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

This month, I wanted to highlight a few of the exciting projects that the Village has been working on over the summer.

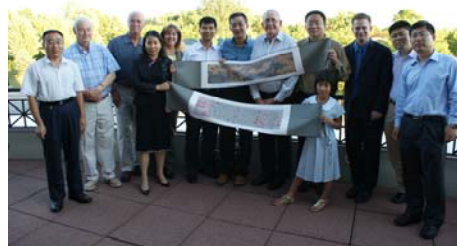
We've launched a new web site devoted to economic development, www.plainfielddevelopment.com. The site was created to encourage economic development and to provide a clearinghouse of information and resources for developers and prospective business owners. The site includes testimonials from a number of local businesses on their experiences in owning, operating, and expanding successful businesses in Plainfield as well as portions of the Buxton Report, demographic information, maps and statistics on the Village's major business corridors, and information on operating a business in Plainfield. Visit the site today to learn how the Village helps businesses succeed!

The Village recently hosted a delegation visiting from Beijing. Their visit was arranged by the 21st Century Institute and provided the delegates with the opportunity to learn about local government. While in Plainfield, their itinerary included tours of the Village Hall, Public Works Facility, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lake Water Pumping Station, Police Department, and Fire Station #1. They also visited Downtown Plainfield, the Edward Plainfield Medical campus, the Will County Courthouse, and the Will County Adult Detention Facility. It was an interesting and educational week for all those involved.

Concerts and movies in Settlers' Park recently concluded and I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank all of our sponsors who made these events possible. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Baxter & Woodman, Inc.; Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.; Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; First Midwest Bank; The George Sollitt Construction Company; Illinois Landscape Supply, LLC; and Waste Management. Finally, the movie series would not be possible without the Plainfield Park District who partners with the Village to provide staffing and equipment for the movies each year. Many thanks for their continued participation and to all those who attended this summer's events in Settlers' Park!

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 fall, we will be meeting for coffee on September 8th, October 13th, and November 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Michael P. Collins
Village President



The Beijing Delegation presented Mayor Collins and the Village Board with Chinese scrolls during their visit.



Aerial view of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

You're Invited!

Wastewater Treatment Plant
Open House
14701 S. Wood Farm Road

Saturday, October 9, 2010
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the newly expanded Wastewater Treatment Facility. Tours of the facility, which features state-of-the-art aeration systems, ultraviolet disinfection, and phosphorous removal equipment, will be provided.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (815) 436-3577.

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Police Updates

Drive safely, school is back in session!

As a reminder, changes (effective 1/1/10) were made to the Illinois Vehicle Code pertaining to 'distracted driving.' 1) Drivers shall not use a cell phone in a school, construction, or maintenance speed zone. This does not apply to persons engaged in the construction/maintenance project, public safety personnel, a driver reporting an emergency, or hands-free use. 2) A person may not operate a vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message. This does not apply to public safety personnel, use by a driver to report an emergency, use in hands-free mode, or while parked.

National Night Out & Teen Pool Party

The Plainfield Police Department coordinated a couple of community festivities in August starting with the 14th Annual National Night Out Celebration cosponsored by the Police, Plainfield Fire Protection District, and Target. Over 100 people enjoyed the crafts, handouts, 'jumpy,' and vehicle display. There were jump rope and hula hoop contests, and raffles...fun was had by all! Thank you to Target for providing volunteers to help facilitate, reusable shopping bags, sidewalk chalk, and bikes for the raffle and to the Police and Fire Departments for providing raffle prizes. A BIG thanks to the Fire District for providing the use of their Administration Building to host the event.

The Police Department also held a Teen Pool Party for 6th-9th graders at the Ottawa Street Pool. The kids enjoyed swimming, dancing, pizza, and snacks. They even got to see a couple of police officers go off the high dive! A huge THANKS to the sponsors: the Village; the Plainfield Park District for providing the use of their pool and lifeguards; and Hyper Entertainment DJ Services. Target also provided two iPod Shuffles for the raffle. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped check in, serve pizza, and 'monitor' the picnic areas; and also to the parents for expeditiously picking up their children!

Around The Village

Business Successes

As part of the new "Business First" initiative, the Village has been working with Logoplaste, an international bottling company based out of Portugal, on a new industrial facility in the Village. Logoplaste will be moving their research and development offices, along with their North American headquarters, from Cincinnati, Ohio to a new 100,000 square foot facility in Plainfield. They will be investing over 40 million dollars and bringing 90 new jobs into the Village.

The Village continues to work with Diageo on a 24,000 square foot expansion of their facilities on Van Dyke Road and 143rd Street to ensure that the Plainfield Diageo facility remains one of the largest distillery facilities in the United States. The Village looks forward to working with Diageo on future expansions!

New Landmark Approved

The Irwin-Rogman House at 14930 S. Bartlett Avenue is the Village's newest

landmark. The house was constructed circa 1903 and exhibits many of the distinctive features of the American Queen Anne style, including an asymmetrical facade with a dominant front-facing gable and an eclectic variety of windows. However, the restraint of the emerging Classical Revival style is expressed by the simplified architectural details, modest window patterns, and a large porch with roof balustrade. In addition to the house, the Carriage House was also individually landmarked.

The Irwin-Rogman House was constructed by Lavina J. Irwin and the house was subsequently sold to Charles and Ella Van Dyke in 1907. The Van Dykes owned the house until 1941.



CLERK'S CORNER

~Michelle Gibas, RMC/CMC~

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 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.

Absentee/Early Voting

Absentee/early voting for the November 2nd General Election will be offered at the Village Hall, October 11-October 29, 2010. 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 or call (815) 740-4632.

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.
- To watch PCT, tune in to Comcast Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or visit www.plainfieldtv.com and click on P-Span.
- To contact PCT, please call (815) 609-6141 or email mgibas@goplainfield.com.

Riverfront Takes Shape

The Plainfield Riverfront Foundation has made great strides to advance its mission of raising public awareness and funds for development of a riverfront/riverwalk amenity along the DuPage River in Downtown Plainfield.

The Riverfront Foundation is excited to announce that the inaugural "Plainfield River Days" festival will take place on Saturday, September 11th, on the West Electric Park property, located south of Lockport Street and east of Village Hall. This family event will include live music and dancing, a duck race fundraiser, an art fair, bag toss tournament, fishing derby, canoe rentals, kids' jumpies, miniature golf, beer tent and food vendors, as well as a patriotic commemoration of 9/11. The Foundation hopes that the "River Days" festival grows into an annual event that generates substantial funds toward development of the riverfront.

The first project in the West Electric Park area has already been completed. The Village's Public Works

Department recently finished constructing a temporary gravel parking lot and restoring the area surrounding the former auditorium foundation. The project was supported by donated materials, equipment, and labor from several local contractors. Village staff members hope to follow this model to construct a path system and make additional improvements in the future while minimizing project costs.

The Plainfield Riverfront Foundation recently received its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS as a charitable non-profit organization, making contributions tax-deductible. Please include the Riverfront Foundation among the many worthy organizations as you consider your charitable giving. Details regarding specific donation opportunities, such as becoming a "Friend of the Foundation" or purchasing a memorial brick, bench, or other site amenity, are available online at www.plainfieldriverfront.com.

The Riverfront Foundation has already received two significant donations. Canadian National Railway donated \$25,000 to the Plainfield Riverfront Foundation in June. Separately, the Village of Plainfield is very grateful to the estate of Marilyn Grayhack for the donation of an open space parcel adjacent to the existing Electric Park on Vista Lane. This parcel is a valuable addition to the public land holdings within the planned riverfront and officials are grateful to Elizabeth and Marilyn Grayhack for their generous donation.



See you on September 11th!

Public Works Projects

Essington/Route 126 Traffic Signal

The Village, with the support and cooperation of IDOT, is moving forward with the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Essington Road and Route 126. The plans have been completed and are awaiting final approval before bidding. The Village still plans to have the signal installed this construction season.

MFT Resurfacing Project

The 2010 MFT resurfacing project will be completed in late September. The work consists of grinding off the old deteriorated surfacing, patching, resurfacing, and striping in the Champion Creek, Walker's Grove, and Wallin Woods subdivisions. The 2010 MFT Program also included sidewalk/curb removal and replacement and roadway patching to save time and money.

Water Main Projects

The Village received a low interest loan from the IEPA for the construction of two major water main projects. The first project will bring a large diameter water main from 127th Street to Route 59, along Plainfield/Naperville Road. This water main will reinforce the entire water system and supply water to the southern section of town. It will also help to reduce electric use at the pumping station resulting in substantial cost and maintenance savings. The second project will be on Main Street, from Route 59 heading southwest to Lockport Street. This line will increase capacity and reliability, and aid in moving water to the western section of town. It replaces one of the older sections of small diameter water main in the Village. These projects will begin early this fall and continue into next year.

Park Project



Volunteers are invited to participate in Conservation Plainfield's annual park enhancement project, on Saturday, September 18th, from 9 am to noon. This year's project will enhance an area of the Plainfield Riverfront known as West Electric Park. Individuals, youth, families, Scout groups, sports teams, and civic organizations are all encouraged to participate. For more information, to register, or to become a member of Conservation Plainfield, please visit www.conservationplainfield.com. Conservation Plainfield is a member-driven volunteer organization focused on environmental education and awareness in the Plainfield community.

Community Calendar



Farmer's Market.....September 4, 11, 18, & 25
 Cruise Nights, MSP...September 7, 14, 21, & 28
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....September 8
 River Days, RF.....September 11
 Green Village Program, VOP.....September 13
 Park Enhancement Project, CP....September 18
 Harvest 5K Run/Walk, PCC.....September 26
 Homecoming Parade, PSD.....October 2
 Wastewater Treatment Plant Open House, VOP
October 9
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....October 13
 Spooktacular, MSP.....October 23
 Green Village Program, VOP.....November 8
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....November 10
 Candlelight Christmas, MSP.....November 27
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....December 8
 Holiday Open House, MSP.....December 11

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

CP=Conservation Plainfield.....815-439-2824
 MSP=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....815-436-5510
 PCC=Plfd. Chamber of Commerce...815-436-4431
 PSD=Plainfield School District.....815-577-4000
 RF=Riverfront Foundation.....815-439-2824
 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.
- ✓The Village Offices will be closed September 6, November 11, and November 25-26, 2010.
- ✓When holidays fall on a weekday, refuse collection is delayed by one day for the rest of the week. Monday, September 6 is Labor Day and Thursday, November 25 is Thanksgiving.
- ✓Waste Management requires that residents use waste containers that are 32 gallons or less in size. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your pickup day.
- ✓Yard waste and leaf pickup ends with your last regular pickup in November (November 24, 26, or 29). All yard waste and leaves must be placed in brown Kraft bags.
- ✓To receive Village E-News Updates via e-mail or RSS feed, sign up online at www.plainfield-il.org.

Halloween

The designated Trick-or-Treat hours for Halloween (Sunday, 10/31) are 4-7 p.m.

Information You Can Use

Village Contacts & Departments:

Administration815-436-7093
 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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