

# THE PROFILE

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6161 Belmont Avenue is where you go:

- To register to vote
- To see or get a copy of an ordinance, zoning map, property assessment record, aerial view of your neighborhood, and any document available under the Freedom of Information Act
- To get a license to have a tent sale
- To ask about a special assessment
- To ask questions about or to pay property taxes and utility bills
- To get a building permit
- To register a complaint
- To split a parcel of property
- To buy a lot in a Township cemetery
- To discuss any issue pertaining to Plainfield Township

Township Hall is a pleasant place with helpful and friendly people and is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM during the months of June-August and from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Labor Day through Memorial Day. It is handicapped accessible with adequate parking.

When you enter or when you call, you are greeted by real people. Visitors should not hesitate to ask questions or directions. We wish that visitors leave Township Hall or finish their phone conversation with us feeling that they were treated courteously, found answers to their questions, and received the information they sought. If possible, we would like to make

every contact with visitors a positive experience. Realistically, the business of government is not always pleasant, and everyone is not always pleased with his or her engagement here. Nevertheless, our job is to be helpful and courteous to all. If your experience is otherwise, I would appreciate knowing about it. There is always room for improvement, and we take suggestions and complaints seriously.

You Are  
**WELCOME**  
at  
Township Hall

Township Hall is open through the lunch hour to try to serve you during your lunch hour, but about half of us are absent at any given minute during the lunch hours. Several of our employees must leave Township Hall to carry out their responsibilities; everyone is entitled to vacation time; and sometimes employees

are absent due to illness or other legitimate reasons. Being mindful of that, we would appreciate your calling in advance if you require a particular person's presence when you come to visit. Knowing that this person will be there when you arrive will make your visit productive. If the person you need to talk with is not there, another employee will try to help you, but it may not be possible to completely fulfill your needs. So call in advance or make an appointment if you can, and we will be able to serve you better.

Township Hall is more than a building; Township employees are there to serve you. We welcome the opportunity to do just that.

*Robert Homan, Township Manager*

# What's Happening With Sewers In Plainfield Township? - Chapter 5

By Robert Homan, Township Manager

Chapter 5 is a brief chapter, but a hopeful one. In cooperation with our partner communities, we are making good progress toward rehabilitating or replacing about 15 million dollars worth of trunk sewer and pumping stations. The West River Trunk is about 99% complete at this writing, and requests for bids on the new river crossing, Willow Avenue trunk, and Four Mile Pumping Station (the big one that pumps sewage to the Grand Rapids treatment plant) are ready for advertising.

Plainfield Township eliminated the Boyd Avenue Pumping Station last year, upgraded the Forest Ridge Pumping Station, and recently paid over \$350,000 for lining the Belmont Avenue to Forest Ridge trunk this spring. There are other areas of our system that need attention, but the major priority items have been or are now being addressed.

Negotiations with the City of Grand Rapids on a new contract to replace the current one that expires in 2008 are going slow. We are determined to make every reasonable effort to find a fair and acceptable resolution to this issue, but we continue to pursue a discharge permit that would allow the North Kent communities to build their own treatment plant. When we know where we stand on the permit, we may be in a position to negotiate a better arrangement with Grand Rapids than has been offered to us.

**LAST MINUTE BREAKING NEWS:** Just before sending this to print, an article appeared in *The Grand Rapids Press* about Cascade Township signing a long-term water and sewer agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. The article's headline was: "*Water and sewer hookup costs to soar for new homes*". New sewer customers in Plainfield Township currently pay

a \$1,500 connection charge to Plainfield Township. Many readers of the PROFILE may recall paying that charge, and they probably thought that it was expensive. Grand Rapids proposes to charge an *additional* connection charge based on the size of the parcel of property being connected. In 2004, Grand Rapids will charge an additional \$2,600 for a six-tenths-acre lot, \$5,456 for a two-acre lot, and \$22,000 for a 10-acre lot. This is an example of the significant increases in sewer costs that Grand Rap-

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ids is insisting Plainfield Township residents pay. The Township Board and their North Kent Sewer Authority partners are working on your behalf to blunt this threat. Stay tuned.

The Township Board has requested me to study and recommend a system of charging for sewer service based on water consumption. I believe that this method of charging for sewer service is more equitable than charging a flat rate based on what is called a Residential Equivalent Unit (REU – one single family unit). An REU-based system of charges assumes that all residential units contribute equal amounts of wastewater to the sewer system. This kind of system is not unusual, but should be "retired" when there are enough customers on metered public water. We are cognizant of sprinkling systems that use metered water but do not contribute wastewater to the sewer system. Any new system of sewer charges will be designed to factor landscape irrigation out. You will hear more about this in the not-too-distant future.

# Citizen Planner Program Going Strong!

By Jill M Send, Administrative Assistant,  
*United Growth for Kent County*

The Citizen Planner Program, a land use training program for concerned citizens, decision-makers and landowners, has gotten off to a great start! The Citizen Planner class sessions, which are being held at the Wittenbach Center, began in May and will run into August. Thus far, attendance at the classes has been excellent. An average of thirty people have been attending and many of the participants hail from the Lowell area.

46% of the participants have made the commitment to earn a Citizen Planner Certificate. This equates to approximately 600 community service hours that will be devoted to land use issues and activities in Kent County and the Lansing area!

Citizen Planner is a non-credit course series developed by Michigan State University Extension to address the basic ongoing training needs of citizens appointed to serve on local land use planning bodies. An optional Citizen Planner Certificate is available to those participants who attend six core courses and complete thirty hours of community oriented service in land use planning or related activities.

For more information, contact Kendra Gunter or Jill Send at MSU West, (616) 458-6805.

This program was made available to Kent County citizens through support from the Lowell Area Community Fund, the *United Growth for Kent County* project and Kent/MSU Extension.



## COUNTY SHERIFF COMES TO TOWNSHIP HALL

Plainfield Township has provided the Sheriff's Department with an office space at the Township Hall. Deputy Marnie Mills will be available for walk-ins on the first Wednesday of the month between the hours of 9:00 am - 11:00 am. If you wish to set up a different time, please call Deputy Mills at 336-3118.

Summertime has arrived so please watch your speeds while driving your vehicles as we have seen an increase in speeding complaints throughout the township. Drive defensively – watch out for the other guy.

Be considerate of your neighbors. Partying loud and late into the evening when it imposes on your neighbor's right to a reasonable level of peace and quiet is unfair and violates the Township's noise ordinance. Loud cars and motorbikes can be very offensive, too. Use good judgment and common sense.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Deputy Marnie Mills,  
Community Police Officer*

# Plainfield-Rockford Fire Department No More?

Since 1997, Plainfield Township and the City of Rockford have cooperated by creating operationally consolidated fire departments. The initial arrangement was for three years, with the idea that the benefits and workability of doing this could be demonstrated and then we could possibly move on to a full merger of both departments into one. The Plainfield Township Board of Trustees approved a two-year extension of the initial agreement with the stipulation that merger talks begin immediately and a recommendation produced as soon as possible.

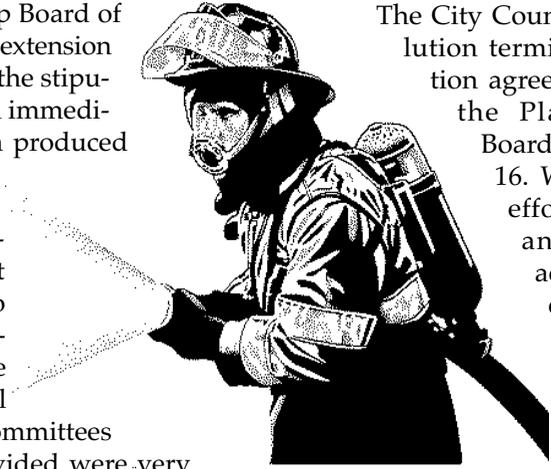
The Township Board appointed a committee to meet with Rockford's committee to discuss the issue. Each committee met separately, and the joint committee met several times since February. The committees agreed that the services provided were very good and that there were clear benefits to both communities. However, while Plainfield wanted to move toward a merger, Rockford wished to continue the operational consolidation. Also, Rockford wanted to maintain a distinctively separate department as part of a "federation" of stations, and Plainfield wanted

to implement a higher level of scheduled staffing that Rockford did not feel was appropriate to the City's needs.

Both parties attempted to work out their differing approaches to the provision of fire protection, medical first response, and rescue services, but agreement was not achieved.

The City Council approved a resolution terminating the cooperation agreement on July 9, and the Plainfield Township Board followed suit on July 16. We regret that the fine efforts of many people and the benefits achieved by this cooperative arrangement could not continue, but we wish Rockford well in their endeavors to develop their fire department.

Plainfield Township residents can expect that the services, training, and equipment offered by their fire department will continue at a high level and will be improved in the coming years.

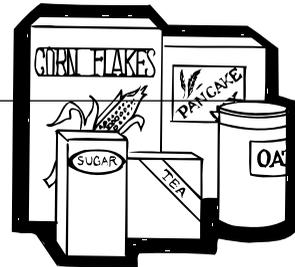


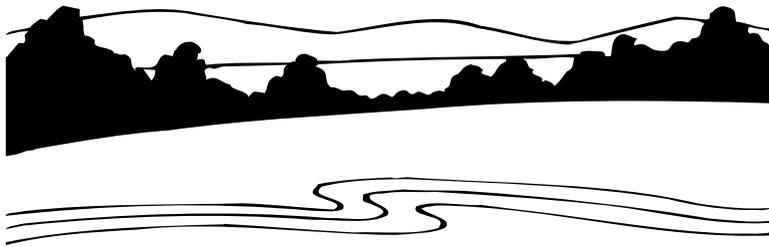
## Commodity Distribution Dates

Commodities will be distributed to qualified low-income persons on the following dates:

**October 25, 2001**                      **January 24, 2002**

Distribution takes place at 6156 Belmont Avenue, between the hours of 9 AM and 1 PM. New families wishing to qualify for food may call Jim or Peg Granzotto at 784-5249, or come to our distribution site on the above dates.





## NEWS ALONG THE WHITE PINE TRAIL UPDATE

**T**here is an ever-increasing number of users of the White Pine Trail and this has reached new heights this summer. It is appropriate that extensions of the trail continue, though not as fast as many trail enthusiasts would like. As a result of additional paving in May, there is now a 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile stretch of pavement from the trail bridge over West River Drive to Russell Road (2 miles south of Cedar Springs). Department of Natural Resources Director, K.L. Cool pledged this spring to make paving of the trail from the West River Bridge to Comstock Park a top departmental priority, but it remains to be seen whether this can be accomplished this season as trail development has been held up pending completion of the North Kent Sewer Project.

There is exciting news for paving the trail north as approval of a \$507,200 Federal T-21 (non-motorized transportation) grant was awarded on June 1, 2001, to pave the trail north from Russell Road to Sand Lake (8 miles). A 20% local match of \$126,800 must be raised before planning for the project can proceed. These funds can come from local communities, corporations, individuals, and the State Department of Natural Resources. The sooner the local match is secured, the sooner paving can take place. For information about possible contributions to this match please call the Friends of The White Pine Trail at 866-8464.

Exciting activities and events are happening related to the trail. Some of them are:

1. **The White Pine Trail Walkers Club** is a new organization, targeting women walkers. Morning and evening walks on the trail are held daily. To join the club, or for more information, call 863-8902. The club is free.
2. **The First Annual Pedal and Picnic Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>, between 8 and 10 am at Long Lake Park (4.75 miles west of 131 on M-46). Loops of 12.5, 25, 50, and 62 miles will be available incorporating the White Pine Trail and a country barbecue will be held from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Registration by August 18th is preferred and is \$15 including the barbecue. Forms may be obtained by calling (616) 475-4335 or by e-mail at [pedal-picnic@juno.com](mailto:pedal-picnic@juno.com). Registration day of event is \$20. Part of the registration fee will be donated by the sponsoring group for trail development and promotion through the Friends of the White Pine Trail.
3. There is now an active volunteer **Trail Courtesy Patrol** under the direction of the Kent County Sheriff's Department. New patrol members are welcome and if interested call Deputy Marnie Mills at 336-3118.
4. **The Friends of the White Pine Trail** is the local group advocating for trail development. For details of how you can help the trail, become a member of the Friends, or obtain other information, call 866-8464.

## Public Roads Right of Way – What’s OK; What’s Not

The grass along the edge of the public road in front of your house is yours to mow but the land belongs to the Kent County Road Commission or the Michigan Department of Transportation. In a plat with 66 feet of road right of way and 30 feet of pavement, this width is 18 feet.

Within the 18 feet of grass, the homeowner may place a mailbox that meets the U.S. Postal Service requirements and place a real estate “For Sale” sign that doesn’t block vision. That is it! The Road Commission considers all other items an encroachment or obstruction subject to removal.

Examples of items that may be desired but come under the definition of encroachment or obstruction are:

- Automobiles offered for sale
- Brick or block mailbox posts
- Railroad ties or boulders
- Fences
- Hedges
- Signs

Tree planting or landscaping *may* be permitted by the Road Commission. Constructing a driveway or sidewalk requires a permit. Any underground sprinkler systems that are in place or installed are there at the owner’s risk. If you have any questions about permitted activity, please call the Kent County Road Commission at 242-6920.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Michigan Department of Transportation has been working on a major pavement milling and resurfacing program on Plainfield Avenue and Northland Drive since June. The cost of the project is \$2.4 million, and includes other improvements:

- Two left turn lanes onto westbound Jupiter from northbound Plainfield Avenue, doubling the number of left turning vehicles that can get through the intersection.
- Shoulder improvements and a right turning lane onto Airway Street
- A left turning lane onto Breckinridge
- A wider and better right turning lane onto Coit Avenue

We anticipate a reconfiguration of the Plainfield/Northland/Archer intersections, including a “T” for the Plainfield Avenue approach to Northland Drive and safety and signalization improvements. We also anticipate a traffic signal at the intersection of Coit and Plainfield as early as this fall.

The Kent County Road Commission is constructing left turn lanes on the Samrick leg and the eastbound leg of the West River/Samrick intersection.

Grand River Drive has been temporarily restricted east of Northland Drive due to major water and sewer construction that has preceded the extension of 5 Mile Road to Grand River Drive by the developers of the Thousand Oaks project.

Childsdale Avenue is being improved from the Rogue River Bridge to 10 Mile Road. In conjunction with this project, the Township’s water system will be extended nearly to 10 Mile Road.

Belmont Avenue has been improved by the Road Commission from Post to 10 Mile Road, and a signal has been added at the intersection of 10 Mile and Belmont.

## NEWS FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD

### Mission accomplished!

Over two years ago, the Historical Commission set out to produce a community patchwork quilt. With the fantastic artwork and help to assemble the quilt, the mission was completed. The quilt is now on display at the Township Hall and is it AWESOME!!! It's a "must see" work of art. Many thanks to all the contributors and the assembly group for all their hard work.

### Upcoming Events:

**August 17, 2001** – Author **Donna Winters** of Caledonia will give a talk on her series, **Great Lakes Romances**. She will have books available for you to purchase and will personally autograph each of your purchases. Her novels take place in the early 1800's to the 1900's and include how it was to live during this period of history in the State of Michigan. Donna is not only an author, but owns and manages her own publishing company, Big Waters Publishing. The time for this Hyser Museum Open House is 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and reservations are required as space is limited. Please call Sharon @ 784-7062, or Jan @ 784-6783 to register.

**September 20, 2001** – The Hyser Commission Board and The Friends of the Plainfield Library, in conjunction with Jim and Lill Budzynski and

Tom Chubinski, will present a slide presentation and talk on **Railroading and Inter-urban Transportation**. This touch of history from the 1800's to the present will not only be enjoyed by the men, but the ladies also will find the slides informative and enjoyable. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the lower level meeting room of the Plainfield Library, 2650 Five Mile Road. Refreshments will be served and registration is required. Please call to register @ 361-0611.

Our last endeavor of the year will be the annual **Christmas Open House** to be held in **December**. The Open House features a "Make-and-Take" craft for the younger ones and demonstration for the adults. Look for posters announcing this event in November.

**W**e have available for sale a book on the history of Plainfield Township. Stop in on any Sunday that we are open to browse and have a look at this great book. The Historical Commission Board Members are proud of our "little piece of history" (the Hyser House) and look forward to showing it off. Stop, sit, and chat, and you will be surprised at what you will find in the museum. It's worth the trip!

The Hyser House Museum is open on Sunday afternoons  
from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the months of June through October.

## “SIGNS” OF THE TIMES

Over the past few months, the Plainfield Charter Township Building Department has been concentrating on securing the removal of illegal signs. Plainfield Township’s sign ordinance limits the size and number of signs a business may have attached to its building as well as freestanding signs. Most businesses comply, and the result is a more attractive community.

During a recent court case involving illegal signage, the presiding judge encouraged the Township to enforce the sign regulations uniformly and fairly in all areas of the Township. Subsequently, violation notices were mailed to 71 individual businesses asking for compliance, and 98% of those businesses complied.

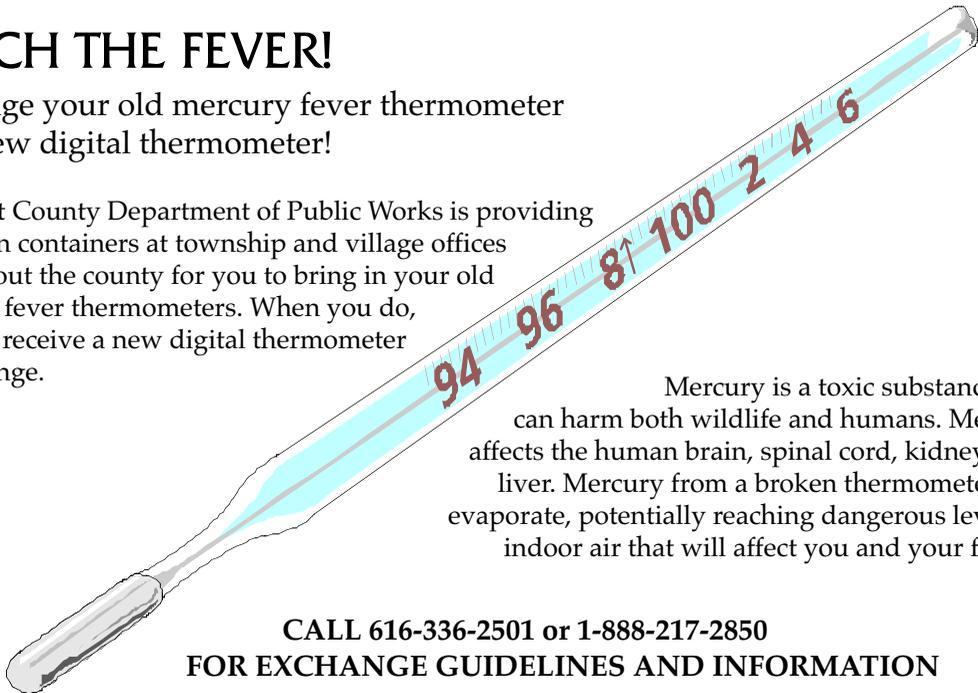
Those businesses that have always been in compliance with the sign ordinance deserve the community’s thanks and appreciation. Those that have recently complied promptly and willingly are appreciated, too. These businesses set the example and help keep Plainfield Township looking good.

## CATCH THE FEVER!

Exchange your old mercury fever thermometer for a new digital thermometer!

The Kent County Department of Public Works is providing collection containers at township and village offices throughout the county for you to bring in your old mercury fever thermometers. When you do, you will receive a new digital thermometer in exchange.

Mercury is a toxic substance that can harm both wildlife and humans. Mercury affects the human brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver. Mercury from a broken thermometer will evaporate, potentially reaching dangerous levels in indoor air that will affect you and your family.



**CALL 616-336-2501 or 1-888-217-2850  
FOR EXCHANGE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION**

Sponsored by: the Michigan Hospital Association, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Kent County Household Hazardous Waste Program, and “Health Care Without Harm”.

# Plainfield Fire Department



## WANTED

### Paid-On-Call Firefighters

If you have ever felt like you would like to be trained and capable of helping others, we may be able to help. Plainfield Township Fire Department has openings for people interested in the exciting (sometimes) field of emergency service.

The Plainfield Fire Department is changing its response methodology. We are preparing to allow its Paid-On-Call (POC) firefighters to choose one of several response options; medical, rescue and fire response, fire only, or medical only. We have been working for sometime to get the 24/7 staffing necessary to allow this change. We have recently made the last change that will allow this new configuration. The POC firefighter is a very important part of the fire department service delivery puzzle. The POC firefighter position is one of the ways our department, as well as many others in Michigan, augments its full paid firefighters. As a POC, you would carry a pager, and respond as needed to emergencies. To qualify to be a POC you must complete a training program (Reserve), and live within ten minutes drive time from either station #1 at 6145 Belmont, or station #3 at 2500 Five Mile. You don't have to be a Township resident to be a member. Appli-

cants must pass a physical ability test, have a good driving record, a clean criminal record, have a minimum of a GED, and pass a physical.

While you are in training as a Reserve, minimum wage will be paid per hour for alarm response only. A one-time \$1,000 educational entry allotment will be paid for completion of Reserve training and the required certifications from the State of Michigan in firefighting and medical. Currently as a POC, the financial benefits are; \$17.51 per hour for alarms, \$9.27 per hour for training, and \$43.26 per duty. Additionally, you get disability and supplemental workers' compensation insurance.

Once you are trained and off probation, you are eligible to pull part-time shifts. Our part-time firefighters (PTFF) work as part of a two-person team, during twelve-hour shifts under the supervision of a full-time equipment operator. The pay for PTFF is \$10.00 per hour and the shifts run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and again from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m..

Firefighting classes will start in late September or October. Applications are available at either of our fire stations located at 6145 Belmont Ave., or 2500 Five Mile Rd.

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**Keep your eye on the 7-Eleven store at Plainfield and Hunsberger.**  
Northview High School students will be working with 7-Eleven to transform the landscape on that corner.



**T**here is always something going on at the **Plainfield and Comstock Park Libraries** – and this fall is no exception! There are lots of programs planned and library staff is always ready and willing to help with any of your information needs. Remember that we are glad to help you with any school projects, whether you are a teacher or a student.

**Mondays are special at Comstock Park** – Fall **Storytime** (ages 3-6) and **Laptime** (ages 3 and under) begin September 10 and are being offered at both 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. They will continue through October 29. Then, put your little ones in their pajamas and bring them to **Pajama Storytime** on Monday, November 5 and December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fall **Harvest Hoe-Down** with stories, games, and crafts on Monday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. Can you believe **Winnie the Pooh** is 75 years old!? Well, we are going to celebrate his birthday on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Come and sing Happy Birthday to him and join in the fun. In December, you'll be able to get creative at our **Gingerbread Lane** program. We'll have gingerbread stories and rhymes and everyone will be able to make a gingerbread house to take home (and eat!).

**Fun at Plainfield-Fall Family Storytime** begins the week of September 10. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. through November 1. The ever-popular **Laptime** (ages 3 and under with adult) & **Storytime** (ages 3-6) return on Thursdays at 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. from September 13 through November 1. Plainfield will offer **Harvest Hoe-Down** Sunday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m. and **Gingerbread Lane** on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

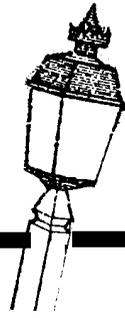
### PLAINFIELD LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,	
Thursday	9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday	9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	(beginning Sunday, 9/9/01)

There are programs for the older children too! On Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Comstock Park we'll be exploring **Super Science** for ages 6 and up. This is a real hands-on experience where everyone can try out scientific principles while having lots of fun! Millions of children have grown up reading the **Boxcar Children** so we're going to be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the series on Saturday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Plainfield and Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Comstock Park. There will be games, food, and memorabilia from the 1930's, which is when the series takes place.

**For Teens!**—Don't you just love **candles**? Well, you have an opportunity to make your own on Thursday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Comstock Park or Saturday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Plainfield. There is no charge, but registration is required.

**Then, for the young at heart!** Adults, learn how to add flavor to your meals by using easy-to-grow, fresh herbs in your cooking. Join us for **Herbs for Flavor and Fun** at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Comstock Park. Plainfield will host **Poetry at the Branches**, a poetry reading by local poet Linda Nemeč Foster, on Monday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### COMSTOCK PARK LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you love to read and talk about books, join one of our library **book discussion groups!** The **Comstock Park** group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm for an informal and fun **book discussion**. Call 784-5575 for details. The **Plainfield** Library offers two discussion groups that meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Join us at 1:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. for lively discussion and refreshments. Call 361-0611 for details.

**Plainfield Friends of the Library** — The Friends of the Plainfield Library continue to raise funds for all the “extras” that patrons enjoy but that are not included in the regular library budget. With funds from the continuous Book Sale and other fund-raising programs, the Friends have provided new computer chairs, a bulletin board, Large Print books, refreshments at different events, library scrapbooks, decorations, a speaker system for the meeting room, book carts, and many other wonderful items. We thank all of you who continue to contribute and invite everyone to join the Plainfield Friends! For a nominal fee you will receive a newsletter and the opportunity to work with other library lovers to support your library. We need new members to continue our important work so please consider joining us. Applications are available at the library 361-0611.

Look for these exciting upcoming Plainfield Friends events:

**Ice Cream Social & Used Book Sale** Join us Thursday, August 16 for an Ice Cream Social and buy some great used books too! The Friends will serve delicious ice cream from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The Used Book Sale will run 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Thursday and re-open for business Friday, August 17 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Anyone who would like to help sort for the book sale and get a sneak peek at the books is encouraged to call 361-0611 for the July sorting dates/times).

**Railroading and Inter Urban Transportation in West Michigan** presented by the Friends and the Hyser Museum Commission Board. An informative slide show & presentation by Jim & Lill Budzynski and Tom Chubinski will depict travel from the 1800s to the present. Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required. Call 361-0611 to register.

**Annual “Before the Snow Flies” Craft and Art Show** Join us for the library event of the season! Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and general gift items will be offered along with a bake sale, silent auction and door prizes. Applications are now being taken for booth spaces. Call 361-0611 or 784-7062 for an application. The show is Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Silent auction items and door prizes will be on display in the library the week before the show for preview and bidding. Admission is .50 per person and entitles you to one door prize ticket. See you in October!

## TOWNSHIP/ OFFICERS

### TOWNSHIP HALL SUMMER HOURS

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 364-8466

### TOWNSHIP BOARD

David Groenleer, Supervisor

Susan Morrow, Clerk

James Stover, Treasurer

Wendell Briggs, Trustee

Robert Heindrichs, Trustee

William Parris, Trustee

Charles Weldon, Trustee

### MANAGER

Robert Homan

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 P.M.

First and Third Mondays

[www.plainfieldcharterwp.org](http://www.plainfieldcharterwp.org)



## Thinking of Splitting Your Property?

**A**bout three years ago, the State mandated that every municipality must approve any land divisions. Accordingly, Plainfield Township must approve a proposed land division, so those new parcels are created legally and are, therefore, eligible for a building permit. If you are considering splitting your property, you should contact the Planning Director, Bill Fischer or Assistant Planner, Peter Elam for information on the process and a Land Division Application. They may be reached at the Township offices at 364-8466.

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