



Village Office Information

Monday - Friday | 8:00AM - 4:00PM

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A Proud Heritage, A Promising Future

MAYOR'S ADDRESS



Seasons Greetings Plain City !

It seems hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2022! This year has certainly flown by quickly. It seems like just yesterday that Council was setting the 2022 goals and staff was planning all the events for the year! I always enjoy the holidays and look forward to the annual Route 42 Holiday Hop and Christmas Under the Clock, which are this Saturday, December 3rd! The excitement of lighting the Christmas tree and

bringing joy to the residents of Plain City is what this event is all about, so I encourage you to come to both events!

As we wrap up this year and gather with friends and family for the holidays, remember to take the time to think of all the blessings this year has brought. Remember to reach out to your neighbors that may not have family visiting them this season, and as a community, let's try to always pay our blessings forward!

With 2023 just around the corner, Village staff and members of Council look forward to the many positive changes this year will hold for the Village of Plain City. And, as always, I am always open to talking to residents and sharing the many projects that will enhance our community and bring a sense of unity to our Village!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mayor Jody Carney

ADMINISTRATION

A Message from the Village Administrator

As we come to the end of another year, let's use this time to reflect on the past of Plain City, and the future of the Village. As Village Administrator, I'm delighted with the progress we have made this year, and I'm excited to see what's next. In 2022, the Village, along with residents, stakeholders, and a steering committee, conducted a branding update, which will be invaluable for setting ourselves up for success.

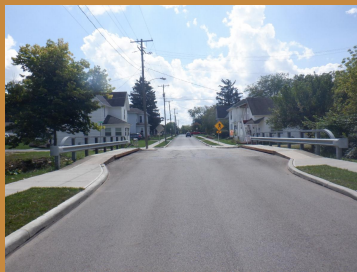
According to the community meetings, residents see Plain City as a proud and tight-knit community that fosters neighborly harmony and peaceful living among residents and businesses. Central Ohio is growing, and we are too. Our intentional planning and investment allow us to protect our small town feel and agricultural heritage while keeping up with modern needs and convenience.

Village staff will use these foundations as we move forward in our work of maintaining the feel of the community, while facing the realities of growth. We will continue our work, while opportunities for community input. With intentional planning, we will strive to maintain our heritage while welcoming opportunities future success.

Beyond the branding initiative, several other projects came to fruition in 2022:

- The Uptown pedestrian alley was completed (grab a coffee from a local business and chat with a neighbor at a café table uptown!).
- The streetscape design for the north side of Main Street is ready and construction will start in early 2023.
- Six roads were paved.
- The basketball court at Pastime Park was reconstructed and now allows for both basketball and pickleball games.
- The permit for an upgrade wastewater treatment plant was approved and construction will begin in 2023.

I can't wait to see what is accomplished next year! Please call my office at (614) 873-3527 or email me at hlupton@plain-city.com at any time – your input is always welcome.



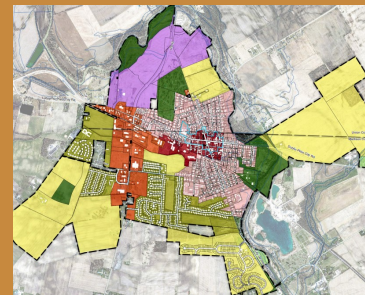
Maple Street Bridge

The Village is excited to announce that it has been awarded funds from the Ohio Municipal Bridge Program to use towards the full replacement of the Maple Street bridge in 2025! In the meantime, our awesome Public Works team has installed short term solutions to allow vehicular traffic (under 3 tons) safely across the bridge.



Rebranding

The Village is undergoing a branding initiative which includes a redesigned website and logo! The new logo will be unveiled at Christmas Under the Clock. The entire branding initiative seeks to maintain Plain City's strong and proud history and features our iconic building, the Clock Tower, while also capturing what the Village has to offer in its exciting future. Be sure to stop by our booth at



Zoning Code

The comprehensive update for the zoning code is progressing accordingly. This update was recommended in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and has been in the works for quite some time. Reviews and edits are being made as public feedback is gathered from residents and property owners. The latest draft of the code is available [here](#). To keep up to date on the latest public hearings

Christmas Under the Clock
to see all the details!
The website is being
overhauled with residents in
mind and will feature easier
navigation and streamlined
processes. We hope to go
live by Spring 2023.

regarding the update,
please click on the following
link: [Public Meetings](#).

Calendar Of Events

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Nov 28 - [North Pole Mailbox](#) opens
- Dec 1 - Red Hen Ribbon Cutting
- Dec 3 - Rt. 42 Open House (9-12 noon) & Christmas Under the Clock (4-7pm) Santa's Parade (7pm)
- Dec 12 - Decorating Contest [Entries](#) Due
- Dec 16 - Photos with Santa [Front Porch Home](#)
- Dec 23 & 26 - Administration offices closed for Christmas
- Dec 30 - Administration offices closed for New Year's
- Jan 16 - Administration offices closed for Martin Luther King (trash services will be Thursday)
- Jan 25 - [PCBA](#)
- Feb 20 - Administration office closed for President's Day (trash services will be Thursday)
- Feb 22 - [PCBA](#)

[View Calendar](#)

Public Meetings

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

All meetings are live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) channel.

If you wish to speak at a Council Meeting please email [Justin Dreier](#) by 2p.m. the day of the meeting.

Catch up on meeting minutes for [Council](#) on our website.

[View Meetings](#)

POLICE



As the Holiday Season is upon us, here are some safety reminders from Chief McKee and the Plain City Police Department:

Car Safety Tips:

- Once you exit your vehicle, make sure that you lock all the doors and that they

- stay locked while your vehicle is not in use.
- Make sure that all windows, including sunroofs, are closed when the vehicle is not in use.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, if at all possible. 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.

Home Safety Tips:

- 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 house-watch 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 kinds 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.

INCOME TAX



The 4th quarter estimate payment vouchers for income tax will be mailed on December 15th. The payments are due by January 16, 2023. Please remember that estimated payments are required if you owe more than \$200.00 annually after any credits are applied. Failure to pay estimated taxes may result in underpayment penalties.

The annual tax return will be mailed approximately January 15th to all active accounts. All residents 18 and over are required to file a return unless they are retired and have no taxable income. Your 2022 Plain City income tax return will be due on April 18, 2023.

Contact the Income Tax department at 614-873-3527 ext. 104 or [email](#) if you have any questions.

PARKS & RECREATION



Holiday Happenings in the Village!

Santa and his helpers have been working hard getting ready for lots of fun!

Check out all there is to see and do this holiday season!

Pastime Park Holiday Lights

Take a drive through the park and enjoy the many festive lights. From Dusk to Dawn through Jan. 8

Letters to Santa

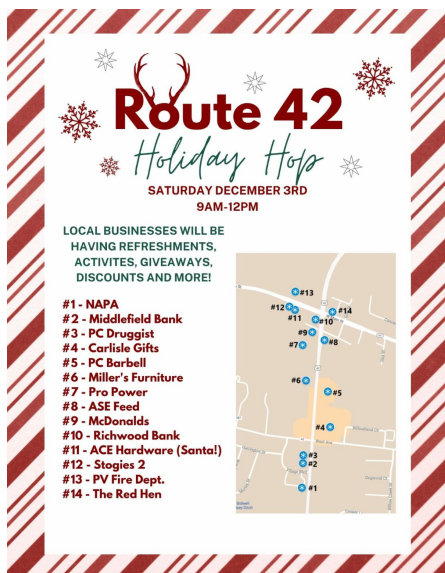
Santa has set up his mailbox in the center of town in Bicentennial Park, and would love to get your Christmas Wish Lists! Just drop off your letter to Santa **before December 15** and your kiddo will get a personalized letter back from the North Pole! Please be sure to include your home address so Santa can write back! For Free downloadable and printable letters, visit the [Village website](#) or pick them up at the Library or Municipal Building at 800 Village Blvd.

Home & Business Decorating Contest

Let's light up Plain City this holiday season! Enter your home or business and win cash prizes! First place= \$150 Second place = \$100 Third place= \$50 **Entries must be received by December 16** with judging on December 17. Winners will be announced the week of December 18. Registration required, click [here](#).

Elf on the Shelf

Is on the move! Keep an eye out for this mischievous little guy as he visits local businesses and scenic spots in the Village! Follow us on [Facebook](#) to see the Elf's travels.



Rte. 42 Holiday Hop



Christmas Under the Clock

There's so much to do at Christmas Under the Clock on December 3 from 4-7pm! Be sure to beat the Christmas crowd and support our local businesses by shopping at Main Street Treasures, Anchored Arrow and

December 3 from 9a-12noon Local businesses along Rte. 42 open their doors with free refreshments, giveaways, drawings for prizes and more! Check out what our local businesses are offering:

1. NAPA Auto Parts – Free NAPA Hat to First 100 Visitors
2. Middlefield Bank – Refreshments and a Drawing for a Deik Robot Vacuum
3. PC Druggist – John E. Miller Ice Cream, 25% off OTC and gift items
4. Carlisle Gifts – Hourly giveaway (10am), find our Piggie ornament and spin for prizes. Hot chocolate bar.
5. PC Barbell – Coupons
6. Miller's Furniture – Drawing for a child's solid oak rocking chair
7. Pro Power – Coffee, refreshments, coupons and a drawing at the end of the event for an Echo cordless weed eater
8. ASE Feed – Drawing for a Case IH Pedal Tractor
9. McDonalds – Cookie decorating, hot cocoa, holiday coloring pages
10. Richwood Bank – Tree of Christmas Chances - pick a prize for adults and children
11. ACE Hardware – Goodie bags, Coffee/Donuts and photos with Santa
12. Stogies 2 – Get your holiday shopping done for dad or other family and friends. 10% off all cigars.
13. Pleasant Valley Fire Dept. – Open House/Touch-a-Truck
14. The Red Hen – Come check out the newest Plain City restaurant and bakery on their grand opening weekend!

Front Porch Home!

- Over 20 Craft Vendors and local organizations will line Main Street with handmade local items, and crafts!
- Local restaurants and multiple food trucks will be open for business from 4-7pm
- The Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony begins at 5pm with performances by the Starlight Twirlers, the Shekinah Choir, plus Christmas Trivia Fun with the Mayor, and the real Santa arriving! Then the Christmas Coloring Contest Winners (Pixies) will help Santa and the Mayor light up the Tree!
- There will be plenty of photo opportunities with Santa Claus outside and Elsa in the Clock Tower Building! And keep an eye out for The Grinch and Olaf too as they wander around!
- The Re-Markie Bellz handbell choir will be performing from 5:30-6:30
- Miami Valley Steam Threshers will be giving free wagon rides to Pastime Park to view the holiday lights!
- Daily Needs Assistance will be in the Clock Tower building with lots of fun activities, crafts and other goodies for families to enjoy. And please don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the DNA toy drive. Just drop your toy donations to DNA in the Clock Tower Building! For a list of requested toys:
<https://form.jotform.com/223042818247151>
- Last but not least, after Christmas Under the Clock is over, Santa will be parading through town with the Plain City Police, Pleasant Valley Fire Department, Public Works and even a cement truck! See the map of his route above.

PLANNING & ZONING



Investing in Plain City

Hello! My name is Derek Hutchinson, and I am Plain City's new Village Planner. I am very excited to be here in Plain City joining an amazing team. I have extensive planning and zoning experience in the surrounding and Dayton areas. I am here to assist existing and potential residents and businesses through any project related to zoning. From the smallest projects like adding a new fence or shed to an entire new housing development, I can help make the process as smooth as possible. I look forward to meeting and working with the community!

PUBLIC WORKS

Leaf Pickup will come to an end December 14th.

Guidelines:

- Pile leaves in front of house - no alleyway pick-up
- Do not place leaves in the street, around cars or fire hydrants
- Leaf piles mixed with grass trimmings, brush or other non-leaf content will not be picked-up
- After December 14th, residents can take yard waste to [Kurtz Bros.](#) or place with your weekly trash/recycling.



HOLIDAY HOUSEKEEPING

The Village wishes to share some quick reminders with residents as the holidays approach.

Snow Removal Program

Here's an overview of the Village's snow removal program, which aims to return safe driving conditions to all Village streets within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Priority for addressing snow and ice is placed in the following order:

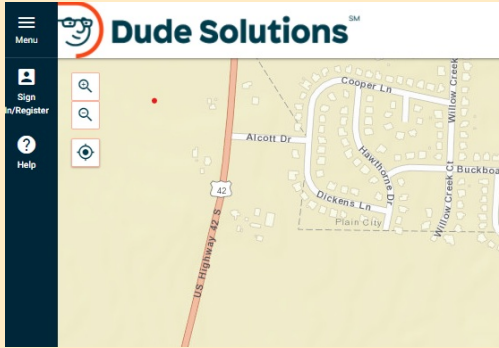
- Arterial streets are the first to receive treatment and will be the main focus while a snow storm is in progress;

- Collector streets are the next level that carry a lot of traffic to the main, arterials—these are plowed and salted once arterial streets are complete;
- Residential or neighborhood streets are addressed next, with plowing occurring once a snowfall meets or exceeds three inches.

Important items to note:

1. All vehicles should be removed from public streets to enable the Public Works Department to do a more efficient job of keeping our streets clear.
2. Shovel your sidewalk - Under Village code, property owners (residents and business owners) are asked to clear snow and ice from sidewalks.
3. Do not shovel or push snow into the street or onto a sidewalk.

To report any concerns or roadway issues during winter weather events, please use the [Citizens Request Portal](#) or call 614-873-3527.



The [Citizen Request Portal](#) allows Village residents to easily enter work order requests to the Public Works Department and check current and past work request activity.

UTILITIES

REMINDER TO CUSTOMERS

Electronic Utility E-Bill and Electronic Payment Portal

The Village encourages residents and businesses to utilize our [electronic utility e-bill and Account Portal](#) for a safe, contactless remote payment option. Utility bills are typically e-billed or mailed on the last working day of the month. Utility bills are due on the 15th of the month. If you would like to change from a mailed copy to an e-mailed copy of your utility bill, please complete this [form](#) and email it to the [Village](#).

Trash, Recycling & Bulk Pickup

The weeks of Christmas, New Years, Martin Luther King, and President's Day trash will be picked up on the normal pickup day of Thursday. Please visit our [website](#) for further information on utility billing and trash/recycling.

Christmas Tree Collection

Starting in January, Local Waste will collect live Christmas trees on your normal collection day. Be sure to remove all decorations, including tinsel and place trees at the curb by 7 a.m. Do not place trees in bags. If you have any further questions please contact Local Waste at 614-409-9375.

A graphic for the 'Holiday Lights Recycling Program'. It features a dark blue background with a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. The title 'Holiday Lights' is in a yellow script font, and 'RECYCLING PROGRAM' is in a white sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a white recycling symbol with colorful lights integrated into its design. To the left of the symbol, there is text asking if you have old or unwanted holiday lights and offering help. To the right, there is text explaining the program and where to bring the lights for recycling.

Holiday Lights
RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you have any old or unwanted holiday lights? Are you planning to make the switch to LED lights?

IF SO, WE CAN HELP!

Bring your old strands of holiday lights to the Municipal Building, 800 Village Blvd., from November 25th through January 12th for FREE recycling!

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM

We're proud to announce the Plain City Holiday Lights Recycling Program! The holiday season is upon us, which means many of you are sorting through boxes of holiday lights. If you have any old or non-working lights, don't throw

them away. Instead, bring them to the Municipal Building anytime between November 25, 2022 and January 12, 2023, and we will recycle them – FREE of charge! All you have to do is gather the light strands and place them in the specially-marked bins in front of the Municipal Building. The bins are available 24/7. We kindly ask that you do not bring light strands in any containers, boxes, or plastic bags, and that all ornaments and tinsel are removed.

This program is presented by the Village of Plain City in partnership with the **City of Westerville, Ohio** and special thanks to **Local Waste Services, LTD.** for the donation of trash bins for collection. The light strands will be recycled at no cost to the Village by a scrap metals-and-materials vendor, keeping them out of area landfills. If you have any questions, please contact the Village at 614-873-3527.

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 Departments are located at 800 Village Blvd.

For *non-emergency* Police business please call 614-873-2921.

For Administrative offices please call 614-873-3527

- Income Tax ext. 104
- Parks & Rec ext. 108
- Pool ext. 110
- Planning & Zoning ext. 105
- Utility (Water bills) ext. 100



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.

Trash service is Thursday. Trash can be set out as early as 6pm the evening prior to service. Please have your trash/recycling out to the curb by 7am. Please return your containers to the rear of the property (or inside a building) no later than 24 hours after collection service. For further information click [here](#).

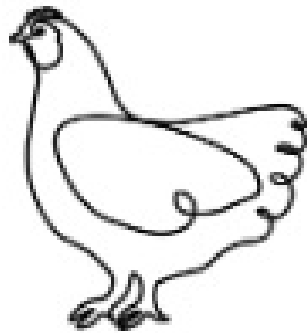
Fence, pools and other permits click [here](#) for more information.

Public Works to submit Citizens Request work orders for items like brush pickup or a street sign knocked over click [here](#).

WELCOME NEW PLAIN CITY BUSINESSES

THE RED HEN CAFE & BAKERY

Ribbon Cutting December 1st



The Red Hen Cafe & Bakery was established to build community, provide high quality coffee, wholesome food, and tasty bakery treats in a welcoming atmosphere.

We pray that all who gather here will experience purposeful relationships, meaningful conversations, and a restful environment.

Mayor Carney and staff attended the soft opening November 17th.

VISIT [THE RED HEN CAFE & BAKERY](#)

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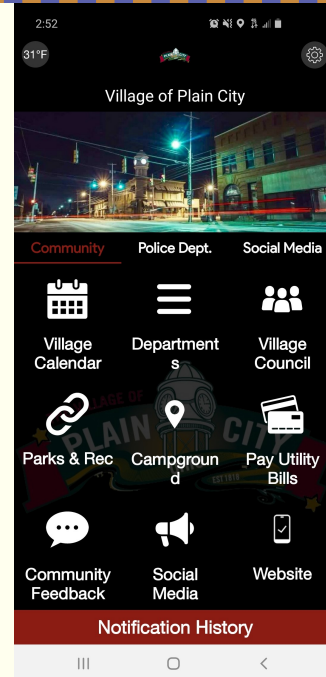
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Residents expect good communication from their local government, and mobile apps allow us to relay important information to you more quickly.

Mobile apps enable residents to get real-time notifications about things like community announcements, public works emergencies and police emergencies as well as other items of interest to you, through your selection of push notifications.



The app is FREE to download through your app store- simply search for:

Village of Plain City.
or



If you interested in opening a business in the Village of Plain City please
[click here](#) for more information.

Have Questions? Email Us

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