

Guest Commentary

Remember community during holiday season

This holiday season, it is important to remember those in need as well as thank those who have shown their generosity to the community.



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From The Mayor's Desk

The Plainfield Turkey Drop is just one such local event that embodies both of these ideas.

The Plainfield Moose Lodge and the Ford Family joined forces this year to host the annual Turkey Drop. Again, the community surpassed its record and donated over 700 turkeys!

All of the turkeys will be donated to those in need through the Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry, the DuPage Township Food Pantry, and MorningStar Mission.

Many thanks to the Ford Family, the Moose Lodge, and all those who donated turkeys this year for helping to make the holidays brighter for others!

On behalf of the Village Board, I would also like to thank several other individuals and groups for their generosity this holiday season including:

Tom Quinn, of Quinn's Landscaping, for decorating Downtown Plainfield for the holidays.

Be sure to take time this holiday season to see the lovely lights while you are shopping and having dinner downtown!

Mark Guzzo, a local bricklayer, for his work on the Illinois Lincoln Highway Gazebo and MainStreet Plainfield, Inc. for their donation to the gazebo project; and

Homes For Our Troops and all of the contractors who donated

time, materials, and services to build a new home in the Village for SPC Frank Pierson and his wife, Arielle Carroll-Pierson.

Please join me in welcoming the Piersons to the community. We hope that they enjoy their new home as well as Plainfield.

I would encourage those that are able to give back to the community in some way this holiday season. Remember, donations do not always have to take a monetary form, your donation of time and hard work is just as important.

There are so many worthy organizations in the area that could benefit from your assistance including the Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry, the Green Harvest Food Pantry, the Plainfield Ministerial Association, the Edward Hospital Foundation which raises funds for the Plainfield Campus, and Help Save Pets (fka the Plainfield Humane Society). These are just a few of the very worthy causes that exist in Plainfield.

Do you want to get involved or donate and don't know how? Many of the local schools and churches are having food drives, collecting clothing, or adopting families this holiday season.

Contact your local school, one of the churches, or one of the local service organizations and they will be able to help you find a way to get involved. Helping others is a gratifying experience and I encourage everyone to get involved!

At the Village we appreciate and are thankful for all those that have helped the Village and the community throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family, a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!