



Village Voice

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Mayor's Message - From The Desk of Michael P. Collins

It has been a busy month since the new Trustees and I were sworn into office. I am looking forward to working with the Village Board over the next few years and I look forward to hearing from residents on Village issues. One of my priorities is to insure open communication between the Village Board members and between the Village Board and residents. With that, I look forward to writing this column each quarter to let you know how and what the Village is doing. I also look forward to hearing from you - I have an open door policy, please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself or call and let me know what is on your mind.

In the meantime, we have so many exciting things going on, that I would like to highlight just a few of them. However, first I would like thank Jim Waldorf, Jeff Dement, and Walt Manning for their work on the Village Board and for their years of service to the Village of Plainfield. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to the community and wish them all the best in their retirement.

Now, on to the latest Village News! As you know, improving access to health care and bringing Edward Plainfield Hospital to the community has been one of the Village's top priorities for several years. I can assure you this project remains at the forefront and that we are actively working on this issue. We can look forward to the opening of both the Cancer Center and the Freestanding Emergency Center later this year.

Summer is always a busy time for special events. This month, we are



Village Board Members after the swearing in ceremony on May 4th. From l-r: Trustees Larry Vaupel, Garrett Peck, and Paul Fay, Mayor Mike Collins, and Trustees Jim Racich, Bill Lamb, and Margie Bonuchi.

kicking off the annual concert and movie series in Settlers' Park. For a complete schedule of events in the park, please see page two. The new concession facility, located near the Richard A. Rock Amphitheater, will be open during all of the concerts and movies for everyone's enjoyment. Join us this summer to hear some great music and watch fun, family-friendly movies!

I would also like to encourage everyone to check out Downtown Plainfield this summer. Remember, Cruise Nights have begun and are held every Tuesday evening from 5:00-9:00 p.m. This year, Lockport Street is closed, so pedestrians and car buffs can safely enjoy looking at all of the classic cars. This is the perfect time to enjoy the beautiful streetscape, stop for a bite to eat, and do some shopping while you are downtown. The Village also recently adopted new outdoor dining guidelines and several restaurants are taking advantage of the opportunity

to have outdoor dining. We hope everyone will enjoy dining outside!

Finally, be sure to stop by Coffee with the Mayor and introduce yourself. We have coffee on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Have a great summer!

Michael P. Collins
Village President

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Village Web Site



Village Launches Redesigned Web Site with New Look

The Village has redesigned its web site -- www.plainfield-il.org -- and added new content and features to assist residents and visitors in discovering Plainfield. The site's new features include:

- A "folding" navigation system with new categories to make it easier to find content;
- An online Business Resource Center;
- A new, easy-to-read calendar of events;
- A Visiting Plainfield section which highlights the downtown, Settlers' Park, the Heron Rookery, and the Riverfront; and
- A page that lists the community's subdivisions, their location, and zoning. Visit www.plainfield-il.org today to check out the new and improved Village web site!

Settlers' Park Events

Concerts in the Park

Enjoy music in the park! Concerts will be held on the following Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Settlers' Park:

- June 4 - Soda
- June 18 - Mr. Myers
- July 2 - The Incognitos
- July 16 - Illinois Brass Band
- August 6 - Chicago Outskirts

If inclement weather occurs, the concert(s) will be held in the Village Hall or rescheduled.

Movies in the Park

Calling all movie lovers! Join the Village and Plainfield Park District for movies under the stars this summer!

- Friday, June 12 - 8:00 p.m.
The Great Outdoors, PG, 90 minutes
- Friday, June 26 - 8:00 p.m.
Big Fat Liar, PG, 87 minutes
- Friday, July 10 - 8:00 p.m.
Bee Movie, PG, 90 minutes
- Friday, July 24 - 8:00 p.m.
The Polar Express, G, 99 minutes
- Friday, August 7 - 8:00 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda, PG, 92 minutes

- Friday, August 21 - 8:00 p.m.
Dennis The Menace, PG, 92 minutes
- Bring some popcorn and join in the fun! If inclement weather is forecast, the movie will be cancelled.

General Event Information

- The concerts and movies will be held at the Richard A. Rock Amphitheater in Settlers' Park. The park is located in downtown Plainfield, southeast of Lockport Street and Van Dyke Road, just south of the Village Hall.
- Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.
- For venue change or cancellation information, please call the Settlers' Park Event Hotline at (815) 609-6124 or visit www.plainfield-il.org after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.



CLERK'S CORNER

~Michelle Gibas, RMC/CMC~

Village Board

The newly Elected Officials were sworn into office during the May 4, 2009 Village Board Meeting. Michael P. Collins, Village President; Margie Bonuchi, Trustee; Garrett M. Peck, Trustee; and James Racich, Trustee joined incumbent Trustees Bill Lamb, Paul Fay, and Larry Vaupel.

Voter Registration

Are you registered to vote? Have you moved or had a name change since you last voted? To register, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a United States Citizen; and
- Provide two forms of identification, one must have a current address.

The Village has registrars available 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Notary

The Clerk's Office provides free notary services. Please bring your unsigned

document along with proof of identification to the Clerk's Office. Please note: You must sign the document in front of the notary.

Municipal Code

The Municipal Code is available online at www.plainfield-il.org. The site allows the user to research Village Codes by simply typing a keyword or phrase in the search field.

Agendas & Meetings

Village Board agendas are posted at the Village Hall and online, www.plainfield-il.org, 48 hours before all meetings. Agenda topics are also posted on Channel 6.

The public is welcome to attend all Village Meetings. At the beginning of Board Meetings, Mayor Collins offers the opportunity for comments from the public on items not on the agenda. Village Board Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month and Workshops are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Plainfield Community Television

Comcast Channel 6 airs the following programs on a regular basis:

- Village Board Meetings: Air live on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rebroadcast on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole Workshops: Air live on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rebroadcast on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission Meetings: Air live on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission Meetings: Air live on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Plainfield Television Group (PTG) Programming airs Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- Don't have Comcast Cable? Watch Channel 6 live on P-Span through the PTG web site: www.plainfieldtv.com.

To contact PCT, please call (815) 609-6141.

Watering Wisdom

Irrigation Systems

Residents and businesses with irrigation systems are now required by law to have their Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) device tested annually. This can be done by the company that installed the system. An RPZ device prevents water from back flowing into the Village water system and causing contamination.

Water Conservation

The Village's year-round outside water usage ordinance permits lawn sprinkling between the hours of 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. and/or 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. for:

- ◆ Even numbered addresses on even numbered calendar days only.
- ◆ Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered calendar days only.
- ◆ The watering of gardens, trees, shrubs, and flowers (with a handheld hose or watering can) is permitted any time.
- ◆ Watering violation penalties: The first violation at a residence receives a warning notice. After a residence receives a second warning notice, a \$50.00 fine is generated and sent to the home by the Police Department.

Watering New Sod or Seed

- ◆ The first day sod or seed is planted the property owner may water sod or seed for any eight (8) hours.
- ◆ For the next nine (9) days, the property owner may water the sod or seed every day between the hours of 6:00-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- ◆ Following the first ten (10) days, the odd/even watering restrictions apply. If you have underground sprinklers installed, please advise the contractor of these times so the timers may be set for the appropriate days and times.

Planting New Sod or Seed

Residents planting sod and/or seed should consider having the installation completed before July 1. Both sod and seed require a great deal of watering and to help conserve water and save money, it is recommended that they not be planted during the hottest part of the summer, generally July and August. If installation is not possible before July 1, you may wish to wait until after September 1.

Code Enforcement

The 2009 summer season is upon us and Code Enforcement would like to remind residents of the following:

- ◆ Grass and weeds cannot be higher than eight (8) inches. The weed season officially starts on May 1st and ends November 15th.
- ◆ Empty buckets, birdbaths, kiddie pools, etc. to avoid stagnant water that could attract insects/mosquitoes.
- ◆ If you live next door to a foreclosure or vacant property, please do not take it upon yourself to maintain the property. This causes confusion as to whether or not the property is in need of our attention. Instead, please call Code Enforcement at (815) 439-4804 and let us know the address and violation.

Please note that we try to get to properties as fast as we can and that the enforcement process can take time. However, we will remedy the situation as quickly as possible. The Code Enforcement Unit wants the Village's neighborhoods to continue looking wonderful!

Public Works Project Updates

Drauden/Steiner Road

The reconstruction of Drauden/Steiner Road, from Route 126 to 143rd Street, is well underway and on schedule. The road will be rebuilt with a design similar to the Drauden Road boulevard section. Also included are the installation of permanent traffic signals and turn lanes at Route 126. The Village was able to secure two million dollars in grants through the Will County Governmental League for this project.

New Traffic Signals

- ◆ A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of 127th Street and 248th Avenue this year. It is anticipated that the signal will be completed by the start of the new school year.
- ◆ A new traffic signal will also be installed on Route 59 at the entrance into Wal-Mart. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by late summer.

119th Street Project

119th Street will be under construction this summer to complete the roadway section between Plainfield North High School and Van Dyke Road. The finished roadway cross section will be identical to the section in front of the high school. Improvements to the bike path will also be included.

Pavement Patching Program

This summer, the Village will be performing significant pavement patching on Drauden Road and Wallin Drive. Signage will be posted in advance of the work.

Route 59 Water Main

Phase 1 of the Route 59 Water Main, from Union Street - south to Feeny Road, is nearing completion. Phase 2, from Main Street (Route 126) to Union Street, should start later this summer in July or August.

Building Permits

To help ensure the public's health and safety, the Village requires permits for all new construction as well as basements, room additions, lawn irrigation systems, pools, decks, fences, patios, driveways, hot tubs, roofs, garages, and sheds.

In order for the Building Department to efficiently process permit applications, it is required that homeowners, contractors, and builders follow the correct permit procedures and supply all of the information required for the permit. Permit applications can be obtained at the Village Hall or online at www.plainfield-il.org. With your cooperation, all permits can be processed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (815) 439-2937.

Community Calendar



Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....June 3
 Concert in the Park, VOP.....June 4 & 18
 Movie in the Park, VOP.....June 12 & 26
 Island Rendezvous, WCFP.....June 13-14
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....June 17
 PrairieFest, OPD.....June 18-21
 Hawg Night, MSP.....June 27
 Relay For Life, ACS.....June 27-28
 Concert in the Park, VOP.....July 2 & 16
 Patriotic Picnic, PPD.....July 3
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....July 8
 Movie in the Park, VOP.....July 10 & 24
 Plainfield Fest, MSP.....July 17-19
 Hawg Night, MSP.....July 25
 Summer Reading Grande Finale, PPL..August 1
 National Night Out Pool Party, PD.....August 4
 Concert in the Park, VOP.....August 6
 Movie in the Park, VOP.....August 7 & 21
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....August 12
 Hawg Night, MSP.....August 29

*For information on the events above, please contact the organization listed.

ACS=American Cancer Society.....800-ACS-2345
 MSP=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....815-436-5510
 OPD=Oswegoland Park District.....630-554-1010
 PD=Plainfield Police Department.....815-436-6544
 PPD=Plainfield Park District.....815-436-8812
 PPL=Plainfield Public Library.....815-436-6639
 VOP=Village of Plainfield.....815-436-7093
 WCFP=Will Cty. Forest Preserve.....815-727-8700

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓All businesses as well as commercial and residential alarms in the Village must be registered with the Police Department. Please contact the Records Department at (815) 436-6544 for more information.
- ✓No parking is allowed on Village Streets between 1:00 and 6:00 a.m.
- ✓Village curfew hours are: Under 16 years old: Sunday-Saturday: 10 p.m.-6 a.m.; 16 years old: Sunday-Thursday: 11 p.m.-6 a.m.; and Friday-Saturday: 12-6 a.m.
- ✓To report streetlight outages, contact Public Works at (815) 436-3577. Please provide the exact location to insure timely repairs.
- ✓To automatically pay your water/sewer/garbage bill, simply complete a direct pay application and submit it with a voided check. Applications are available by calling (815) 439-4257 and online at www.plainfield-il.org.
- ✓Plainfield memorabilia is available! Stop by the Village Hall today to pickup Community Cookbooks and Collector's Plates (\$10 ea.).
- ✓The Village Offices will be closed July 3 and September 7, 2009.
- ✓When holidays fall on a weekday, refuse collection is delayed by one day for the rest of the week. Labor Day is September 7, 2009.
- ✓Waste Management requires that residents use waste containers that are 32 gallons or less in size. Yard waste must be placed in brown Kraft bags. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your pickup day.
- ✓Per the International Fire Code adopted by the Plainfield Fire District, the following codes apply to fire hydrants in the Village: "Posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage, and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants" and "A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants."
- ✓Pink Tag warnings, for past due utility bill balances, have been discontinued. A reminder will be mailed to the service address, three business days before the shut off date.
- ✓To receive Village News via email, sign up for the E-News Group online at www.plainfield-il.org.

Information You Can Use

Village Contacts & Departments:

Administration815-436-7093
 Building.....815-439-2937
 Code Enforcement.....815-439-4806
 Community Television...815-609-6141
 Law Enforcement.....815-436-6544
 After Hours.....815-436-2341
 Planning.....815-439-2824
 Public Works.....815-436-3577
 Utility Billing.....815-439-4257
 Village Clerk.....815-439-2921
 Water/Wastewater.....815-436-3577

Local Service Numbers:

AT&T.....800-244-4444
 Comcast.....866-594-1234
 Crime Stoppers.....800-323-6734
 Digging-J.U.L.I.E.....800-892-0123
 Electric-ComEd.....800-334-7661
 Emergency.....911
 Garbage-Waste Management
800-747-2278
 Gas-NICOR.....888-642-6748
 Indian Prairie School Dist.630-375-3000
 Kendall Cty. Assessor...630-553-4146
 Wheatland Assessor...630-851-9740

Wheatland Township....630-851-3952
 Will County Animal Control.....
815-462-5633
 Will Cty. Health Dept....815-727-8480

Plainfield:

Assessor.....815-436-5110
 Chamber of Commerce..815-436-4431
 Economic Partnership..815-327-4803
 Fire District.....815-436-5335
 Historical Society.....815-436-4073
 MainStreet.....815-436-5510
 Park District.....815-436-8812
 Post Office.....815-436-9641
 Public Library.....815-436-6639
 Senior Transit.....815-740-6201
 School District.....815-577-4000
 Township.....815-436-8308

Oswego:

Fire District.....630-554-2110
 Park District.....630-554-1010
 Public Library.....630-554-3150
 School District.....630-554-3447
 Township.....630-554-3211

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