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NPFD SUPPORT CURE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

Submitted by William F. Eaton, Fire Chief/Director North Plainfield Fire Dept.

On March 23rd the North Plainfield Fire Department hosted its 10th annual St. Baldrick's event which raises research funding for a cure to childhood cancer. This year our event was as successful as ever, raising over \$105,000. With the planning efforts lead by Captain Robert Beattie, we had well over 150 participants and local sponsors who helped us reach our goal.

Two days earlier, Channel 11 WPIX television news reporter Lisa Mateo and her crew did a live broadcast from the fire department to assist in bringing exposure to our event. Thanks again to the North Plainfield Professional Firefighter's Local #2958, as well as Local #2983 and all of our sponsors who helped make this a huge success.

(right) A crowd of more than 400 watch as 165 Shavee's go bald as a sign of solidarity with kids battling cancer.



2013 CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY Saturday, May 4, 2013 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

You are invited to take part in our Seventh Annual Clean Community Day sponsored by the North Plainfield Forum. This day will be an opportunity to meet neighbors, make friends and work together to clean several areas in our community in commemoration of Earth Day.

The day will begin with registration at 8:30 AM at the North Plainfield Community Center (614 Greenbrook Road) and then move to the areas to be cleaned. Residents are welcome to organize a crew or come on their own. All civic groups and organizations are encouraged to participate! Children are welcome and encouraged to take part in Clean Community Day, but must be at least 7 years old to participate and accompanied by an adult.

Those helping are asked to wear appropriate work shoes or boots, and gloves. Bring a rake if possible! Other supplies will be provided by the borough. T-shirts will be given to volunteers at registration.

A picnic style lunch will be served to all volunteers on the Community Center Side Lawn at the end of the work day!

For more information, please call the Mayor's Office

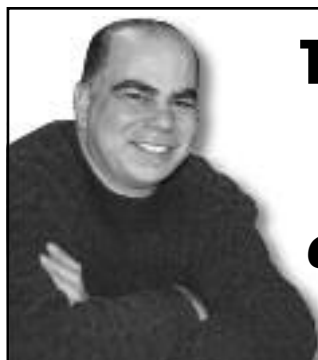
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(above, r-l) Mayor Giordano greets Green Brook Mayor Pat Boccio who shaved his head this year raising over \$5,500.

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| Recreation | 756-0247 |

Phone numbers utilize the 908 exchange.

NORTH PLAINFIELD YOUTH SPORTS IS HOSTING THE 7TH ANNUAL RALPH GAMMAROTA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Beaver Brook Country Club • 25 Country Club Drive, Annandale, NJ

Fee: \$150.00 per person

This event raises money to support the North Plainfield Youth Sports sanctioned programs, which include girls Basketball, Softball and boys Basketball & Baseball.

There are separate programs for grades 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th for both boys and girls (participation dependent).

Please come join your friends and neighbors

for a day of fun in the sun. The cost is \$150.00 per golfer, which includes greens fees and cart, continental breakfast, buffet lunch after golf and give-a-way. Hope to see you there.

For additional information and registration forms please contact Joe Pisaniello at joepisaniello@hotmail.com



Message from the President

TESORO SALVADORENO TO HOST NPBA NETWORKING EVENT

The North Plainfield Business Association will hold its second networking event on May 21, 2013. It will be hosted by Tesoro Salvadoreno Bar Restaurant located at 64 Somerset Street, North Plainfield from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The event is free for any business, member or non-member. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar.

This event will build on the success of our first meeting held at The Top Shelf in March, where 45 local business people got together to network. I encourage those who were there to return and bring someone along. Members of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce are also invited to our events. Our members are welcome at the Tri-County events as well. This is an added benefit to join either group.

I would like to thank Juan Duran for hosting the May networking event.

Todos los negocios estan bienvenidos a participar sin ningun cargo.

Peter Eddy
 President

Contact NPBA c/o P&E Plastic Fabrication Co., 24 Craig Place, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
 Eddy@peplastics@gmail.com or call 908-757-1909

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.

NEW MEMBERS NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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North Plainfield Business Association

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ANNIE LEE JONES FOUNDATION - PAYING IT FORWARD!



North Plainfield resident, ShyQuira “Shy” Williams founded the Scotch-Plains based Annie Lee Jones Foundation in honor of her great-grandmother. “My great-grandmother was a real inspiration to me. From as long as I can remember, she was always paying it forward, and talking about the importance of helping others.” The foundation is dedicated to supporting community youth events and youth development and making sure that students have the tools to succeed academically and professionally,” Williams said.

For more information about upcoming events or to get involved, visit www.annieleejonesf.org, Contact the Annie Lee Jones Foundation, at P.O. Box 665, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, Call 908-548-5739 or Fax 908-573-3920.

(left, l-r) Anthony Davis, Jr., student; Elysha Bembury, Intern; Jasmeen Muhammad, supporter; Arlene M. Jones, Vice President; Kenya Mutyanda, Volunteer; Shy Williams, President.

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APRIL 26TH IS SIGN UP FOR ANNUAL TRACK AND FIELD DAY HELD ON MAY 4TH

The Track and Field day is a novice event and will be held on Saturday May 4th from 9am to 12pm at Columbia Park in Dunellen. Rain date is May 5th.

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 42ND ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

The event will start at 8:30 am and end at 11:30 am. This is a free event and registration is that morning. All residents 14 and under are invited to participate.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs require registration.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday, May 7 @ 10:00 - 11:00am
Monday, May 13 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm

This class will cover the basics of the Internet, including browsers, search engines, and the general categories for websites. Space is very limited so please sign up for only one session.

Library Closed

Tuesday May 14

NIGHT BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday May 16 @ 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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SCRAPBOOK PICTURE FRAME CRAFT

Tuesday, May 21 @ 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Spend an hour creating a picture frame using scrap-booking techniques. Adults and children ages 12 and up accompanied by an adult. This program is being offered at the same time as the children's baking program and is for parents, caregivers, or any adult 18 and over.

INTRODUCTION TO QIGONG AND MEDITATIVE PRACTICES

Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:30 - 8:30pm

Experience the benefits of a clearer mind, increased energy, and reduced stress/anxiety! 9 Movements is a low-impact, mildly aerobic set of exercises that promotes body-mind-breath integration. No special equipment is necessary but please dress comfortably. Open to all fitness levels. Taught by Justin Jaucian, Licensed Acupuncturist.

BOOK DONATIONS COLLECTED

SATURDAY, MAY 4 @ 9:30 - 9:45AM

FLEETWOOD MUSEUM

The Fleetwood Museum is currently displaying books dealing with the history of World War II. The collection is compiled by Museum volunteer, Brian Sedlock, a North Plainfield resident, and student of World War II.

Included is Winston Churchill's six volume memoir, written between 1946 and 1954, totaling 5,000 carefully documented pages.

Other histories by Ronald Heiferman, C.L. Sulzberger, Norman Franks, William Shirer, Life Magazine and the Associated Press, offer hundreds of photographs. The books are in the second floor reading room.

The Fleetwood Museum features cameras, photographs, music boxes, and two libraries. It is opened on Saturdays from 10 till 4, and on second Sundays from 1:30 - 4. Closed holiday weekends. It is located in the Vermeule Mansion, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ 07063. Admission is free.

FRIENDS OF VERMEULE COMMUNITY YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

Vermeule Community Center
(Rain Date: Sunday, May 19th)

SENIOR BUS SCHEDULE

The North Plainfield Senior Citizen Bus is available to all North Plainfield Seniors.

To arrange to ride the bus and for more information, please call 908-753-0707.

The following is the bus schedule:

Monday: Shop Rite

Tuesday: North Plainfield Senior Citizens Club

Wednesday: Stop and Shop & Wal Mart

Friday: Sears and Somerset Farms

The bus starts picking up passengers at about 9:00 A.M.

Please call at least 24 hours before you need the bus.

HELP THE LIONS HELP THE BLIND!

The North Plainfield Lions Club has been active in the borough since the 1950's. With a motto of "We Serve", the main mission of Lions Clubs International is to raise money to aid those who have sight and hearing disabilities. Founded in 1917, Lions Clubs International has grown to become the largest service organization in the world, with 1.3 million members, in 46,000 clubs, in 207 nations. In keeping with their mission, Lions Clubs often collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for refurbishment and distribution to the poor. A repainted former postal drop-box can be found at the North Plainfield Public Library, for collection of these items.

Locally, the Lions raise money for projects around town and actively participate in annual events held throughout the borough. Some events where the North Plainfield Lions can be seen include: the Senior Citizens' Picnic, the 4th of July parade, Memorial Day ceremonies and of course, at the club's own annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Monies from the breakfast fund scholarships the Lions give each year to two graduating seniors from NPHS. Lions can also be seen collecting money for the blind, in front of local stores, during their White Cane Days. As a major project, the North Plainfield Lions recently partnered with the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. The club has made quarterly financial donations or given collections of food and personal hygiene items to the food bank.

The North Plainfield Lions Club meets at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at the Dunellen Hotel, on Washington Avenue, in Dunellen. The club is always looking to invite new members to join. If you are interested in joining, or in learning more about Lions projects, please contact Skip Stabile, club president, at (908) 377-5788, or Frank Stabile, club membership chairman, at (908) 754-2754.

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NORTH PLAINFIELD JR. CANUCKS

“KEEPING FOOTBALL AND CHEER HERE IN NORTH PLAINFIELD”

Board Member Officials of the North Plainfield Jr. Canucks (NPJC) are in the midst of preparing and planning a Youth Football & Cheer program to serve children grades K-8 in the North Plainfield community. The NPJC organization operates as a NJ public Non-Profit Corporation aimed at shaping young boys and girls into well rounded student-athletes before entering high school. The NPJC organization inclusively teaches the fundamentals of football and cheer while integrating philosophies derived directly from North Plainfield High School coaches. Board Member President, Chris Stowers, Jr. of North Plainfield, noted that “Our ‘feeder’ philosophy will ensure student-athletes will be prepared to play football and cheer at North Plainfield High School.” Coaches have been attending clinic training sessions since the beginning of March to ensure that instructional schema is consistent at all levels of competition.

The North Plainfield Jr. Canucks is affiliated with the New Jersey Jr. Skyland Football Conference (JSFC) and was unanimously awarded acceptance into the JSFC, <http://www.jrskylandfootball.org/>, as its 11th member on 2/4/2013. JSFC Membership competition includes High School sending districts Bridgewater, Warren Hills, Voorhees, Hunterdon, North Hunterdon, Basking Ridge, Watchung Hills, Hillsborough, Phillipsburg, and Somerville/Branchburg. The JSFC provides a safe and productive environment that enables student-athletes to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship.

In 2013, NPJC Board Officials are partnering with Watchung Hills’ Board to establish North Plainfield as a complete and independently operated program. This year’s NPJC Football & Cheer Program will host the (JV) Junior Varsity (5th -6th graders) and the Varsity (7th -8th graders) only. K-4th grade (Flag, Cheer, & Pee Wee Tackle) will be hosted at Watchung Hills. In

the 2014 plan, the NPJC Program will host the entire and complete K-8 grades in North Plainfield.

Board Member Treasurer, Willie Vick, Jr. of North Plainfield noted that “We are working diligently behind the scenes and assure boys and girls that the upcoming inaugural 2013 season in the Jr. Skyland Football Conference (JSFC) is going to be one of our best yet!!” The North Plainfield Jr. Canucks will need the support of the North Plainfield community in order to flourish. All parents, coaches, teachers, and mentors are to be encouraged and stay involved in the fun of our youth. “As coaches, we’re very excited about working with the parents in the community to build this program. When coaches and parents work together, the kids will always be the winners.”- Bob Lake, Head Football Coach North Plainfield High School.

- All Programs Start Monday, August 12, 2013
- Open to Boys and Girls from Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- Football teams compete in the Patriot League & Junior Skyland Football Conference
- Drawing Area: North Plainfield
- All Games Played on Saturdays
- Learn North Plainfield High School Football Systems, Skills and Philosophy
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Registration is currently open at www.whjw.org.

For further info on program details and registration, contact NPJC President, Chris Stowers, Jr. at (908) 397-8396 or cstowers@ramapo.edu.

NPJC Board meets every third Tuesday of the month.

*Please follow and Like North Plainfield Jr. Canucks on Facebook to receive the latest news and upcoming events. Special related events are coming your way...Stay Tuned!! Go Canucks!!!

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NPFD NEWS

Submitted by William F. Eaton, Fire Chief/
Director North Plainfield Fire Dept.

March was a busy month for the fire department. Over a two week stretch at the end of the month, we had three structure fires. Two of the fires severely damaged single family homes on the east side of the municipality and the third one destroyed a two-car garage. (below) Garage fire.



ADVISE TO HELP AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF A SCAM

Submitted by North Plainfield Police Department

The old adage, if something is too good to be true, it probably is, is something all of us should take pause and remember. Police Departments are increasingly receiving complaints from citizens that report they have lost money, often thousands of dollars, and often because of their own action. These incidents are part of highly organized criminal enterprises often operating outside of the United States. The criminals conducting these operations don't use weapons or robbery but appeal to the part in all of us that would like something for nothing. Unfortunately, these incidents seem to be more frequent; are difficult to investigate; and are even more difficult to prosecute.

Victims usually receive an official envelope in the mail often from organizations with official sounding names such as Sweepstakes Finder, or Lottery Locator. An official looking letter will indicate that the recipient has won a lottery or sweepstakes, and this company has been authorized to locate and facilitate payment of the prize. The next step should set off alarm bells, the letter will often ask for payment of a processing fee, often several thousand dollars. In order to secure payment the victim is asked to forward the organization a certified or cashier's check. Anxious to receive their share of a huge lottery award, (although less common other variations include vacations, jewelry or automobiles), the victim does so. Later the victim will become suspicious when they don't

receive the award and contact the police.

A recently reported incident involved the victim being called by the "New Jersey Lotto Sweepstakes". The victim was told she had won several million dollars but in order to collect would have to pay a fee with prepaid debit cards. The victim purchased the cards and provided the card numbers to the caller. Using mail drops which can anonymously forward letters, the criminals can stay one step ahead of law enforcement locating them. Compounding this is that it involves multiple law enforcement agencies, not only of different jurisdictions but often of different countries. Some agencies have to concentrate on violent incidents, or incidents that have a high probability of being solved. That makes these scams an attractive and lucrative venture for clever but morally challenged individuals.

These practices are not just confined to regular mail but are also practiced on the internet as well. The internet also provides almost unlimited resources to personal individual data on all of us. Your data could be "mined", and then used in an official looking document; email; or phone call informing you "you're the lucky winner". On line incidents may vary with an angle that your bank or credit card wants to verify your account or alert to a new service. Another variation includes phone calls in which someone may claim to be from a government office or agency attempting to provide you with a service or a benefit; they just need to verify your social security number.

The best practice is to trust no one or organization that has made an unsolicited contact with you, especially if they are asking you for money including a processing fee, good faith fee, or certain personal information. Should you receive solicitations, in any form, notify your local law enforcement. It may aid them in an ongoing investigation or assist in preventing others from being taken advantage of.

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SOMERSET COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION DONATES TO NORTH PLAINFIELD S.T.E.P. PROGRAM

Using a portion of the proceeds from its annual 5K “Legal Runaround” event, the Somerset County Bar Foundation has donated \$250 to the North Plainfield S.T.E.P. program. Foundation Chair, Francine Gargano, Esq. remarked how this was an important program to her since it gave the youth in her home town a safe place to go.

The Summer Teen Evening Program (S.T.E.P.) is the outcome of the combined efforts of the Community Policing Unit, Guidance personnel from the Board of Education, and the support of the Municipal Alliance. The program runs during the summer and provides the Borough’s youth with an alternative to hanging out on the street. Pickup basketball games, soccer, and movies are the main activities, with an end of summer picnic. The program often has as many as 70 teens in attendance.

Detective Alex Kuga was there to accept the check. Marilyn Pinto, West End's Student Liaison Coordinator was also present. Chris Bono, Vice President of Unity Bank, which has a branch office in North Plainfield and who is a Trustee for the Somerset County Bar Foundation, has introduced the UCare program from Unity. Anyone banking with Unity can designate the Foundation on their accounts and the bank will make a donation to the

Foundation. “This will give us more money to distribute to worthwhile programs, such as S.T.E.P.”, Chris Bono said during the presentation.

S.T.E.P. Coordinator Joan Graham and Detective Eric Fowler were not present but are an integral part of the program. Both Detectives are part of the Community Policing Unit. This year’s “Legal Runaround” 5K run, 3K walk and kids’ dashes will be held on May 23rd in Somerville.



(above, l-r) Chris Bono, Vice President Unity Bank; Marilyn Pinto, West End's Student Liaison Coordinator; Detective Alex Kuga; Francine Gargano, Esq., Foundation Chair

REC DEPT OFFERING SUMMER CAMP AND PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

North Plainfield Parks and Recreation will be having Summer Camp this year. The Summer Camp is a full day program - from 9 am to 3 pm - which will be open rain or shine and offers a before and after care option for an additional cost. The extended hours are 8am to 6 pm.

North Plainfield Recreation is also offering Summer Playgrounds. The Summer Playground is from 9 am to 1 pm – weather permitting.

REGISTRATION DATES

Registration Dates are April 27, May 11, 18 and June 1, 8, 22 from 9am – 11am at the Vermeule Community Center. Registration forms with check or money order may be dropped off at the Recreation office at 93 Greenbrook Road.

Eligibility:

North Plainfield children ages 4 through 13.

THE SUMMER CAMP

The Summer Camp is an indoor/outdoor summer program. Campers can sign up for weekly field trips and will be placed in a camp-site based on their age with age appropriate activities. There are a variety of activities including arts and crafts, board games, indoor and outdoor sports, and playground equipment. There will be weekly themes and field trips. There is a charge for the field trips.

The program is a 7 week program starting on June 24th through August 9th. There is no camp on July 3rd and 4th due to Independence Day. The cost is \$475 plus \$25 Registration fee. After June 1st the registration fee is \$500 plus \$25.

THE PLAYGROUNDS

The Playgrounds is an outdoor summer playgrounds program that will be at East End School. This program is available to North Plainfield residents in grades Kindergarten through Eighth.

This playground will have limited activities and will be 100% outdoors. The hours are 9 am to 1 pm. The session is 7 weeks starting June 24 through August 9th with no camp on July 3rd and 4th due to Independence Day. The cost is \$125.

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