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North Plainfield Annual Fishing Derby was on April 27, 2013 from 8:30 -11:00 at Green Acres Park. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Mike Garcia, the North Plainfield PBA and Valley National Bank for their generous donations which contributed to the success of the 42nd Annual Fishing Derby.

North Plainfield Parks and Recreation will be having Summer Camp this year. There are two types of camp. 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 Playgrounds is from 9 am to 1 pm – weather permitting.

Summer program details and more photos from the Derby can be found on page 3.



(above, l-r) Jenna, Jack, & Ean Jacot



(above) Brianna Meyer took top honors for catching largest fish.

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(above, l-r) P and R Commissioner, Mark Tighe, and Jeff Meyer measure winning fish.



(left) Anthony Pineda and daughter Adriana, Juan Alarcon and daughter Destine.



(above, l-r) Tayta Hubbard, Ariana Gaetan, Latonya Hubbard, take worms from Baseball Coach (Mets) Julio Gaetan.



(above) 3-years-old Johnny with dad Merle Lockhart

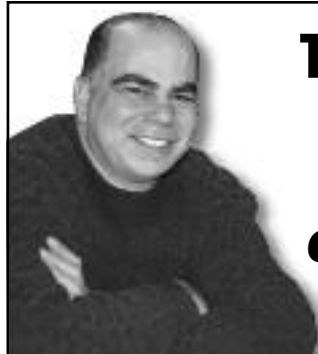


(above, l-r) Lamar Bracey teaches his brother Kayon.



(above, l-r) Zachary Dombroski with mom Gladis

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## MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, MAY 27th

For the love of country they accepted death. ~ James A. Garfield

### NORTH PLAINFIELD YOUTH SPORTS IS HOSTING THE 7th ANNUAL RALPH CAMMAROTA 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

## UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Please check our website and Facebook for updates pertaining to all of our events. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call the recreation office at 908-756-0247 or go to: www.np-recreation.com

## 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.

## THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING EVENT

MAY 21, 2013

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

### TESORO SALVADORENO RESTAURANT

64 Somerset Street, North Plainfield

The event is FREE for all businesses.

Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar.

## VETERANS RETIRE FLAGS

Ball-Kirch Post 265, American Legion is collecting tattered, worn, frayed, and otherwise unserviceable American Flags to be properly retired. You may drop the flags off at the North Plainfield Memorial Library located at 6 Rockview Avenue or at the North Plainfield Borough Clerk's Office located at 263 Somerset Street during normal business hours. Flags can also be dropped off in the lobby of the North Plainfield Police Department 24 hours a day.

The Flag Retirement Service will be held at Vermeule Park located at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Vermeule Place on Friday June 14, 2013. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.



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# CAMPS AND SUMMER FUN IN THE PARK

*Submitted by North Plainfield Parks and Recreation Department*

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Remaining Registration Dates are May 18 and June 1, 8, 22 at Vermuele from 9-11am and you can drop off the form to the Recreation office at 93 Greenbrook Road. All registrations for Summer Camp received after June 1 will be subject to a \$50 late fee. Eligibility: North Plainfield children ages 4 through 13.

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 (cost includes 3 Major Trips/Events)

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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 camp will have limited activities and will be 100% outdoors. The hours are 9 am to 1 pm. The session is 7 weeks starting June 23 through August 9th with no camp on July 3rd and 4th due to Independence Day. The cost is \$125.



# CANUCKS AIM TO UNIT COMMUNITY

## JUNE 15, 2013 3K WALK FOR STUDENTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

Annie Lee Jones Foundation is a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to empowering students and helping them excel with excellence. Our mission is dedicated to empowering the youth and creating development events for both the community and the youth. As a foundation that is committed to its community we have taken on the obligation of enriching the lives of others.

This year our foundation is hosting its 2nd Annual 3K Walk-for-Students-a-Thon, where we raise money for our annual Stuff the Bus-School Supplies Giveaway event. All of the proceeds goes towards providing students with school supplies for the upcoming school year. Last year was our first time running the program and with the support of local companies and institutions we were able to distribute 128 book bags filled with school supplies to students. This year our goal is distribute over 200 book bags! Please join us on June 15th as we walk to enrich the lives of others!

In addition to playing football and cheering this fall, the North Plainfield Jr. Canucks are hoping its inaugural season will unite North Plainfield's East End, West End and Stony Brook residents.

For years, North Plainfield boys and girls were only able to participate in a local Pop Warner Program that also serves boys and girls from Dunellen and Green Brook. From now on the Jr. Canucks will offer North Plainfield residents an opportunity to align their children with a program that will feed its cheer and football teams directly to North Plainfield High School with practices and games being held right here in our city.

North Plainfield High School Cheerleading Coach Skip Pulcrano has offered his time to devote to the Jr. Canucks Cheerleading and Dance teams who will dance, cheer and compete towards making a run at a state and national title for the first time ever. Coach Pulcrano will be hosting free clinics to anyone interested in cheer and dance, and is open to boys and girls grades K-8. Pulcrano says, "The opportunity to get to know and work with the children before entering the high school is an important step in the

maturity of our kids. They will have a chance to learn the disciplines, theories and techniques of cheer and dance that will make them successful if they wish to continue cheering at the high school." The cheerleaders will motivate the crowd through dance and cheer at the Junior Varsity (5th/6th grades) and Varsity (7th/8th grades) games under the lights in a high school "Varsity" setting. Register at [www.whjw.org](http://www.whjw.org)

The Jr. Canucks are looking to start a proud, rich tradition on the gridiron as well. The Junior Canucks are looking forward to traveling to Bridgewater-Raritan high School on June 28th to watch the first ever Basilone Bowl sponsored by the US Marine corps.

This is an all-star game featuring the best football players in Somerset County. The representatives from North Plainfield are: Coach Bob Lake, Chris Smith RB (Temple), Robert "Coty" Mendez RB (Kings College), Matt Barbosa DB (Undecided), Tyree Pinion DT (Undecided), Omar Bailey LB (Navy Prep), Brandan Selby LB (Rutgers) and Tim D'Armiento OL (The College of New Jersey). Game time is 6 PM. Contact Chris Stowers at [cstowers@ramapo.edu](mailto:cstowers@ramapo.edu) for ticket info.

Annie Lee Jones Foundation Presents

### 2nd Annual Walk-for-Students-a-Thon 2013



Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lower Krausche Field  
N.P.H.S. Walnut Street

- 8AM - Registration
- 8:45 - Fun Lap
- 9AM - Run/Walk

Registration Fee: \$25

All proceeds for this event will go towards providing school supplies to less fortunate students in the community. We appreciate your support as we help to enrich the lives of others!



## JR. CANUCKS EVENT WEEK

### JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup>

6/9: All Boys & Girls Punt, Pass, & Kick Fitness and Conditioning Clinic featuring Gabriele Fitness and Performance Training  
\$10 - All Registered NPJC football & cheer player(s) / \$15 - All Unregistered player(s)  
@ Upper Krausche Field Turf 1:30-4pm.

6/10 - 6/12: Jr. Canucks Mini-Camp @ Upper Krausche Turf Field 6pm-8pm. with NP H.S. Head Coach Robert Lake, Varsity Staff, and Jr. Canucks Coaches  
All Registered NPJC only

6/13: USA Reconditioning - NPJC Football/Cheer Helmet and Uniform Fitting  
All Registered NPJC only @ Vermeule Community Center 7pm-8pm

6/14: Jr. Canucks Family Fun Night - 6pm-9pm (All kids \$20 / Adults free)  
@ The Bounce Factory 150 Mount Bethel Road, Warren, NJ 07059  
Open Bounce - Velcro Wall - Family Laser Tag Teams

**GOOOO CANUCKS!!!!**

Please Like North Plainfield Jr. Canucks on Facebook to receive the latest updates on special related events.

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## CUB SCOUTS GIVE BACK!

On Saturday April 27, the Washington Park Historic Association began its annual spring planting at "Memorial Park" in preparation for the park's upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony. This year we were assisted by members and leaders of Cub Scout Pack #135 of West End School. The Cub Scouts did a great job of planting flowers around the monument and watering them. They also planted flowers in the Washington Park flower box.

This is a wonderful example of North Plainfield's youth serving their community. Memorial Park is located in the Washington Park Historic District of North Plainfield. The District was established in 1868, and with a great deal of time and work by borough volunteers, was listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places in February of 1981. This was primarily because of the unique Victorian architectural character of the homes.



(above) Cub Scout Pack #135 in Washington Park during annual spring planting.



(above) Scout Master Robert Meicke with scouts planting around the park monument.

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Fri and Sat: 9:30-5

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

No Registration unless indicated.

**MATH-E-MAGICIAN** (Grades 2-5)  
Thursday, June 6 at 3:30 PM

Numbers are very magical things, and in this program students learn all kinds of tricks! Kids will assist as our "Math-e-Magician" in solving problems and guessing answers while trying to stump each other. Presented by the Somerset County 4H. Registration begins May 23

**DAYS OF KNIGHTS** (Family Program)  
Tuesday, June 25 at 2 PM

A knight in shining armor is coming to the library! Join Sir Kenneth and his squire as they re-enact a classic medieval fairytale! Throughout the interactive story, kids in grades K-5 will learn all about knights, see an exciting swordfight, try on real armor, take pictures with the performers, and more!

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**GAME DAY**

Monday, June 10 at 3:30 PM

Join us for a variety of board games and video games.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**INTERNET BASICS CLASS**

Thursday, June 6 at 10:00 AM  
Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 PM

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 PM  
Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of my Hasidic Roots by Deborah Feldman  
Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 PM  
Wings by Karl Friedrich  
Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 PM

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendkar.

## LIBRARY HAS A NEW LOOK!

The Children's Room of the North Plainfield Memorial Library reopened on April 15th with a new layout and look. The Children's Room now features a Pre-School area as well as a new Circulation/Reference desk and computer furniture. Patrons have noted how much larger and cozier the room seems with the new layout. Former staff member and artist, Susan Kalas, also travelled back from Pennsylvania to North Plainfield to expand on her murals featured in the room. "North Plainfield rocks and it was a pleasure to come back. It was the most fun painting I've ever done."

The library welcomed back the youth of North Plainfield with a performance by the magician, Brian Richards, on April 18th. To see pictures and a short video of the renovated Children's Room, please visit the North Plainfield Library's Facebook page.



(above) Renovated Children's Room

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## RESIDENTS RUN FOR CHARITY



(above, l-r) North Plainfield residents, Katie Grundman, Michael Dellipoali, Danielle Dipaolo, and Sarah Grundman.



((above, l-r) North Plainfield residents, Rosie Smith and Juli Hibbard.

The New Jersey Half-Marathon at the Shore was held on Sunday, May 5th 2013. It was a perfect day for a long run – sunny and cool with an ocean breeze. There were a total of 5,350 participants, six of whom are North Plainfield residents. The 13.1 mile race started at 6:45am through the neighborhoods and business districts of Oceanport, Monmouth Beach, and Long Branch. There were residents cheering on the runners at every corner with live musical bands, children offering high five's and providing refreshments along the way. Proceeds from the race will be given to multiple charity organizations. The runners having expressed their sincere thanks to family and friends for attending and for their encouragement in helping to make the race such a positive experience.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH

The Clark UNICO Chapter recently celebrated "Community Service Month" at the McAuley School for Exceptional Children in North Plainfield. Sixteen UNICANS served the children and teachers dinner, played games, sang songs, danced, and served up dessert.

The Clark Chapter has been servicing the

school for the past five years. Sadly the McAuley School will close their doors permanently in June. Clark Chapter President Ralph Bernardo said, "We have enjoyed the children immensely and wish each of them happiness and peace in their new locations. We will miss our yearly visits."

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(above) The children of McAuley, their teachers and Clark UNICO members.

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# STREET FAIR FIRE SAFETY GUIDE

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

The Borough's annual street fair is quickly upon us. As a reminder to all vendors that plan on cooking, you are required to fill out a permit through our division of Fire Prevention and Protection.

Permits can be obtained either through the Mayor's office or downloaded from the Borough's website, under the "Fire Prevention Bureau" tab of the "Fire" section of the website and it is labeled - "Torch, Flame or Open Flame Producing Device."

Other important safety reminders for vendors

regarding this event:

Propane fuel tanks are required to be inspected by the Fire Department before initial use and each time a fuel tank is replaced. Fire Department personnel will be available to inspect tanks that are changed. A Fire Inspector will be assigned to walk up and down the street for vendor convenience and to also perform periodic safety inspections. An additional inspector will be available at the Fire Department booth on the corner of Somerset Street and Lincoln Place.

## INSPECT YOUR COOKING EQUIPMENT

### PRIOR TO FAIR DAY

1. All valves shall operate properly. (open & close without leakage)
2. Be sure all connections are clean and free of dirt, grease or oils.
3. Make sure all hoses and connections are in good condition.
4. Check "O" rings or gaskets for wear or leakage.
5. Do not use tanks that are out dated, severely rusted or pitted.
6. Be sure that all appliances are clean & functioning properly.
7. Only "DOT" approved cylinders of 20 lb. capacity or less shall be permitted.

### ON FAIR DAY

- Set up cooking equipment away from combustible materials.
- Protect tank from being knocked over or damaged.
- Store spare cylinder(s) away from heat and secure from falling or damage.
- Keep all cooking appliances as clean as possible.
- Extinguish all flames before changing tanks.
- Do not start cooking until the Fire Department inspects equipment for use.
- An approved dry chemical fire extinguisher is required to be in plain view.
- Minimum fire extinguisher size of 2A.

## PUT THE PHONE DOWN!

Submitted by North Plainfield Police Department

April was "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" and Somerset County Prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano asked all police departments to participate with stepped up enforcement. North Plainfield Police was one of the leading agencies in enforcement.

Currently the fine is \$130.00. There is proposed new law that will raise the fine to \$200.00 - \$400.00 for a first offence \$400.00 - \$600.00 for a second offence and \$600.00 - \$800.00 and a loss of license for up to 90 days for a third offence. Please do not drive distracted.



(above) Corporal Dennis Kardos issuing a summons to a person texting while driving.

## NPPD AT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS



(above, l-r) Ms. Marilyn Pinto, the student liaison coordinator at West End School and Det. Fowler at the Dad and ME celebration held on May 4 at East End School. An event sponsored by numerous North Plainfield organizations to build and celebrate Father/children relationships.



(above) Det. Kuga and a North Plainfield resident at the Health Fair held at the North Plainfield Middle School on April 25. A public outreach event held by the North Plainfield Board of Education.

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PROVOLONE CHEESE**  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>** lb  
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Must purchase 1 lb. Limit 1 lb. per coupon. Coupon may not be combined with other offers. Limit 1 offer and coupon per day. Offer expires 6/24/13.

**COUPON**

**FREE DOZEN OF  
EXTRA LARGE EGGS**  
with purchase of \$20.00 or more.  
Limit 1 offer per customer per day. Not to be combined with other offer.  
Offer expires 6/24/13.