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#### NEXT MEETING: NORTH PLAINFIELD **BUSINESS ASSOCIATION** WEDNESDAY **JUNE 13TH** 5:30 - 7:30 pm VERMEULE COMMUNITY CENTER **614 Greenbrook Road HOSTED BY JOHANNA'S CREATIONS** Held in junction with the South Plainfield **Business Association** and the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce ALL MEMBERS AND **NON-MEMBERS ARE**

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#### BUSINESSES AND BOROUGH SUPPORT LAUNCH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

The desire for a hometown newspaper has been brewing in North Plainfield for some time. The North Plainfield Economic Development Committee and The North Plainfield Business Association contacted Renna Media to see if a newspaper in their community was viable. Renna Media publishes six local newspapers in Union County. The idea for starting a paper in North Plainfield began with Paul Alirangues, who owned the Organigaya Café on Somerset Street. Alirangues has known publisher Joe Renna (both are natives of Elizabeth, NJ) for over thirty years. The EDC held three exploratory meetings for Renna with borough officials, community leaders and business owners. The premiere issue of The Pride is the result of these planning and brainstorming sessions.

"There are many communities that ask me to start up in their town but it has to be the right fit for it to work," Renna says. "Desire is part of it but I have to look at the integrity of the community. I was impressed by the spirit and sincerity of the folks I met in North Plainfield. I thought would be a pleasure to work with them."

Peter Eddy, President of the North Plainfield Business Association (NPBA), took a lead role in developing the newspaper. Renna Media has given the NPBA the opportunity to use the newspaper to promote itself and assist it in its mission to drive the economic, professional and civic welfare of North Plainfield. Eddy says "The response has been tremendous. Everyone has embraced the idea, from the Mayor to the residents."

The newspaper will deliver important information from the departments in Borough Hall, along with news from the schools and library. Community service organizations are encouraged to promote their events, free of charge. The newspaper's goal is to be a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of North Plainfield. There will be no investigative reporting or



(above, standing, l-r) Paul Alirangues, EDC; Skip Stable, Bough Council; Anne Soto, EDC; Councilwoman Keiona R. Miller; George Shebey, Crossing Guard. (seated) Joe Tevlin; Florence mannion, EDC Vice Chair; Councilman Doug Singleterry; Frank Stabile, EDC Chair; Peter Eddy, President, North Plainfield Business Association.

political content; The Pride exists to share all of the good things that are happening in town with residents and businesses.

The Pride will be published monthly: 5,000 will be printed with 4,500 being mailed free to homes and businesses. The remaining papers will be available at distribution points around town. The production is designed to keep advertising costs low; no color ink or glossy paper, just black and white newsprint. Based on his experience with his other publications, Renna says "It is, by far, the best value for your advertising dollar." A discounted rate has also been established for members of the NPBA.

Local resident Nick Keyasko will serve as managing editor, and will gather content and facilitate advertising.

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



I would like to commend and thank the North Plainfield Economic Development Committee for bringing this newspaper to the Borough of North Plainfield. In my many conversations with our residents, everyone seems to share the common desire for more information about the many activities happening in our town.

Congratulations should also go out to the many organizations, borough departments, and residents that worked behind the scenes to make this publication possible and thank you to our sponsors for supporting us and the editors for believing in our community.

Thank you all! It is exciting to continue to have committed residents striving to maintain our designation of a "Proud Community".

Mayor Michael Giordano

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### NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IS REENERGIZED AND ON THE MOVE

Since its origin in 1938, the North Plainfield Business Association has been the voice of business in North Plainfield. The organization is experiencing a surge in activity and interest. President Peter Eddy, of P&E Plastic Fabrication has responded to the business community's interest in the organization and has been working to get the NPBA back to prominence by calling on all business owners, contractors and local professionals to join the group. Part of his effort is endorsing the new Newspaper, The Pride of North Plainfield which will promote NPBA's efforts.

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 The NPBA's many 13th from 5:30 Community Ce North Plainfield are invited to attend with the North I should contact (908) 757-1909.

Since its origin in 1938, the North Plainfield protected. There is strength in numbers: member business Association has been the voice of 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.

The newly-reformed Business Association will be visible and active in the community. From holding fundraising events, to keeping its members informed about local issues, to offering its members discounts at merchants throughout town – the NPBA pledges to be always working for the benefit of North Plainfield's economy.

The NPBA's next meeting is Wednesday June 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Vermeule Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield. Members and non-members are invited to attend!

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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#### THE 2012 NORTH PLAINFIELD STREET FAIR

North Plainfield's 2012 Street Fair will be held on Somerset Street on Saturday, June 9th, from noon until 5pm. Our long-running, annual fair draws people from around the area for an afternoon of games, shopping, food and fun. Come on out and have the opportunity to meet the Mayor and Council, mingle with your neighbors, and learn more about the many committees and community organizations in the Borough.

This year's Street Fair will feature over fifty vendors, live entertainment, and an impressive array of food! Come visit the Petting Zoo, take a shot at the Dunk Tank, and take in the live

North Plainfield's 2012 Street Fair will be entertainment that will be going on throughout the day. Check-out Jenna's Handmade Feather that be more non until 5pm. Our long-running, annual ir draws people from around the area for an Air-Brushed Tattoo.

As always we will have live music and entertainment throughout the day.

Additionally, the North Plainfield Lions Club will be hosting their annual charity Chili Cook-Off Competition at the Fair!

For vendor information, please call 908 769 2902 or email gcain@npmail.org for an application. You may also contact the Street Fair Chairman, Larry LaRonde at lltap@comcast.net.



### 2012 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES MONDAY, MAY 28TH

9:00am Vermeule Cemetery 9:30am Fire Bell Ceremony

@ North Plainfield Fire House

10:00am Brook Avenue Cemetery

10:30am Monument at the Memorial Library 11:00am Memorial Park, Willow and Myrtle

at Washington Avenue

Numerous local organizations will be participating in these ceremonies.

The solemn and poignant ceremonies in North Plainfield remind all of us that Memorial Day is much more than day off commemorating the beginning of summer. Rather, it is a day that we reflect and honor those who helped secure the blessings of liberty for our great country.

We could not hold this event without the participation and support of our local organizations.

Please contact the Mayor's Office for further information at (908) 769-2902.



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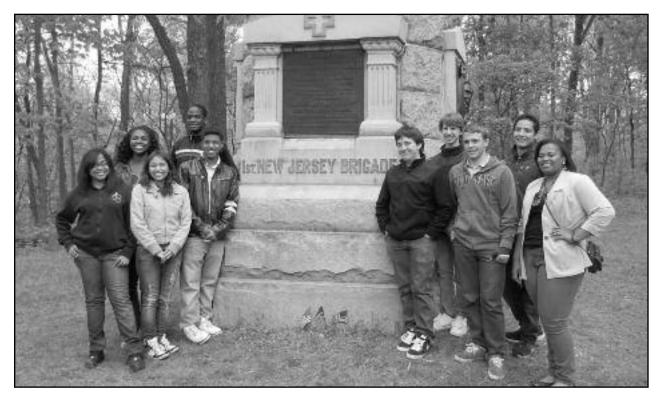
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#### The Pride • Page 4 • May 2012 STUDENTS TAKE PART IN GETTYSBURG DOCUMENTARY

Submitted by Tom Mazur, Supervisor of Fine, Practical and Performing Arts, NPHS



(above, l-r) The students in front of the memorial, Jalynn Rivera; Enrie Simms; Adriana Miranda; Craig Lewis; Adrian Guerrero; David Havrilla; Thomas Demeola; Mark Havrilla; Max Torres; Chelsea Blue.

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On Friday, April 27th, 10 NPHS students, along with chaperones Wanda Blue (parent) and Tom Mazur (Supervisor of the Arts) boarded a school bus and headed west on Route 78 to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This was no ordinary field trip; it was the beginning of an intensive learning opportunity on a documentary film shoot, where every event and virtually every moment were captured on videotape.

The students were on camera practically the entire weekend; from the moment they got off the bus at the Hampton Inn to when they boarded the bus back home on Sunday afternoon. When they arrived on Friday they had just enough time to deposit their bags and belongings in their rooms before attending a 3

hour orientation meeting regarding the tight two day schedule. Two weeks prior the students attended a two hour seminar about the history and significance of the battle that took place at Gettysburg in July 1863. As a special surprise, Dr. Mussari, the film's producer, director and project teacher arranged for a visit by General Robert E. Lee and his wife. It was designed to help students understand the position of the South and the greatness of Robert E. Lee.

Up at 7am on Saturday, July 28, and after breakfast, the students were on the bus at 8:15 and headed to the National Park where they saw a movie about the battle and visited the impressive cyclorama, a 365 foot long and 42 foot high, 360 degree cylindrical painting depicting "Pickett's Charge" by the Confederate soldiers. This was followed with a visit to the museum and then lunch. The rest of the afternoon was spent at several key areas in the Park where the students could stand and walk in the very places where boys their own age and younger had fought and died.

After breakfast on Sunday morning the group traveled to the cemetery. From a spot not far from where Lincoln delivered his "Gettysburg Address," Dr. Mussari interviewed each student individually. Shortly after 1:00pm, the students were filmed as a group entering the bus which then headed east to North Plainfield. Dr. Mussari headed back to his studio in Pennsylvania to begin editing and composing hours of footage which will at least take six months to complete.

The documentary will be screened in North Plainfield in December and also in Gettysburg in 2013, the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.



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#### **VOLUNTEERS TURN OUT IN LARGE NUMBER FOR CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY**

Over 100 residents of all ages took to the streets, parks, and fields throughout the borough taking part in "Clean Community Day" on The annual event is Saturday, May 5th. sponsored by the North Plainfield Forum and the Mayor's Office.

The day began with registration at the Vermeule Community Center where each

volunteer received a shirt, a pair of gloves, and a dedicated volunteers working to make North garbage bag before they set out. The hard work and dedication of all those involved was evident at the end of the day when everyone met back at Vermeule for a picnic style lunch.

Congratulations go out to the many volunteers that worked behind the scenes. Our community has been most fortunate to continue to have

Plainfield a better place for all of us.

At a time when volunteerism seems to be lacking, it is exciting to continue to have committed residents and community organizations that strive to maintain our designation of a "Proud Community".





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#### **HERSHEY'S ANNUAL TRACK & FIELD**

On May 5, 2012, The 9th Annual Track and Field Meet was held at Columbia Park in Dunellen. The meet is an opportunity for children ages 5-14 to compete in various sprints, relays, and other track and field events for the local level of the Hershey's Track & Field Games. Participants with the top times and distances are able to advance to the NJ State Meet, and may qualify for an all expense paid trip to Hershey, PA to compete in the North American Finals. This year's Meet produced over 40 participants who have qualified to advance to the next level.



(left) Dana Pierro stretches before the *4x100 Relay.* 



#### **EXTENDED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS**

These Trips are open to the entire community. Families are encouraged to participate. For participants unaccompanied by an adult, chaperones will be provided by N Plainfield Recreation.\* There is a limited number of seating and registration is on a first come first serve basis. Brown Bag Lunch recommended.

#### **REGISTRATION DATES:**

NP Library May 15th, May 17th, May 22, May 24th 6:30-8:45pm Vermeule Community Center Blue Room: May 19th 10am-12 pm For More information Contact Recreation at (908)756-0247

Download a Registration Form from www.np-recreation.com

\*Chaperones include Recreation Commission Members and Staff, who have been fingerprinted and received background checks.

Tuesday, May 29th

#### THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

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#### **ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL TRACK MEET**

Submitted by Michael Townley, Rotary Club Chairman

The oldest service club of the three Plainfields will hold its most important annual community service project on May 23 at the Frank Jost Athletic Field in South Plainfield.

Long a mainstay in supporting the North Plainfield and Plainfield communities, the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield will offer an afternoon of friendly but determined competition to young 12, 13 and 14 year-old athletes from area middle schools.

Rotary club members and their friends serve as the officials at the Meet. They are supported by members of the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School. Interact is the youthbased service club sponsored by Rotary International.

Schools invited to send athletes to this year's Meet include North Plainfield Middle School, Plainfield's Maxson Middle School and Hubbard Middle School, the Valley View School in Watchung, South Plainfield Middle School, and four other area schools.

Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in all events except the relays, where ribbons are awarded to second and third place finishers. If the past is any indication, medals or ribbons will be earned by athletes from every school that is registered.

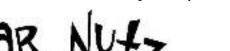
The Track and Field Meet is open to the public. Frank Jost Field is located on Cady Lane, off Maple Avenue in South Plainfield.

Anyone wishing to volunteer assistance to the Rotary Club should contact them at RotaryPNP@verizon.net, or call 908-822-1441.





Every month, The Pride will feature a "Car of the Month" owned by a Car Nutz member. The Car of the Month for May 2012 is a 1991 Chevrolet Camaro RS Convertible, which belongs to Club Secretary Brian Ivory, a lifelong North Plainfield resident and alumnus of NPHS (Class of '97)





Come out to support the North Plainfield Car Nutz' 7th Annual Car Show (at St. Luke's Church on 300 Clinton Ave.) on Saturday June 2, 2012. The gates will open at 8:00 AM and will run until 3:00 PM. There will be music, food and beverages; and trophies will be awarded to winning cars. All proceeds will benefit NPHS Project Graduation, the Plainfield Area Humane Society, and wounded soldier Brendan Morocco, who lost both legs and arms fighting in Afghanistan.

#### **REGISTRATION FORM:**

Contact Dan Battista (908) 616-3574 Ed Schaeffer (908) 754-6674 Registration Fee: In Advance \$15

Day of Show: \$20

Registration Time: 8am – 12pm (Please note: If both dates are rained out, the show will be cancelled and fee becomes a donation)

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6:00AM-3:00PM

8:00AM-3:00PM

Sat:

Advance Registration Forms Must Be Received By May 21st Make checks payable to: Car Nutz Car Club Mail to Attn: Dan Battista, 34 Regent St, No. Plainfield, NJ 07060

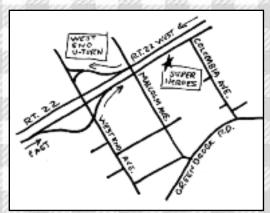


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Submitted by William G. Parenti NPPD Chief of Police www.northplainfield.org/nppd

- 1. Dare Graduation June 14 at 2pm at Somerset School
- 2. Click it or Ticket.

  We will be looking for unbuckled drivers joining a state campaign to save lives by getting more people to use seatbelts.
- 3. Assisting with Project Graduation for High School Seniors.
- 4. June 6th Taxi cab inspections
- 5. June 26 Summer Teen Evening Program "STEP" begins at the middle school.
  All Borough residents are invited to attend, play pick-up basketball and more.
  Contact Det. Alex Kuga 908-769-2949

## VIBRANT, SUSTAINABLE AND DIVERSE

Submitted by North Plainfield Green Team

The North Plainfield Green Team will present a public workshop, open to all on Monday, the 4th of June, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Vermeule Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road.

The program will present ways in which the Borough can enrich its economic development through use of its diverse community. Everyone is invited to bring their ideas and concerns, and to participate in a purposeful discussion of the Borough's future. The program is funded by a grant from Sustainable Jersey, an initiative designed to grow prosperity and sustainability through people in our community.

#### **VIBRANTE, SOSTENIBLE Y DIVERSO**

El North Plainfield Equipo Verde presentará un taller abierto al público, abierta a todos el lunes, el 04 de junio, desde las 7:00 hasta las 9:00 pm en el Centro de la Comunidad Vermeule, 614 Greenbrook Road.

El programa presentará las formas en que el Municipio puede enriquecer su desarrollo económico mediante el uso de su comunidad diversa. Todos están invitados a traer sus ideas y preocupaciones, y para participar en una discusión con propósito a cerca del futuro del municipio. El programa es financiado por una beca de New Jersey Sostenible, una iniciativa diseñada para crecer la prosperidad y la sostenibilidad a través de personas de nuestra comunidad.

#### **NEWS FROM NORTH PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by William F. Eaton, North Plainfield Fire Chief

On April 14th the fire department responded to a structure fire at 23 Somerset Street. Upon the fire department's arrival on scene, a large portion of the rear of the house was engulfed in fire. Due to the quick actions and rapid response of the on-duty platoon, the fire was contained to the exterior of the home and quickly extinguished. This was one of four structure fires the North Plainfield Fire Department responded to in the Borough over a one month period.

In other NPFD news, the department sent two of its firefighters to one of our country's premier training conferences during the month of April. For a full week of hands on and classroom instruction, these members participated at the FDIC (Fire Department Instructor Conference). They were amongst 30,000 other fire service members who received top of the line training from nationally recognized instructors/leaders. This was the 84th year the conference has been in existence.



#### **COMMON SENSE PRECAUTIONS TO CAR THEFT**

Submitted by William G. Parenti, NPPD Chief of Police

As warm weather approaches, leaving the windows down in a parked car may keep it cooler but is an invitation to thieves to take valuables. Several years ago the most commonly reported stolen items were car radios and radar detectors. MP3 players (such as I-Pods) and sunglasses are also frequently stolen from the inside of parked cars.

There are several things you can do to make your car a less attractive target. The simplest is

not to leave valuables in your car. At least put them out of sight: under a seat; in the glove box; or locked in the trunk.

When parking your car, roll up the windows, lock the doors, and park in a well-lit space. This advise applied to your own driveway.

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#### **POCIUS WINS AXELROD AWARD FOR TEACHING** STUDENTS ABOUT BIAS AND PREJUDICE

Congratulations to Jerome Pocius, NPMS English teacher, who was selected to receive the Honey and Maurice Axelrod Award. For over 20 years the Axelrod family has rewarded educators who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in teaching the Holocaust and genocide in their classroom as well as in the field of bias, bigotry and prejudice.

Mr. Pocius has been teaching eighth-graders at North Plainfield Middle School about the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights for twenty years. When asked about the challenges of teaching such a difficult, emotional subject to middle schoolers, Mr. Pocius says he always tries to "intersperse the negative aspects of the Holocaust with heroes - the "rescuers" who worked to save those imprisoned in concentration camps and who struggled against Nazi intolerance. Focusing on "the lives of individuals", while never sugar-coating the atrocities of the era, Mr. Pocius says his students are able to connect personally with what they learn in the classroom.

Mr. Pocius also enriches his lessons with his extensive collection of WWII-era artifacts and primary sources, which he displays in a showcase at NPMS. He lets his students touch, hold and read authentic postcards, letters and diary entries written by concentration camp prisoners. He makes the history of the Holocaust and WWII-era Germany come alive by presenting students with the thoughts and feelings of people who actually lived through the era.

Mr. Pocius' efforts are part of a crossdisciplinary campaign at NPMS to teach



Mr. Pocius in front of his WWII/Holocaust Showcase at NPMS

students how the Holocaust is connected to the prejudice and bullying they may encounter in their own lives. Students learn about human rights issues not just in history, but in their reading and English classes as well (eighthgraders read The Diary of Anne Frank)

"It's not just about teaching the Holocaust, it's about building a connection to today," says Mr. Bill Saccardi, who teaches Reading. "We find something that students can be passionate about and use that to get them interested in what they're learning." The program's mission is to teach students about the continuing problems of bigotry and intolerance around the world, and to point out parallels between the events of the past, and how certain groups of people are discriminated against today.



Mr. Pocius in front of his WWII/Holocaust Showcase at NPMS

#### **LIBRARY CORNER MAY/JUNE ADULT PROGRAMS**

All programs are free. Registration required. To register call 908-755-7909 or visit our website at www.sclsnj.org and point to "events/progams" click on North Plainfield for our program calendar. or stop by and talk to a friendly staff member, 6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ Wed., May 23, 6:30-8:30pm

#### Make a Shadow Box.

All supplies are included in this fun evening of constructing your very own shadow box. Presented by Michael's of Watchung. Wed., May 30, 7pm

#### Raising a Seeing-Eye Puppy.

Learn what it is like to raise a puppy that will be groomed to be a seeing-eye dog. Members of the K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club of Somerset County 4-H will be present with some puppy friends for you to meet.

Thurs., June 7, 7pm

#### Buying a Home in NJ.

The presenter will put the real estate market in perspective, explain your unique options as a first-time homebuyer and empower you with the information you need to buy your first home and take advantage of today's once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Presented by Prudential New Jersey Properties, Tammie Henderson. Wed., June 13, 7-8pm

#### Yoga with Jillian.

Experience the well-being and relaxation that yoga can provide. This class is for beginners as well as those familiar with yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel. Wear comfortable clothes. Presented by Jillian Keller, RYT 500. Space in limited, so sign up fast!

Wed., June 20, 6:30pm

#### Introduction To Crocheting.

Here is your chance to learn how to crochet. You will learn basic techniques and crochet a towel to take home with you. All supplies will be provided. Presented by Michael's of Watchung.

Wed., June 27, 6:30pm

**Book Signing with Wes Ifan,** the author of America I'm Talking to You.

Thurs., June 28, 11am-12pm

#### Chair Yoga,

Relax, Renew & Rejuvenate - Seated Yoga with Jillian. Learn simple ways to release your stress and take care of your body using chair yoga. All abilities welcome! Presented by Jillian Keller, RYT 500.

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(above) Ava Hanlein caught the biggest fish in the 8-10 year old age group - 16 inches! Photo Credit: Kim Carter

# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE PLANS

The Borough's 11th Annual Independence Day Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at 10:00 AM. The theme of this year's parade will be "Honoring our Veterans and their Families, Then and Now". The parade route will run from Wilson Avenue, turning left (East) onto Greenbrook Road, to Somerset Street. The Parade will turn right (South) onto Somerset Street and continue along Somerset Street past Borough Hall turning right (West) onto Lincoln Place past our Fire House turning right (North) onto Grove Street stopping at the Memorial Library and Veterans Monument to place a wreath in Honoring our Veterans and their Families. The Parade will continue along Grove Street, turning left (West) back onto Greenbrook Road, ending at the Reviewing Stand in front of Fromm Field across from the Middle/High School Parking Lot.

Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the parade. There will be food, drink, and novelty vendors located at Fromm/Stony Brook Field before, during, and after the parade.

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 7th at West End School. A live band, food, drinks, and glow necklaces will be available on the field. Festivities begin at 7:00 PM, with fireworks to follow at dusk.

#### **FISHING DERBY**

On Saturday April 28, 2012, dozens of aspiring anglers (from 1st to 8th grade) gathered at Green Acres Park to take part in the Spring Fishing Derby: a North Plainfield tradition for

over forty years. The North Plainfield Parks & Recreation Department gave prizes to children for a number of categories, including "Biggest Fish" and "Most Fish Caught".



(above) Basil Elsheilrh caught the most fish in the 8-10 year old category.



(above, l-r) Councilman Frank Righetti, Business Association Pres. Peter Eddy, Mayor Michael Giordano, Recreation Dept. Dennis Passe, NP Officer Mike Garcia.



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