



Village of Plain City  
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Village Resident

## Community News

### Maple Street Bridge Closure

Work started on the Maple Street Bridge on June 23, with a completion expected in late 2025. The Village was awarded a grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to cover over 95 percent of costs.

The first phase of the project will include waterline work. Upon the commencement of the remaining phases and construction, the Maple Street bridge will be closed to all through traffic. Detour signs will be posted, accessing Spaulding Street from the north and Maple Court from the south.

### Mosquito Spraying Schedule

To control the spread of mosquitoes and mitigate the risk of disease transmission, the Village diligently implements mosquito control measures. Our Public Works crews will be administering fogging at approximately 9 p.m. on the following days: June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, and Sept. 24. This ensures a healthier and more enjoyable outdoor environment for all.

*Thank you for reading!*

*Administrator  
Hailey Lupton*

*Mayor  
Jody Carney*

### Increased Village Communications

The Village has bolstered our communication efforts in recent months to enhance transparency and resident engagement. In addition to our Facebook page (Village of Plain City, Ohio), we invite you to follow our new Instagram, @plaincityohio, for the latest on Plain City news, events, and services. We also encourage you to download our Village of Plain City mobile app by typing "Plain City" in the app store or by scanning the QR code below. We also have a LinkedIn and Twitter/X.

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# VILLAGE OF PLAIN CITY NEWSLETTER

June 2025 - Summer Edition



## The Depot at Public Square Grand Opening Represents Plain City's Growth and Potential



As Mayor of Plain City, it's been a joy to see the Public Square project come to life over the past several years. It's been a true collaborative effort amongst Village Council and staff, engineers, contractors, and the Fromm Family from Upper Arlington, who originally helped restore the historic railroad depot from the inside out.

The Depot serves as the cornerstone of Public Square, a new community hub that will provide space for events, commercial ventures, and historical display in the heart of Uptown Plain City. Its location at 134 Church St. pays homage to Plain City's proud history as a railroad town.

This depot once served as a gateway—for travelers, goods, and stories. It stood as a symbol of connection, both near and far. And now, thanks to the hard work, vision, and heart of the Village of Plain City staff and Members of Council, it becomes a gateway once again—not just to our past, but to our future.

Future phases include The Park at Public Square, which will include a splash pad and more community centric space. There are also plans to repurpose the adjacent building into The Marketplace at Public Square to offer dedicated space for seasonal vendors, small businesses, and a variety of community events.

On Friday, June 13, the Village held a Community Grand Opening event for the Depot, officially dedicating this unique community project. Plain City has always been more than a spot on the map. It's a town built on connection, shared values, and looking out for one another. This depot stands as a physical reminder of that spirit—rooted in tradition, ready for tomorrow.

*Mayor  
Jody Carney*



### Upcoming Village Events

July 4th  
Parade, concert, and fireworks

July 10-Oct. 2  
Plain City Farmer's Market on Thursdays

July 17-20  
Miami Valley Steam Threshers Festival

July 26  
Rock the Clock in Uptown Plain City

August 6  
National Night Out with the Plain City Police Department

September 1  
Pooch Paddle at Plain City Aquatic Center and last day pool is open for the season



# “PICTURE PLAIN CITY”: VILLAGE LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

As our region grows and changes, Plain City is experiencing its own transformation –what kind of community do we want to become, and how do we get there together? This spring, the Village started the process of a Comprehensive Plan update that will lay groundwork for managing growth and protecting what makes Plain City unique. This long-term community roadmap will be called “Picture Plain City.”

It builds on Plain City’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan and **will address land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, parks and recreation, economic development, and more.** Based on projected population growth, Plain City is expected to transition from village to city status by 2030 under Ohio law. This shift will have implications for how the local government is structured and how services are delivered. The Comprehensive Plan will help the Village prepare for this transition by identifying policies and infrastructure needs that

support a successful and smooth changeover, while maintaining the community’s values and quality of life.

Throughout this process over the next year and a half, we want to hear from you, our valued Plain City residents. **In the coming months, the Village will be hosting open houses, pop-up events, surveys, and online activities to gather your input.** No complicated process—just open conversations about what matters most to you, your family, and your neighbors.

Stay tuned to the Village of Plain City website and social media pages for updates on how you can get involved. “Picture Plain City” will ensure our community grows strategically and sustainably. By planning today, the Village can be ready for tomorrow—not just in name, but in function, services, and a shared community vision.

# Village of Plain City Utility Updates

## ⚡ Gas and Electric Aggregation

Due to rising supply rates, the Village is pursuing a gas and electric aggregation initiative that would buy energy in bulk and secure better rates and terms for residents.

The goal is for the aggregation program to be placed on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 election. The Village will pursue an “Opt-out” aggregation program that automatically enrolls all local residents, unless they individually opt-out of the program and choose not to be included.

If voters approve the initiative, the Village would then pursue a contract with an energy provider that would best meet the needs of our residents and business owners.

Many Central Ohio communities have approved similar aggregation programs in recent years, resulting in lower energy costs, additional services, and the potential for renewable energy.

For more information, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio provides details on aggregation and its regulations on their website at <https://puco.ohio.gov/>.

## ☁️ Stormwater Utility

The Village is evaluating the creation of a Stormwater Utility fee in an effort to provide a reliable source of stormwater funding to meet maintenance, improvement, and regulatory requirements.

As the Village continues to grow, the impact on the stormwater system also increases. The goal of this effort is to create a legitimate, reliable, and defensible stormwater system that will serve the Village for many years. Given the proximity of the Big Darby Creek, it is important that the Village be proactive in its stormwater mitigation.

The proposed program would implement a monthly fee based on a calculated average of square feet of impervious area on properties within the Village. The proposed fee would be collected as part of the Village’s trash bill. It is important to note that the stormwater utility fee is not a tax.

For most residents, this would result in a \$4-5 fee per month, with an expected implementation date of Jan. 1, 2026. Stay tuned to Village of Plain City platforms for updates and opportunities for community input in the coming months.



## Pioneer General Store Opens near Pastime Park

The new gift and antique shop at 345 N. Chillicothe St. opened its doors in early May. Village residents Leslie and Alan Perkins own the business, formerly known as Bad Bunny Designs.

The Pioneer General Store offers a wide range of unique, fun, and humorous items with great designs. Products include garden flags, tumblers, candy, local school items, coasters, pillows, place mats, signs, and much more.

Current hours are:  
Mon-Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



## Maren Reserve by Arbor Homes Holds Grand Opening

The new residential development just west of Lafayette Plain City Road held its ribbon cutting event on June 12.

Maren Reserve is situated on 112 acres and provides multiple housing options including single-family homes by Arbor Homes, as well as single-story, attached apartment homes by Wilcox Communities.

The development features a total of 443 units, with 217 single-family homes and 226 multi-family units. More than 150 homes have already been built with move-in dates in June and July.



## GoUptown! Group to Breathe New Life into Uptown PC

GoUptown! is the new name and fresh face of downtown revitalization in Plain City. Born from months of collaboration and visioning, this group builds on the strong foundation laid by the Uptown Plain City Organization.

New branding and marketing efforts are underway on this collaborative effort led by business owners and managers, community partners, and the Village of Plain City. Its goal is to celebrate and support the amazing businesses, events, and energy that makes our Uptown District a special place.

We encourage you to follow GoUptown Plain City on Facebook for updates.

## 🇺🇸 4th of July Schedule of Events

- 9 a.m. - noon Farmer’s Market Kickoff (Uptown PC)
- 10 a.m. Parade starts from Pastime Park
- 12 p.m. Activities and Food Trucks (Pastime Park)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Whisky Ridge on Main Stage
- 8-9:45 p.m. Toby May on Main Stage
- 9:45 p.m. Fireworks in Pastime Park

Complete details at <https://tr.ee/plaincity4thofjuly>



## Plain City Clocktower Functional Again

After recent repairs, the iconic Seth Thomas clock at the corner of Main and Chillicothe streets is back up and running again with the clock and chimes for the first time in several years. A new restaurant, The Clocktower Kitchen + Bar, is set to open this summer in this historic building. The Village chronicled the history of the Clocktower in a recent video. Watch by scanning the QR code to the right.



## “Tea with PCPD”

You may have heard of “Coffee with a Cop”, but what about “Tea with PCPD!” The Plain City Police Department held its inaugural “Tea with PCPD” event on June 4 at Plain City Nutrition, allowing the public to meet and interact with our officers, including Chief Dale McKee and Lieutenant Tom Jaskiewicz. The goal is to host similar community outreach programs soon. Stay tuned to the Plain City Police Department Facebook and Instagram for updates.

## Plain City Music in the Park

- July 6 Aladdin Shrine Dixieland Band
- July 27 Emerald City Swing Orchestra
- Aug. 3 Christopher James and the Claus
- Aug. 10 Funky Waters
- Aug. 17 Aladdin Shrine Concert Band
- Aug. 24 Lower London Dixieland Band
- Aug. 31 Blue Eyes Black, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Andy Leer and the Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Plain City Community Singers, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Z-Sharp Big Band, 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m. at Pastime Park unless noted