

Village Office Information Monday - Friday | 8:00AM - 4:00PM

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Greetings Plain City!

It's hard to believe, but with school starting, we are quickly leaving summer behind and getting closer to Fall and the Holidays! I hope you enioved some summer events and activities around town! The Village has many projects underway that are wrapping up, such as the Zoning Code Rewrite, Uptown Streetscape Design, and the Branding Initiative. Projects like these pave a path into the future while keeping true to our wonderful heritage.

With the change in seasons, I am looking forward to some of our great community events, like Fall Fest (Oct. 22), Veterans Day (Nov. 11), and other annual holiday events including the Route 42 Holiday Hop and Christmas Under the Clock, both on December 3. The Special Events Calendar can be found on the <u>Village website</u> under <u>Parks & Recreation</u>.

With all the events, the need for volunteers is even more important. If you have been thinking of getting involved in the



It's a great way to meet new people, make friends and give back! The Village has started a volunteer group called the Plain City C.R.E.W. (Community Recreation Enhancement Workers). Your involvement can be as simple as just helping out for a couple of hours with one event. Volunteering and coming together for events help make our town one of the best places in Central Ohio to live! Click <u>here</u> for more information on volunteering. Submitting the form doesn't obligate you, it just indicates your interest.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and as always, feel free to **email** me. I look forward to seeing you in the Village!

community, but aren't sure how, I encourage you to volunteer for events, or even join a civic organization.

Mayor Carney

The Village Staff would like to introduce you to a new addition to our "family," Baby Max was born to Haley & Andrew on Monday, August 15th. Congratulations!

If you have any questions for Village Staff please reach out 614-873-3527.



ADMINISTRATION & POLICE



Roundabout

The roundabout at SR 161 officially opened at **3:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2nd**!

Traffic can proceed on 161 in both East and West directions. Work will continue with landscaping and lighting so we would ask the public to

continue to move cautiously through the roundabout.

The Village reminds drivers to slow down when approaching the intersection and to yield for pedestrians and other drivers. Thank you for your patience.

Please click on the picture for ODOT Roundabout Etiquette.



Plain City Police Department

As the Holiday Season is



Home Safety Tips:



Plain City Farmers Market

The Farmers Market will continue in full swing

approaching, here are some safety reminders from Chief McKee and the Plain City Police Department:

Halloween Safety Tips: Place reflective tape on clothing or use glow sticks, so you can easily be seen at night.

A responsible adult should accompany young children, at all times.

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and to stick with their friends.

When possible cross the streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks, watch for people crossing the street and walking on curbs. Never enter a home or car for a treat,

Don't eat candy until you have inspected it. Also, we will be doing Boo with the Blue this year! We will pick a neighborhood, set up our events trailer, play fun Halloween music and pass out candy. Closer to Halloween, we will <u>announce</u> where we will be located, so stop on by and see us!

Car Safety Tips: Once you exit your vehicle, make sure that you lock all the door and close all windows, including sunroof's.

Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you do leave valuables in your vehicle, do not leave them in sight of others.

Make sure to choose well-lit areas to park, including parking lots.

Do not leave spare keys to the vehicle inside or near the vehicle.

If your vehicle is equipped with an alarm system, make sure that it is enabled while the vehicle is not in use. Get to know your neighbors and the neighborhood you live in.

Always keep all your doors locked, even when you are home.

Keep your home well-lit, especially in the evening and overnight hours. Don't advertise when you will be out of town. When you are out of town call the police department to be added to the housewatch list or let a family member or neighbor know so they can keep an eye on your house.

Consider a home security system, as there are many kids out there. If the security system comes with signs, put those out, so people know your home is protected.

If you see something out of the ordinary or suspicious, call the police. Don't advertise purchases – break down boxes and place them in your recycling container or trash can. Once your recycling container and/or trash is placed on the curb, you forfeit all ownership of the contents. Try and make sure that no personal information is easily accessible.

Holiday Shopping Tips: Always be aware of your surroundings. When possible, shop in pairs.

Remember where you parked and always have your keys in your hand and available as you approach your vehicle.

If you are shopping late, make sure to park in well-lit areas – if possible. Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car, where it can be seen. through October 6th. One can expect to find an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, meats, honey, coffee, tea, baked goods, jams and other homemade items such as soaps, fire starters, candles, and more. We also have been featuring different activities such as live music, face painting, sample days, and food trucks. Our food truck for schedule for the rest of the season is as follows:

9/8 – <u>AJs Birria Tacos</u> 9/15 – <u>MediterraneYUM!</u> 9/22 – <u>TacoMania</u> 9/29 – <u>PorKetta</u> 10/6 – <u>Guelaguetza Street</u> Food

Follow our <u>Facebook</u> page to keep updated on the different vendors, activities, and food trucks we will be having!

Calendar Of Events

- **Sept 4** Music in the Park Steve Bumgarner
- **Sept 5** Pooch Paddle & Last Day of Pool, Administration offices closed
- Sept 11 All Ohio Ford Show, Music in the Park - Funky Waters
- Sept 12 Council Meeting
- **Sept 18** Music in the Park Plain City Community Singers
- Sept 25 Music in the Park Music Men & Jen
- Sept 26 Council Meeting
- Sept 28 PCBA
- Oct 8 Trails to End Trafficking 5k
- Oct 10 Council Meeting
- Oct 22 Fall Fest
- Oct 24 Council Meeting
- Oct 31 Trick or Treat 6-8p
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- Nov 14 Council Meeting
- Nov 28 Council Meeting, Holiday Lights, Santa's Mailbox
- **Dec 3** Rte. 42 Holiday Hop and Christmas Under the Clock
- **Dec 12** Council Meeting

Public Meetings

Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to speak at a Council meeting please email <u>Haley</u> <u>Lupton</u> by 2p.m. the day of the meeting.

Our council and committee meetings are posted on the **village calendar** and council meetings are livestreamed on our village <u>YouTube</u> channel.

View Meetings

View Calendar

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The first is building better relationships between the village and our existing businesses. Did you know that over 65% of local businesses employ four or fewer workers? These small and close-knit businesses are the backbone of our village, and we must ensure their longterm success.

Secondly, we must take advantage of



the growth that is inevitably heading our way. We will do this by being thoughtful and diligent; by forming meaningful partnerships with those driving development and those who will be impacted. We will certainly have our growing pains, but I believe the future of Plain City is brighter than ever, if we all work together. I am thrilled to join you on this important journey and look forward to meeting several of you in the coming months.

Jay

Welcome Jay!

Hello! My name is Jason Stanford, and I am Plain City's new Economic Development Coordinator. I am honored to have the opportunity to advance Plain City's economic development efforts. To this end, I have two immediate goals.

INCOME TAX

The third quarter estimate vouchers were mailed on August 31st. Payments are due by September 15th.

All residents and businesses are required to make a declaration of estimated taxes and pay quarterly if the amount due after applying withholding credits is \$200.00 or more each year. If you are required to make a declaration and pay estimated taxes and fail to do so, an underpayment of estimate penalty may be assessed.

If you need help in completing your tax form or have questions regarding the tax, please contact the **Income Tax** office at 614-873-3527 x 104.

PARKS & RECREATION



Pickleball is Coming! Many of you may be seeing the construction(or destruction) at the old basketball courts near the



WELCOME

If you have been to the Farmers' Market or attended one of our events recently, you may have seen a new face. The Village would like to welcome Denton Kitts, as our new Parks & Recreation Assistant. Denton comes to us from Columbus Metroparks where he has extensive experience in special events and facility management. Denton's office is the small building in the middle of Pastime Park, so the next time you are at the park or at a special event, please say Hello and welcome Denton to the community!

pool. The Village was awarded a grant from ODNR to construct new multi-purpose basketball/pickleball courts. For those of you who aren't familiar with pickleball, it's basically a fun, easier version of tennis using smaller paddles, and without as much running

involved. Construction should be finished early fall if weather allows. It's a fun activity and we are excited to be able to offer this new recreational opportunity to the community!

LEGACY DONATION IN HONOR OF BOB AND CONNIE CONVERSE

Many in the community may remember the recent passing of a local resident in Plain City- Mr. Bob Converse. Bob's contributions to Plain City were both numerous and varied. In a final act of kindness through his will and in the spirit of giving, Bob donated \$10,000 toward a legacy project at Pastime Park, in remembrance of his beloved daughter, Connie Converse. Bob appreciated nature and native plants, so in memory of Bob and Connie, the Village is pleased to announce that the funds will be used to create a Rain Garden and Monarch Way Station at Pastime Park. These areas will be beautiful, natural areas emphasizing native plants, and will include memorial benches in honor of Connie. A bed consisting of nonnative grasses and weeds has already been removed, and in the coming months, staff will begin to install native perennials that will benefit all pollinators, especially the Monarch Butterfly. Monarchs and other pollinators have been severely impacted by pesticides and habitat destruction, so we are excited to be able to create a pollinator oasis at Pastime Park for these beautiful.



significant members of the ecosystem.

Stay Connected

Parks & Recreation had a busy summer bringing many popular events to the community including Bluegrass & BBQ, The Science of Sharks (in partnership with our great library), Raptor Rapture, the Music in the Park series, Explore the Darby and much more! Along with these special events we have been busy working with many entities to continue to work on trails and connectivity throughout the Village. We are happy to announce that the Village was recently awarded \$100,000 from the State of Ohio/ODNR- Biennial Capital Budget towards trail connectivity. The Village's goal is to provide safe, connected trails throughout the Village and beyond. Stay tuned as we move forward with the various projects that will provide safe, fun, non-motorized recreational opportunities to our residents!

Plain City Aquatic Center's Season Comes to a Close

We had a great season at the pool this year and once again received many compliments about our facility! The pool was very busy this summer with the Sharks Swim Team hosting 3 home swim meets, lots of kiddos taking swim lessons and many weekend pool parties! Overall we had a very successful season thanks to our great staff and customers! But, don't forget that the season isn't over yet! The pool is open



to the public September 3rd & 4th, and also on September 5th, Labor Day. And of course, we always end the season with the ever popular POOCH PADDLE, from 5-7pm on Monday, Sept. 5th! All vaccinated, friendly dogs can run and swim off leash during this fun filled party for pooches! You can find the flyer and registration/waiver forms on the <u>village website</u>.

Thanks Plain City and see you next summer at the pool!

Fall Fest at Pastime Park!



Come out to Pastime Park on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 4-7pm and enjoy a Fall Fest night of fun!

There are fun things to do for every age! Wear your costumes for all the Trick-or-Treat fun at the park including:



Costume Contest ~ Food Trucks ~ Music ~ Trick-or-Treat Alley ~ Archery ~ Axe Throwing ~ Giant Pumpkin



If you would like to be a sponsor of Fall Fest, please contact: <u>Denton</u>. If you would like to pass out candy or other treats, please sign up

Carver ~ Games ~ Bounce Houses here: <u>Trick or Treat</u> <u>Alley participant</u>

PLANNING & ZONING

There are some new signs popping up around the Village! The Planning and Zoning Department will be placing these signs at upcoming public hearing locations or new development sites to make it quicker and easier for residents to find project information. As new projects arise and existing projects conclude, these signs will be moved to the most up to date location. Please visit the **Public Meetings** page to learn more about upcoming meetings and hearings or scan the QR code on the sign. Also, residents are encouraged to visit the **Development Story Map** which has information about all of the approved and under construction projects within the Village. We hope that these signs will provide direction on where to find more information as well as keep all Village residents informed!

Please note that property owners that are near or adjacent to a project site will still receive mailed notices about all relevant public hearings.





PUBLIC WORKS

Brush Pickup Guidelines (continues through October 1st):

- Leave brush in front of home on tree lawn(small grassy area in between road and sidewalk)
- Brush does NOT need to be bundled
- Individual limbs no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Submit requests on the Citizens Request Portal

Hydrant Flushing (starts September 12th):

The Village of Plain City is conducting annual hydrant flushing over the next few weeks (post maps weekly of areas being flushed that week). Flushing removes rust and debris that may collect in the hydrant, which can damage the hydrant, leaving it inoperable. Flushing will take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the Village. Residents may experience a brief decrease in water pressure or discoloration of water. These conditions are temporary. If discoloration occurs, residents are advised to run cold water for several minutes until it clears. This should also be done prior to washing laundry to avoid stains on clothing.

Leaf Collection (begins in October):

REMEMBER TO RAKE THEM RIGHT!

- Rake leaves to the grassy area between the street and the sidewalk or to the curb.
- Never put leaf piles in the street. Leaves in the street can be washed down storm drains where they can cause algae and impact water quality.
- Residents can still bag leaves in biodegradable bags for weekly curbside yard waste pickup on trash day.



<u>CITIZEN REQUEST</u> <u>PORTAL</u>

Want to report an issue? The Citizen Request Portal makes reporting issues and improving neighborhoods easier than ever.

Need help? Call 614-873-3527x106 for a walk-though of the portal.

UTILITIES

Many things increase your water bill, like extra household guests, watering your garden, lawn, and new trees. Not much will increase it more than a leaky faucet or outdoor hose left running. A dripping faucet can increase your bill by over 10% monthly. You are responsible for the increased utility bill whether it's an accident or not, so if you have a leaky faucet that you can't fix, call your plumber and get it resolved.



Electronic Utility E-Bill and Electronic Payment Portal Go paperless with us! Instead of receiving a postcard, the Village will E-mail your utility bill to you! <u>E-mail</u> the completed **E-Bill application**. We will send an e-mail confirmation as well as your <u>Electronic Account</u> <u>Portal</u> log-in information to let you know that you are registered for this service. Call 614-873-3527 x 100 with questions.

WELCOME NEW PLAIN CITY RESIDENTS

LET US BE THE

FIRST TO WELCOME YOU TO THE VILLAGE OF PLAIN CITY!

We are pleased to have you as our new neighbors. We hope you will enjoy living here in the Village of Plain City.

Here are a few items that might be of assistance as you settle in.

Village Administration & Police Department are located at 800 Village Blvd.



Water / Trash service residents pay a combined utility bill consisting of water, sewer and trash. Sign up for e-billing and pay your utility bill online, click here for more information.

Fence, pools and other permits click <u>here</u> for more information.

WELCOME NEW PLAIN CITY BUSINESSES



Stogies 2 Cigars & Lounge

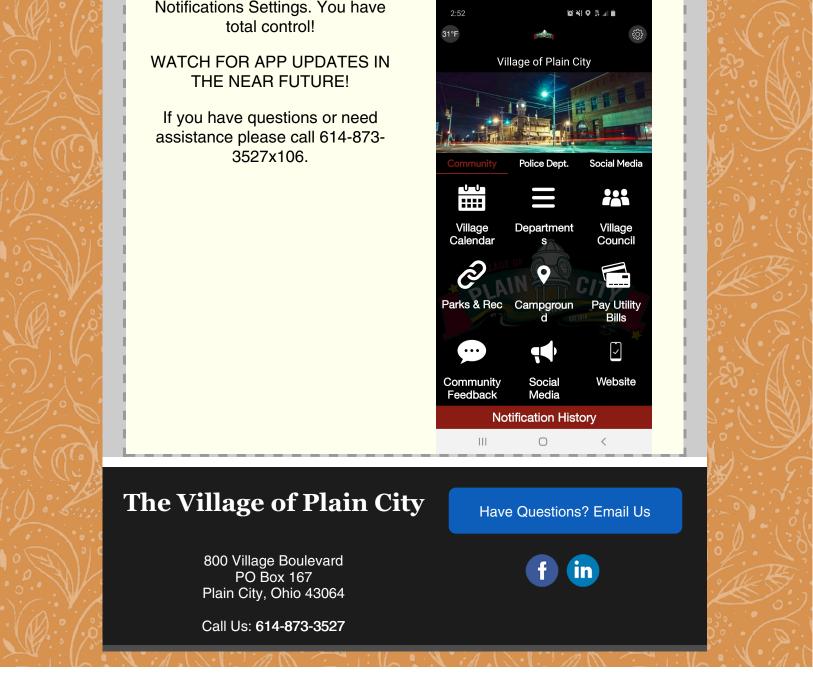
The Mayor and Village Staff hosted a ribbon cutting to welcome Stogies 2 to the Village of Plain City. Neil Berberick, the manager would like to invite you to visit.

Stogies 2 Cigars & Lounge 651 W Main St, Plain City

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