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FARMER'S MARKET FEATURES LIVE MUSIC

The following two artists are scheduled to play the North Plainfield Farmer's Market venue: Banjoist and Songwriter Kevin Liebke will perform September 1, and Psychedelic Rocker John Busse will perform September 8th. The market is scheduled to run every Saturday through September 29th, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Norz Hill Farm of Hillsborough, NJ offers a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Market coordinator Paul Alirangues sets up the Organigaya Cafe with freshly brewed and ground coffee for sale. The market is in the heart of the downtown across from Borough Hall.



(above, l-r) Paul Alirangues and Katherine Miller from North Plainfield administration.



(above) Local talent Barbara Harley performed on July 21.



(above, l-r) Ed Staata and Jose Lugo of Norz Hill Farm



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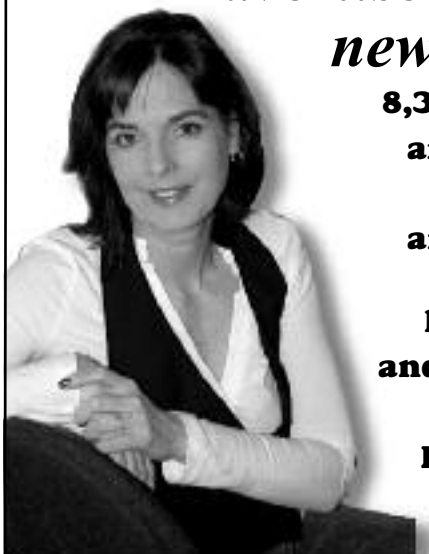
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Tuesday, September 11th
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Please join us for our annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Somerset street will be closed briefly for the Silent Procession which will travel from Greenbrook Road to Lincoln Place. We will conclude with a ceremony at the Fire Bell.

NPCCR MEETING OCTOBER 4

The next meeting of the North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) will be held on Thursday, October 4, at 7 p.m, at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield.

In recognition of "Fire Prevention Month" Chief William Eaton of the North Plainfield Fire Dept. will be our guest speaker. Please bring your fire prevention questions to this meeting.

Residents of other municipalities are welcome to attend.

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

North Plainfield Borough Events SEPTEMBER

Farmers Market: Through September from 9am till 2pm

9/9/18 2pm: Immigration Forum at Pepe's Restaurant

9/15/18 8am: Town Wide Garage Sale

9/16/18 8am: Town Wide Garage Sale

See northplainfield.org for more info

'STUFF-A-TRUCK' EVENT TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES WITH DIAPER NEED

Submitted by Jerusha Oleksiuk

Join Moms Helping Moms Foundation (MHM) to help us lessen the burden for moms who struggle to provide diapers for their children.

Diaper Need Awareness Week is September 24-30, and in honor of this week MHM is having a 'Stuff-a-Truck' event to raise diapers, dollars and awareness. The 'Stuff-a-Truck' event will take place on September 15, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m at the New Providence Community Pool, 1378 Springfield Ave, New Providence, NJ.

Diaper need is the challenge to provide babies with clean, dry diapers. For some, purchasing diapers for a baby can be a huge struggle. A baby uses close to 2,800 diapers in its first year, costing about \$1000. One-in-three families struggle to

afford this necessity.

Join us for a free, kid-friendly event with food and fun and help us 'Stuff-a-Truck' with diapers to alleviate the stress and worry moms feel when they can't afford this critical basic. When you donate diapers or dollars you will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes from New Providence Pure Barre and College Nannies + Tutors of Summit, NJ. If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the cause, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2nr4emE>

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(above) Students from Crossroads School in Westfield participating in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," where they raced handmade sailboats down a narrow channel.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCOUT REGATTA

Students at the Crossroads School in Westfield participated in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," the school's summer version of their annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. In a raingutter regatta two students race handmade sailboats down a narrow channel, whoever reaches the end of the channel first is the winner. The students can decorate and name their boats before the race.

Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Union County Educational Services Commission for over 5 years to provide Scouting programs to special needs youth in Union County at The Crossroads School (Pack 45) and The Westlake School (Troop 1571), both in Westfield. The Westfield United Fund sponsors the program and pays for the students' registration and material costs.

Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school

social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234; for Black River, Fishawak, and Sussex, please contact Program Executive Michael Loughman:

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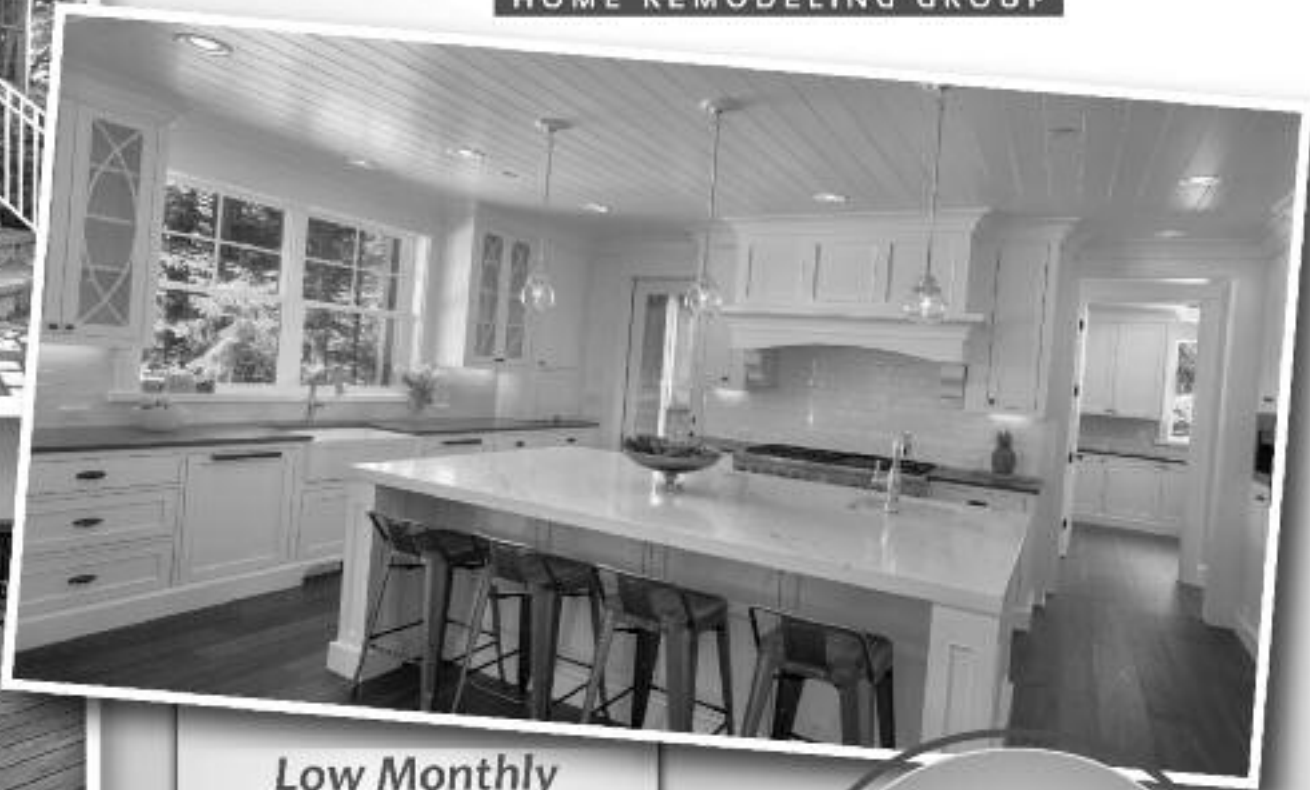


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Highlights will include:

Keynote presentation, “Safety Planning Intervention to Reduce Risk of Suicide,” by Barbara Stanley, PhD, director, suicide prevention training, implementation and evaluation program, Center for Practice Innovations, New York State Psychiatric Institute; professor of medical psychology, department of psychiatry, Columbia University.

“Words Matter: Changing the Language of Suicide to Eliminate Stigma,” by Tricia Baker, YMHFA, CPDT-KA, and Kurtis Baker, YMHFA, CFP®, co-founders of AIR, a Princeton-based nonprofit whose mission is to save lives through mental-health and suicide-prevention education.

“Bullying, its Impact on Mental Health and Strategies to Address and Prevent It,” by Sarabjit Singh, MD, medical director, Saint Clare’s Hospital; and Warren Ververs, MSW, LCSW, C-ASWCM, manager, outpatient behavioral health services, Saint Clare’s Behavioral Health.

Panel Discussion, “Impact of Social Media and Related Strategies and Resources,” with Tara Chalakani, LPC, NCC, ACS, RN, vice president, mental health services for youth and families, Preferred Behavioral Health Group; Ankur Desai, MD, medical director, PerformCare; Jessica Haurin, LAC, clinician, Robins’ Nest Inc., and Jennifer Kugler, LPC, ACS, program director, Robins’ Nest Inc.

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ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Knock Knock Joke Competition

September 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tabletop Gaming

September 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in Activity - Roald Dahl Book Day

September 13, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Holiday Celebrations Around the World

September 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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(grades Pre-K to 5)

Toddler/Preschool Storytime

September 5, 12, 19, 26; 10-11 a.m.
(ages 18-60 months)

Baby/Toddler Storytime

September 6, 13, 20, 27; 10-11 a.m.
(ages birth - 3)

Storycrafters

September 11, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Minecraft Club

September 12, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 4-7)

Passport to Reading

September 17, 11-11:45 a.m.
(grades K-3)

Culinary Creators

September 18, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Young Adult Advisory Council

September 19, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Miss Jen's Lab

September 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(grades K-5)

Knitflix

September 25, 3-5 p.m.
(grades 4-12)

Game Time

September 26, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

ADULT PROGRAMS

US Citizenship Course

September 6, 13; 6-8 p.m.

English Conversation Group

September 10, 17, 24; 7-8:30 p.m.

Gmail Essential Training - Part One

September 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Morning Knit and Crochet

September 11, 25; 10 a.m. - noon

Beginner Spanish Course

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Book Discussion: “Be Frank With Me,”

September 13, 1-2 p.m. and
September 20, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

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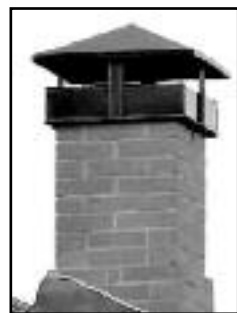


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THE HILLS OF WATCHUNG ARE ALIVE WITH (NEW) MUSIC!



(above) *Quentard DeGeneste, II.*

Quentard DeGeneste, II, generally called “Quinn,” is now Music Director at the Watchung Presbyterian Church (WAPC) in North Plainfield, and it has not been the same since he arrived! Quinn’s extensive background in all musical venues, combined with his incredible composition talents, have created a new musical atmosphere. Truthfully, the old is now new again!

Quinn graduated in May 2015 from Eastern University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Composition. While there he earned the prestigious Mozart scholarship for four consecutive years. Quinn was a member of the University Choir and Eastern’s elite vocal touring ensemble, Turning Point.

Prior to Eastern University, Quinn studied piano at the Soumas Heritage School of Music, and sang in the Heritage Show Choir; three time winners of McDonald's Gospel Fest! He was part of the H.E.R.I.T.A.G.E. Pay-It-Forward mentoring program, and was the 2008 inaugural Branch Award recipient. Quinn also attended the Westminster Choir College of the Arts Piano Camp and attended master classes by the

acclaimed faculty.

Quinn began playing piano and singing in church settings in middle school. He was an apprentice musician at Bethel Presbyterian in Plainfield, NJ. Later, Quinn sang with the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir. Quinn has been a guest musician at many churches; among them Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, and Catholic congregations. Most recently he served as at Siloam Hope Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, NJ.

Quinn has been a featured artist at a myriad of community events, among them LINKS, Inc. Mélange, Alpha Kappa Alpha’s African-American Heritage Celebration, and the NAACP Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Quinn is currently composing music for various genres.

Quinn’s classical training and penchant for jazz converge in a style that is uniquely his own. His goal is “to use his musical abilities to the glory of God and the enjoyment of his listening audience.” We at WAPC are very happy that he has chosen to do this for our congregation!

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Madelynne is a Commissioned Ruling Elder as well as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. She graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and has completed numerous online certifications at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa.

She also has a wonderfully diverse set of skills. She is a trained coloratura soprano soloist, was hired to perform a concert for the Women's League of Voters and also had the honor of

singing a solo for Bishop Desmond Tutu at St. Philips Episcopal Cathedral in Newark. She has written and directed plays for Christmas Worship Services and took part in the worship service for Ash Wednesday in 2015 which included two Baptist Congregations and the Metuchen Presbyterian Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in Edison.

Her church administrative involvement is also very impressive. She was a Commissioner of the 222nd Presbyterian General Assembly in 2016. She served as Secretary for the National Black Presbyterian Caucus for three years, and served on a Multi-cultural Initiative Committee, the Committee of Ministry for central New Jersey, and she recently chaired the Leadership Pastoral Nominative Search Committee for the General Presbyter's position. She is currently Vice

Moderator for the Elizabeth Presbytery and will be the Moderator in September of 2018.

The WAPC congregation is extremely thankful that Madelynne will be leading our worship and our mission lives. Her energy, personal vibe and her charisma are truly magnetic and we expect she will lead us to new and exciting ways to serve or North Plainfield and nearby neighbors!



(above) Madelynne B. Lindsey.

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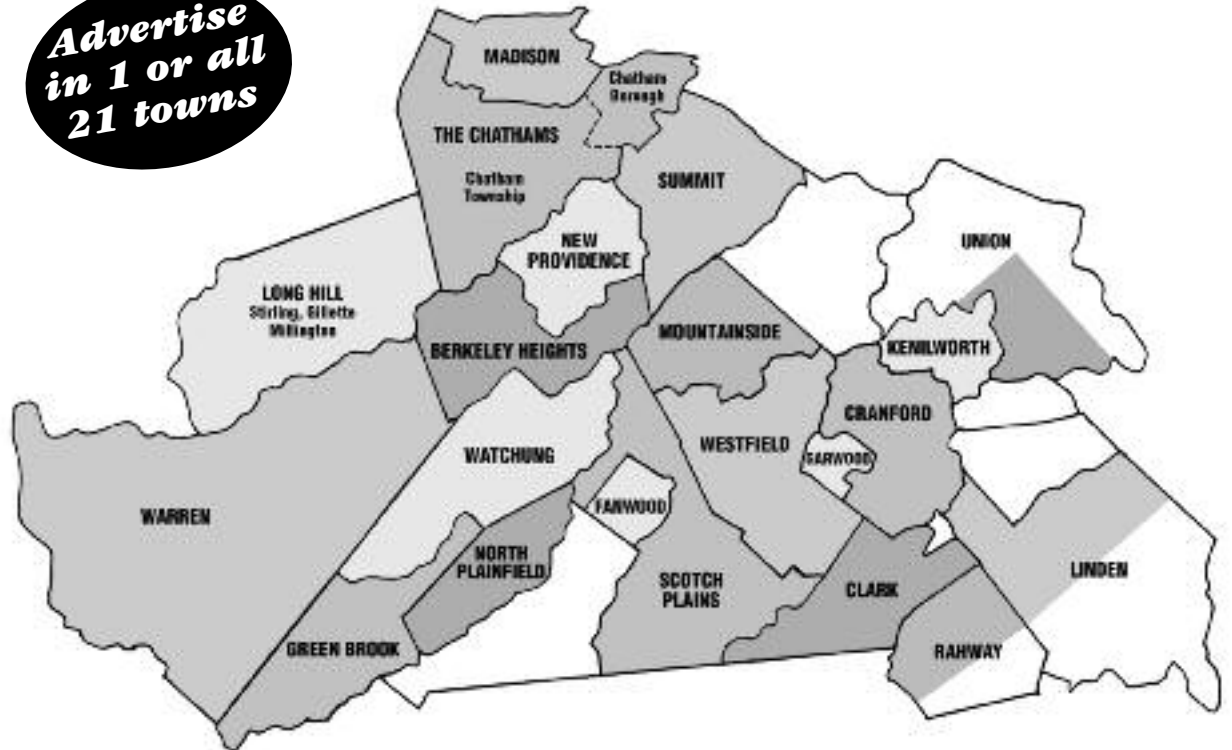
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Proving that you can never stop learning, Ed is currently working on a Doctorate in Business Administration.

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You can reach Ed at 908-527-1166 or eramirez@ucedc.com.



(above) Ed Ramirez, New UCEDC Training Officer.

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