

Union County HRC Commissioner Flor Gonzalez is Grand Marshal of this year's Central Jersey July 4th Parade in Plainfield!

Plainfield's 92nd annual Central Jersey July 4 Parade steps off on Saturday morning July 4 at 10 AM and proceeds down East Front Street from Johnston Avenue to Park Avenue.

Mayor Adrian O. Mapp has designated Flor Gonzalez as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade.

Gonzalez, founder and president of the Latin American Coalition, has been active in providing services and assistance to Plainfield's immigrant community for over thirty years, including citizenship classes for hundreds of successful applicants.

The Latin American Coalition has also organized Plainfield's first celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Gonzalez has been active in many community organizations, including serving as a commissioner on the Housing Authority of Plainfield. She is currently chairperson of the Plainfield Advisory Commission on Hispanic Affairs (PACHA) and served on Mayor Mapp's Transition Task Force.

A free concert for the public will be offered at 5:00 PM in Cedar Brook Park. This year's lineup includes Tito Puente, Jr., with a Latin Jazz band, Blue Magic, and vocalist Viola Sykes. Host of the show will be Kenny Williams, with DJ Antione Qua.

Plainfield's celebration of the nation's Independence Day will conclude at dusk with fireworks, also at Cedar Brook Park. These get under way about 9:25 PM.