



# North Plainfield HELPING HANDS

Your comprehensive local resource guide for charitable organizations and provisions in North Plainfield and Somerset County.



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## North Plainfield Community Resource Guide

**How to use this resource:** This guide provides a condensed list of varying services available to the North Plainfield community, the surrounding area, and Somerset County. This resource is an interactive PDF. By clicking on the links within the handout, you can view external websites. To use this interactive functionality, open this guide on a device connected to the internet. When using a printed guide, visit the respective resource pages by utilizing the URLs enclosed.

**NOTE:** Each program on this list has specific eligibility requirements for the population they serve.

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## Housing Services & Resources



The **Central Jersey Housing Resource Center** provides outreach programs and services that result in acceptance, recognition, and the availability of quality affordable housing. CJHRC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit that has been helping clients for over 34 years when they have no other place to turn. We never charge a fee. Our organization primarily serves clients in

Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. However, our excellent staff strives to assist anyone with housing hurdles who contacts our agency looking for counseling.

<https://www.cjhrc.org> or Contact by phone: **908-704-9649**

**Cooperative Housing Corp.** is a nonprofit organization providing housing and some services to Senior Citizens and some Special Needs individuals. Call: **908 526-8130**

**Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity** builds permanent affordable housing for low-income families by mobilizing a cooperative volunteer effort. RVHFH and community volunteers find the site, raise the funds, and select a family for each new home. The selected family works side-by-side with RVHFH and community volunteers on the construction of their new home. The family purchases the home upon completion with the help of a low-interest, no-down payment mortgage provided by Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity. We recycle mortgage payments to fund the construction of more houses. To ensure the continued availability of affordable housing in the community, the deeds to the properties are restricted. <https://rvhabitat.org>

### **Somerset County Board of Social Services**

Emergency Assistance (EA) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) clients (individuals or families receiving public assistance) facing immediate risks of homelessness and those who have experienced a substantial loss of housing, food, clothing or household furnishings due to a disaster may receive emergency assistance (EA) for a limited period. EA benefits may include, but are not limited to, essential food, clothing, shelter, and household furnishings; temporary rental assistance or back rent or mortgage payments; utility payments: transportation to search for housing, and moving expenses.

- **Somerville:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. - 73 East High St., Somerville, NJ 08876  
**908 526-8800**
- **North Plainfield:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 391-D Somerset St., North Plainfield  
391-D Somerset St., North Plainfield (Somerset Square Mall) **908 561-9400**

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## MEALS - Distributions, Soup Kitchens, etc.

**FISH Emergency Food Assistance** is a one-time food delivery service for those in need following an emergency (fire, flood, extreme hardship, etc.) until they can make other arrangements. **Available to North Plainfield residents only.** Contact Holy Cross Church at **908-756-2438** or [holycrossnp@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnp@gmail.com) for more information or to request a delivery.

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Beta Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter & Nuevas Fronteras Church** offer a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner the Saturday before Thanksgiving in the church hall at 170 Watchung Ave.

**Neighbors Feeding Neighbors - Holy Cross Church** - Parish Hall - 40 Mercer Ave.

A hearty lunch is distributed from 12pm until 1:30 pm on the last Sunday of each month. For more info, **call 908 756-2438** or email [holycrossnp@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnp@gmail.com).

**SHIP The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program** **908-393-9545**, [www.ship908.com](http://www.ship908.com)

- **SHIP Holiday Meals Program** Anyone in need in the Somerset County Region is welcome  
- Christmas Day - Easter Sunday - Thanksgiving Day
- **SHIP's Galley II**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
United Reformed Church, 100 West Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
- **SHIP's Brown Bag Lunches** As our resources permit  
Monday - Friday: 10:00am until 2:00pm - 87 East High Street, Somerville, NJ

**Salvation Army of Plainfield Soup Kitchen**

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:00pm until 1:00pm
- <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jersey/plainfield/>
- 615 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ - **908 756-2595**

**Meals on Wheels North Plainfield** Provides a full meal to people aged 60 years or older who are confined to their homes and unable to prepare meals without help. For more information, please contact **Meals on Wheels of Somerset County**, a division of Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services at **888 747-1122**.

**Norwescap - WIC (Women, Infants, Children)** provides nutritious foods, counseling on healthy eating, breastfeeding support and healthcare referrals to low income women (pregnant, breastfeeding or had an infant in the last 6 months) infants and children under the age of 5 who are at nutritional risk. They can also help with SNAP benefits. To qualify, call **908 454-1210**.

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## General Food Assistance

- New Jersey Helps <https://www.njhelps.gov/>
- NJ SNAP <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/> Flyers in English and Spanish



## Pantry Locations and Other Food Resources

Pantries provide perishable and non-perishable foods, including dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, dried goods, frozen meats, and more, based on availability. Many agencies provide a variety of non-food options such as personal care items, paper products, etc. Pantries are largely distributing these items in a pre-packaged form.

**NOTE:** A valid ID and a piece of mail verifying your address within Somerset County may be required. Visit the pantry website or call the number listed to confirm what they require.

The **Food Bank of Somerset County** helps individuals and families in need. All services are entirely free and available without referrals from other social agencies or providers. Names or other information is not reported to any Government Agency.

Foods of all types is available (including fresh, frozen, and refrigerated), along with personal care items, and cleaning supplies. You can get help right away on your first visit. You may call ahead if you have questions, but it isn't necessary. <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/>

### YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU:

- Some form of personal identification and proof of residency in Somerset County.
- Shopping bags for your items. Bags are provided if you do not have them on the first visit.

**North Plainfield Pantry** - 11 Vermeule Place, No. Plainfield, NJ 07063

- Open 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month - [npfoodbanknetwork@gmail.com](mailto:npfoodbanknetwork@gmail.com)
- **Food Bank Network of Somerset County** (Main Warehouse and 3 food pantries)

Main Warehouse - 7E Easy Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- Main Number - **732-560-1813**
- Open Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/>

**Other County Food Bank Locations** - Call main number **732-560-1813**

- Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
- Somerville's Shiloh Pentecostal Church

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## Donations and Volunteer Opportunities - The Food Bank of Somerset County

### Monetary Donations:

- Make checks payable to
- The Food Bank Network of Somerset County
- Mail to P.O. Box 149 Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- Donate Online: <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/need-help/give-funds/>

### Drop Off Food and Items:

- 9E Easy Street, Bridgewater (Middlebrook Crossroads Industrial Park)
- Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For a list of necessary items, visit <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/about/give-supplies/>

**Volunteer Hotline: 732 560-1813** for the Bound Brook or North Plainfield Pantry locations.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** at Trinity Reformed Church - 401 Greenbrook Rd.

Open Every Saturday from 7am until 8am (except for the Saturdays before Easter, after Thanksgiving and before New Years)

- Perishable and Non-perishable food is available.
- For more info, call Debbie (English) at **732 754-1002** or call Dina (Spanish) at **908 315-8786**.

### Salvation Army of Plainfield Food Pantry

- Food Pantry/Toiletries/Diapers
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30am until 11:30am
- <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jersey/plainfield/>

### YMCA of Plainfield The Plainfield

- Distributes bags of food, first come, first served.
- 2nd & 4th Thursdays, every month from 10:00am until 12:00pm
- City Lot 7 @ Park Ave & E. 7th St. Enter on Park Ave by Little Caesars.

For more information, please call or email Leonardo Gonzalez at **908 766 7898 x8202** or email [lgonzalez@gscymca.org](mailto:lgonzalez@gscymca.org)

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## Thrift and Consignment Items

Thrift and Consignment shops offer gently used, previously owned items at discounted prices.

### **BETTY'S BASEMENT THRIFT SHOP at the Church of The Holy Cross**

- Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**908-756-2438**

56 Washington Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

<https://www.holycrossnp.org/contact/>

- Items available: men's, women's, and children's clothes, shoes, handbags, linens, jewelry, housewares, games, and toys.
- Unavailable items: electronics, mattresses, pillows, or lingerie.

**NOTE:** Donate undamaged items in good condition during operating hours. Limit 2 boxes.

### **Food Bank Network of Somerset County - North Plainfield Branch**

The North Plainfield Branch has clothing at no cost available during Food Bank Hours.

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## Non-Food Resources

**Moms Helping Moms Foundation** is a diaper bank and baby supply bank providing low income families in NJ with essentials for their children. They do not offer direct service. Families need to go through one of their partners in order to receive services. The list of referral partners by county is here:

<https://momshelpingmoms.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Partner-Referrals-2023-1.pdf>

Email [info@momshelpingmomsfoundation.org](mailto:info@momshelpingmomsfoundation.org) for more information or call **908 205-8017**.

### **Salvation Army of Plainfield Food Pantry**

- <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jersey/plainfield/>
- Food Pantry/Toiletries/Diapers
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30am until 11:30am

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

- Diaper Giveaway 2nd Saturday of the month from 7:00am until 8:00am at Trinity Reformed Church - 401 Greenbrook Road
- For more information, call Debbie (English) at **732 754-1002** or call Dina (Spanish) at **908 315-8786**.



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**Norwescap** Career & Life Transitions Center helps women gain personal and economic self-sufficiency through education, computer literacy training, job readiness and many supportive services. All services provided by Norwescap are free.

- Eligibility requirements vary
- Offers energy services through a number of federal and state funded programs such as
  - Home Energy Assistance (HEA and LIHEAP)
  - Universal Service Fund (USF)
  - Weatherization Assistance (WAP)
  - Lead Safe Home Pilot Program
  - Winter Termination Program
- Located in Nuevas Fronteras Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield
- **908 454-1210** between 8:30am and 4:00pm
- [housing@norwescap.org](mailto:housing@norwescap.org), [snap@norwescap.org](mailto:snap@norwescap.org) and [wic@norwescap.org](mailto:wic@norwescap.org)

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## Legal Aid and Other Resources

### Legal Services of Northwest Jersey **LSNWJ**

Legal Services of Northwest Jersey is a nonprofit law firm serving people residing in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren Counties. The work of LSNWJ is vital to the efforts of individuals with limited income.

<https://www.lsnwj.org/somerset-county> - **908-231-0840** - [lsnwj-somerset@lsnj.org](mailto:lsnwj-somerset@lsnj.org)

**Disability Right New Jersey** fights for freedom from abuse, neglect, and discrimination wherever people with disabilities live, work, study, and play.

210 S Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

**800 922-7233** (in NJ only), **609 292-9742** (Voice), **609 777-0187** (Fax), **609 633-7106** (TTY)

<https://disabilityrightsnj.org/>

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## North Plainfield Memorial Library

### Somerset County Library System of New Jersey SCLSNJ

The North Plainfield Memorial Library is a branch of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ). We invite you to connect, to explore, to share, and to discover with our staff and our collections! With your library card, you can borrow books from 11 locations throughout the county, two reading stations, and other reciprocal borrowing partners. The library offers a variety of resources beyond books, such as:

- Cultural Adventure Passes
- Home Borrowing
- Language Learning
- Programs for All Ages
- Technology Help
- Wi-Fi Hotspots
- Bilingual Staff (English & Spanish)

**908-458-8435** - 6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 • [www.sclsnj.org](http://www.sclsnj.org)

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## English as a Second Language (ESL)

### North Plainfield Public Library (SCLSNJ)

**908-458-8435** - 6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 • [www.sclsnj.org](http://www.sclsnj.org)

### Plainfield Public Library

**908-757-1111** - 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 • [www.plainfieldlibrary.info](http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info)

### Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County

**908-725-5430** - 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 • [www.literacysomerset.org/](http://www.literacysomerset.org/)

### PASOS ESL Institute

**908-546-1573** - 134 Somerset Street 2nd Floor, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

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## Financial Literacy and Aid

**United Way of Northern NJ** supports community organizations and develops programs that help families address concerns and navigate challenges. Some services provided include Tax Preparation, Financial Education, Emergency Assistance and more. **973 993-1160**



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## Childcare Options

Daycare and childcare centers provide safe places with supervision for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children away from their primary caregivers. Hours of operation vary, with some offering before or aftercare programs at an additional cost. Discounted rates may be available for low-income families. Please reach out to each option below to learn more about the programs, care facilities, and any special accommodations.

**Parent Link** has many resources for parents. This website highlights NJ State services and resources. **Federal and community resources** are also included.

**NOTE:** Summer Camp is sometimes available for older school-aged children at these facilities.

### INFANT CARE +

#### Kiddie Academy

- Open Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **908-769-5437**
- 325 North Drive, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://kiddieacademy.com/academies/watchung-square/>

#### Noah's Ark

- **908-757-8885**
- 572 Mountain Ave. North Plainfield NJ 07090
- <https://learnontheark.com/>

### TODDLER CARE +

#### The Giving Nest

- **908-754-2060**
- 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07063
- <https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/>

#### Skyview Learning Center

- Open Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **908-293-2768**
- 130 US HWY 22 East Drive Suite 101, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://skyview-learning-center.business.site/>

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## Sundance School

- Open Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- 908-561-5055
- 401 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ 07063
- <https://www.thesundanceschool.com>

## PRE-SCHOOL +

### Holy Cross Pre-School

- 908-753-0662
- 40 Mercer Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://www.holycrossnp.org/pre-school/>

### The Growing Tree

- 908-754-5505
- 334 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://www.thegrowingtreepreschool.net/>

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## Public Schools - Pre-K to Grade 12

### Administration Offices

- 908-769-6060 - 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://www.nplainfield.org/>

### Elementary Schools (Pre-K to 4th Grade)

#### East End School

- 908-769-6070 - 170 Oneida Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://npjee.nplainfield.org/>

#### Stony Brook School

- 908-769-6063 - 269 Grove Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://npsbe.nplainfield.org/>

#### West End School

- 908-769-6083 - 447 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://npwee.nplainfield.org/>

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## Intermediate School (5th & 6th Grade)

### Somerset Intermediate School

- 908-769-6080 - 303 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://npsis.nplainfield.org/>

## Middle School (7th & 8th Grade)

### North Plainfield Middle School

- 908-769-6065 - 34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://npms.nplainfield.org/>

## High School (9th to 12th Grade)

### North Plainfield High School

- 908-769-6000 - 34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060
- <https://nphs.nplainfield.org/>

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## Charter Schools

A Charter School is a tuition-free, publicly funded education center that is independently run. It is an alternative to free public schools. For a school environment that focuses on a particular field of study, such as the arts or technology, or for accommodating special populations, a charter school might be right for your family's needs.

## College Achieve Public School (CAPS)

### Caps Central - Westervelt Campus 9th to 12 grades

- 908-668-1000
- 107 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

<https://collegeachievecentral.org/>

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## College Prep

**YMCA** Achievers College Prep & Career Prep Program motivates youth and teens by giving them the support and resources to pursue and achieve their personal, academic and career goals.

- **Plainfield YMCA - Greater Somerset County YMCA** Plainfield, NJ runs the Achievers program Yearly from October through March
- 908 766-7898 ext. 202 - [lgonzalez@gscymca.org](mailto:lgonzalez@gscymca.org)

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## Personal Crisis Resources

### Suicide and Crisis Hotline

If you are having thoughts of suicide or you need mental health-related crisis support or you are worried about someone else:

Call or text **988** or **call 800 273-TALK (8255)**

### Substance and Alcohol Abuse

**SAMHSA National Helpline** is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. **800 662-HELP (4357)** - <https://www.samhsa.gov/>

**NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services - DMHAS** has many helpful resources. <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/home/hotlines/>

**Community in Crisis** Offers peer recovery support for those in, seeking, sustaining recovery from alcohol and substance use disorders. Nonclinical one on one support, mutual support meetings and activities as well as navigation to other services.

**North Plainfield Community Center - 614 Greenbrook Rd., top floor**

2nd Thursday of each month 3pm until 7pm.

**973 434-0911** - [www.communityincrisis.org](http://www.communityincrisis.org)

**Alcoholics Anonymous** [https://www.nnjaa.org/intergroup/cgi-bin/search\\_options.php](https://www.nnjaa.org/intergroup/cgi-bin/search_options.php)

**Narcotics Anonymous** <https://m.narcoticsanonymousnj.org/Meetings/default.asp>

### Domestic Violence

**Safe & Sound Somerset** helps survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence with compassionate, trained professional help. The Helpline is the gateway to survivor-centered services that provide safety, hope and healing from the trauma of abuse and violence.

**24/7 – 365 days a year at 866-685-1122** <https://safe-sound.org/>

**NJ State Police - Domestic Violence** has many helpful resources

<https://nj.gov/njsp/division/operations/domestic-violence-info.shtml>

**Somerset County Human Services** has a wealth of information and resources for residents of all ages. <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/human-services>

## Health and Wellness Resources

**New Jersey Family Care** is New Jersey's publicly funded health insurance program - includes **CHIP, Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion** populations. This means qualified NJ residents of any age may be eligible for free or low-cost healthcare coverage that covers doctor visits, prescriptions, vision, dental care, mental health and substance use services, and even hospitalization. Children under 19 can now apply for NJ FamilyCare regardless of their immigration status. <https://njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us/> **800-701-0710 - TTY: 711**

**Zufall Health** A medical and dental home providing a comfortable, healing environment where every member of your family receives high-quality, affordable health care. All patients are welcome regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. <https://www.zufallhealth.org/>

- **Bridgewater - 500 No. Bridge St. - 908 252-4410**
- **Somerville - 71 Fourth St. - 908 526-2335**

**Parent Link** - early childhood professional resource center

<https://www.nj.gov/njparentlink/>

**New Jersey Safe Haven** Infant Protection Act allows an individual to give up an infant safely, legally and anonymously. The parents - or someone acting on their behalf - can leave an unharmed baby less than 30 days old with staff at any hospital, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid or rescue squad. The New Jersey Department of Children and Families will ensure that the infant is placed with a foster or pre-adoptive home.

**Safe Haven Hotline - 877-839-2339**

<https://www.nj.gov/njsafehaven/>

**VA New Jersey Health Care** Health care teams are experienced and guided by the needs of Veterans, their families, and caregivers. Find a health facility, and manage your health online.

<https://www.va.gov/new-jersey-health-care/>

**NJ Helps** Another resource for family health and wellness. <https://www.njhelps.gov/>

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## Senior and Disability Resources

**Somerset County Office on Aging** has information on transportation, insurance, Social Security, Farmers' Market Vouchers and more.

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/human-services/aging-disability-services>

- For Disability Services Info: **1-888-747-1122** or **908-704-6346**, Fax: **908 595-0194**  
email: [DisabilityServices@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:DisabilityServices@co.somerset.nj.us)
- **PASP** (personal Assistance Service Program - The Personal Assistance Service Program (PASP) is designed to support physically disabled individuals who continue to be active in the community. For eligible candidates, a personal assistant will be assigned to help with routine tasks such as cleaning, cooking, laundry, and other general household chores. The amount of time per week is determined on a case-by-case basis. **908 704-6346**
- **Somerset County Senior Wellness Centers** Residents aged 60 and over can participate in a wide range of experiences offered at the centers such as social activities, exercising, arts and crafts, discount meals and more. **908 704-6346**
- **Paratransit Services** to senior citizens (60 years +) and persons with disabilities (18 years+) who have no other means of transportation to a variety of destinations including medical appointments, employment opportunities, nutrition programs, and more. Trips are provided on a time and space availability. Minimal fees apply.
- Call For Bus Scheduling, call: **908 231-7115**. Mention that you need the County bus.

**North Plainfield Senior Bus** is available to residents only 60 or over and persons with disabilities. This bus goes to shopping centers and on Tuesdays it goes to the Community Center for the Seniors Club meeting. These trips are free.

- Runs Mondays through Thursdays except Holidays and Snow Closures
- Call For Bus Scheduling, call: **908 231-7115**. Mention you need the North Plainfield bus.
- For Seniors Club meetings and events, call Frank D'Amore: **908 757-6353**.

**Smoke Detector Check** for seniors and others. The North Plainfield Fire Department will check the operation and location of smoke detectors, as well as yearly replacement of their batteries, for all senior citizens in the Borough. Each year around Fire Prevention Week the department visits all of the senior citizens on a running list. If you are a senior and interested in this program, please call fire headquarters at **908-769-2935**.



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**Good Morning Program** is designed to assist senior citizens in having regular daily contact with the North Plainfield Police Department ensuring that the senior is fine. As a Good Morning Program participant, the resident must call the North Plainfield Police Department each morning to say that they are well. If no call is made by the participant, the North Plainfield Police Department will call their residence to speak with the participant. If no answer is received, a police officer will be sent to check on them.

This program allows family, friends or neighbors the security of knowing that the participant is having regular daily contact. For more information contact:

Detective Sergeant Albert Domizi at [908 769-2937](tel:9087692937).

**The Somerset County Handyman Program** was created to provide support services to enhance the quality of life for seniors and physically disabled citizens of the County. This program utilizes the skills and talents of local volunteers. Do you need help at home with a small repair? Plumbing? Electric? To be eligible for the service you must be: A senior citizen or disabled resident of Somerset County or the family of active duty military, unable to do the repair or task yourself or unable to find a contractor to do the small job. Clients are expected to pay for supplies but the volunteer labor is free. Donations are accepted to help defray the costs of the program and to help pay for supplies for those who cannot afford to pay. The Wheelchair Ramp Policy can be seen [here](#). Call [908-704-6358](tel:9087046358) or email [VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us)

**Friends of The Carpenter** program assists low and moderate income residents in the repair of unsafe conditions in their homes. The grant is provided in the form of an interest-free loan which is forgiven over a period of ten years. Each year you continue to own and live in your home or condo, 10% of the loan is forgiven. No payment needs to be made unless you sell your home or condo before ten years have passed. For more details and income eligibility visit <http://www.focnp.org/> or call [908-756-2438](tel:9087562438).

**New Jersey Lifeline for Seniors and Disabled Adults** is a \$225 yearly electric or gas bill credit for seniors or disabled adults in New Jersey. To qualify, you must be a New Jersey resident, 65 years of age or older, or 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits. Your personal annual income (not the household income), cannot exceed \$42,142 if single or \$49,209 if married.

To learn more, see NJ Lifeline or call the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging at [800-792-9745](tel:8007929745). To apply now online visit: [www.aging.nj.gov](http://www.aging.nj.gov). This program is available year-round.

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**Project Lifesaver** is a rapid-response public safety program designed to protect and locate residents who wander due to various cognitive impairments. **1-888 747-1122 or 908-704-6346**

**JACC** Jersey Assistance For Community Caregiving is a program that provides in-home services to seniors at risk of placement in a nursing home. **1-877 222-3737**