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## JULY 4TH PARADE PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOUIS A. CARUSO

North Plainfield held the 11th annual Independence Day Parade on July 4th. The theme of the parade was "Honoring our Veterans and their Families; Then and Now."

In keeping with this theme, this year's parade paid special tribute to Louis A. Caruso, a lifetime resident of North Plainfield, and a WWII veteran who served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. The Caruso Family served as the Grand Marshals of this year's parade, and they rode in a horse-drawn carriage compliments of Somerset Farms.

During WWII, Mr. Caruso was a radio communications specialist during many flights over the Mediterranean and North Africa. He spearheaded an effort to erect a monument to North Plainfield residents who served in WWII, helping to raise over \$20,000 for the monument which now stands at the Public Library. He was an active member of the VFW Storr-Richie Post Number 506, and was a Past Commander and Adjuvant. Mr. Caruso was the owner and operator of Caruso Photography Studio, founded in 1947. Mr. Caruso

was seen each year in the North Plainfield and Plainfield 4th of July parades, the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade, and the Somerville, and NYC St. Patrick's Day Parades, where he marched dressed as his childhood idol, Charlie Chaplin.



(above) The Caruso Family served as Grand Marshals

## FARMERS MARKET FESTIVAL SET FOR AUGUST 4TH

The North Plainfield Economic Development Committee is proud to announce the 3rd Annual North Plainfield Farmers Market Festival on Saturday, August 4th, 2012, from 9 am – 6 pm on Somerset Street, across from Borough Hall at 263 Somerset Street and the corner of Race Street.

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Vendors featured at this year's festival include: Norz Hill Farm, Hillsborough, NJ; Unionville Vineyards, Ringoes, NJ; Bright Solutions Solar Panels; Organigaya Café Coffees and Teas.

Special events for kids include free Face Painting and Balloons from 10-11 am, and Kid's Hour featuring the Comedy and Illusions of Seth Dale, sponsored by North Plainfield Fight Club, from 11 am-12 noon.

**The music festival begins at 12 noon**

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- 12 noon - Christine Santelli
- 1 pm - Anthony D'Amato
- 2 pm - Marco Ranieri (lead guitarist for the band Juicebox)
- 3 pm - Spotlight Performance by Tam Garcia.  
North Plainfield's own Tam is the front man for two rock and roll bands, Garden State Line and Becoming the Ghost. Tam will be debuting new songs in his return to the stage as a solo artist.
- 4:30 pm - A very special performance by 'Milan and the Sour Goat' and friends. It will be a multicultural salute to North Plainfield's diverse population.

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## A NOTICE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR:

Estimated tax bills have been mailed. They are due August 1 with a ten (10) day grace period.

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# PROJECT GRADUATION

Submitted by Vernon Tuitt, III

After all the classes, finals, and yearbook signings, the seniors of North Plainfield High School are most likely exhausted by the time graduation comes around. They throw their hats in the air and close out another chapter in their lives. What do they do next? Party!

Every year, Project Graduation puts in a lot of hard work planning and executing Senior Smash; an event where graduates gather in a safe place to enjoy one last hurrah. Good food, dancing, sports, and a hypnotist all contributed to one great night for the new graduates.

This year, Senior Smash occurred immediately after graduation on June 21st. Seniors and chaperones boarded buses and headed down to Rutgers where they were greeted by festive music and a plethora of food choices from pizza to sandwiches. Seniors took pictures, swam, and even engaged in sumo wrestling as the night progressed.

The event lasted until 5 am, and the Class of 2012 left exhausted, but grateful for their last celebration together. They were happy they had the chance to celebrate one last time as a class, and are now set to embark on their new individual journeys. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

# GRADUATION AT NPHS

On Thursday June 21, 2012, the North Plainfield High School Class of 2012 gathered at Krausche Field for the 115th commencement ceremony. The night was a celebration of everything the graduating seniors have achieved, and of all they will achieve in the future.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum highlighted some of the Class of 2012's accomplishments. Forty percent of the graduating class will be attending college in the fall on academic scholarships, and North Plainfield seniors received over \$116,000 in local scholarships. The Class of 2012 also won 350 varsity athletic victories in various sports, and NPHS teams have been all-area, all-conference and all-state champions.

Beyond measurable achievements, Dr. Birnbaum also pinpointed the intangible things that make North Plainfield's graduating class so special. She cited the many "contributions to the schools and community" students have made, as well as their "hearts of gold." Class President Marissa Sarfati, in her welcome address, spoke about the "intelligence, integrity, humor and kindness" of her classmates. She assured her



friends and peers that "as long as we carry around our Canuck pride, we'll do just fine."

While there is may always be some uncertainty for high school seniors facing the next chapter of their lives, the Class of 2012 appeared ready to take on the world with confidence. Valedictorian Jeffrey Giugliotta, who will be attending Rutgers University in the fall, told his classmates "...the paths of the world are all open; go walk them."

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

North Plainfield Police Chief William Parenti is pleased to announce that the department's ninth annual National Night Out celebration and Public Safety Vehicle Expo will be held on Tuesday, August 7. The year's event will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the municipal parking lot across from the Municipal Building at 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield.

Plans include a display of public safety emergency equipment from the North Plainfield Police Department, and the North Plainfield Fire Department. There will also be equipment on display from elements of the Somerset County Emergency Response Team. Handouts and pamphlets will also be available on such timely topics as domestic violence; gang awareness; identity theft; block watch associations; and crime prevention.

Again this year, we have an added bonus for borough residents, a document shredding vehicle will be on site, courtesy of Safeguard Document Shredding of Manalapan, New Jersey. Borough residents will be permitted to bring at no cost two shopping bags of private paper they would like shredded to safeguard against identity theft.

All borough residents are invited to attend, and meet with the department's personnel. The North Plainfield PBA will be hosting a barbeque with free hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian ices and sodas for all in attendance. There will also be party favors for the community's children.

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watches. The event is expected to attract more than 30 million people nationwide. The idea of the program has evolved into fostering a partnership between local law enforcement and the community residents. By working in concert, crime can be reduced and the quality of life that a community enjoys improved. Chief Parenti said: "National Night Out is an educational way to bring together the police department, our public safety partners, and the residents of the community we serve in a relaxed, informative and fun manner."

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#### JULY CONCERT

Sunday, July 29, 2012

Glass Cow

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Glass Cow is a teenage band from Warren, NJ that plays classic rock covers and original rock songs. They are the premiere touring band of Warren.

#### AUGUST CONCERT

Sunday, August 26, 2012

Gerry Rosenthal & Milan

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Gerry Rosenthal is a guitarist, bassist, keyboardist, singer-songwriter, and actor currently based in Jersey City, NJ. He plays bass in both a Beatles cover band called Hey Bulldog, and the Mama Doni Band, and guitar in a wedding band called The Jersey Joint. Gerry also writes, records, and plays guitar with his own original band, Big Wake, as well as many freelance projects. Milan is an indie, rock and reggae musician. gerryrosenthal.com



(above) Glass Cow of Warren New Jersey performs at Crossroads in Garwood, NJ.

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Every year, the Special Events Committee awards trophies to participants in the parade who exhibit certain values. The individuals, organizations, and businesses who were honored this year included:

## Mayor's Trophy – "Best in Parade"

The North Plainfield High School Marching Band & Color Guard. The North Plainfield Marching Canucks are a performing ensemble made up of students in grades seven through twelve. In addition to performing at all home football games, the Marching Canucks participate in the US Bands Competition circuit. In October 2011, the Marching Canucks set a school record by receiving a score of 91.3 and placing fourth in the state at New Jersey State Championships. The Marching Canucks are led on the field by drum majors Duvany Acosta and Mark Romero and are directed by Mrs. Heather Fencik.



(above) The Ragtimers perform.

## Judges Trophy – "Most Patriotic"

The North Plainfield Ball Kirsh American Legion Post 265 Color Guard has lead North Plainfield's Annual 4th of July Parade since its inception 11 years ago. They were accompanied by a car carrying World War II and Korean War Vets.

## "Best Youth Group"

The North Plainfield Girl Scout Community of the Heart of New Jersey Council celebrated the "100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA".

## "Best Civic Group"

The North Plainfield Lions marched with their District's Eye-mobile. The Eye-mobile is used around central New Jersey as a mobile clinic for administering eye exams and vision screenings. The local Lions club is very active in our community with activities like their annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast and is responsible for the awarding two scholarships annually at North Plainfield High School.

## "Best Classic Vehicle"

1923 La France Antique Fire Engine - Originally owned by the Strousburg Fire Department out of Pennsylvania and now owned by William Garrett of Plainfield. It recently underwent a four year restoration to return it to its original factory new condition. The Engine is entered in today's parade in memory of William Garrett's father, George Garrett who was a Plainfield Fireman in the 1930's, and his Great Uncle John Garrett of North Plainfield who was Veteran of World War I, and who ran the Ford Agency at the Corner of Greenbrook Road and Somerset Street for many years.

## "Best Performing Group"

Nava's Martial Arts Academy is located at 1070 Route 22 East in the Dante Plaza. Owned and operated by Master Israel Nava and his wife Mariana Nava. Master Nava, a 5th degree Black Belt in the art of Taekwondo, is also a certified instructor. Many of his students have followed in his footsteps to become NJ State Champions and US Junior Olympic National Champions.



(above) William Garrett's 1923 Fire Engine.



(above) Pete Eddy with his custom-designed Business Association wagon.



(above) Members of the Watchung Borough Fire Squad.

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## CAR OF THE MONTH

*Car of the Month – '71 Chevrolet Chevelle*

This 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle SS is owned by North Plainfield resident Mike Pelligrino. Mike's Chevelle is a beautiful representation of a true muscle car.



*(above, l-r) Mayor Giordano and Gail Cain of the Mayor's Special Events Committee stand in front of NPPD Officer "Rob" Kropewnicki's 2nd place winning '69 Chevelle.*

On Monday, July 16th, on a beautiful summer evening, the borough held its 2nd annual Somerset Street Car Cruise. Along Somerset Street from Park Place to Race Street, two lines of polished, unique vintage cars were parked and displayed for onlookers to admire. From restored American muscle cars, to old-school hot rods, to a 1960s VW Bus; there was a diverse array of automotive history on display on Somerset Street.

The event was hosted by the North Plainfield Car Nutz, and sponsored by the Mayor's Special Events Committee. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone, with a DJ spinning classic summer tunes, a grilling team cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, and plenty of room for kids to play and ride their bikes.



*(above) Eddie Schaefer with his '65 GTO.*

- 1st Place: Anthony Menza's – '73 Rolls Royce*
- 2nd Place Officer "Rob" Kropewnicki's '69 Chevelle*
- 3rd Place: Al Bender's '73 Chevelle*

**Photos of this event can be found on line at [theprideofnorthplainfield.com](http://theprideofnorthplainfield.com)**

Photos by Joe Renna



*(above, l-r) Cooks for the the event mary Della Pietro, Butch Jennings and Ralph Hernandez.*





*(above) Shakeelah pushing Chase II.*



*(above) Katie with sister Maddie standing next to mom Andrea Buerstetta sitting behind their '77 Corvette. Mae Pagano seated in front of husband Vinnie who showed their '89 Trans Am, Brian Ivory, owner of a '91 Camaro.*



*(above) DJ for the day was Bob Longo of PhotoRhythms 570-242-2021.*



*(above) Jennifer with her dog Teresa.*



# JOIN THE FUN AT NP RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

On June 25, 2012, The North Plainfield Department of Parks and Recreation kicked off a 7 week outdoor summer camp. We offer a Full Day Program from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Vermeule Playground with extended hours called "The Great Outdoors." There is also a traditional, partial day Summer Playgrounds Program (the same one many North Plainfielders grew up with as kids) from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at East End School.

Between both programs the Borough is providing summer activities for approximately 250 children and young adults. It's not only a great opportunity for our campers, but also for our parents who are able to find a quality, affordable summer program close by.

Children have the opportunity to participate in exciting theme days on site such as Rodeo Day featuring a Mechanical Bull, Fiesta, Sponge Bob Luau, Red White and Blue Day, and off site excursion such as The Fun Plex, Monster Mini Golf, Sandy Hook and the Inter-Camp Olympics held in Columbia Park Dunellen. Though our Staff clenched a very easy victory in the Counselor on Counselor Tug of War, this year we passed on our title as Event Defending Champions to our Sister Camp and event Co-Host Dunellen Recreation.

In addition to these theme days, trips, sports and experiential learning opportunities, campers are also engaged in community service projects, such as collecting food for our local food banks.

Recently the staff, counselors-in-training, and leaders-in-training participated in an Origami Crane Making Project taught by Janet Cantore-Watson from the Somerset County Vocation and Technical School Creative Arts Summer Enrichment Program. The cranes will be featured in a live performance of "A Thousand Cranes: the Story of Sadako," on July 20th. Everyone is invited to attend the production at 7:30 pm at Somerset County Vocational School Auditorium, 14 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ.

We are now accepting Applications for our BONUS WEEKS extended Summer Program from August 13 to 24th. Please contact Camp Director, Miss Q at 908-872-7470 for information.



(above) Campers line up for the Bouncy House on "Toy Story Day"



(above and right) Camp staff and counselors learn how to make Origami Cranes.



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# FOURTH GRADERS HAVE "20/20 VISION"

Submitted by Kim Carter

North Plainfield High School Principal Jerard Stephenson spoke to the Class of 2020 at East End School. The theme of this year's graduating 4th grade class was "The Class of 2012 has 20/20 Vision" which signifies their commitment to have a 100% high school graduation rate in 2020.

Principal Stephenson shared stories of success from this year's graduating seniors, including many who have been awarded multiple college scholarships. He inspired the Class of 2020 by speaking of all the incredible activities students can participate in while in high school. NPHS students, in return for their hard work and dedication, have participated in international field trips, founded numerous clubs and service organizations, and achieved renown in youth sports.

The 77 East End students in attendance were not shy when presented with the opportunity to ask questions, and share their own dreams and goals for their high school years. They thanked Mr. Stephenson, and promised to see him at their own high school graduation in June 2020.

# POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS EVENTS

Submitted by William F. Eaton,  
Fire Chief/Director

During the past month, the NPFDD participated in the Borough's Independence day parade and the fireworks display - both of which were very successful.

We also hosted our first annual "Battle of the Badges" softball tournament as a local fund raiser, which was announced in the last issue of The Pride. On Saturday, June 30th, our fire department, along with our local police department, Green Brook Fire/EMS and Millstone FD all played two games each in order to support a great cause. We collectively raised over \$10,000 for Al LaJeunesse, a recently retired firefighter and his family, who is battling a serious illness.

Through the great efforts of the North Plainfield Fire Department and the Police Department, the members of the PFANJ/PBA and many local vendors/businesses, the event was a huge success. We would also like to thank the North Plainfield Board of Education for allowing us to use their athletic fields as a venue for these games.

# ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The North Plainfield Recreation Department is enjoying a resurgence of its adult sports program as the co-ed softball league enjoys its second season this summer. The season began on June 3rd and runs through July 31st. Games are played on Sunday afternoons at 2:30pm at West End School. Spectators are welcome to come and cheer on their neighbors!

The league is open to North Plainfield residents, 18 years of age and older, offering an opportunity for everyone to play ball in a fun environment. This year, 65 residents signed up to play in this diverse league.

In addition to softball, the adult archery program completed its second successful season in the fall with a terrific turnout. For more information regarding these programs and future adult programs, please consult the recreation website at np-recreation.com.

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# AMERICAN FLAG COMES TO LIFE AT NORTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Submitted by Dr. Hope Blecher and Ms. Patricia Marseglia, District Supervisors

The 2011-2012 school year began with “We the People”, as the North Plainfield School Community gathered together for the 10th anniversary of 9/11/01 and for Constitution Day. Recently, the theme came full circle with “We the Flag” as more than 500 students at North Plainfield Middle School became the American Flag. Through this project, they honored not only Flag Day, but also displayed a sense of community pride.

The project was designed by both the 7th and 8th grade math classes. During NJASK testing week, teachers introduced students to the idea of “card stunts” by watching videos of examples from college and professional football games. Students were given this challenge to solve, “How could we create a card stunt of the American flag?” Working collaboratively, students brainstormed about what they needed to know, and then sought that information through various resources. They determined that they needed to know the dimensions of each section of the flag, the number of students in their grade, the number of students who might be absent on any given day, a suitable location for the stunt, etc. The dimensions of the cards, which were obtained courtesy of a major card stunt production company, Jacob Davis Productions, were given to students.

Using the information, the middle school students applied what they knew about proportions to scale the flag up in size. This was followed by the creation of scale models, trial layouts of the cards, and rehearsals in the auditorium and the bleachers. NPMS Vice-Principal, John Ferguson, gathered and directed students in rehearsals, and helped schedule the actual event. As a first-of-its-kind event at NPMS, unforeseen issues arose and were solved by the NPMS Math teachers – Lauren Meyer, Aimee Pandya, Dawn Kleinfeld, Jennifer Riolo and Kerry Thomson. Many other teachers joined them in rehearsals and on the day of the event. It became a true team effort.

Eighth grade students Katherine Soto and

Camron Deodath delivered the opening and closing addresses; Samantha Jeannot sang the Star Spangled Banner. Mr. Karl Gordon, Supervisor of Physical Education and Health, arranged for use of the press box and wireless microphones. Mr. Ivan Izeppi, NPMS Music teacher, provided patriotic music.

Invited guests, including Councilwoman Mary Forbes, Board of Education representative Thomas Kasper and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Birnbaum, were treated to the depiction of

the American Flag by both seventh and eighth grade students. The students also sang “Happy Birthday” to Mayor Michael Giordano, who would celebrate his birthday the following day.

The students had the experience of seeing a project through from beginning to a spectacular end. In fact, although they had been a part of their grade level’s card stunt, the first time they actually saw the results was on Flag Day, as they watched their peers proudly present the American Flag to their audience.



## JOIN THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The NPBA’s mission is to promote the economic, professional and civic welfare of North Plainfield. It will provide an opportunity for all types of local businesses to band together and promote commerce in our town. The Business Association will work closely with North Plainfield’s government (and with trade organizations throughout Somerset County and NJ) to ensure our local business interests are protected. There is strength in numbers: member businesses will take advantage of shared marketing costs, as well as a rich community of neighbors to help them network and get their brand out in the market.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the North Plainfield Business Association should contact President Peter Eddy at (908) 757-1909.

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## CHILDREN PROGRAMS

No Registration required needed for this program.

### SINGIN' WITH MISS JESSIE

Saturday, August 4th at 11 AM to 11:30 AM.

Suggested for birth to age 4. Registration begins July 21. Join Miss Jessie for some fun songs and movement!

### CREATIVE KIDS

Friday August 3rd at 11 AM - 12 PM

Come and do a fun craft with Miss Mona! Suggested for Grades K-3. No Registration.

### FROM THE MOUTH OF OWLS

(Grades 3-5)

Wednesday, August 1st at 2 PM.

By dissecting and studying owl pellets we can discover clues about how owls live and what they eat. Presented by Somerset County 4H. Registration begins on July 18.

### WHO'S IN RABBIT'S HOUSE?:

Thursday, August 2nd at 3:30 PM.

Suggested for Ages 3-9. Registration begins July 19th. Various animals help Rabbit discover who's in Rabbit's house in this humorous story. The children are the voice of the mysterious creature! Retold by Verna Aardema and re-imagined by Youth Stages.

### I AM COMMUNITY: PRINT MAKING CLASS

Thursday, August 9th at 2 PM.

Grades 3-5. Registration begins Thursday, July 26th. Kids are asked to bring in a photograph of themselves, their favorite subject or of their community. They will then produce one monotype print that is inspired by the photo. The students will learn monotype printmaking using inks, watercolors, pencils, and other materials. The final project will be one print that each child will be able to take home with them that day. Presented by the Printmaking Center of New Jersey.

### SUMMER READING FAIR

Friday, August 17th at 2 PM to 3 PM

All Ages. Registration begins August 3rd. Help us say goodbye to summer! We will play fun games and do a craft. If you log in any Summer Reading Minutes that day, you can enter in to win a special prize!

## ADULTS

### BASIC YOGA WITH JILLIAN

Wednesday, August 8 @ 7:00-8:00 pm

If you have been curious about taking a yoga class here is your opportunity! This class is also suited for those of you who have yoga experience and would like to relax and unwind. Please practice on an empty stomach, wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or large towel.

Jillian Keller is knowledgeable, compassionate, and has a peaceful demeanor. She is a registered yoga teacher with over 500 hours of training.

### MOVIE & POPCORN. ONE FOR THE MONEY

Thursday, August 16 @ 6:30-8:30pm

A proud, born-and-bred Jersey girl, Stephanie, has plenty of attitude, even if she's been out of work for the last six months and just lost her car to a debt collector. Desperate for some fast cash, she turns to her last resort - convincing her sleazy cousin to give her a job at his bail bonding company as a recovery agent.

### BOOK DISCUSSION: Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Thursday, August 23 @ 1:00pm

Historical love story. Snappy dialog and sophisticated characters. A romantic look at the difficulties of being a New Yorker. --Library Journal

## TEENS

### TEEN CRAFT: DREAMCATCHERS

Wednesday, August 1 at 3:30 PM

Native Americans used dream catchers to capture good dreams and get rid of nightmares. Join us for a craft afternoon as we make our own using paper plates, beads and feathers. Registration required.

Grades 6-12. Register online or at the front desk.

### MAKE YOUR OWN JUICE

Wednesday, August 8 at 3:30 PM

Come cool off from the summer heat! Come and learn how to make your own juice using a juicer and fresh fruit. We will be experimenting with different fruits in many combinations, maybe you'll have a new favorite.

Registration required.

Register online or at the front desk. Grades 6-12.

### GAME AFTERNOON

Wednesday, August 15 at 3:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of gaming and socializing. Come with friends or come make new ones! Take your pick from the many available board and electronic games, or bring some of your own. Grades 6-12.

### ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY

Wednesday August 22 at 3:30 PM

Come and celebrate the end of the summer! We will be making our own ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings. There will always be a variety of door prizes to win!

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