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#### NORTH **PLAINFIELD MAYOR'S 34TH** ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS **PICNIC**

Saturday, September 29, 2012 Senior Citizens/Community Center 614 Greenbrook Road (Rain or Shine) 12 Noon to 4:00 PM Details on page 2.

#### **NORTH PLAINFIELD CELEBRATES 'NATIONAL NIGHT OUT'**

On August 7, North Plainfield held its annual National on display, along with some special guest vehicles - like a

Night Out and Public Safety Vehicle Expo. The North massive armored truck from the Somerset County SWAT Plainfield PBA donated the funds for a barbeque for team! It was an enjoyable night for everyone who attended, everyone who attended. Local police and fire vehicles were and also a promotion of public safety in the community.



(above, l-r) NPBA President Pete Eddy with Sergeant Ed Ciempola of the Somerset County SWAT team.



(above, l-r) Rob Beatie (NPFD), NPPD Detective Mike Innella, Brian Martin (NPFD), and Police Chief William Parenti.



(above, l-r) Officer Eric Fowler and Detective Gerry Clyne of the NPPD.

#### INTRODUCING THE "WATCHUNG POST

In September 2012 Renna Media will publish the premiere issue of The Watchung Post, a new monthly publication that will bring to Watchung the same coverage of community news, local happenings and happenings, and municipal information that North Plainfield residents get from The Pride. We will work closely with the Watchung

provide residents with up-to-date community news.

The Watchung Post will be mailed to every household and business in Watchung (3,000 in total). This will be a fantastic opportunity to reach out to North Plainfield's neighbors across Route 22. If you'd like us to advertise your business or event in Watchung, please send me an An Advertising Ratesheet Rate sheet can be found on page 6.



email at thepride@rennamedia.com, or call (908) 930-2425.

Special advertising rates will be available for advertisers who include their ad in both The Pride and The Watchung Post. With both newspapers, we will now have a regional circulation of 8,000 households and businesses in the area. The new paper will be a chance to expand our coverage and let our

schools, service organizations, and government agencies to readers know what's going on right outside of their community.

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#### NORTH PLAINFIELD MAYOR'S 34TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS PICNIC

Saturday, September 29, 2012
Senior Citizens/Community Center
614 Greenbrook Road
(Rain or Shine)
12 Noon to 4:00 PM

Tickets will be available for purchase at all Senior Citizen Meetings and in the Mayor's Office. Cost of Tickets will be \$1.00 each. The event is open to all North Plainfield Residents age 55 and older. A Picnic Style Buffet will be served, door prizes given out throughout the afternoon, and Larry Kasar will be providing the afternoon's entertainment.

The Senior Citizen Bus will be available for those needing transportation. Please call the transportation number at (908) 753-0707 to make arrangements for pick-up. If you have any questions please call the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Gail Cain, at (908) 769-2902.

## SENIOR BUS TRIP TO GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO

The North Plainfield Seniors conduct a bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino the second Wednesday of each month. The bus leaves the parking lot of Saint Luke's Church 300 Clinton Ave. promptly at 10:00 A.M.

The cost is \$26.00 of which \$20.00 is returned to you at the casino as a casino card to be used for the games, and you are given a \$5.00 certificate to be used toward a meal. For more information call Edie at 908-753-6812.

# THE FRIENDS OF VERMEULE MANSION GIANT YARD SALE

The Friends of Vermeule Mansion will hold its annual Fall Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, September 22nd from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Mansion on the corner of Greenbrook Rd & Clinton Ave. The rain date will be Sunday, September 23rd.

We need shoppers & vendors. Vendors pay \$10 for a 10' x 10' space, if purchased by September 15th.

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#### **ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES HONORARY MEMBER**

Submitted by Michael Townley

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield honored one of North Plainfield's teachers at their annual dinner meeting in June.

Alexandra Periera, Spanish teacher at the Middle School and adviser to the Interact Club, was named an Honorary Member for her service to Interact and to the Rotary Club.

"The Interact Club is the premier club for students at North Plainfield High School and Middle School," said Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Rotary club president and superintendent of schools. "Alex has guided the club to new levels of participation in community service and service to our Rotary club. We presented her with the Certificate of Membership and a Rotary pin as our way of expressing our appreciation for Alex and for all that she has done."

The Interact Club has co-sponsored two blood drives each year with the American Red Cross, bringing students, faculty and residents together to help others. The Club also collects food for the needy, participates in Clean Ocean's Beach Sweep at Sandy Hook each year, and works concessions at Rutgers basketball games to help the Rotary Club raise money for scholarships.





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"We appreciate the students' hard work at our Rutgers fundraisers every year," said Dr. Birnbaum. "We would not be able to raise the money that we do without their help. Alex Pereira has been instrumental in getting fourteen to fifteen Interact Club members to each of the games that we work."

The Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Anyone interested in serving the community is welcome to attend a luncheon meeting as guest of the Club to learn more about their service opportunities.

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(above) Alexandra Pereira (right) displays her Certificate of Membership with Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, president of the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield.



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#### The Pride • Page 4 • August 2012 NORTH PLAINFIELD WELCOMES FOREIGN STUDENTS

By Marie Burke

In July, North Plainfield welcomed twelve international students to town. The teens, who arrived on July 9th and stayed for three weeks, came to us from Italy, Spain, France, and Belgium. Families from North Plainfield and surrounding towns played host by providing

them with room and board and a warm by families in Summit, Short Hills and Milburn. American welcome!

The students were sponsored by Academic Adventures in America, a non- profit agency headquartered in Summit. Our students were part of a larger group of fifty who were hosted

The teens had a demanding schedule which included four days of touring various points of interest in New York City. They spent a long weekend in Philadelphia, Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Washington, D.C., where they visited the White House and many national monuments. Saint Joseph's Parish House kindly allowed us to use their conference room for six mornings of instruction in conversational English and American culture.

As part of their experience in North Plainfield, Gerard Stephenson, principal of NPHS, took the students on a tour of the classrooms and the gym. The French students noted that their schools did not have lockers and were very impressed that the cheerleaders were practicing during the summer months. The students also received a tour of the Police Department and Fire Department. When at the firehouse, they especially enjoyed the demonstration of the 75 foot hook and ladder and the fireman who climbed it.

All the families involved found the experience to be a rewarding adventure. Some have hosted in the past and enjoyed it so much that they were happy to make it a yearly experience. Sandi Helck, who hosted three students, reflected that she probably got as much out of the visit as she hopes the students did.

The whole experience was a positive one, with friendships growing among children of various nations and their American host families. Many invitations were extended to host families to continue these new relationships by visiting the students in Europe.

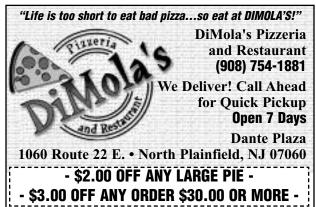


(above) Marie Burke (left) served as teacher and Sandi Helck (right) coordinated activities for the students who came to North Plainfield from France, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.



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### ST. JOSEPH FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

St. Joseph's Church of North Plainfield will hold its First Annual Golf Outing on Monday, October 1, 2012 at Neshanic Valley Golf Course, Neshanic Station, NJ. A barbeque lunch and registration will be held at 11:30 AM, and Tee-Off is at 1:00 PM. A savory dinner will follow. Per-Golfer Registration is \$225, Foursome Registration is \$900, and sponsoring a hole is \$250.

Please contact John Valencza (908-889-4116) or Bill Crosby (908-310-3406).

#### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY PLANNED

Join Fr. George Farrell and parishioners and friends of St. Joseph's Parish, North Plainfield, November 5, 2012 on a 12-day adventure through Italy! The trip will showcase the "Italian Treasures" of Milan, Tuscany, Florence, Padua, Assisi and Rome and a Papal Audience. All airfare, transfers and hotels are included, as well as full daily breakfast and most dinners (20 meals total) for only \$2898 per person, double occupancy. For a copy of the complete brochure, please contact Mary Foy, events coordinator at St. Joseph's, 908-756-3383, Extension 13 or at sjnp.events@yahoo.com. For all other info, please contact Nuovo Tours at 973-882-0021.

#### NORTH PLAINFIELD FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

#### **SOCCER AND ARCHERY**

Signups will be on Aug 28th thru Aug 30, Sept 6th, 7th and 10th. The times are from 7-9 pm. All registrations will take place at the Vermeule Community Center on Clinton Ave.

Soccer Day will be on September 22, 2012. All boys and girls from Kindergarten to 8th grade are eligible to register. Cost is \$30.

Archery Girls and boys in 3rd - 8th grade are welcome to participate. Practice is every Wednesday at West End School, 6:30 - 7:30 for grades 3rd to 5th and 7:30-8:30 for grades 6th - 8th at West End School. The cost is \$30.

Both seasons run from mid-September thru mid-November and cost \$30.

### ADULT CO-ED OPEN BASKETBALL

**NEW RECREATION PROGRAM** 

Adult Co-Ed Open Basketball will also be offered for the first time this fall. Sign ups will be held at the same time as soccer and archery sign ups. You must bring proof of North Plainfield residency or proof you work for the Borough of North Plainfield. The program will run from mid-September thru mid-November, twice a week. The cost is \$25.

For more information, please go to the North Plainfield Recreation website.

http://www.np-recreation.com/Sports.html

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#### **POLICE CORNER**

Submitted by William Parenti Police Chief

North Plainfield Police Chief William Parenti is happy to report that the borough's National Night Out and Public Safety Expo, held on August 7th, was a complete success. Several vehicles from the police fleet were on display as were fire trucks from the North Plainfield Fire Department. Safeguard Document Shredding of Manalapin, New Jersey also donated the use of a document shredding truck for the event; it allowed borough residents to safely destroy financial records. An estimated 400 people attended and were able to meet members of the police and fire departments while the North Plainfield Policeman's Benevolent Association donated the funding for a barbeque.

The STEP (Summer Teen Evening Program) concluded it 13th successful season with a barbeque/picnic at Green Acres Park on August 16. The program provides a safe place for borough teens to congregate, hang out and talk or participate in pick-up basketball games. Approximately 45 teens attended each session.

Chief Parenti also advises all motorists that the Police Department will be participating in a national campaign known as Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. This is a national program to augment patrols targeting intoxicated drivers during Labor Day weekend. On a related note the Chief reminds all borough residents school opens on September 5th. Motorists should drive with extra care as students become reacquainted with designated walking routes to the borough's schools. Parents are reminded to see that children adhere to the district's recommended walking routes.



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Submitted by William F. Eaton, Fire Chief

With the summer months cruising along, I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind our community that September 11th will be quickly upon us. On that day, the Police and Fire Department will collectively participate in a silent procession down Somerset Street, which terminates at the corner of Somerset St. and Lincoln Place.

This is in remembrance of the all those who lost their lives that day, eleven years ago. A moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m. in front of the North Plainfield Fire Dept. memorial bell, which is the exact time that day when the first hijacked plane crashed into the World Trade Center. All members of the community are welcome to please come out.

#### FREE RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, November 10, 2012 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon N. Plainfield Fire Headquarters, 8 Lincoln Place

Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. Animals must be supervised by an adult. For further information or questions please contact 908 769-2907.

#### **CAR NUTZ CAR OF THE MONTH:**

This 1962 Corvette is owned by Car Nutz member Tom Mullens; it's a 327 with 340 horsepower. Tom has owned it for 34 years!



(above) Tom Mullen's '62 Corvette

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