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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 1, 2017 the Community Policing Unit invited the North Plainfield community to join millions of neighbors across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide for National Night Out. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

National Night Out is an annual communitybuilding campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie neighborhood make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



(above) North Plainfield Fire Department members Mauricio Majia, Matthew Rozmerski, and Lt. Lawson.



(above) Municipal Alliance Committee members Alicia Carman, Larry LaRonde & Sherrie Calish.



(above) Nick Rosa (DJ Mister Encendido) & Geovanny Mortoya (DJ Geo).



(above l-r) North Plainfield Police Captain Gerard Clyne, Patrolman Kevin Munoz, and Chief William Parenti.





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PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email info@rennamedia.com or call 908-418-5586

New Jersey Bahy Toddler Family Planning Expo Saturday, October 7th 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday, October 8th 11 am to 5 pm New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center at Raritan Center, Edison, NJ www.babyshowexpo.com

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ST JOHN'S BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR - SEPT 9

Church is proud to host the 9th Annual Back to School Community Fair. This event is open to all children and their families living in the area. Last year we gave out 155 bags of school supplies and a free meal to all school age children. The children and their families have a great afternoon of fun, good food and fellowship. We will give a free bag of school supplies to each child grades 1 to 12 in our community. The fair will be held

The Outreach Ministry of St. John's Baptist Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM, in the church parking lot located at 2387 Morse Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ.

> There are no fees for the event and you do not have to be affiliated with the church.

> We invite you to bring your family and friends to this wonderful event. Please feel free to share this information and if you have questions please contact Sylvia Hicks at 908-322-9328 or Cheryl Hailey at 908-251-7190.

BUS TRIP TO GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO - SEPT 13

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NORTH PLAINFIELD CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY RIGHTS MEETING - SEPT 14

The next meeting of the North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR)

will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

at the North Plainfield Community Center, 1 ocated at 614 Greenbrook Road.

Our guest speakers will be from the North Plainfield Business Association. They will speak about the progress the association has made in the past year, what the plans are for the future and how you can help. There will be a time for questions, comments and suggestions. Suggestions.

NPCCR posts the current police reports and council meetings on our site. You can view them by going to www.npccr.org

FARMERS MARKET FESTIVAL - SEPT. 16

Come out to North Plainfield on September husband and wife pop duo "Winterlong", Folk 16th for the 2017 North Plainfield Farmers Market Festival. This year features the very special guest headliner, Hip Hop artist "Authentik" will be performing as well as the power pop sounds of "Jenny & The Felines",

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The Third Annual Youth Police Academy was run by the North Plainfield Police Community Policing Unit over 4 days in July. The free program is designed to provide the youth of North Plainfield the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of the police officers in

their community. Through lectures, hands on practical activities, drilling and physical training that have been designed for the young cadets, the goal is to provide them with a working knowledge of Law Enforcement. This year there were 17 attendees that are in 7th, 8th or 9th grade.



(above) Youth academy participants learning about the Somerset County Swat Team.









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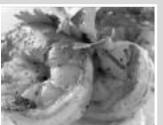
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SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch is one of 10 libraries across the state to be awarded the Math and Science Storytime (MAAST) program grant, managed by the New Jersey State Library and National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER).

"North Plainfield is a wonderfully diverse community and SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch is a hub for supplemental education, bilingual literacy, and STEM," said Amy Behr, youth services department supervisor and MASST grant lead. "Through this grant, we will encourage our youngest patrons and their families to develop a lifelong love for math and science related concepts, while simultaneously strengthening their dual language skills."

The MASST program is a Spanish-English bilingual storytime series comprised of stories, songs, and activities designed to introduce important science and math concepts to a broader audience, especially for children and families who speak Spanish.

This program series is suggested for children ages 3-5. Each program will be hosted at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch located at 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield.

Registration is requested. Learn more at SCLSNJ.org or visit the Library.

- Session 1: How Many Hats? (Math: Counting) September 12 session
- Session 2: Do You Know How Plants Grow? (Science: Planting and Growing) September 19 session
- **Session 3: Where Is A Square?** (Math: Geometry) September 26 session
- Session 4: Do Bears Wear Coats? (Science: Seasonal Change and Animal Adaptations) October 3 session
- Session 5: What's Next: Red Fish, Blue Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish ...? (Math: Patterns) October 10 session
- Session 6: Do You See What I See? (Science: Senses) October 17 session
- Session 7: Are You Taller Than A Tiger? (Math: Measurement) October 24 session
- **Session 8: Why Do Our Fingers Bend?** (Science: Form and Function)

About the MASST Program

The MASST program was created for children and their families to explore math concepts, such as patterns and counting, and science ideas, such as planting and senses. Each MASST session is about 1 hour long. At the end of each session, children apply what they learned during the session to create an art project or do a hands-on exploratory project. MASST has been expanded to include supports for preschool teachers and their students to attend sessions at the libraries. In 2012, the MASST program was created as a collaboration between Alissa Lange at the National Institute for Early Education Research and the New Brunswick Free Public Library (NBFPL). MASST has been implemented each summer at NBFPL since then. The content was based on effective, research-based practices from educational projects in preschool classrooms. Each session is linked to the New Jersey Department of Education Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards, and includes relevant literature and activities to promote exploration of important STEM concepts and language. The purpose of this work is to bring high-quality STEM activities to a broader audience outside of schools into the community, especially for children and families who speak Spanish. Learn more at masstprogram.org.



(above) MASST grant lead Amy Behr of

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(above) The Raptor Trust's longtime falcon resident, Georgette.







THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 P.M. "NATURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- THE BIRDS ALL AROUND US" WITH IVAN KOSSAK

Join us for an evening lecture with long-time TRT friend and volunteer, Ivan Kossak. Ivan is an expert birder and has birded in over 30 states and in Canada. He leads bird walks in his native and beloved New Jersey. Ivan has been a member of the Hackensack Riverkeeper for over 15 years and currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees there.

This program will reveal the magic that allows all birders - from beginner to advanced - to identify birds in the field. Learn who is living in your backyard and living in your trees! The program focuses on the physical attributes of NJ's wild birds (plumage, size, shape), as well as behavior, range, habitat preferences, and vocalizations.

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The Raptor Trust is located at 1452 White Bridge Road in Millington, New Jersey and is open to the public 7 days a week to visitors who can come see and learn about some of the facility's avian residents such as hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls. They also offer outreach educational programs for children and adults by appointment. The organization runs on donations in order to provide its services year round, every day of the year. Visit their website at www.theraptortrust.org to find out more about their organizations, visiting and program schedules, or to donate.



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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH - 7PM

- NP Community Center
- We are the guests at the NP Citizens for Community Rights regular meeting

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH - 7PM

- Best Friends Pet Care
- Our regular September Meeting, Guest Speakers from the

Somerset County Business Partnership

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH - 7PM

- Vermule Mansion
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NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The next NPBA meeting will be held on 256-1273, Danny Dominguez 908-447-2468, or Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm. It will be hosted by Best Friends Pet Care of North Plainfield located at 825 US-22 West, North Plainfield.

The NPBA membership remains free. There are elevated membership levels, which range in price from \$100 - \$300, which includes benefits and sponsorship opportunities. Anyone interested in the NPBA can reach out to: Pete Eddy 908Bruce Heyman 908-755-4700.

You can also find the North Plainfield Business Association on facebook www.facebook.com/NPBusinessAssociation

The monthly meeting for the NPBA was held on Tuesday July 25th at Kiddie Academy located in town. The guest speakers were Matthew Betz and Andrew Van Dyk of ADP. The topic was the "Top 5 Small Business HR Mistakes."



(above l-r) Matthew Betz, ADP; Andrew Van Dyk, ADP; John Ao, Kiddie Academy; Bruce Hyman, Fabricland; Johanna Salvemini, Johanna's Creations; Bruce Connor, Millennium Home Mortgage.

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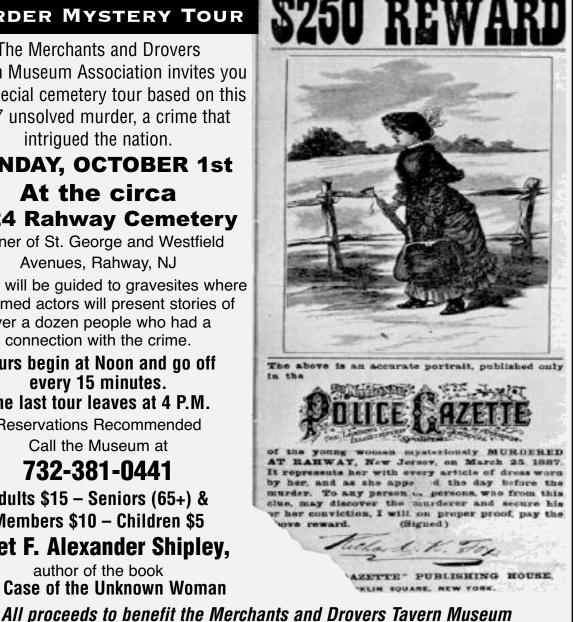
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Meisel Park will 'go to the dogs' this year as Berkeley Heights-based Home for Good Dog Rescue brings its Seventh Annual "Bark-a-Que" & Dog Adoption Event to Springfield, NJ for the first time on Sept. 9.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the pet-friendly event, which attracts up to 3,000 attendees each year, will feature rescue dog adoptions, food and merchandise vendors, family activities, professional photos, canine contests—including the annual 'Mr. and Mrs. Bark-a-Que' Costume Contest—and on-site prizes and giveaways.

"We're so thrilled to welcome our community to join us for a day of food and fun as we celebrate the more than 5,300 dogs we have rescued since our inception," Richard Errico, Home for Good's co-founder and treasurer, said. "We hope to see so many new faces in 2017 at our exciting new venue in Springfield."

In addition to welcoming the general public and all of Home for Good's adoptive families, "Bark-a-Que" hosts the rescue's largest adoption event of the year. In 2016, the festivities placed nearly 30 dogs with loving permanent households.

"We are committed to rescuing dogs from high-kill shelters throughout South Carolina and Georgia, nurturing them at our rescue facility in Aiken, SC, and transporting them northward to New Jersey for adoption," Errico explained.

As a 100-percent foster-based organization, Home for Good then places each animal with a

(above) Long-time Home for Good foster Simonti Choudhuri of Berkeley Heights, NJ, pictured with a puppy adopted at last year's "Bark-a-Que" has welcomed over 300 dogs into her home through Home for Good's foster program. Photo by Gail Ryan

until adoption into a loving, permanent home.

"Seeing our dogs go to good families makes all the hard work worth it," long-time volunteer Anna Newmark of Warren, NJ said. "But even if



(above) "Bark-a-Que" is a pet-friendly event attracting hundreds of dog owners each year.

Photo by Jessica Biamonte

volunteer family rather than in a kennel or shelter you're not ready to adopt right now, 'Bark-a-Que' is definitely a great time for adults and kids of all ages. It's just a fun day for any pet lover!"

> This year, Home for Good Dog Rescue is encouraging attendees to register early as "Barka-Que VIPs" by www.HomeforGoodDogs.org. For a suggested donation to the organization's rescue mission, families can avoid the line at the park entrance on Sept. 9.

> Home for Good Dog Rescue is a 100% fosterbased, non-profit 501(c)(3) dog rescue established in 2010 in Summit, NJ with offices in Berkeley Heights, NJ. We rescue homeless dogs from high-kill shelters in the South, which are overflowing with unwanted dogs on the brink of being euthanized. We socialize, care for, and provide them life-saving medical care at our property in Aiken, SC, transport them to our rescue in New Jersey, and nurture them in our network of foster families while they await adoption into loving homes - giving them a second chance at life.





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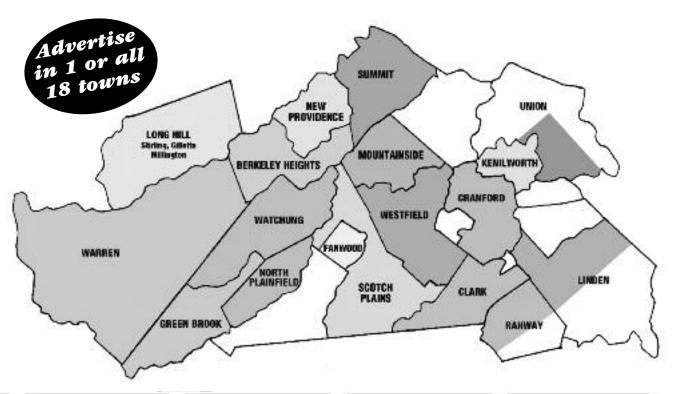
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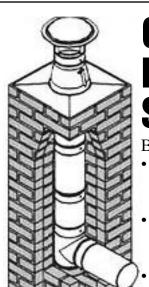
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