



Spring 2023



Mayor Jody Carney
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Message from the Mayor

As we embrace the joy of summer, spending time with our families and sharing cookouts with our neighbors, let us also pause to reflect on the significance of the upcoming Independence Day holiday. It serves as a reminder of the values cherished by our families, community, and our country. Small towns like ours represent the very essence of America, where we have the freedom to gather with loved ones and work together to create a brighter future for all.

Summer in Plain City is far from over, and the excitement is just beginning! Join us at Pastime Park for the Miami Valley Steam Threshers Show, enjoy the musical talent at Rock the Clock, and explore the Plain City Farmers Market for the freshest seasonal produce. Mark your calendars for our annual Explore the Big Darby event in August—a must-attend experience!

As we continue to prioritize transparency and open communication, I extend a warm invitation to visit the [Mayor of Plain City Facebook page](#). There, you can engage with my bi-monthly "Mondays with the Mayor" video podcasts, which offer a valuable opportunity to meet our Village staff and community leaders. Through these insightful conversations, we keep you informed about the many efforts taking place behind the scenes. Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month to stay connected and gain a deeper understanding of the initiatives shaping our community.

Lastly, our community has faced challenges in recent weeks, yet the remarkable resilience and unwavering support for one another fill my heart. It's moments like these that define Plain City's unique character and spirit. Together, let's continue embracing the bonds that make our town truly extraordinary.

Happy Summer, Plain City!

Message from the Village Administrator

The overarching goal of Village administration is protecting and enhancing our community. This year, we are committed to that goal and are acting on it in several ways: supporting community-friendly events, creating better pedestrian connectivity, and coming together in



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difficult times.

This year, the Village has prioritized supporting community events. The recent Mother's Cookie Town Takeover was a fun and unique event that will be remembered for years to come. Rock the Clock and the Miami Valley Steam Threshers Show are coming up this month – both events have received grant assistance from Village Council due to their significant public impact. Such events, including the popular Fourth of July celebration, foster a lively and engaged community and are enjoyed by residents of all ages and backgrounds.

Ensuring pedestrian connectivity is important to ensure that every resident can safely and comfortably navigate our community. This includes providing well-maintained sidewalks, safe pedestrian crossings, and expanding our network of trails. As new developments are planned, developers are required to include pedestrian amenities. Staff is also working to retrofit existing pedestrian corridors. We are in the process of engineering pedestrian improvements at the intersection of US-42 and West Avenue, in addition to a bridge over the West Avenue culvert. These important projects should come to fruition in 2024.

Lastly, as recent events have taught us, it is during the most challenging moments that we witness the true power of community. Even in the midst of our shared sorrow, we discover the strength to offer comfort to others as they grieve, seek solace, and ultimately find the resolve to continue on. The remarkable display of support in recent weeks has been heartening, and we are incredibly grateful.

We value our community and will continue to work hard to ensure that the spirit which defines us is never lost. If you have ideas for ways we can improve our neighborhoods, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 614-873-3527 or hlupton@plain-city.com.

Have a fun and safe summer!

COMMUNITY NEWS



It's Time to Celebrate Our Nation's Birthday!

Join us for the highly anticipated 2023 Plain City 4th of July Celebration, presented by Chapman Ford and G&J Pepsi. It's a day packed with fun activities, live music, delicious food, and jaw-dropping fireworks!

Start the day at 9:00 AM with the Plain City Farmers Market Season Kickoff at Bicentennial Park (Chillicothe and Main Streets). You can buy locally grown produce, artisan crafts, and homemade goods until 12:00 PM.

The July 4th Parade begins at 10:00 AM. The parade lineup starts at 9:00 AM in Pastime Park and follows a route out the north entrance, southward along North Chillicothe Street, turning right onto Main Street, and ending at the park's south entrance.

After the parade, Pastime Park will be bustling with food vendors, local bands, and activities like face painting, bounce houses, and a mechanical bull!

Then, as night settles over Plain City, get ready for a breathtaking fireworks display that will leave you in awe!



Important Note: As we gear up for the festivities, we have implemented some important changes to ensure a safe celebration. Following the parade, all vehicles must vacate Pastime Park by 12:00 PM to avoid towing. We have arranged a special event parking area at Phelps Field, conveniently located northeast of the park's North Entrance. Access to this area can be

found via US-42 > North Chillicothe Street. Additionally, once the pool closes at 6:00 PM, all vehicles must be removed from the Aquatic Center parking lot.

For those requiring handicap parking, we have designated a special area at the north entrance of Pastime Park, accessible from North Chillicothe Street. A valid disability placard is required to park in this location.

To accommodate these changes, free shuttles will be available from both Plain City Elementary and the Municipal Building. These shuttles will be available from 5:00 to 11:00 PM, allowing everyone ample time to attend the fireworks show.

We are grateful for everyone's support and understanding as we work to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all attendees.



A Sweet Day Indeed

The Mother's Cookies® 'Sun's Out, Fun's Out' Plain City Town Takeover on June 10 was a sweet success! It was an absolute thrill to see so many residents and visitors alike come together to celebrate and participate in this unforgettable event.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to The Guru House, Mother's® Cookies, and Ferrero for organizing and sponsoring this spectacular event and for choosing our community as its special location. It was an honor to host such a remarkable gathering that showcased the true essence of Plain City.

We can't thank our local businesses and individuals enough for their incredible contributions. A huge shout-out also goes to the remarkable men and women of the Plain City Police Department, Public Works Department, Plain City Parks and Recreation, and Pleasant Valley Firefighters (along with many other first responder partners). We are immensely grateful for their hard work and commitment to keeping our community safe before, during, and after the event.



Businesses on the Move

The Village congratulates the following businesses on the successful completion of their grand opening or relocation. We are thrilled for them and extend our appreciation for their investment in our community!

- Plain City Nutrition: 160 W. Main Street
- Brick House Blue - The Station: 213 S. Chillicothe Street
- Richwood Coffee: 601 W. Main Street
- Dulce Vida Ice Cream & Treats: 461 W. Main Street
- Front Porch Home: 114 W. Main Street
- Rolling Pines Hair Co.: 264 W. Main Street

New Recreational Amenities Coming Soon

We have some exciting news to share regarding our ever-growing recreational offerings. The Village and D.R. Horton are currently in the process of developing the community's newest park, located within Madison Meadows. The new park will feature a large shelter house with restrooms, a playground, and an adjacent parking area. These exciting features will provide much-needed space for picnics, gatherings, and activities. The new park is anticipated to open by the end of the year.

We have also begun planning for a new dog park on Jackson Street. Engineering and design are already underway with construction expected to be completed later this fall. The new dog park will provide opportunities for Fido to run, jump, and play while staying safe within the confines of a dedicated space.

We thank residents for their ongoing support as we improve and expand our community's recreational amenities.

Looking for Authentic Information? We're Here to Help.

Are you confused by the rumors and gossip that seem to float around town? The Village has many ways for you to engage with us! Residents are invited to attend Village Council and commission meetings in person or virtually using our streaming services.

Additionally, our website provides meeting agendas, minutes, and packets for download, typically one week prior to each meeting. We also invite residents to “like” our Facebook page for news, information, announcements, and more. Finally, we have an open-door philosophy – residents are encouraged to contact us with questions or concerns.

Signage Reminder

Friendly reminder that any business sign, whether permanent or temporary, requires an approved Sign Permit prior to displaying. Permanent signage for businesses in the Uptown District requires Design Review Board review and approval. Window signage such as vinyl lettering and logos, are considered permanent signage but can be approved by Planning Staff. Temporary signage such as banners or sandwich boards can be reviewed and approved by Planning Staff. Any temporary signage is prohibited within the right-of-ways (including areas between the street and sidewalk, medians, and road shoulders). If you have any questions regarding signs and the regulations, please contact a Planning Staff member.

UPCOMING EVENTS



July 4 Celebration

July 4
Pastime Park
[More Info](#)

Farmers Market Kick-Off

July 4
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Bicentennial Park
(then Thursdays 4:30 - 7:00 PM)

Miami Valley Steam Threshers

July 13 - 16
Pastime Park
[More Info](#)

ODNR Explore the Darby

July 14
2:00 PM
McKittrick Park
Educational program!

Music in the Park

July 16, 23, 30
7:00 PM
Pastime Park

Rock the Clock

July 22
Uptown District
[More Info](#)

Buckeye Rod Builders Poor Man

National
July 30



Music in the Park

August 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00 PM
Pastime Park

Plain City Farmers Market

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
4:30 - 7:00 PM
Bicentennial Park

Explore the Darby

August 19
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
McKittrick Park
Educational program!



Music in the Park

September 3, 10, 17
7:00 PM
Pastime Park

Pooch Paddle & Last Swim

September 4
Aquatic Center/Pastime Park

Plain City Farmers Market

September 7, 14, 21, 28
4:30 - 7:00 PM
Bicentennial Park

All Ohio Ford Show

September 10
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Pastime Park

Shred Event & E-Recycling

September 16
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Pastime Park

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 on 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

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.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION *

The Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

TREE COMMISSION

The Tree Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

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

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



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](#).

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

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Development Services

Village Welcomes New Zoning Specialist

Mr. Colin Powers has joined our team as our new Zoning Specialist, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience in city and regional planning. With a Bachelor of Science degree from The Ohio State University, Colin's expertise spans zoning, transit planning, and affordable housing. He firmly believes in the power of placemaking strategies, community involvement,

and sound land use planning to enrich the lives of all residents.

In his new position, Colin will be responsible for assisting in the application and review of zoning permits, ensuring compliance with zoning ordinances and regulations, investigating code violations, and providing assistance to the public throughout the permitting process. His dedication and passion for creating vibrant communities will undoubtedly contribute to the continued growth and development of The Village.

Colin can be reached by [email](#) or by calling 614-873-3527 ext. 120.

Village Council Establishes Tax Incentive Review Council; Housing Council

Village Council recently established two councils: the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) and the Housing Council. Both have been created to ensure that tax abatements are thoroughly reviewed and recertified on an annual basis. The TIRC will evaluate all active abatements to ensure their compliance with performance and auditing requirements. Subsequently, the TIRC will make formal recommendations to Village Council regarding whether each abatement should continue, be modified, or be terminated for non-compliance.

Additionally, similar to the TIRC, the Housing Council will oversee the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program and ensure compliance with the terms outlined in each CRA agreement. The Housing Council will also inspect the properties for which exemptions have been granted and make formal recommendations to the TIRC and Village Council.

These newly established councils signify our commitment to transparency, fairness, and ensuring that all taxing authorities are treated equitably.

Parks & Recreation

Celebrate the Best of Plain City Agriculture at the Farmers Market!

Experience the [Plain City Farmers Market](#) and celebrate the bounty of our region! The farmers market occurs each Thursday evening from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Bicentennial Park in Uptown Plain City. Stop by for local produce, homemade goodies, crafts, food trucks, and special events!

Vendors as of 6/23/2023:

- Weeks Farms - Fresh Produce, Pickles, Eggs
- Yoder's Honey - Honey and Products of the Hive
- Martha's Blueberry Patch - Blueberries
- Sugar & Bise - Gluten Free Baked Desserts
- Pleasant Valley Apothecary - Natural Skincare and Soaps
- Snow Sisters - Shaved Ice and Lemonade
- Wild Moon - Candles, Herbal Items, Aromatherapy, Small Sew Craft
- Miller's Ice Cream - Ice Cream
- Galaxy Pickles - Pickles and Marinara
- C and G Gardens - Jams, Pie, Baked Goods, Veggies, Herbs
- Darby Plains Produce - Fresh Produce, Beef, Pork
- Papadea Olive Products - Olive Oil, Olives, Olive Spread, Greek Baked Goods
- Brother For Life - Natural Dog Treats
- Lehnert Farm - Bratwurst
- Deer Run Created - Wood Products
- Threshing Floor Kitchen - Sourdough Bread, Cinnamon Buns, Cookies, Granola
- Red Horse Creations - Handmade Crafts, Children's Items
- Plain City Flower Farm - Fresh Cut Flowers
- Craftscapes by Colleen - Shirts, Tumblers, Door Signs, Keychains, Earrings, Wind Spinners

Vendor spaces and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please call the Village at 614-873-3527 ext. 108 for more information.

Police Department

Community Mourns the Loss of K9 Officer Andor

The Plain City Police Department regrets to announce the passing of K9 Andor on June 18. Andor, a beloved seven-year-old German Shepherd, joined the Division of Police in March 2018. His remarkable skills and dedication led to numerous successful searches, criminal apprehensions, drug alerts, and arrests, making Plain City and its surrounding communities safer. In addition, Andor actively participated in community engagements, leaving a lasting impact on people of all ages. Officer Josh Hirtzinger and his family, along with the Division of Police, are grieving the loss of this remarkable K9 officer.

The funeral service for K9 Andor will be held on Saturday, July 1 at 10:00 AM at Plain City Elementary School, 580 South Chillicothe Street. In honor of his on-duty death, K9 Andor will receive full police honors. Residents are invited to attend the service. Following the service, a funeral procession will travel from the elementary school to the Plain City Department, 800 Village Boulevard. Residents are invited and encouraged to line the procession to bid farewell to Andor.

Important Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks are an exciting part of Independence Day celebrations, and while they are legal in Ohio, they are not permitted within the Village. The Police Department kindly asks residents to respect this regulation and instead visit Pastime Park on July 4th for a spectacular fireworks display. Let's be considerate of our neighbors and ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone.

Public Works

Street Improvements Planned

The annual crack sealing operations and paving program are scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. These important maintenance activities improve the overall condition of our roads and streets. During these operations, temporary road restrictions will be in place throughout the Village. While we understand that this may cause temporary inconvenience, we kindly ask for your patience and cooperation.

Mosquito Fogging Continues

As we all know, we've experienced an exceptionally wet winter and spring, and with that comes the arrival of mosquito season. To combat these pesky insects and prevent the spread of diseases, mosquito fogging will occur throughout the community on the following dates:

- July 12
 - July 26
 - August 9
 - August 23
 - September 6
 - September 20
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Utilities

Automatic Payment Service Now Available

We are excited to announce that residents can now receive paperless utility bills! To enroll in e-billing, simply visit our [website](#) to complete the application form.

By selecting to receive paperless utility bills, residents are responsible for the payment of charges every month. Payment is due even if one of the following occurs:

- The electronic delivery was not received.
- Email address has been changed without notifying the Village of Plain City Water

Department.

- Circumstances beyond our control prevent the proper transmission of the paperless utility bill delivery.

Questions? Please call the Village at 614-873-3527.

Is Your Utility Information Updated?

If you have recently moved into a new home or are planning to move out of our community, please make sure to contact the Village to register your utility information. This is an important step that helps prevent any future billing issues, disputes, delinquencies, and shut-offs.

Registering or updating your utility information will ensure that you receive accurate bills and avoid problems with your utilities. So don't forget to give us a call at 614-873-3527 or stop by the Municipal Building at 800 Village Boulevard to update your information.

CONTACT US

Useful Links

[Village Website](#)

[Facebook - Primary](#)

[Facebook - Parks & Recreation](#)

[Facebook - Plain City Farmers Market](#)

[Facebook - Police Department](#)

[Facebook - Pleasant Valley Fire District](#)

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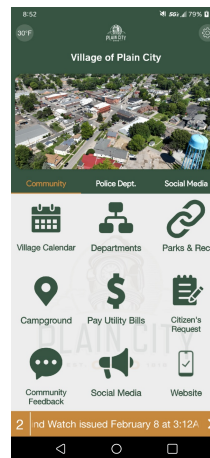
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Plain City App

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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