



Village Voice

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Mayor's Message

There are a number of important events and projects on the horizon for the Village this summer. However, I would like to take a moment to talk about a few changes at the Village.

I am retiring from my position as principal of St. Mary Immaculate Parish School. I will miss the children, the families, and the staff at St. Mary Immaculate Parish School. However, I know that I will continue to see them around town and at the school. Now, I will have more time to devote to Village business and I am looking forward to this work. The Village is growing by leaps and bounds and I can focus on the Village's most important issues including traffic and transportation, representing government, and our future needs.

It seems that retirement is in the air. Our Village Clerk, Susan Janik, recently retired after 13 years with the Village. On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to thank Sue for her years of service to the Village and I wish her and her family all the best as she retires.

Now, I would like to take a few moments to share with you some of the Village's upcoming projects and events. Community participation is an important part of the government process and your voices and presence are important! Please consider joining us at the following events!

As you know, Edward Hospital has submitted a new application for the proposed Edward Plainfield Hospital. It is important that we, as a community, show our support for the proposed hospital. How you ask? I urge you to visit www.plainfieldhospitalnow.com and sign a petition supporting the project, write a letter of support to the Planning Board, and write our local legislators and the media.

The **Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board** has scheduled a **hearing** on the new application for the hospital on **Tuesday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall**. To make sure that our voices are heard, please attend and testify at the Public Hearing. Simply bring your letter of support and read it into the record. Working together we can help make this hospital a reality. We hope to see you there!

I would also like to invite everyone to participate in our upcoming community blood drive. Blood inventory levels reach their lowest point all year in July due to sluggish donations surrounding the Independence Day Holiday, school closings, and vacations that prevent many donors from giving blood. Therefore, the Village and Heartland Blood Centers will be hosting a **community wide blood drive on July 27, 2006 from 2:00-8:00 p.m.** at the Village Hall,

24401 W. Lockport Street. Please contact Julie Kinsella, Heartland Blood Centers, at (708) 342-9747 today to schedule an appointment.

We hope to see you at one of the Village's upcoming summer events: *Join me for Coffee on June 7, July 5, and August 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Hall Community Room.

*Plus, our summer concert series and movies in the park kickoff in June. For more information, see page 3 of this newsletter!

Have a safe, healthy, and happy summer!

Mayor Waldorf



Trustees Collins, Racich, Dement, Mayor Waldorf, and Trustees Lamb, Fay, and Manning recognize Sue Janik for her years of service during her last Board Meeting.

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News You Can Use

E-News Is Here!

The Village has created a Village "E-News" Group. Interested residents will occasionally receive Village News and updates via email. These updates will be supplements to the Village Voice which everyone will continue to receive via mail. If you are interested in joining, please send your name and email address to adeboni@goplainfield.com.

The Special Census Results Are In!

The Village's new population is 30,314 and there are 10,186 housing units in the Village.

Vanpooling Program Catches On!

Looking for an easier and more economical way to commute to and from work? Vanpooling is catching on in Plainfield and throughout the suburbs. Pace has now introduced Vanpool Finder, potential riders can search for existing vanpools by visiting www.pacebus.com and entering their home/work address, intersection, or city. To start your own vanpool, visit the Pace web site or call (837) 228-2492.

The Benefits of Preservation

When historic buildings are torn down or allowed to deteriorate, a part of our community's heritage and unique community identity disappears forever. The value of preservation, aside from maintaining the community's character, is quantified by its financial opportunities. David and Sandra Smith, owners of the Village's first, and only, locally designated landmark – 510 N. Fox River Street, are now eligible for the following opportunities to assist them with protecting and preserving their home as a result of their home's landmark status.

Some of the benefits of becoming a local historic landmark or a local historic district include:

- Demolition Protection
- Zoning and Building Code Relief
- Rehabilitation Grant Programs
- Preservation Easements
- Tax Incentives

To learn more about the value of preservation, join the Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission, the Will County Historic Preservation Commission, and the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission for the FREE seminar: "Preservation Doesn't Cost---It Pays!" on June 17, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport Street.

The discussion will feature Bob Yapp, the self-proclaimed "consumer's advocate for old houses and their owners," who will discuss the economics of historic preservation. From economic comparisons between rehabs and new construction to strategies you can use to stop teardowns, you will be able to see for yourself that preservation is worth it on June 17!

For more information, contact Kelley Runkle, in Community Development, at (815) 439-2824.

CLERK'S CORNER

~Susan M. Janik, CMC~

Notary

The Clerk's Office will provide free notary services. If you have a document that must be notarized, please bring proof of identification and the unsigned document to the Clerk's Office. **Please note: You must sign the document in front of the notary.**

Voter Registration

Have you moved or had a name change since you last voted? Then you need to register to vote! To register you must meet the following criteria:

- Reach the age of 18 before the next election.
- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Provide two forms of identification, one with your current address and the other to verify your name.

To register to vote, please stop by the Village Hall, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Agendas & Meetings

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

The public is welcome to attend all Village meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, Mayor Waldorf 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. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Cable Policies Update

At a recent Workshop, the Village Board discussed policies and procedures to govern the operation of Plainfield Cable Television (PCTV). The proposed policies include: membership, training, equipment use, airtime scheduling, program content, and technical requirements for recorded programs.

Plainfield Community Television

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.
- Plan Commission Meetings: Air live on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rebroadcast on Thursdays 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.
- Check the Message Board for Village News and information on the scheduling of special broadcasts.

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



Settlers' Park Summer Events

Concerts in the Park

Join the Village for the 2006 Settlers' Park Concert Series. Concerts will be held on the following Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.:

- June 15 - The Village welcomes back the award-winning Illinois Brass Band!
 - July 6 - The Salt Creek Sinfonietta returns to play an evening of summer pops.
 - July 20 - The Running Fox Bluegrass Band will perform some "foot-stomping, finger-snapping, hand-clapping Bluegrass."
 - August 3 - Soul Circus returns to perform R&B and rock and soul favorites.
 - August 17 - The West Suburban Symphony will perform a variety of popular music, under the direction of local Conductor Peter Lipari.
- If inclement weather occurs, the concert(s) will be held in the Village Hall or rescheduled.

Movies in the Park

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

- Friday, June 9 - 8:00 p.m.
Back To The Future, PG, 115 minutes
 - Friday, June 23 - 8:00 p.m.
Beethoven, PG, 87 minutes
 - Friday, July 14 - 8:00 p.m.
Daddy Day Care, PG, 92 minutes
 - Friday, July 28 - 8:00 p.m.
The Great Muppet Caper, G, 98 minutes
 - Friday, August 11 - 8:00 p.m.
Grease, PG, 110 minutes
 - Friday, August 25 - 8:00 p.m.
Ghostbusters, PG, 105 minutes
- Bring some popcorn and join in the fun! If inclement weather is forecast, the movie will be cancelled.



General Event Information

- All of the concerts and movies will be held at the Richard A. Rock Amphitheater in Settlers' Park.
- Settlers' Park is located in downtown Plainfield, southeast of the intersection of Lockport Street and Van Dyke Road - just south of the Village Hall.
- Parking is available in the Village Hall parking lot, on Village Center Drive, and on Van Dyke Road.
- Terraced seating is available. Attendees are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.
- For event updates and cancellation information, please call the Settlers' Park Event Hotline at (815) 609-6124 or visit the Village web site at www.plainfield-il.org after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

Summer Fun!

Construction Projects

127th Street Lake Michigan Water Pumping Station

The water pumping station project is on schedule to be completed by the end of June 2006. Once this station is put into operation, it will help to maintain water pressure and storage levels throughout the Village's water system.



127th Street Lake Michigan Water Pumping Station Under Construction

127th Street Lake Michigan Water Ground Storage Tank

Work is nearing completion on the construction of a 5 million gallon ground storage tank located on 127th Street and Book Road. The exterior brick and paint must be completed. However, they do not affect the functionality of the tank. This tank will add to the storage capacity of the Village's water system, bringing the total capacity to 9.25 million gallons. The tank is scheduled to be put into operation by the end of June 2006.

Building Permit Information

In its continuing effort to 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.

To insure that the Building Department efficiently handles all permit applications, it is important that all homeowners, contractors, and builders follow correct permit procedures and submit all of the information required for the permit.

Permit application information can be obtained at the Village Hall or on the Village web site at www.plainfield-il.org. Please read **all** of the information carefully so that the required information is submitted. With everyone's cooperation, all permits can be processed in a timely and efficient manner. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Division at (815) 439-2937.

Watering Wisdom

Water Conservation

The Village's year round ordinance for outside water usage 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 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 will 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.

Smart Outdoor Water Usage

The Public Works Department recommends the following techniques to get the maximum benefit from your outdoor water use:

- Water in the morning. This gives plants a chance to dry off before

evening, thus discouraging many plant ailments.

- Deep-soak your lawn. When you water, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling evaporates quickly and encourages a shallow root system.
- Position sprinklers so as not to water paved areas. Move them periodically and lower the water pressure to reduce runoff.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Wash the car with a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only to rinse the car.
- Check frequently for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings and keep them drip-free. Leaks outside the house can be just as wasteful as leaks inside.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (815) 436-3577.

Vehicle Stickers

Applications

Vehicle sticker applications were mailed to all residents in late May. Please make sure that all of the information on the form is correct and make any changes, if needed. Once the form provided is complete, please return it with payment to the Village. Your new sticker(s) will be sent to you in the mail. Please allow 14 days for processing.

With the implementation of the Village's new bar code system, it is important to return the application with all of the requested information. This will help to expedite the process.

If you choose to purchase your vehicle sticker at the Village Hall, please remember to **bring your application form** with the new bar code.

Important Dates

- Applications will also be available at the Village Hall, beginning June 1, 2006.
- New vehicle stickers must be **purchased and displayed by midnight on July 31, 2006**. The penalty for not displaying a sticker is \$75.
- On August 1, 2006, all vehicle stickers will **double** in price and all vehicles will be subject to ticketing.

The Village takes in approximately \$300,000 from the sale of vehicle stickers. The proceeds are used to support the Streets Division, of the Public Works Department, which is responsible for street, sidewalk, and curb maintenance as well as snow plowing and parkway tree maintenance.

Lawn Mowing Tips

The following information has been supplied by the University of Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences:

- Mow lawns higher during the summer. A range of 2.5-3 inches is suggested for most turf stands where Kentucky bluegrass is the primary species.
- As always, mowing should be on a frequent basis so that no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade is removed in any one cutting.
- Avoid applying excess nitrogen fertilizer during hot, dry conditions. Wait until early September to fertilize your lawn rather than during the summer. Use fertilizer providing adequate potassium, in addition to nitrogen.

Plainfield Riverfront Vision Takes Shape

The Plainfield Riverfront Vision is a conceptual plan that identifies focal features, overlooks, gateways, and green pedestrian corridors that will enhance the existing natural landscape along the banks of the DuPage River in the Downtown area. With future phases planned to extend to areas north and south of the Downtown, this project will create a scenic and enjoyable community amenity that draws residents and visitors to Downtown Plainfield.

The Village and Plainfield Park District hosted an Open House on the Plainfield Riverfront Draft Vision in April. Highlights of the Vision were provided in a slideshow presentation and display boards with maps and pictures were available for viewing. Staff and the project consultant answered questions from the public and gathered comment forms. Many of the comments expressed excitement and interest in seeing the vision become reality.

In May, the Village Board adopted the Plainfield Riverfront Vision. The next step in the planning process will include a detailed schematic master plan. The public is welcome and encouraged to participate in this planning process. Please stay informed by checking the Village and Plainfield Park District web sites, www.plainfield-il.org and www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com, for project updates and future Open Houses and Public Hearings. In addition, press releases and other forms of public notice will be utilized to keep the public informed and involved. Questions and comments regarding the project may be directed to:

Village of Plainfield
Attention: Planning Division
24401 W. Lockport Street
Plainfield, IL 60544
Phone: (815) 439-2824
Fax: (815) 436-9785
E-mail: info@goplainfield.com

DuPage River Sweep

The Village of Plainfield and The Conservation Foundation, DuPage River Coalition, are sponsoring the 2006 DuPage River Sweep. This annual event is a cleanup of the DuPage River and its tributaries.

Since the Sweep's inception in 1991, more than 5,000 volunteers have removed nearly 165 tons of garbage from the river and riverbanks. The purpose of the River Sweep is to encourage citizen and volunteer groups to help "sweep our rivers clean" by picking up debris in and along our waterways. Removing debris from the river and its banks makes our river more attractive, improves water quality, helps improve water flow during heavy rains, and removes potential hazards for fish and wildlife. It is also a constructive activity for youth and adult groups.

The Village has been involved in this worthwhile activity for quite some time and has removed more than a half ton of garbage from the river including: play slides, sheet metal, and barbed wire last year.

This year's event will be held on June 3, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The event kicks off with a meeting in the parking lot of the Village Hall and then groups are dispersed to various river locations to "sweep it clean." If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, please contact Jim Donahue in the Planning Division at (815) 609-6128.



Open Space



The Village recently passed a resolution in support of the Kendall County Open Space and Natural Areas Plan, one component of the *Protect Kendall Now!* Initiative, coordinated by The Conservation Foundation. This initiative was started to increase the pace of land preservation in Kendall County, which is currently the third fastest growing county in the United States. Its population is expected to increase by more than 223% by 2030.

The Plan was created through the collaboration of a Steering Committee with representation from local government agencies, area not-for-profit land conservation groups, and county residents. It promotes preservation of open space and natural areas throughout Kendall County and will be used to promote the use of more sustainable practices and conservation principles on developing lands. It envisions that implementation will occur by working with private landowners, park and forest preserve districts, municipalities, and the county, as well as through reserving open space areas in new developments. Visit www.protectkendallnow.org for a copy of the Plan as well as additional information.

Everyone realizes that development will occur. Therefore, it is important for the Village to work with developers, neighboring communities, and organizations like The Conservation Foundation to help preserve part of our heritage before it is gone. The Village has been and will continue to be at the forefront of innovative subdivision design. Green space, subdivision interconnectivity, and coving are just some of the elements the Village will continue to encourage to set Plainfield apart from other suburbs.

Fox River, Yorkville Photo Credit: Paul Burd

Community Calendar

Cruise Nights, MS.....Begin June 6
 Movie in the Park, OPD.....June 7, 21
 Relay for Life, ACS.....June 10-11
 Island Rendezvous, WCFP.....June 10-11
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....June 14
 PrairieFest, OPD.....June 15-18
 Girls Night Out, SDP.....June 15
 Hawg Nights, MS...June 17, July 29, August 26
 Fox River Getaway, KCFP.....June 24
 Golf Outing, PCC.....June 28
 Movie in the Park, OPD.....July 5, 19
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....July 12
 Plainfield Fest, PPD.....July 14-16
 Annual Meeting, PHS.....July 25
 National Night Out Pool Party, PD...August 1
 Movie in the Park, OPD.....August 2, 16
 I Tried A Triathlon, OPD.....August 6
 Concert in the Park, OPD.....August 9

For information on Concerts and Movies in Settlers' Park this summer, please see page 3.

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

ACS=American Cancer Society...800-ACS-2345
 KCFP=Kendall Cty. Forest Preserve.630-553-4025
 MS=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....815-436-5510
 OPD=Oswego Park District.....630-554-1010
 PCC=Plfd. Chamber of Commerce...815-436-4431
 PD=Plainfield Police Department..815-439-2928
 PHS=Plainfield Historical Society..815-436-2386
 PPD=Plainfield Park District.....815-436-8812
 SDP=Shop Downtown.....815-436-0370
 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 to obtain registration information.

✓When holidays fall on a weekday, refuse collection is delayed by one day for the rest of the week. Independence Day is July 4 and Labor Day is September 4, 2006.

✓No parking is allowed on Village Streets between 1:00 & 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.

✓The Village Offices will be closed on July 4 and September 4, 2006.

✓To report street light outages, contact Public Works at (815) 436-3577. Please provide the exact location to insure timely repairs.

✓Automatic Debit: 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 still available! Stop by the Village Hall today to pickup Campfire Mugs (\$4 ea.), Community Cookbooks and Collector's Plates (\$10 ea.).

✓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.

Weather Words

Watch: Conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop within the next 6-12 hours.

Warning: Severe weather (a severe thunderstorm or tornado) has been spotted or indicated by radar approaching the immediate area.

For the latest Village news, visit 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 Clerk.....815-439-2923
 Village Clerk.....815-439-2921
 Water/Wastewater.....815-436-3577

Local Service Numbers:

Kendall Cty. Assessor...630-553-4146
 Plainfield Assessor.....815-436-5110
 Wheatland Assessor...630-851-9740
 Cable-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 Management800-747-2278
 Gas-NICOR.....888-642-6748

Indian Prairie School Dist.630-375-3000
 Phone-SBC.....800-244-4444
 Wheatland Township....630-851-3952
 Will County Animal Control.....815-462-5633
 Will Cty. Health Dept....815-727-8480

Plainfield:

Chamber of Commerce.815-436-4431
 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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