden Autism officially opened its doors to its second facility in Plainsboro on August 15th. Eden families, staff, trustees, participants and community members commemorated the event, and Mayor Peter Cantu presented Eden with a proclamation to mark the occasion. “The township wishes to recognize Eden Autism not only for providing these important services to the many families and individuals in and around the Plainsboro community, but also for the recognition of the continued and developing needs of aging autistic people and for being a caring and wonderful organization,” said Mayor Cantu.

The Eden families and staff had a dream to create a center that would address the unique needs of aging adults with autism. After years of designing and developing a program that is among the first of its kind, that dream officially became a reality with the opening of its Schalks Crossing Day Center in Plainsboro Plaza. The new center is specifically designed for adults who are transitioning to retirement age, are ready for retirement, or have significant medical needs.

Despite an aging population, just two percent of autism and aging research is focused on seniors with autism. With little research and programming in place, many families are left facing an uncertain future as their loved one transitions to their senior years. This center was developed to provide stability and security for older participants and their families.

Every aspect of the center was designed with the participants in mind, allowing them to stay active within the community by walking to multiple shops and restaurants. The center has plenty of natural light and open space for participants to enjoy a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, exercise, computer skills and cooking. Nursing services, speech therapy, and clinical support are available at the new center.
Did You Know?

Did you know that Plainsboro-Cranbury Municipal Court has a new Court Administrator? Danielle Tanzi was appointed Municipal Court Administrator upon the retirement of former Court Administrator Sue Slavicek. Sue retired at the end of July, having served as Plainsboro-Cranbury Municipal Court Administrator for 15 years.

Danielle joined Plainsboro in 2017 as Deputy Court Administrator. Danielle has also served in Helmetta Municipal Court and Jamesburg Municipal Court and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies and Elementary Education from Caldwell College.

Did you know that according to the National Fire Protection Association nearly half of all home heating fires occur during the months of December, January and February? The leading factor contributing to ignition for home heating fire deaths is the placement of flammable items (upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses and bedding) too close to heating equipment.

In fact, most home heating fire deaths (86%) involved stationary or portable space heaters. It is recommended to keep space heaters a minimum of three feet away from combustible materials and to place them on a flat, level surface. Prior to use, make sure your space heater is safety certified and always inspect the cord to be sure it is not damaged or frayed in any way. Don’t forget to turn the unit off prior to leaving the room or falling asleep.

“People often think a fire is unlikely to occur within their home, but statistics indicate otherwise”, stated Township Committee-man Ed Yates. “We want to remind our residents to follow these simple fire safety tips.”

Did you know that PSE&G issued a news release on its website regarding fraudulent claims by unscrupulous people trying to scam its customers? PSE&G advises never to give out personal financial information over the phone, instead ask for a phone number to call them back. To report a suspected scam, call 800-436-7734. The news release is available for review at https://nj.pseg.com/newsroom/newsrelease105

Did you know that caring for more than five children in your home is considered to be operating a Child Care Center by the State of New Jersey? Those caring for a minimum of six children are required to be licensed by the State of New Jersey. Visit https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/ for more information on this requirement.

In addition, according to township regulations, this activity must be approved by the Plainsboro Township Planning Board in residential areas.

New Jersey Audubon Offers Summer Camp Programs at Plainsboro Preserve

While winter brings images of warm fireplaces and cozy quilts, don’t forget to think about summer adventures!

New Jersey Audubon’s Summer Camps at the Plainsboro Preserve provide nature-filled days for elementary and middle school aged children. Explore the Preserve’s woods, fields and stream edges, learn about birds, butterflies and other animals, play nature-related games and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Registration opens mid-to-late January 2020 at https://njaudubon.org/summer-camps/

Budding bird watching enthusiasts participate in a New Jersey Audubon program at the Plainsboro Preserve.
Township Partners with New Jersey Audubon to Operate Plainsboro Preserve

Plainsboro Township and New Jersey Audubon have a long-established partnership centered on the oversight of the Plainsboro Preserve. On November 1st, the Plainsboro Township Department of Recreation and Community Services assumed seasonal responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Preserve.

The Recreation Department will be operating the building and programs for the ‘winter’ months beginning November 1st through March 31st. The winter hours of operations for the Rush Holt Environmental and Education Center will be Thursday – Sunday; 11:00am – 4:00pm.

The township will offer an exciting line up of programs for all ages and interests beginning in January. Programs and activities include yoga, art, science and nature classes and other activities.

Information about the winter programming at the Plainsboro Preserve is included as an insert within this newsletter and updates will be posted on the Recreation and Community Services page of the township website at www.plainsboronj.com.

“Our department is staffed by talented people with a broad range of different skills and various training”, stated Lenny Celluro, Director of the Department of Recreation and Community Services. “We look forward to providing a diverse assortment of events and programs for our residents from November through March at the Plainsboro Preserve.”

Summer Camp Jobs Available

Summer employment applications and job descriptions for the 2020 season will be available on the Township website (www.plainsboronj.com) or for pick-up at the Recreation and Cultural Center starting December 16, 2019. A variety of positions are available including teachers, counselors, and volunteers for full and half day commitments. The minimum age for paid employment is sixteen and the minimum age for a volunteer position is fourteen. Interviews will be scheduled with qualified applicants until all positions are filled. The eight week summer camp season operates from June 22nd through August 14th. Applicants should be available to work for the full duration of the camp. For additional information, contact the Cheryl Buonavolonta, Program Coordinator, at cbuonavolonta@plainsboronj.com or 609-799-0909 x1703.

Shining a Spotlight on Mental Health

Girl Scouts Pallavi Dalmia and Sophia Djeng, students in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, recently earned the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can receive - the Silver Award.

Working with the school district, the scouts made improvements to Community Middle School's Panther Pause, a room where students can go to relax during the school day.

They painted murals in the room to make the environment more calming, put up posters related to mental health and created a survey for students to provide feedback about the room and their experience - achieving their goal to raise awareness for mental health and to encourage more students to come to the center. Great work – and congratulations to Pallavi and Sophia!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held at The Place at Plainsboro

Mayor Peter Cantu (holding scissors) and Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis (right) join representatives from Community Investment Strategies, Inc., the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and many others at a ribbon cutting ceremony for The Place at Plainsboro, a new income-restricted community.
Adult Mental Health First Aid Course Offered

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses.

The adult Mental Health First Aid course is appropriate for anyone age 18 and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem.

Participants will learn to be prepared when a mental health crisis happens and know what to do. Mental illnesses are common; 1 in 5 adults can be affected in any given year. “People with mental illnesses often suffer alone. You can be there for a friend, family member or colleague”, stated Township Committeeman Nuran Nabi.

In early 2020 the Recreation department will offer this course in two 4-hour sessions. See the Recreation and Community Services insert for more information.

Plainsboro’s Annual Family Ski Trip

Put on your boots and grab your jackets. We’re headed for Shawnee Mountain!

The Department of Recreation and Community Services will offer this trip on Sunday, February 10th. Children and adults are encouraged to register early as this trip will fill up quickly. A warm and comfy Coach bus will be used to visit the beautiful Pocono Mountains for a day of skiing and/or snow tubing. Ski lessons and ski equipment rentals are available, but feel free to bring your own equipment if you prefer. For more information call the Department of Recreation and Community Services at 609-799-0909 x1719.

We hope to see you there!

Youth Advisory Council Hosts ‘Elsie the Cow’ Event

The Wicoff House Museum’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) hosted their first event at the museum in August, and it was a great success! The event was a celebration of the 80th anniversary of Plainsboro’s own Elsie the Cow’s debut at the 1939 New York World’s Fair. About 700 Plainsboro area residents attended the event to learn the history of Elsie and Walker-Gordon Farms through a temporary museum exhibit and an oral history interview of Edith Perine Sprague, who was one of two local young women known as the Flying Milkmaids who traveled the country with Elsie. Children at the event also played carnival games, made souvenirs and completed a scavenger hunt throughout the museum. Representatives from the Borden Dairy Company traveled from Texas to attend the event!

The YAC currently meets at the Wicoff House Museum on Sundays at 1:30pm. Anyone interested in joining can email knolan@plainsboronj.com Updated information about the YAC, as well as the adult volunteer group Friends of the Wicoff House, and ongoing programs and events, can be found at: https://www.plainsboronj.com/792/Historic-Wicoff-House-Museum

The museum’s Youth Advisory Council is made up of students ages 12-18 from local middle and high schools who are interested in having an integral role in the development of the museum as a living historic resource. In addition to event planning and organizational development, the YAC assists with archive organization and research, oral history interviews and historic preservation advocacy. In the upcoming year members of the YAC will be participating in a county-wide study of history organizations, which will result in an exhibit, presentation and a report that will be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed history journals.
Understanding Plainsboro’s Snow Removal Practices

The township’s main objective during a winter storm is to effectively and efficiently clear the roads of snow and/or ice. Completing this objective requires the removal of snow and ice from primary roads before entering secondary residential neighborhoods. Standard practice for most storms is to pretreat the roads then begin plowing at approximately three inches. However, since each storm is unique Plainsboro alters its operations to meet the immediate needs of the current storm.

Plainsboro’s roads are divided into two types: primary roads and residential secondary roads. Primary roads provide access through Plainsboro, are heavily travelled and connect the town’s neighborhoods and commercial areas. Secondary residential roads provide access within their subdivisions. The exceptions are Dey Road, Scudders Mill Road, Schalks Crossing Road and Route One. They are maintained and plowed by Middlesex County, except for Route One, which is the responsibility of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

During a winter storm, the town’s Department of Public Works (DPW) starts with clearing the primary roads. Keeping them clear is essential for emergency vehicles to travel through town. Once clear, DPW staff begins working on residential secondary roads. A storm that is lengthy and/or has heavy accumulation often requires DPW crews to leave the residential roads and return to the primary roads. Once all the roads are clear, DPW staff clears the bus stops and select walkways.

“Snow removal is a challenging operation and DPW staff continues to provide effective and efficient services utilizing available resources. DPW staff continues working until all snow is removed from the streets, which often means, they plow for hours after it stops snowing,” stated Township Committee-man David Bander.

Snow and ice removal is not solely the town’s responsibility. Residents are required to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of the storm’s completion. The snow cannot be placed in the paved portion of any street where it hinders the passage of pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles. It also requires DPW plows to return and remove the snow.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Department of Public Works at 609-799-0099 or visit www.plainsboronj.com.

Curbside Recycling – What You Need to Know!

In 1987, New Jersey became one of the first states in the nation to mandate recycling by separating glass, paper and plastics into different containers and placing them curbside for collection. Since then, recycling has changed. Now we put everything in one container and place it out for collection. But, are we placing the right items in our bins for collection? Are there consequences for placing non-recycling items in a container? What happens when we don’t properly recycle?

A recent observation of recycling containers left curbside for collection indicates that approximately 50% of the containers were ‘contaminated’ meaning that they contain items that are not recyclable. The number one non-recyclable item found in these containers is plastic bags. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable through our curbside program. Most of the contamination occurs when residents placed their recyclable items in plastic bags and then place the plastic bags in the recycling container. Other types of contamination included placing the wrong type of plastic containers in the bin and also dirty containers.

When a recycling container is contaminated the recycling hauler is required to leave the container and the resident becomes responsible for its disposal. If the hauler collects contaminated recyclables or the wrong type of recyclables, it contaminates the entire load making it no longer eligible for recycling. As a result, it becomes garbage and is sent to a landfill—exactly what recycling is trying to prevent.

Starting January 6, 2020 our recycling hauler will no longer accept contaminated recycling bins. If your recyclables are in plastic bags, your bin will not be collected. If your recycling containers are filled with non-recycling items, that bin will also not be collected. You are responsible for what’s in your recycling container.

Visit https://www.plainsboronj.com/235/Household-Recycling to learn more about recycling.
The Role of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers

Class III Police Officers are retired police officers hired specifically to work within our public schools. Their primary responsibilities are to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff and to become part of the social fabric of the school community. Candidates interested in becoming a Class III officer are required to complete an interview, undergo a thorough background investigation, physical exam and a psychological evaluation. Candidates must then complete a comprehensive four-week training program, including all state-mandated training, prior to beginning his/her duties within the school system.

Eight officers are needed in order to fully staff the five public schools located within Plainsboro’s jurisdiction. The Plainsboro Police Department is currently in the process of hiring three Class III officers to join the five officers that are currently serving our schools.

Our current team of Class III Officers includes:
- Joseph Chianese – Retired Lieutenant, Hamilton Township Police Department
- Gary Marcinkowski – Retired Patrolman, Hamilton Township Police Department
- Carlo Cavalli – Retired Patrolman, Trenton Police Department
- Jesus Martinez – Retired Detective, Perth Amboy Police Department
- Jeffrey Nelson – Retired Chief of Police, Dunellen Police Department

Crime Prevention is a Shared Community Endeavor

There is more to crime prevention than active police patrols. True crime prevention can only be achieved through a shared partnership between the police and the community. Chief Fred Tavener stated, “Each member of the community is the eyes and ears of the police department. Without this partnership, our department cannot achieve its mission to serve the community.”

The Plainsboro Police Department has several programs that are geared towards limiting crime and suppressing it within our town. The first program is a Residential Security Survey. An experienced officer from the department will come to your home, tour your property, ask detailed questions and make recommendations on ways to improve the security of your home. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Detective Tim McMahon at tmcmahon@plainsboropolice.com

Another program offered is Eyes on Plainsboro. This program encourages residents with surveillance cameras on their property to register with the department. The voluntary program uses footage that may be helpful in solving a crime within that area would only be accessed from the owner’s home with their permission. This is a great way to provide valuable evidence in the event that a crime occurs and it also acts as a deterrent. For more information about this program or to register, please contact Detective Robert Urie at rurie@plainsboropolice.com

For information on any other community outreach programs, please contact Sergeant Eamon Blanchard at eblanchard@plainsboropolice.com Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis stated, “Crime prevention is a shared responsibility; there is no greater partnership than that of a community working together with their police department. We all have a stake in keeping our community safe. If you see or hear something; say something!”

Patrolman Atkinson Honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

On June 13th Plainsboro Patrolman William Atkinson was awarded the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) 2018 Distinguished Service Award. The ceremony was held at Rutgers University. This prestigious award is in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to the community for DWI/DUI enforcement in 2018.

Ptl. Atkinson made 16 arrests for impaired driving in 2018, and has made 51 DWI arrests in the last three years. Remarkably, Ptl. Atkinson has received this MADD award the last three years in a row, and is already well on his way to being nominated again in 2019. His outstanding proactive DWI/DUI enforcement has undoubtedly made Plainsboro Township safer for all citizens.
At your service . . .

Township Clerk’s Office 799-0909, extension 2547

Elections
Voter Registration forms are now available in the following languages Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean and Gujarati.

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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.

Pet Licenses
NJ State Law mandates that all dogs six months and older must be licensed annually by the Township. Licenses are due for renewal by January 31st with penalty charges beginning on February 1st. Applications for dogs and cats are available from the Township Clerk’s Office and the township website. Failure to license pets is in violation of Plainsboro Township’s Ordinance 59-1 and can result in a summons. **According to state regulation N.J.A.C. 8:23A, when licensing, the rabies vaccination immunity must extend through at least ten (10) months of the 12-month licensing period. 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 renewal form.

Public Works Department 799-0099

Recycling & Conservation Center

Hours of Operation
Through December 8th, the center will be open Monday and Thursday from 5:30pm–7:30pm and on Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm.

From December 9, 2019 through March 31, 2020 the center will be open only on Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Curbside Recycling
Scheduled pickup dates are December 9th and 23rd; January 6th and 20th; February 3rd and 17th

Christmas Tree Pickup
Christmas trees will be collected curbside throughout the Township each Monday in January. Apartment and condo residents must contact their management office for disposal instructions.

Trees also may be taken to the Conservation Center for drop-off during regular hours.

For safety reasons, trees containing ornaments, wire, metal or nails will not be accepted.

Next Bulk Waste Day – April 4th from 8:00am-5:00pm at the conservation center

Middlesex County Programs
Paint, household hazardous waste and consumer electronics disposal services are provided by the county.

For more information, please visit the township’s website at www.plainsboronj.com under Departments/Public Works for schedules and information or contact Middlesex County Solid Waste at 732-745-4170.
Township Directory and Information

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

Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/PlainsboroTwpNJ
Register at: http://www.plainsboronj.com to receive notifications from township officials and to request services online.

Plainsboro Public Library
Location: 9 Van Doren Street
Phone: 609-275-2897
Hours of Operation:
       Monday – Thursday 10:00am-8:30pm
       Friday – Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.lmxac.org/plainsboro

Plainsboro Police Department
Location: 641 Plainsboro Road
Phone: Non-Emergency 609-799-2333
       Emergencies 911
Website: www.plainsboropolice.com

Plainsboro Recreation and Cultural Center
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

Other Useful Numbers
School District Information
               609-716-5000
Report Street Light Out to
               PSE&G 1-800-436-7734
Report Potholes to
               Public Works 799-0099
New Jersey American Water
               1-800-272-1325
Poison Hotline
               1-800-222-1222

Township Meetings
All meetings are held at 7:30pm in the Municipal Building, 641 Plainsboro Road, unless otherwise noted.

Development Review Committee
3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm
Recreation Center

Environmental Advisory Committee
4th Monday, 7:00pm or as needed
Recreation Center
Call 609-799-0909, x1502
for more information

Fire Commissioners
2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm
at firehouse

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
2nd Monday

Township Committee
Regular Mtg. 2nd Wednesday
Agenda Mtg. 4th Wednesday

Planning Board
1st & 3rd Monday

Zoning Board
1st Wednesday