

North Plainfield Police Department
Chief William G. Parenti

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NEWS RELEASE

Summer Teen Evening Program

North Plainfield Police Chief William Parenti is pleased to announce that the Borough's STEP, (Summer Teen Evening Program), is set to begin on Tuesday, June 28, at Saint Joseph's School located at the intersection of Jackson and Westervelt Avenue. Borough teens are welcome from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The "STEP" is the outcome of the combined efforts of the North Plainfield Police, the Guidance personnel from the Board of Education, and the support of the Municipal Alliance. We wanted to provide the Borough's youth with a safe environment and an alternative to hanging out on the street for the summer. Pickup basketball games, soccer, and movies are the main activities, and refreshments are provided.

Funding for the program is provided by the Municipal Alliance and the Youth Services Commission. Besides volunteers from these organizations, there are always personnel from the Board of Education and the Police Department.

This year will be the program's sixth year in operation and is a huge success. "The program often has more than 70 teens in attendance and we have never had a serious problem, it's a testimonial to the Borough's youth," Chief Parenti said.

The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from June 28 to August 18 from 6 pm to 9 pm. The program concludes on August 18, with a picnic in Green Acres Park. This year's program will be weather dependent, because the basketball court at Saint Joseph's is outside. Work refurbishing the gym at Stony Brook School, site of last year's STEP program, precluded its use this year. All Borough teens are welcome to attend.