



Village Voice

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Mayor's Message

As we move into 2007 and look towards our future, it is important for us to take a moment to reflect on the successes of 2006. Let's take a look at some of the year's highlights!

2006 was an award-winning year for the Village of Plainfield!

- The Community Development Department received the Chaddick Institute's Municipal Development Control Award for the Planned Unit Development Design Guidelines.
- The Village also received the Outstanding Facility and Parks Award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association for Settlers' Park.
- The Public Works Facility received the Public Works Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association - Chicago Metro Chapter.
- Inside this issue, you will also read about two of our newest awards: new Drauden Road received the Public Works Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association - Chicago Metro Chapter and the Village has been named the Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District's "Urban Conservation Community." The Village takes great pride in these awards and we are thrilled that other organizations have begun to realize how wonderful our community is!

2006 also brought the construction and opening of the new Law Enforcement Facility. At 71,000

square feet, the facility consolidates and brings together police, judicial, emergency, and WESCOM operations. It is an impressive facility that will serve our community for years to come!

One of the Village's biggest success stories in 2006 was the opening of the Edward Plainfield Outpatient Center. We now have access to first-class health care facilities. The 100,000 square foot Outpatient Center is an attractive, state-of-the-art facility which includes immediate care, imaging, lab services, and community wellness classes.

In 2007, the Village will continue to work towards several goals – bringing Edward Plainfield Hospital to the community, improving our roadway and transportation network, reducing traffic congestion, and improving the quality of life.

On the health care front, we can look forward to the opening of the Edward Plainfield Surgery Center later this year; the 14,000 square foot facility will have four operating rooms and sixteen recovery stations. We will also continue our fight to bring Edward Plainfield Hospital to the Village of Plainfield!

The Village is also committed to improving the transportation, the roadway, and the traffic issues of our community. Our commitment has never been stronger which is evident in the projects that we have planned for the following roadways:

Drauden/Steiner/Heggs Road, the WIKADUKE Trail, Essington Road, and the 127th Street Corridor. The widening of I-55 and then Route 59 will hopefully come to fruition in the near future! Improving and extending these roadways and adding traffic signals where needed helps to improve our roadway network as well as traffic flow, reduce congestion and commute times, and improve personal safety for the community.

There are several other exciting projects underway that will help to shape the future of our community including the STAR Line and the Plainfield Riverfront Plan. These projects have the potential to change the face of our community.

While we continue on our journey of growth, we will overcome challenges unique to our community and to our region; however, we will also celebrate our many achievements and our myriad successes as we look forward to the future.

Mayor Waldorf

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News & Notes

Readdressing Project Update

In 2005, the Village Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Emergency Service Agencies to adopt the Will County Numbering System (Chicago Grid System) for the entire Village, which is renumbering the older addresses of the Village utilizing the 5-digit numbering system and making all address directions south or west (of Chicago). This will enhance emergency service response and mutual aid from our neighbors; and provide clearer direction for the postal service and local deliveries.

The Village is close to completing this project, if you do NOT have a 5-digit address by March, please contact the office of the Chief of Police (815/436-6544, press 2). The Postal Service will continue to deliver mail under both addresses for one year.

As a reminder to those impacted by this change, Village Ordinance states, "The numbers used by owners or occupants of each building to identify the street address of that building shall be plainly visible from the middle of the street, shall not be less than five (5) inches high, and shall be located in a conspicuous place immediately over or by the side of the main street entrance to the building."

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle sticker applications will be mailed to all residents in late May. Please make sure that all of the information on the form is correct and make any necessary changes. Once the form is complete, please return it with payment to the Village and your new stickers will be sent to you in the mail. *New vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight on July 31, 2007.

*On August 1, 2007, all vehicle stickers will double in price and all vehicles will be subject to ticketing. *Vehicle sticker applications are now available online - www.plainfield-il.org. *Vehicles over 25 years old do not require a vehicle sticker.

New Law Enforcement Center Opens

Thank you to all of the Plainfield residents and their families who came to the Police Facility Open House on Saturday, December 9, 2006. The sun shone after a snowy, blustery week, so many people came to check out the new facility. At 71,000 square feet, the oval-shaped facility was designed on a 13.5-acre parcel to allow it plenty of room to grow. With annual projections through 2018 pointing to 2,000 new Plainfield residents each year, it was vital to design a municipal complex to meet this expected influx.

The building may seem mammoth compared to the 12,000 square feet of space the Police Department moved from, but it also houses WESCOM, the regional dispatch center, a Court/Multi-Purpose Room, and an Emergency Operations/Training Room. This room will be used to conduct regional law enforcement training or in the event of a crisis, emergency management teams such as the Illinois State Police, FEMA,

ComEd, and Nicor can gather to strategize.

The Police Department's new address is 14300 S. Coil Plus Drive (143rd Street, just east of Route 30); all main phone numbers remained the same (815/436-6544 office; 815/436-2341 24-hour non-emergency). However, walk-in service hours have changed to 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday; or there is an emergency call box in the front lobby to call an officer.



Village Administrator Chris Minick, Police Chief Don Bennett, and Mayor Jim Waldorf celebrate the opening of the new Law Enforcement Center.

CLERK'S CORNER

~Michelle Gibas~

Consolidated Election Information

- The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.
- The last day to register to vote for the Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 20, 2007.
- The Village Offices to be elected include three (3) Trustee positions for four (4) year terms.
- Qualified voters that live in the Village will be able to cast an Early Ballot at the Village Hall, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., March 26 through April 12, 2007 or cast an Absentee Ballot on Friday, April 13, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- For additional information, please contact: Michelle Gibas at (815) 439-2921.



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. Rebroadcast on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission Meetings: Air live on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month 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.
- Plainfield Television Group Programming airs on Fridays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Public Works Projects

127th Street Lake Michigan Pumping Station & Ground Storage Tank

These projects were completed and put online in the Fall of 2006. The station maintains water pressure and storage levels throughout the Village's water system while the ground storage tank can hold up to 5 million gallons of water and brings the system's total storage capacity to 9.25 million gallons. The site was designed to be able to accommodate another 5 million gallon tank when needed, to keep up with the Village's population growth. Residents interested in visiting the facility will be able to "see behind the scenes" during the Open House on May 12, 2007. Please watch the local papers for more information!

127th Street & Van Dyke Road

This project is scheduled to get underway early this spring. It includes the reconstruction of 127th Street, from 248th Avenue east to Van Dyke Road, lane widening on Van Dyke Road, upgrading the intersection of 127th and Van Dyke, and the

installation of a traffic signal. Residents should expect 127th Street to be closed from April 1-June 15, 2007. All work is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2007. 119th Street will be the designated detour route.

Steiner Road

Steiner Road, from Route 126 to 143rd Street, is slated to be under construction by early summer. The work will include reconstructing Steiner Road with the same boulevard type cross section as the "new" Drauden Road. Street lights and a permanent traffic signal are also part of the project.

143rd Street

•The Phase 1 design of the 143rd Street Extension from Route 59 to Route 126 has been completed and if approved, the Phase 2 design will occur during 2007-2008. If the project is approved, construction could begin in the summer of 2009.

•The Village is moving forward with the design of 143rd Street, west of Route 30.

•Will County will be completing its work on 143rd Street from Route 59 to Route 30. This work will take place in the spring and should be completed in June. Motorists should expect delays along this stretch of roadway.

New Traffic Signals

A new traffic signal will be installed at 143rd Street and Van Dyke Road and the Village will be replacing the temporary signal at Lockport Street and Van Dyke Road with a permanent signal.

Hazelcrest Drive

Beginning in May, new storm sewers will be installed, the roadway will be repaved, and a sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Hazelcrest Drive. The project should be completed in September.

Whistle Ban

The Village is continuing to work on a whistle ban along the main EJ&E rail line from Normantown Road to Lockport Street. The Village expects the ban to be in place by late May.

Riverfront Master Plan Update

A Riverfront Master Plan Open House and Presentation was held at the Village Hall in February. During the Open House, the Project Consultant and members of the Steering Committee presented the Preliminary Design Concepts for the Plainfield Riverfront, answered questions about the plan, and invited feedback from the public. Thus far, the Preliminary Design Concepts for the Plainfield Riverfront include a proposed riverwalk and other recreational amenities.

The Preliminary Riverfront Design Concepts and feedback received from the Open House were forwarded to the Village Board for consideration during a February Workshop. The Village Board generally approved the concepts and the Committee and Consultant are now making changes

prior to final adoption of the plan by the Village Board.

For the latest project news and a copy of the presentation given during the Riverfront Open House, please visit the project web site at www.hitchcockdesigngroup.com/plainfield.html. Questions and comments may be directed to the Planning Division at (815) 439-2824 or via email at info@goplainfield.com.



Visitors peruse the Riverfront Preliminary Design Concepts during the February Open House.

IDOT Updates

I-55 Widening*

IDOT expects to widen I-55 to three lanes in each direction, from Weber Road to I-80, during the 2007 and 2008 construction seasons. Various sound walls will be installed in 2009.

Route 59*

The State of Illinois has informed the Village that they expect to begin the reconstruction of Route 59 during the 2009 construction season. IDOT determined this schedule based on the fact that they did not want to have I-55 and Route 59 under construction concurrently.



*Information courtesy of the FY 2007-2012 Highway Improvement Program, dated 1/24/07.

Severe Storm Season

The Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) encourages all residents to be alert and aware during severe storm season. March 5-11, 2007 has been declared Severe Storm Awareness Week by the National Weather Service (NWS). Each year an average of 31 tornadoes touch down in the State of Illinois. Residents can prepare themselves by learning how the weather warning system works and the differences in terminology.

When a WATCH is issued it means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop within the next 6-12 hours. Trained weather spotters from PEMA and other organizations will position themselves throughout the area to report on any development of severe or potentially severe weather.

When a WARNING is issued it means that severe weather (a severe thunderstorm or tornado) has either been spotted or indicated by radar approaching the immediate area. If the storm is a tornado/funnel cloud,

warning sirens will be sounded. This is the indication that everyone should take shelter either below ground or on the first floor in the interior of the building. Make sure you take your NOAA battery-operated radio with you, so you can get updates on the storm. Do not go outside to look at the storm and do not call 911 to see why the sirens are activated. The sirens will not sound an all-clear signal. Listen to your radio to find out when the storm has passed.

*Remember, weather permitting, the warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Unfortunately, the Plainfield area is no stranger to severe weather. All residents should monitor their televisions or NOAA radios for changing weather conditions and be ready to move to shelter should a severe storm approach.

For additional severe weather or emergency preparedness information, please contact PEMA Assistant Coordinator John Konopek at 815-439-4803.

Volunteers Wanted

The Plainfield Citizen Corp Council, administered by the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), is seeking interested volunteers for the 3rd Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) class.

During a major emergency or disaster, especially one that impacts a large geographic area, professional emergency responders are typically stretched to their limits until mutual aid assistance can arrive from surrounding areas. Spontaneous volunteers attempt to help, but in many cases due to a lack of training they end up becoming victims themselves. In the absence of an immediate response or possibly delayed response by emergency service professionals, CERT members would immediately deploy in their neighborhood, if directly impacted, and begin assessing the situation, treating the injured, and looking for additional victims until relieved by the first emergency responders.

CERT Teams are made up of citizens from the community who have been trained by emergency service professionals to respond to local disaster situations. The CERT class is scheduled to begin in May 2007. Classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and lasting for approximately two (2) hours. The entire course, including a graduation practical exercise, will occur over 10 different nights concluding with a full-scale simulated graduation disaster exercise. Quarterly training then follows after successful completion of the course.

To join the CERT Team, you must be at least 18 years of age, live within Plainfield, Wheatland, or Nau-Au-Say Townships, be in good physical condition, and pass a background check. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact PEMA Assistant Coordinator John Konopek at 815-439-4803.

Watering Wisdom

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 any time.
- 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.

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.

Village Receives Prestigious Awards

Plainfield Named Urban Conservation Community

The Village has been honored by the Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) as the SWCD's 2006 "Urban Conservation Community." Both the Village and the Plainfield Park District were recognized for their efforts in encouraging and implementing environmental "Best Management Practices" ("BMPs") to improve water quality, reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, and encourage groundwater infiltration. By recognizing the Plainfield community's efforts, the SWCD hopes our activities can be a model for other communities to learn from and implement.

Specific efforts that supported consideration of Plainfield as the 2006 Urban Conservation Community include the Village's design guidelines for detention ponds, which encourage the use of

native landscaping and include small sedimentation basins to clean stormwater runoff before it enters the larger detention ponds; use of best management practices such as the inverted landscape islands at the Menard's development, which promote the cleansing of stormwater and absorbing runoff before it enters the stormwater management system; and additional best management practices that are promoted in recently approved or pending projects, including King's Bridge Estates and Grande Park South.

The natural area restoration and management efforts of the Plainfield Park District were also highlighted, including Mather Woods, Eaton Preserve, and the West Norman Greenway.

For more information on the Soil and Water Conservation District, please visit their web site at www.will-scookswcd.org.

Drauden Road - Project of the Year

The Village recently received the "Public Works Project of the Year 2006" award in the Transportation Improvements \$2-10 million category from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter/Southwest Branch for the "new" Drauden Road that runs from Indian Boundary to Route 126.



Baxter & Woodman Engineer Lou Haussman, Public Improvements Project Manager Randy Jessen, and Traffic Engineer Eric Gallt accept the Project of the Year Award for Drauden Road.

Special Census Scheduled

The United States Census Bureau will be conducting a Partial Special Census for the Village during the late summer of this year. A Partial Special Census is an accounting of only certain areas in the Village, in Plainfield's case, the high growth areas of the Village will be counted.

Every resident's cooperation and participation is important to insure the accuracy and completion of the Census. Once it is completed, the Village will have access to additional revenues and resources from the State. For every additional person counted, the Village will receive approximately \$110 on an annual basis.

During the Special Census, enumerators will visit participating households to collect the following

information: name, household relationship, sex, date of birth, age, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race. The interview should take approximately seven minutes, depending on household size.

Residents will also have the opportunity to apply for various positions in the Special Census operation. For more information on the requirements that you must meet to work for the Special Census, please visit the Village web site, www.plainfield-il.org, or contact Valerie Hastings at (815) 439-4259.

A Special Census Map displaying areas of households that will be participating in the Special Census is available on the Village website, www.plainfield-il.org.

Building Safety Week

In observance of Building Safety Week, May 6-12, 2007, sponsored by the International Code Council, the Building Division will host a weeklong series of presentations and question and answer sessions with the building, electrical, plumbing, fire, and property inspectors.

Building Safety Week raises public awareness of building safety and fire prevention codes which protect lives and property. Safety information brochures, permit information, and children's materials will be available.

This is the perfect opportunity for owners to meet with the Building Division to ask questions about upcoming construction projects.

Please stop by the Village Hall, May 6-12, and meet the "Silent Defenders" who work behind the scenes daily to ensure safety in the building environment.

For more information, contact the Building Division at (815) 439-2937.

Community Calendar



Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....March 7
 Tax Assistance for Seniors, PPD..March 9, 23
 Bird Walks, WCFP.....March 10, 17, 24
 Janis Kearney, PPL.....March 11
 Senior Expo, PPD.....March 14
 Traditional Dances-Ireland, PPL.....March 18
 German Folk Dance Group, PPL.....March 25
 Trivia Night, PHS.....March 27
 Family Tree Cyber Sleuthing, PPL.....April 3
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....April 4
 Eggstraordinary, MS.....April 7
 Tax Assistance for Seniors, PPD.....April 13
 Cooking with Dave, PPL.....April 19
 Kite Fly, OPD.....April 21
 Week of the Young Child, PPD.....April 22-28
 Ignacy Paderewski, PPL.....April 22
 Rules of the Road, PPD.....April 25
 Coffee with the Mayor, VOP.....May 2
 Pumping Station Open House, PW.....May 12
 SpringFest, MS.....May 19-20
 Highways and Byways, PHS.....May 22

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

MS=MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.....815-436-5510
 OPD=Oswegoland Park District....630-554-1010
 PHS=Plainfield Historical Society..815-436-6466
 PPD=Plainfield Park District.....815-436-8812
 PPL=Plainfield Public Library.....815-436-6639
 PW=Plainfield Public Works.....815-436-3577
 VOP=Village of Plainfield.....815-436-7093
 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. Memorial Day is Monday, May 28, 2007.
- ✓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.
- ✓The Village Offices will be closed May 28, 2007.
- ✓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.
- ✓Per the International Fire Code adopted by the Plainfield Fire District, the following codes apply to fire hydrants in the Village: "Posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants" and "A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants."

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 Billing.....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 Management
800-747-2278
 Gas-NICOR.....888-642-6748

Indian Prairie School Dist.630-375-3000
 Phone-AT&T.....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
 Economic Partnership...815-439-4122
 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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