# Scotch Plains

# New Jersey

Scotch Plains take its early name "Scotsplain" from the Scottish settlers who established farms on the plains of the "West Fields" of Elizabethtown late in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Today the town is the third largest municipality in square miles in Union County and is primarily a residential community that offers a tranquil small-town lifestyle to its 22,000 residents. Only 1.5% of its area is comprised of industry. A good portion of its acreage is devoted to parks and playgrounds, including part of the Watchung Reservation. The township is also distinguished by excellent cultural and community recreational programs, lovely single family homes, with a few garden apartments and townhouse/condominiums.

#### INCORPORATED

1877

## POPULATION

22,732

## TOTAL SQUARE MILES

9.6

#### MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

430 Park Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Office Hours 9:00am - 4:00pm M-F

### MUNICPAL PHONE #

908-322-6700

#### POST OFFICE

536 Park Ave. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 (908) 322-0674

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

1927 Bartle Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 (908) 322-5007

#### TRANSPORTATION

NJ Transit Rail & Bus Service to New York City; Route 22 to major arteries; Garden State Pkwy to major highways; 25 minutes to Newark Airport.

#### AREA HOSPITALS

Overlook Hospital, Summit Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside

#### PLACES OF WORSHIP

Catholic, Episcopal, Evangel, Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterian

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Local parks, playgrounds, athletic fields. Tennis courts; 5-acre nature center and outdoor lighted ice-skating rink in Fanwood; YMCA, public and private golf courses and private swimming pools.

#### AREA POINTS OF INTEREST

Ash Brook Golf Course & Reservation Osborn-Cannonball House Scotch Hills Golf Club Watchung Reservation Stage House Inn & Village

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Evergreen Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 (908) 232-6161 <u>Kindergarten Cut-Off Date:</u> Must be 5 years old by Oct. 1. Half –Day classes

#### **SCHOOLS**

5 Elementary 23:1 2 Middle 23:1 1 High 23:1

# % GRADUATES THAT ATTEND COLLEGE

85%

# AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Drew University, Madison Kean University, Union Rutgers University, New Brunswick Seton Hall University, S. Orange Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison Union County College