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

I can hardly believe that fall is upon us and that in a few short months the snow will fly. What a thought! However, before time gets away from us, I'd like to highlight and celebrate some of this summer's successes!

Thank you to all of the local businesses and organizations who helped make the 2011 Settlers' Park movie and concert series a success including: Aerotek Design Labs; Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers; Crawford, Murphy & Tilly; Family Video; First Midwest Bank; Harris Bank; the Plainfield Park District; Tim Stetenfeld & Edward Jones Investments; and Waste Management. Finally, thank you to all those who attended the concerts and movies this summer. We truly appreciate everyone's continued support and sense of community spirit!

I would like to congratulate the Plainfield Riverfront Foundation and Riverdays Committee on a successful Riverdays celebration! While still in its infancy, this event is quickly becoming a family favorite that residents look forward to attending. The festival is a wonderful way to enjoy the riverfront. If you are interested in learning more about the plans for the riverfront, the Riverfront Foundation, and/or how to volunteer, please visit www.plainfieldriverfront.com.

I am also happy to report that the Village recently received over \$120,000 from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This reimbursement is for the February 2011 blizzard and amounts to 75% of the Village's costs. This reimbursement was made possible due to the Village's timely documentation of costs and labor.

I am also pleased to announce that we sold the former Police Department to Crosswinds Church. They have been renting the building since early 2010 and recently executed their option to buy the facility. Congratulations to the congregation on their new home!

I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the community this fall. Be sure to check out the Plainfield School District's Annual Homecoming Parade, MainStreet Plainfield's Halloween Spooktacular, Candlelight Christmas, and the Holiday Open House. These events are a great opportunity to check out Downtown Plainfield and everything that it has to offer. While you're downtown, be sure to start your holiday shopping and have a bite to eat at one of our great restaurants!

In addition to these great downtown events, at the end of this month, the Plainfield Police Department, Plainfield Fire Protection District, and Plainfield School District 202 Foundation for Excellence will be hosting the Village of Screamfield Haunted House at the Police Department. Be sure to check out all of the scary fun on October 21-23 and 28-30! For more information on community events, visit the Village web site at www.plainfield-il.org.

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. The discussion is always lively and interesting. Coffee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on: October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th at the Village Hall.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Michael P. Collins
Village President



Mayor Collins & Mike Pedersen, of Dive Right In Scuba, start the 2011 Duck Race at Riverdays. The race was sponsored by Dive Right In Scuba.

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New Historic District



Historic Downtown Plainfield

The Village is pleased to announce the creation of the “Downtown Historic District” that encompasses an area along historic Lockport Street from Route 59 to west of James Street. This new historic district contains over 65 properties including the Steiner Building, Opera House, Masonic Lodge, Plymouth Congregational Church, and Andreasen Building (Standard Oil Station). As the oldest community in Will County, the Village continues to celebrate its historic past and numerous historic structures through an active and dynamic preservation effort.

News & Notes

Happy Halloween!

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



Street, Naperville. Phone: (630) 851-9740; Web: wheatlandassessor.com.

Snowplowing Information

Follow the Public Works Department on Facebook (Plainfield, IL Public Works) and/or Twitter (@PlainfieldILPW) for the latest snowplowing updates!

In need of assistance?

•For utility assistance information, please contact the Will County Center for Community Concerns at (815) 722-0722 or visit www.wcccc.net.

•Green Harvest Food Pantry: (630) 416-1109, greenharvest.org

•Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry: (815) 439-8394, plainfield-foodpantry.org

E-News Updates

Are you interested in the latest Village News? Register for Village E-News Updates online at www.plainfield-il.org! The latest news is conveniently delivered to your inbox.

Upcoming Senior TRIAD Events

The Plainfield TRIAD meets at Cedarlake Village, 14800 S. Van Dyke Road. Upcoming events are scheduled on:

•October 25, Medicare Changes-Part D

•November 29, Citizens Utility Board (CUB)/Utility Bill Analysis

The seminars begin at 11:30 a.m. and last approximately one hour. For further information, please contact the Plainfield Police Department at (815) 436-6544.

Local Assessors

•The Plainfield Township Assessor's office is located at 22525 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield. Phone: (815) 436-5110; Web: plainfieldassessor.com.

•The Wheatland Township Assessor's office is located at 31 W. 236 91st

CLERK'S CORNER

~Michelle Gibas, RMC/CMC~

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.**

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 several registrars 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.

Freedom of Information

For details on how to file a Freedom of Information Request, please visit the Village website at www.plainfield-il.org.

Municipal Code

Have a question about a Village Ordinance? The Village of Plainfield's Municipal Code is available online at www.plainfield-il.org, click on the Municipal Code link. The site is user-friendly and allows users to research Village Codes by simply typing in a keyword or phrase in the search field.

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 posted on Plainfield Community Television.

The public is welcome to attend all Village meetings. At the beginning of Village Board meetings, Mayor Collins

offers the opportunity for comments from the public on items not on the agenda. Village Board meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month and Workshops are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Plainfield Community Television (PCT)

•Plainfield Community Television 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 pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 1 and 8 pm. Community news and events are posted on the message board.

•To watch Plainfield Community Television, tune in to Comcast Channel 6 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

•To contact PCT, please call (815) 609-6141 or e-mail mgibas@goplainfield.com.



Police News

Business License App Revised

The Village recently modified its Business License Application form to simplify the annual registration process. Based upon comments and suggestions from local business owners, the Village modified the Business License Application in an effort to reduce the amount of information required from business owners. The result is a simplified application form.

Please keep in mind that the requirements for submission of the Business License Application have not changed. The form must be submitted to the Village's Licensing-Permits Coordinator a minimum of ten days prior to the license being issued. In November of each year, the Village will send a new Business License Application Form to each registered business for use when reapplying for its business license. The form is also available online at www.plainfield-il.org or by contacting the Licensing-Permits Coordinator at (815) 439-4805.

Medication Disposal Box

The Plainfield Police Department is now accepting unwanted, unneeded, or expired over-the-counter and prescription medication from the public. The medication disposal box is located inside the front entrance of the Police Department, 14300 S. Coil Plus Drive, and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Pills, salves, and liquid medication are accepted in the original container. Items not packaged in original containers should be placed in a plastic bag. Labels on medication are not required. Sharps, needles, IV bags, and thermometers are not accepted.

National Night Out

The Plainfield Police Department coordinated the 15th Annual National Night Out Celebration in August, cosponsored by the Police, Plainfield Fire Protection District, and Target. 100+ people enjoyed crafts, handouts, a 'jumpy,' and a vehicle display. Thank you to Target for providing volunteers to help facilitate eco-bags, silly bands,

and several gift cards for the raffle; and the Police and Fire Departments for providing several other raffle prizes. A big thanks also goes to the Fire Protection District for hosting the event. Finally, thank you to all the vendors that participated in this event.

Teen Pool Party

In early August, the Police Department also held the Teen Pool Party for students entering 6th-9th grades at the Ottawa Street Pool. Thankfully the weather was cooperative! The kids enjoyed swimming, dancing, pizza, and snacks. A huge thanks to the sponsors: the Village of Plainfield; the Plainfield Park District for providing the use of their pool and lifeguards; and Hyper Entertainment DJ Services. Target also provided two iPod shuffles and several gift cards as part of National Night Out Week to raffle. Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to the volunteers who helped check in, serve pizza, and 'monitor' picnic areas; and to the parents for expeditiously picking up their children!

Public Works Updates



2011 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Program

This year's MFT program included resurfacing work in the Walker's Grove and Nature's Crossing subdivisions. Additional paving work was also completed on 135th Street, Renwick Road, Millennium Drive, and Fraser Road.

Route 59 IDOT Project

Route 59, from Union to Route 126, was "officially" completed in July with the opening of all four lanes of pavement. Work continues on the streetlighting, traffic signal and sidewalk installation, and landscape restoration. The project should be complete by Thanksgiving.

Water Main Project

The Plainfield/Naperville Road water main project will bring a large diameter water main from 127th Street to Route 59 along Plainfield/Naperville Road. This water main will help to reinforce the entire water system, supply water to the southern section of town, and reduce electric use at the pumping station resulting in substantial cost and maintenance savings. There was a major utility conflict that delayed the project over the summer. However, the project should be complete by Thanksgiving.

Protect Water Quality in Your Yard

- When cleaning out gardens, don't leave the soil bare for the winter. Use chopped leaves as mulch or plant a "green mulch" to add nutrients and organic matter to the soil.
- Plant! Early autumn is the best time to transplant shrubs and perennials and

to reseed lawns. Choose grass seed mixes that match your site. Consider adding a little clover seed for a free source of nitrogen fixation. Early autumn is the best time for a single dose of fertilizer for good grass root growth and a healthy lawn next spring. Slow-release or organic fertilizers stay where plants can use them and out of the local waters and wells. Water all new plantings until the ground is frozen to give the roots plenty of opportunity to grow.

- Save leaves, they have many landscaping uses. Make a compost pile, chop them, and mulch the landscaping and garden beds, or create new beds under the trees from which they fell.

To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department at (815) 436-3577.

-Adapted from the Clean Water Fact Sheet.

Community Calendar



Fall & Winter Events



Homecoming Parade, PSD.....	October 8
Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....	October 12
Haunted House, PD.....	October 21-23
TRIAD Seminar, PD.....	October 25
10-year Anniversary Celebration, CP...	October 26
Haunted House, PD.....	October 28-30
Spooktacular, MSP.....	October 29
Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....	November 9
Green Village Program, VOP/PPL.....	November 14
Candlelight Christmas, MSP.....	November 26
TRIAD Seminar, PD.....	November 29
Holiday Open House, MSP.....	December 10
Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....	December 14

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

CP=Conservation Plainfield.....	815-439-2824
MSP=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....	815-436-5510
PD=Plfd. Police Department.....	815-267-7207
PPL=Plainfield Public Library.....	815-436-6639
PSD=Plfd. School District.....	815-577-4000
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 utility bill, complete a direct pay application and submit it with a voided check. Applications are available online at www.plainfield-il.org or by calling (815) 439-4257.
- ✓The Village Offices will be closed November 11, 24, & 25, 2011; December 23 & 26, 2011; and January 2, 2012.
- ✓Refuse collection will be delayed by one day after Thanksgiving (11/24/11), Christmas (12/25/11), and New Year's Day (1/1/12). Please check your water bill for further information.
- ✓Waste Management requires that residents use waste containers that are 33 gallons or less in size. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your pickup day.
- ✓Yard waste pickup ends with your last pickup in November. Yard waste must be contained in brown yard waste bags or tied in bundles four (4) feet or shorter in length and 50 pounds or less.
- ✓To receive Village news updates via e-mail, sign up online at www.plainfield-il.org. To receive Economic Development Updates via e-mail, sign up online at www.plainfielddevelopment.com.
- ✓The Village is on Facebook, search for: "Village of Plainfield IL," "Plainfield IL Police Department," and "Plainfield IL Public Works." Or follow the Village on Twitter: @PlainfieldIL; @PlainfieldILPD; and @PlainfieldILPW.

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
Settlers' Park Hotline.....	815-609-6124
Snowplowing Hotline.....	815-609-6145
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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