



Spring 2023



Mayor Jody Carney  
[Email](#)

#### Message from the Mayor

Greetings, Plain City! Signs of spring are all around us. I've enjoyed hearing the birds chirping in the mornings, and seeing buds emerging on the trees. Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend, and that brings longer evenings outdoors enjoying time with our families. I know ball season is around the corner for our town, and soon we'll be kicking off summer in Plain City with the PCABA Opening Day parade on May 6th.

We have many events happening this spring and summer. Keep checking [our website](#) for updates. If you haven't yet, download the Plain City app for more timely information. As always, our Village Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, and we encourage residents to attend if they have any questions or concerns to bring forward. You can also stream the meetings live via our [YouTube page](#).

Enjoy the warm weather to come!



Haley Lupton  
Village Administrator  
[Email](#)

#### Message from the Village Administrator

Did you know the Village of Plain City just acquired 40 acres of land along the Big Darby Creek that is being turned into a new nature preserve? This space is currently being planned out, and should be open for the public very soon! This space will be a perfect place to enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

With the spring also comes the commencement of many infrastructure projects throughout the Village. Beginning in April, the north portion of the Uptown Streetscape project will begin. Sidewalks will be replaced from Pioneer Pizza all the way to Lovejoy Plaza. Storm sewer will be upgraded on Noteman Road this summer, allowing for better drainage through many parts of town. Engineering for the next phase of the streetscape, and a new public parking lot are currently underway. The paving program will also take place later this year.

It's the Village's goal to ensure the responsible use of tax dollars, so staff is making a push to obtain as much grant funding as possible to support Council and Administration's goals. Later in this newsletter, you will read about several grants recently received, and we hope to be able to report on more later this year.

The future is sunny in Plain City!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District Representatives Appointed

In February, Council voted to approve the Village's two appointees to the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District. These candidates will represent the interests of Plain City and its residents by serving on the Board of the newly formed District.

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### Capital Appropriations Funding Announced

Thanks to the hard work of our Congressional Representative Mike Carey and Village staff, Plain City will be receiving \$1.5 million in Ohio capital appropriations for 2023. These funds will be used for the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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### EPA Grant to Fund Emergency Generator

The Village recently received a grant award from the Ohio EPA to assist with the purchase of an emergency backup generator for the Water Treatment Plant. This will be an excellent tool to maintain safe drinking water for residents in a variety of events.

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### Noteman Road Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

The Noteman Road Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project is currently out for bid with construction expected to begin this spring. This project includes the installation and upgrade of storm sewer infrastructure along Noteman Road, and rehabilitating sewer lines on Shepper, Converse, and North Avenues.

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### Streetscape Improvements Coming Soon

Work will begin in April to install new streetscaping (sidewalks with brick pavers, light poles, trees, and furniture) along West Main Street from the east of Lovejoy Plaza to the McCune Building and around the corner of North Chillicothe Street. The historic brick pavers currently in this area will be saved and incorporated into the new streetscape. Little or no traffic impact is expected during construction.

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### Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week

Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 19 - 25. It's the perfect time to understand weather hazards that can impact Plain City. As severe weather season approaches, take a few minutes to make a plan for when disaster strikes.

Below are a few helpful tips:

- Keep emergency and first aid kits available. These should include a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, extra batteries, and a three-day food and water supply.
- Prepare a family emergency plan that outlines what each family member will do, how they will get to a safe place, and how they will get in touch with each other. Identify an out-of-town contact for everyone to call in case local communications aren't working.
- Identify safe shelter areas. Practice your shelter plans with your family so you'll be ready when a storm strikes.
- Know where your utility switches are located and how to turn off the gas, water, and electricity.
- Review your auto and homeowners insurance for storm-related damage. Remember that most homeowners policies do not cover flood damage.

For additional safety tips, please [click here](#).

## UPCOMINGEVENTS



### Plain City Easter Scramble

March 24 - April 2  
Village-wide  
[More Info](#)

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 1  
12:00 PM  
Pastime Park

### Earth Day & Trails Celebration

April 22  
9:00 - 12:00 PM  
Pastime Park  
*Free trees, crafts, plants!*

### Arbor Day Tree Planting

April 28  
1:00 PM  
Pastime Park

### Community Yard Sale

April 29  
8:00 - 3:00 PM  
Village-wide

### ODNR/COSI Bio Blitz

May 3  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
McKittrick Park  
*Explore the Big Darby!*

### PCABA Opening Day

May 6  
Parade at 10:00 AM  
Pastime Park

### Buzzing with Bees

May 13  
2:00 PM  
Municipal Building  
*Educational program!*

### Aquatic Center Opens

May 27  
Pastime Park

### Memorial Day Observance

May 29  
Parade at 9:00 AM

### Bluegrass & BBQ

June 4  
12:00 - 7:00 PM  
Pastime Park

### Ice Cream with a Farmer

June 10  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Pastime Park

### Music in the Park

June 11, 18, 25  
7:00 PM  
Pastime Park

### Fly with Falcons

June 23  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Pastime Park, South Shelter  
*Educational program!*

### Safety Town

June 26 - 29  
10:00 - 12:00 PM  
P.C. Elementary  
*For incoming kindergarteners*

For more information about these events, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department by calling 614-873-3527 ext. 118 or visit the [Parks & Recreation Facebook page](#).

## MEETINGS

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Village Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 6:30 PM.

### COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Village Council Work Sessions occur the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

### COMMUNICATION & MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CMAC Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS \*

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD \*

The Design Review Board meets as needed. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM.



All meetings are being held in person at the Plain City Municipal Building.

If you would like to speak at a Council or Committee meeting, please [email us](#).

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Economic Development Committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00 AM.

[Click here](#) to watch a live stream of Council meetings on the Village YouTube Page.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Parks & Recreation Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

### **PERSONNEL / FINANCE & CIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

The Personnel & Finance/CIP Committee meets as needed.

*\* indicates meetings are scheduled dependent on agenda items.*

For a list of meeting dates, agendas, and minutes, please [click here](#).

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **Development Services**

#### **Your Spring Home Improvement Project May Require Permits**

If your spring plans include constructing a new fence, deck, pool, or tool shed; or if you intend to complete structural renovations or alterations, remember that a Building Permit and/or Zoning Permit are likely necessary. The Village has made the permitting process easy. Simply visit our website to submit a permit through our online [Citizens Portal](#). You can also submit payments and track the progress of each permit. For more information, or to discuss your project with staff, please contact us at 614-873-3527 ext. 105 or [email us](#).

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#### **Village Council Establishes Economic Development Committee**

Village Council recently established an Economic Development Committee (EDC) to provide Council with input and guidance on projects and issues that impact the village's business development, real estate, housing, connectivity, and labor force. It also serves as a liaison between the business community and the Village government.

Plain City residents and business representatives who are interested in serving on the EDC are encouraged to [contact us](#) to submit an application. Once committee members are selected, meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

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### **Income Tax**

#### **Tax Season is Here**

A friendly reminder that Plain City Income Tax returns are due Tuesday, April 18. The Village offers an easy e-filing option as well as traditional paper filing. The Income Tax Department also accepts credit and debit card payments online. For more information, please visit the [Income Tax](#) section of our website or call the Income Tax Department at 614-873-3527 ext. 104.

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### **Parks & Recreation**

#### **Planning for 2023 Farmers Market Underway**

The Plain City Farmers Market is gearing up for another exciting season! The Farmers Market is located in Uptown Plain City at the intersection of South Chillicothe Street and Main Street (SR-161). The market kicks off on July 4 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, then runs every Thursday evening from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, July 6 through October 5.

In 2023 the market will begin accepting SNAP and WIC programs thanks to a grant obtained from the Union County Health Department. We are excited to be able to offer these programs so those in need will have access to local, healthy food. In addition, we are currently in the process of scheduling entertainment and activities for the market, along with a weekly food truck!

The market currently has openings for additional vendors, so if you or anyone you know has local produce, handmade goods, or bakery items, and is interested in being a vendor, please contact Denton Kitts, Market Manager, at [dkitts@plain-city.com](mailto:dkitts@plain-city.com).

If you are interested in sponsoring the Plain City Farmers Market or would like more information on the market, please contact Denton Kitts.

We look forward to seeing you at the Farmers Market this year!

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### **Plain City Tree Commission Re-established**

Plain City Parks & Recreation has reinstated the Plain City Tree Commission, and we are looking for members! The commission consists of five resident members appointed by Village Council. Each staggered term is three years. An ODNR Urban Forester sits on the commission in an advisory ex-officio capacity, along with a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

#### **Why have a Tree Commission?**

The trees of Plain City are a valuable part of Plain City's heritage and history. The mission of the Plain City Tree Commission is to maintain, improve and increase the community forest of the village through the sharing of expertise, guidance, and recommendations to Village administration, developers, and property owners for:

- The protection of healthy trees
- Proper native tree selection and planting site selection
- Planned pruning
- Tree risk assessment
- Planting in public rights-of-way and open spaces

In addition, the commission works to educate the public about the benefits that trees provide. This commitment to planting, protecting, and maintaining public trees represents a long-term investment in the beauty, biodiversity, and historic character of Plain City.

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## **Police Department**

### **Taking Fido for a Walk? Remember the leash!**

With the warmer weather approaching, more residents will be outside and utilizing public areas, along with their dogs. We want to remind you that any time a dog is on public property, it must be on a leash. A leash is defined as "a strap or cord for restraining and guiding a dog or other animal". Our ordinance does not allow "e-collars" (shock collars) as a method of control while on public property.

Village of Plain City Codified Ordinance (505.01C) states: No owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog shall fail at any time to do either of the following:

1. Keep the dog physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision, or secure enclosure to prevent escape.
  2. Keep the dog under the reasonable control of some person (ORC 955.22).
  3. Keep the dog restrained by a leash or tether on any public property within the Village.
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## **Public Works**

### **Lawn Debris & Brush Pick-up Begins April 1**

As you're preparing your lawn for spring, remember that Lawn Debris & Brush Pick-up begins on April 1, 2023. Below are some reminders as you take advantage of the service:

- Pick-up season begins April 1, 2023.
- There are no set days for pick-up.
- Leave the brush in front of your home in the area between the street and sidewalk.
- Brush does not need to be bundled.
- Limbs should be no larger than 6" in diameter.
- Submit a work order on the Citizens Request Portal via our [website](#).

# CONTACT US

## Useful Links

[Village Website](#)

[Facebook - Primary](#)

[Facebook - Parks & Recreation](#)

[Facebook - Plain City Farmers Market](#)

[Facebook - Police Department](#)

[Facebook - Pleasant Valley Fire District](#)

## Mailing Address

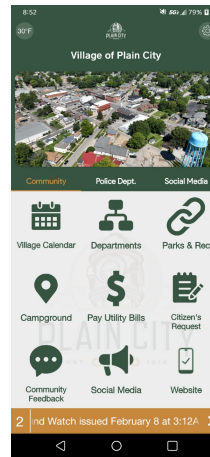
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## Plain City App

Visit your favorite app store and search for the *Plain City App*. After installing it on your device, be sure to set your settings to allow notifications. If you need assistance, please call the Village at 614-873-3527.

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