



# Village Voice

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

In challenging economic times such as these, we have to find new ways to do things. This year, for the first time, the Village created a sponsorship package for local businesses. Although many businesses are facing the same challenges as the Village, we felt that this was an opportunity for the Village to work with the business community for our mutual benefit. We anticipated that sponsorships may be difficult to obtain. After all, many businesses are cutting back on or completely eliminating sponsorships. However, I am thrilled to announce that the Village was able to obtain sponsorships for many of the movies and concerts in Settlers' Park as well as for several of the Green Village Programs.

I would like to thank all of the sponsors that stepped forward to help the Village by sponsoring one of these events. This year's sponsors include: Baxter & Woodman, Inc.; Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.; Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; First Midwest Bank; The George Sollitt Construction Company; Hitchcock Design Group; Illinois Landscape Supply, LLC; and Waste Management. With the support of these businesses, the Village is able to continue offering these very worthy programs, free of charge, to residents. Be sure to stop by Settlers' Park for the concerts and movies this summer, the schedule is listed inside this newsletter. If you are interested in attending a Green Village program, visit [www.plainfield-il.org](http://www.plainfield-il.org) for more information.

A special thanks also goes out to all of the volunteers who helped with the DuPage River Sweep! We had over 50 people volunteer to help clean up the river this year. This annual event has grown in scope and size over the years and the efforts of the volunteers truly help to beautify our community.

While I am extending thanks, I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone who has already participated in the 2010 Census. The Village had an 82% Participation Rate at the completion of the mail campaign, while the National Participation Rate was 72%! Census data is used in a variety of ways including for the distribution of more than \$400 billion annually in federal funds to state and local governments. The Village receives approximately \$100 per resident on an annual basis. Based upon the 2007 Special Census, the Village had a population of 37,334 people. Since then we have welcomed many new residents to the community and without an official enumeration by the Census Bureau, the Village will not receive any additional revenues.

Therefore, for those that did not return their census form via mail, I would encourage you to participate by speaking with the Census representative who will be visiting your home (if they have not already stopped by) in the coming weeks to complete a brief interview. All responses are confidential. We look forward to receiving the results of the census after all residents have been counted. Everyone's cooperation and participation is important to insure the accuracy and completion of the 2010 Census!

Finally, be sure to stop by during Coffee with the Mayor to say hello, ask a question or two, and have a cup of coffee. This summer, we will be meeting for coffee on June 9, July 14, and August 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Have a great summer!

Michael P. Collins  
Village President



Mayor Collins presented local Olympian Lisa Chesson with a key to the Village. Lisa and the U.S. Women's Hockey Team won the silver medal in Vancouver.

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## Utility Bill Changes

Beginning with this month's utility bill, residents will see the following changes:

- The addition of a \$5.00 capital charge;
- A \$1 increase in the garbage administration fee, garbage will now be billed at \$20.52 per month; and
- The minimum water/sewer bill has changed from 200 cubic feet of water and 300 cubic feet of sewer (\$13.05), to 100 cubic feet of water and 300 cubic feet of sewer (\$11.32).

It is important to note that **water and sewer rates have not changed**, just the way that they are billed has changed. Residents with a minimum bill will see an increase of \$4.27; while the average bill will increase by \$8.51.

Seniors who qualify for the "Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption" can apply for a 10% discount on the monthly water, sewer, and capital charges by providing Utility Billing with a copy of their tax bill, which lists the exemption, via mail or in person at Village Hall.

Residents who have questions regarding their bill should contact the Village at (815) 439-2923 or (815) 439-4257.

## Water News

### 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 anytime.
- ◆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. 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.



### EPA Promotes Green Infrastructure

What is green infrastructure?

Green infrastructure reduces stormwater runoff rates, volumes, and pollutant loads through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and capture and reuse. On a local scale, green infrastructure practices include rain gardens, green roofs, stormwater planters, trees, and rain barrels which are used to manage stormwater runoff at or near the source.

Why use green infrastructure?

Green infrastructure is cost-effective, energy efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly.

What are the potential benefits of green infrastructure?

Benefits include cleaner water, recharged groundwater supplies, less demand for potable water, reduced flooding and erosion, lower energy demands, less greenhouse gas emissions and cleaner air, better quality habitats for wildlife, more walkable communities, operation and maintenance cost savings, and green jobs. -Source: US EPA

## CLERK'S CORNER

~Michelle Gibas, RMC/CMC~

### Notary

The Clerk's Office provides free notary services. Simply 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.**

### Voter Registration:

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

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a United States Citizen.
- Provide two forms of identification.

The Village has registrars available to assist you with the voter registration process between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Registration is open throughout the year except during the 27 days preceding an election. Registration reopens the second day following an election.

### Mark Your Calendar!

Absentee/early voting for the upcoming elections will be offered at the Village Hall:

- General Election: November 2, 2010. Absentee/early voting will be offered October 11- 29, 2010.
- Consolidated Election: April 5, 2011. Absentee/early voting will be offered March 14-April 1, 2011.

Voting hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In order to vote at the Village Hall, you must live in the Village and in Will County. The Village Clerk's Office will also conduct early voting for all of Plainfield Township.

For details about becoming an election judge or other election information, visit the Will County Clerk's web site at [www.thewillcountyclerk.com](http://www.thewillcountyclerk.com) or call (815) 740-4632.

### Municipal Code

Have a question about a Village ordinance? The Village's Municipal Code

is available online at [www.plainfield-il.org](http://www.plainfield-il.org). You can research Village Codes by simply typing in a keyword or phrase in the search field.

### Freedom of Information Requests

For details on how to file a Freedom of Information Request, visit the Village web site at [www.plainfield-il.org](http://www.plainfield-il.org).

### Plainfield Community Television

•Plainfield Community Television (PCT) airs all Village Board, Plan Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission Meetings live.

•PCT also airs programs provided by the Plainfield Television Group on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

•Community events are posted on the message board.

•To watch PCT, tune in to Comcast Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or visit [www.plainfieldtv.com](http://www.plainfieldtv.com) and click on P-Span.

•To contact PCT, please call (815) 609-6141 or email [mgibas@goplainfield.com](mailto:mgibas@goplainfield.com).

## 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 17 - The Renditions  
Music from the 50's, 60's, & 70's  
Sponsored by Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- July 15 - Bopology  
swing, jazz, & Frank Sinatra
- August 12 - Soda  
musical variety

**Movies in the Park** - Presented by The George Sollitt Construction Company. Calling all movie lovers! Check out movies under the stars this summer!

- Friday, June 11- 8:00 p.m.  
*Kung Fu Panda* (PG, 92 min.)  
Sponsored by Illinois Landscape Supply
- Friday, June 25 - 8:00 p.m.  
*Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs* (PG, 90 min.) - Sponsored by Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
- Friday, July 9 - 8:00 p.m.  
*Dennis The Menace* (PG, 92 min.)  
Sponsored by First Midwest Bank
- Friday, July 23 - 8:00 p.m.

*The Polar Express* (G, 99 min.)

Sponsored by Waste Management

- Friday, August 6 - 8:00 p.m.  
*Monsters vs. Aliens* (PG, 94 min.)  
Sponsored by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Bring some popcorn and join in the fun!

### 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.
- Concessions are available at the park.
- For venue change or cancellation information in case of inclement weather, please call the Settlers' Park Event Hotline at (815) 609-6124 or visit [www.plainfield-il.org](http://www.plainfield-il.org) after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.



## Mark Your Calendar!

### TRIAD Senior Picnic

The TRIAD Picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Plainfield Police Department. If you are interested in attending, e-mail Kathy Whalen at the Plainfield Park District at [whalen@plainfieldparkdistrict.com](mailto:whalen@plainfieldparkdistrict.com).

### National Night Out Event

The Police Department will recognize National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3 in Downtown Plainfield during Cruise Night. There will be displays from the Police and Fire Departments as well as inflatables for kids to enjoy. Stay tuned for more details!

### D.A.R.E. Pool Party

The D.A.R.E. Pool Party for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades has been scheduled for Thursday, August 5 at Ottawa Street Pool. The evening includes music, pizza, swimming, and fun! For more details or to register, please call the Plainfield Police Department at (815) 267-7203.



## Public Works Projects

### ARRA Grant Projects

The Village was able to secure an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant to resurface Wallin Drive, from Route 126 to 143<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Drauden Road, from Rock Drive south to the Village boundary. This work was completed in April.

### ERP Grant

The Village is also in line to receive a grant through the IDOT Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to perform resurfacing work this summer. The roadways that will be resurfaced include the intersection of Indian Boundary, County Line, and Walker Roads and 127<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridge/Stewart Roads.

### MFT Resurfacing

The Village will be doing a MFT resurfacing project in several subdivisions this summer including Champion Creek, Walker's Grove, and Wallin Woods. The

work will consist of grinding the deteriorated surface, patching where needed, resurfacing, and striping.

### Essington/Route 126 Traffic Signal

The Village, with the support and cooperation of IDOT, is moving forward with the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Essington Road and Route 126. The plans are nearly complete and we expect that this project will be under construction later this summer.

### Wal-Mart Traffic Signal

The installation of a traffic signal at the entrance to Wal-Mart on Route 59 has been delayed due to a conflict with an underground utility. However, the project is still scheduled to be completed this year.

### Lockport Street Pedestrian Bridge

The plans for the Lockport Street

Pedestrian Bridge are being finalized and should be ready for bidding later this summer. This project will provide a much needed pedestrian crossing over the river, directly south of the existing vehicle bridge. The Village is due to receive a one million dollar grant from the State of Illinois for this project.

### Route 59 Construction Updates

- Union to Caton Farm Road: Crews are preparing the northbound lanes for paving. The schedule is to have all the travel lanes, streetlights, and traffic signals completed by the end of the summer.
- Union to Route 126: Crews will be installing a new water main from approximately Route 30 to Route 126 with paving work to follow. There is a considerable amount of work that will be going on this year and we ask for the public's patience and understanding for the next several months.

## Community Calendar



Cruise Nights Begin, MSP.....June 1  
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....June 9  
 Movie in Settlers' Park, VOP.....June 11 & 25  
 Green Village Program, VOP.....June 14  
 Concert in Settlers' Park, VOP.....June 17  
 TRIAD Picnic, PPD.....June 22  
 Relay for Life, ACS.....June 26-27  
 Patriotic Picnic & Fireworks, PPD.....July 3  
 Movie in Settlers' Park, VOP.....July 9 & 23  
 Green Village Program, VOP.....July 12  
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....July 14  
 Concert in Settlers' Park, VOP.....July 15  
 Plainfield Fest, MSP.....July 16-18  
 Parks & Nature Tour, CP.....July 24  
 National Night Out, PD.....August 3  
 DARE Pool Party, PD.....August 5  
 Movie in Settlers' Park, VOP.....August 6  
 Green Village Program, VOP.....August 9  
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....August 11  
 Concert in Settlers' Park, VOP.....August 12

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

ACS=American Cancer Society.....815-521-4676  
 CP=Conservation Plainfield.....815-439-2824  
 MSP=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....815-436-5510  
 PD=Police Department.....815-436-6544  
 PPD=Plainfield Park District.....815-436-8812  
 VOP=Village of Plainfield.....815-436-7093

## 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](http://www.plainfield-il.org).
- ✓The Village Offices will be closed July 5 and September 6, 2010.
- ✓When holidays fall on a weekday, refuse collection is delayed by one day for the rest of the week. Independence Day (observed) is Monday, July 5 and Monday, September 6 is Labor Day.
- ✓Waste Management requires that residents use waste containers that are 32 gallons or less in size. All yard waste must be placed in brown Kraft bags. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your pickup day.
- ✓To receive Village E-News Updates via e-mail or RSS feed, sign up online at [www.plainfield-il.org](http://www.plainfield-il.org).

### Plainfield American Cancer Society Relay For Life June 26-27

Join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ACS Relay For Life of Plainfield, presented by Edward Hospital, on June 26-27, at Plainfield North High School. The event begins at noon with a survivor's luncheon and ends with a Closing Ceremony at 6 a.m. The event includes a Luminaria Ceremony, cancer prevention education, excitement, music, food, contests, and prizes! Visit [www.relayforlifepainfield.com](http://www.relayforlifepainfield.com) or call Janeen Barloga (815/521-4676) for more information or to sign up to participate!

## Information You Can Use

### Village Contacts & Departments:

Administration .....815-436-7093  
 Building.....815-439-2937  
 Code Enforcement.....815-439-4806  
 Community Television.....815-609-6141  
 Emergency Mgmt.....815-436-6215  
 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

### Local Government Contact Numbers:

Indian Prairie School Dist...630-375-3000  
 Kendall Cty. Assessor.....630-553-4146  
 Kendall Cty. Forest Preserve District.....630-553-4025  
 Oswego Fire District.....630-554-2110  
 Oswego Park District.....630-554-1010  
 Oswego Public Library.....630-554-3150  
 Oswego School District...630-636-3080  
 Oswego Township.....630-554-3211  
 Plainfield Fire District.....815-436-5335  
 Plainfield Park District.....815-436-8812  
 Plainfield Public Library.....815-436-6639  
 Plainfield School District...815-577-4000  
 Plainfield Township.....815-436-8308

Plainfield Twp. Assessor.....815-436-5110  
 Wheatland Township.....630-851-3952  
 Wheatland Twp. Assessor...630-851-9740  
 Will Cty. Animal Control...815-462-5633  
 Will Cty. Forest Preserve District.....815-727-8700  
 Will Cty. Health Dept.....815-727-8480

### Local Service Numbers:

AT&T.....800-244-4444  
 Comcast.....866-594-1234  
 ComEd.....800-334-7661  
 Crime Stoppers.....800-323-6734  
 Emergency.....911  
 Green Harvest Food Pantry.....630-416-1109  
 J.U.L.I.E.....800-892-0123  
 MainStreet Plainfield.....815-436-5510  
 Nicor Gas.....888-642-6748  
 Pace Bus.....847-364-7223  
 Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce..815-436-4431  
 Plainfield Art League.....815-556-9278  
 Plainfield Food Pantry.....815-439-8394  
 Plainfield Historical Society.815-436-4073  
 Plainfield Post Office.....815-436-9641  
 Plfd Twp. Senior Shuttle...815-436-1112  
 Waste Management.....800-796-9696

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