

The Profile

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Proposal A

On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved the constitutional amendment known as Proposal A. Proposal A was designed to limit the growth in property taxes by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) until ownership in the property was transferred.

How It Works

Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based upon State Equalized Value (SEV). With the implementation of Proposal A, property taxes are now based upon Taxable Value. Each year, the Assessing Office must calculate the SEV for every property based upon the period as outlined by the State Tax Commission. A property's taxable status is determined as of December 31, which is called Tax Day.

Additionally, each property has a Capped Value. Capped Value is calculated by multiplying the prior year's Taxable Value, with adjustments for additions and losses, by the CPI as calculated by the State of Michigan and cannot increase by more than

5%. For 2010, the CPI has been calculated at -0.3%. Taxable Value (TV), which property taxes are based on, is defined as the lower of State Equalized Value or Capped Value. Generally speaking, this means that unless the current year SEV is less than the previous year Taxable Value multiplied by the CPI, the current years Taxable Value will change by the CPI.

2010 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Understanding Proposal A in a Declining Market



The Equalization Timetable

With significant declining market values, the State Tax Commission has instructed local assessors to use a 12-month sales study to determine residential values for the 2010 assessment cycle.

For 2010 assessments, the 12-month sales study begins October 1, 2008 and ends September 30, 2009.

Use of a 12-month study allows 2010 assessments to more closely reflect current market conditions; however, some areas may have a limited number of current sales.

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Actual Sale Price is not True Cash Value

The law defines True Cash Value as the usual selling price of a property. The Legislature and the Courts have very clearly stated that the actual selling price of a property is not a controlling factor in the True Cash Value or State Equalized Value as calculated by the Assessor. For this reason, when analyzing sales for determining assessment changes, the Assessing Office will review all sales, but exclude non-representative sales from the assessment analysis.

Foreclosure Sales

Inherent in the definition of usual selling price is the assumption that the sale does not involve any element of duress in either party.

The State Tax Commission has issued guidelines concerning foreclosure sales and, generally speaking, these guidelines preclude the Assessor from considering foreclosure sales directly when calculating values for assessment purposes. If the assessor has verified additional market information, then these sales may be considered.

For this reason, all distressed sales, such as sales involving mortgage foreclosure or sales involving transfers to or from relocation companies, are usually not considered as typical sales in the valuation of property for assessment purposes; nor are they necessarily reliable indicators of value when making market comparisons for current assessed values or appeals.

Transfers of Ownerships and Uncapping of Assessments

According to Proposal A, when a property (or interest in a property) is transferred, the fol-

lowing year's SEV becomes that year's Taxable Value. In other words, if you purchased a property in 2009, the Taxable Value for 2010 will be the same as the 2010 SEV. The Taxable Value will then be "capped" again in the second year following the transfer of ownership. It is the responsibility of the buyer in a transfer to file a Property Transfer Affidavit with the Assessors Office within 45 days of the transfer. Failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit will result in a penalty of \$5 per day for each day after the 45 day period with a maximum penalty of \$200. Property Transfer Affidavit forms are available from the local assessor.

HELPFUL INFORMATION
SEV = 50% of True Cash Value
Capped Value = (Prior TV-Losses) x (1+CPI*) +Additions
*Percent of change in the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less, expressed as a multiplier
Taxable Value = The lesser of State Equalized Value or Capped Value unless there is a transfer of ownership.

Again, it is important to note that a property does not uncap to the selling price but to the SEV in the year following the transfer of ownership.

Principal Residence Exemption

If you own and occupy your home as your principal residence, it may be exempt from a portion of local school operating taxes. You may check your percentage of principal residence exemption on your "Notice of Assessment". If the percentage exempt as "Principal Residence" is 0%

on your assessment notice and you wish to claim an exemption for the current year, a Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit must be completed and filed with the Assessors Office prior to May 1. Furthermore, if you currently have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and you no longer own and occupy the property as your primary residence, you must rescind the Principal Residence Exemption with the Assessors Office.

Forms to claim a new exemption or to rescind a current exemption are available from the local assessor or at the www.michigan.gov website.

So what does it all mean?

How can I expect my assessment to change in 2010?

As stated in the Equalization Timetable, for 2009 the time period of the sales study for assessment review is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Sales occurring after October 1, 2009 will not be reviewed until the 2011 assessment cycle.

Using more current sales data means that many SEV's in the area will be reduced again in 2010. Areas with limited sales data in the current 12 month study may have little or no sales for the Assessor to use for the 2010 assessment roll. Therefore, some assessment adjustments will be based on market activity in the surrounding neighborhoods, general market trends or be frozen until market levels can be determined. Without sufficient sales to make proper calculations, you may find that your 2010 assessment may not go down as much as you think it should.

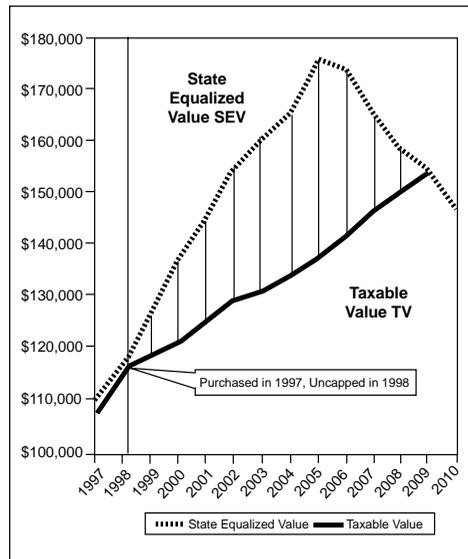
How does my Taxable Value change when my SEV goes down?

Remember that the definition of Taxable Value is the lesser of SEV or last year's Taxable Value (adjusted for physical changes) times the CPI. (-0.3% for 2010). Since the beginning of Proposal A in 1994, overall increases in SEV have generally been greater than the change in Taxable Value capped at the CPI. The longer a property has been owned and capped, the greater the gap between SEV and Taxable Value. Even with a decrease in SEV for 2010, if there is still

a gap between SEV and Taxable Value and the 2010 SEV is greater than the Taxable Value in the previous year, the Taxable Value may not change as much as the SEV. This year, 2010 Taxable Values will be decreasing by -0.3% (with no transfer).

If, however, the 2010 SEV is lower than the calculation of last year's Taxable Value multiplied by the CPI, then the 2010 Taxable Value will be the same as the 2010 SEV.

Year	State Equalized Value	Capped Value	Taxable Value	CPI
1997	\$110,000	\$106,910	\$106,910	2.80%
1998	\$116,650	\$109,797	\$116,650	2.70%
1999	\$126,500	\$118,516	\$118,516	1.60%
2000	\$137,500	\$120,768	\$120,768	1.90%
2001	\$145,250	\$124,633	\$124,633	3.20%
2002	\$154,750	\$128,621	\$128,621	3.20%
2003	\$160,000	\$130,550	\$130,550	1.50%
2004	\$165,000	\$133,553	\$133,553	2.30%
2005	\$175,000	\$136,625	\$136,625	2.30%
2006	\$174,000	\$141,133	\$141,133	3.30%
2007	\$165,110	\$146,355	\$146,355	3.70%
2008	\$158,000	\$149,721	\$149,721	2.30%
2009	\$154,000	\$156,309	\$154,000	4.40%
2010	\$146,300	\$153,538	\$146,300	-0.30%



Example of Declining State Equalized Value and Changing Taxable Value

The example at the left illustrates a property, purchased in 1997 and uncapped in 1998. In 1998 the SEV becomes the new Taxable Value and then the property is subsequently recapped at the CPI. The SEV will increase or decrease based on market conditions. The Capped Value is adjusted by the CPI in the following year. Taxable Value is determined by using the SEV or Capped Value, whichever is less. In this example, the property experiences a loss in the SEV from 2005 to 2010. Although the loss was due to market conditions, the Taxable Value continues to increase by the CPI during 2005-2008. In 2009, the taxable value decreased to

match the SEV, since it was lower than the capped value for 2009. The same is true for 2010. The gap between SEV and TV has been eliminated for this sample parcel.

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It's not too late to join KDL's "Let It Snow" Reading Club for adults, which runs through March 31. Pick up a Bingo card at your local library and start reading to win prizes and expand your horizons.

If learning about computers is on your horizon, KDL offers free "Computer Confidence Classes" for adults including Keyboarding, Computer Basics, Microsoft Word, Email and Internet Basics. The closest location for classes is the KDL Service Center at 814 West River Center (behind Wendy's Restaurant), but these classes are offered at some KDL branches as well. On the KDL website (www.kdl.org), click on "Events" and then "Computer classes," or call 784-2007 to register. For "Self-Help" with computer topics, check out the library wiki on "Computers". Click on the "Wiki" link at the bottom right-hand corner of the library web page.

Watch for these upcoming programs, and please join us!

For Young Children and Families...

Winter and Spring sessions run January 4 through May 3, 2010, and registration is required. Check www.kdl.org for exact dates for each branch.

Babytime – For babies from birth to 18 months with a caregiver. Delight and stimulate your baby with songs, a story and playtime. Get to know other families and help your baby develop listening and language skills.

Plainfield – Wednesdays, 1:30 pm 'til March 31

Toddler Time – For children ages 3 and under with a caregiver. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories while helping to develop their language, motor and social skills

Comstock Park – Mondays, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm (no program Feb. 15)

Plainfield – Tuesdays 1:30 pm (ends Mar. 30; no program Mar 2); Thursdays at 10:15 am (ends April 1, no program Mar. 4)

Preschool Storytime - For children ages 3 to 6. Preschoolers enjoy stories, rhymes, music, movement and more as they build their early literacy skills and develop a love of reading.

Comstock Park – Mondays, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm (no program Feb. 15)

Plainfield – Tuesdays at 1:30pm (ends Mar. 30, no program Mar. 2); Thursdays, 10:15 am (ends April 1, no program Mar. 4)

Family Storytime – For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as a family; develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

Comstock Park – Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Plainfield – Mondays & Saturdays, 10:15 am (ends April 3; no programs Feb. 15, Mar. 1 & 6)

Pajama Storytime – Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional!

Comstock Park – Monday, Mar. 8, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm; Tuesday, Mar 9, 6:30 pm

Plainfield – Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm (ends Mar. 31, no program Mar. 3)

PLAINFIELD BRANCH HOURS

2650 5-Mile Road NE • Phone: 647-3930

Mon. through Thurs. 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Friday, Saturday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

(during the school year only)

COMSTOCK PARK BRANCH HOURS

3943 West River Drive • Phone: 647-3860

Monday 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, Saturday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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International Storytime: Spanish – Enjoy stories, crafts, and lots of fun in a language you speak or would like to -speak. Run by bilingual volunteers, these programs are entertaining and educational for families with children of all ages.

Plainfield –Thursdays, April 1-29, 10:15 am

Other programs include ...

Lego™ Family Block Party – The library is the place for Lego™ fun! Drop in and make your own special Lego™ or Duplo™ creations. All materials are provided by the library. So come, design and create!

Plainfield – Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 pm

Comstock Park – Thursday, April 8, 2:00 pm

What a Wonderful World! – Bring Louis Armstrong’s song to life with crafts, activities, and fun designed around the beautifully illustrated book by Ashley Bryan. For ages 6 and under.

Plainfield – Monday, April 5, 10:15 am

Ruff Readers – a unique read-aloud program that pairs kids ages 6 and up with trained therapy dogs & handlers who love to hear a good story. Registration is required. Call to register for a 15-minute session. Presented in partnership with the West Michigan Therapy Dog Association.

Plainfield – Thursdays, January 7-April 29, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Calling All “Wimpy” Kids! – Can’t get enough of the adventures of Greg and Rowley? Are you afraid of “The Cheese”? Then you’ll want to come for a time of wimpy fun based on the hilarious Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney.

Plainfield – Friday, February 12, 2:00 pm

Captain Underpants Extra Crunchy Library Program – Celebrate our favorite underwear-clad hero, CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS, and have an extra crunchy good time with games and creative activities. For ages 6 and up.

Comstock Park – Thursday, April 15, 4:00 pm

Plainfield – Thursday, April 8, 2:00 pm

For Teens

Word Wise - Teen Poetry Contest – KDL is having its 7th annual poetry contest for teens! Look on the KDL website for rules and entry forms - pick up information at any branch. Submissions accepted April 1 through 30, and winners will be announced mid-May. For grades 6-12.

Build Your Own Pizza – Join us to make your own pizza and customize it exactly as you like. Registration is required and participation is limited. For grades 6-12.

Plainfield – Tuesday, April 6 at 1:15pm

For Adults...

Early Childhood Essentials Classes for Parents and Daycare Providers at the Plainfield Library – Receive professional development hours or just learn some great information about early childhood topics. Childcare is not provided and classes are for adults only. Registration is required and participation is limited.

Movement Literacy: Tues., March 16, 6:30 pm

6 Early Literacy Skills: Tues., April 13, 6:30 pm

Food Fights: Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 pm

Election News – School Board Elections



When: May 4, 2010, from 7 am until 8 pm

Where: At your regular **Precinct polling locations**

What is on the ballot? Candidates for various **school boards**.

Please make sure you make every effort to cast your vote.

What a Year!

A year ago I was still wondering all that was expected of me as your new Clerk. I new I had to make sure the elections were to be held in a professional, open and honest way. I also knew that Township records needed to be maintained along with keeping the minutes to the Board meetings. What I was not sure of was how a person with no elected experience could help change the way government operated. Could it be made better then it already was?

Not long into that year I discovered that the good employees of Plainfield Township were willing to find ways to make services easier to obtain. We set about to make sure that our Passport Agency was available to folks when they needed to have applications taken. Passport Day in the USA had 35 applications taken. Later in the year we opened the office to take applications on the Saturday before the election and 17 folks showed up. We set up a satellite office at the Plainfield Farmers Market and families came up until 7 PM. Then we decided to advertise and have the media help us promote our Passport Day on Halloween. That day we processed 133 applications, 12% of our annual number of Passports processed here in the Township!

The Farmers Market started bigger then we had anticipated at the new location in the parking lot of the Frontline Community Church and grew in size over the entire summer. As I look out my window at nature's beauty, winter snow, I can only imagine the fun we will have at the Market this coming summer. I tell people the Market will be twice as good this year as it will be open on both Tuesday and Thursday. We already have over 35 vendors with reserved spaces. It will not be long before the fresh asparagus will be here and then comes all of the other delightful fruits and vegetables grown locally. There is also a great variety of hand made craft items, homemade breads, pastries, some great barbeque sandwiches, and of course, kettle corn.

This year we will have many important elections. The Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General all will be term limited and should give the voters some good choices to vote for. I am always looking for citizens that would like to assist during the elections. Please contact my office if you would like to have an application mailed to you. New this year will be electronic poll books at the polling locations as the State of Michigan will get new laptop computers provided by the federal government. This should streamline the time it takes to be issued a ballot on Election Day.

As we enter into a new decade the United States Census will be taken. It is very important that all citizens are counted in this process. Funding for local and state government is based on the census as well as the number of representatives Michigan has in Congress. Please make sure you fill out your Census form when it arrives. The United States Census Bureau is also recruiting census workers. You can call 866-861-2010 if you are interested in working on the Census.

Kathy Timmerman, my Clerk's assistant, stepped in these past few months to become my Deputy Clerk to fill an unplanned vacancy. I had to recruit a new Deputy and am pleased to have Stephanie Pelkey become Deputy Clerk of Plainfield Charter Township. Stephanie comes to us from the City of Coopersville where she has been the City Clerk for the past several years. I also have some bittersweet news as Kathy Timmerman retired on February 12th after 20 years of dedicated service to our Township. I am sure those of you who know her will miss her as much as I do. She has made this past year special for me as the Township Clerk. Kathy, thank you for all you have done for the citizens of Plainfield Charter Township!

Scott Harvey

New web site for Tax and Assessing information

The Township has made it easier for you to access your Tax and Assessing information. On the home page of the Township website, www.plainfieldchartertp.org, you'll see "Property Information." Simply "Click here for more information" and access your parcel information.

You will be required to register in order to retrieve your information. You create your logon; the software creates your password. Once you have created an account, you simply click the "LOGIN" button in the upper right corner of the screen, enter your logon and password. You will be able to view tax payments with the ability to print the payment information to complete your IRS 1040, and other tax and assessing data.

You can look at YOUR data free of charge. If you want to look at someone else's, it will cost you \$2.00 for each inquiry. The fee is charged by the software firm that developed this site, enabling Township residents' free usage.

Online tax and utility payments – two different mailing addresses...

Many of you are using a bank to make online payments for taxes or water and sewer payments. You MUST create two accounts to reflect a different remittance address for utility payments and tax payments. The mailing address for the sewer and water payment is 6161 Belmont Avenue, NE Belmont, MI 49306-9609. The mailing address for the tax payment is PO Box 2165, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2165.

FYI – When using online payments, **Allow up to a week** from the time you process the payment to when the Township receives the payment.

Winter tax due date...

The due date for winter taxes is February 16. The normal due date of the February 14 falls on a Sunday and the February 15 is "All Presidents Day." The law requires the due date to be a day the Township is open for tax collection. Starting the morning of the February 17 an additional 3% late fee is assessed for the late payment.

Jim Stover, Treasurer

Caring For Your Car and the Environment

Car care and maintenance are important when trying to protect the environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous, including engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, hydraulic fluids, and radiator fluid. Even small quantities can contaminate water supplies and harm fish and wildlife.

Motor Oil Disposal

Since more than 25% of all car owners change their own oil, knowing how to dispose of it properly is important. Any motor oil dumped into a storm drain will eventually end up in a nearby stream or

lake. If you change your oil, put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location.

Clean-Up of Spills

Use kitty litter or sawdust to absorb spills of any of these types of materials. Sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For small spills, place the used absorbent in a strong plastic bag and place it in the trash. For large spills, (over 1 gallon of absorbent), take the material to a household hazardous waste disposal center.



PLAINFIELD FD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2009 was a year requiring change for the Plainfield Fire Department. The State of Michigan seems to be passing off any possible expenditure to local government in order to maintain their own governmental operations. The choice is simple for local government; we must cut expenses, cut services, or charge more for what we do.

The Plainfield Fire Department has hosted a Firefighter Academy for the purpose of training new Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters in Plainfield Township and other area departments for 13 of the last 15 years. Due to possible complications with new curriculum provided by the state fire service officials, and increased expense, we will not host an Academy this year.

Providing funding for emergency services in Plainfield Township can be a challenge. Fire apparatus costs more than many residential homes and equipment costs increase due to the necessary compliance with standards. The Township Board and Fire Department staff have worked to keep the expenses manageable. We received a grant for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) from FEMA this year. This *Assistance to Firefighters Grant* provided over \$225,000 for the purchase of 40 new SCBA units and spare bottles. This relieved some of the strain on our budget and provided a necessary piece of firefighting equipment. Although this additional source of funding is extremely beneficial, there is no guarantee that grant funds will continue to be made available for these types of purchases.

Plainfield is the fourth largest community in Kent County. It has a greater population than

the cities of Walker and Rockford combined; yet sometimes we are compared with the smaller townships around us. Many of the surrounding township departments rely on POC firefighters for the vast majority of their alarms. With a larger population, major thoroughfares and significant business and industry in Plainfield Township, there is a greater potential for emergency response and therefore a need for more reliable forms of staffing than only POC. In 2009, the fire department responded to nearly 2300 calls. It would be impossible to provide the same level of service with fewer personnel than we currently have. The staff we have now are highly committed, but are stretched very thin. Plainfield is the only fire department in the region utilizing part-time firefighters as well as POC firefighters to keep costs down. Most fire departments staffing with fulltime firefighters have 80% or more of their budget designated for personnel. The Plainfield Fire Department uses 65% of its budget for personnel.

In spite of our efforts to keep personnel costs low year after year, two fulltime positions needed to be eliminated in 2009. One of our fulltime firefighters resigned in January and the deputy fire chief's position was eliminated. We are covering those shifts, primarily, with part-time firefighters and remaining administrative personnel has absorbed the deputy chief's responsibilities. Several paid-on-call personnel have moved out of the state for fulltime employment. We intend to recruit and replace some of those positions over this coming summer. Even through these difficult times, every effort will be made to continue to maintain service for Plainfield Township residents, businesses and visitors.

David Petersen, Fire Chief

Permits and Inspections Information and Reminders

- Building, mechanical, electrical, and/or plumbing permits must be obtained before the actual work begins. If you are not sure if a permit is required for a project, please contact us at 364-1190.
- Building, mechanical and electrical permit application forms are available at township hall and on-line at the township's website. Plumbing permits/inspections are facilitated by the State of Michigan. Applications for a plumbing permit are also available at township hall and can be found on-line at www.michigan.gov/bccfs.

- Inspections are required for all permits and must be called in by the applicant who obtained the permit. Please be aware that some projects require multiple inspections. A discussion with our inspectors will help you understand how many inspections may be required for a particular project.
- All projects require a final inspection once the work is complete. Without final inspections (approval) the township cannot issue a certificate of occupancy or validate that all work has been properly and safely completed in compliance with applicable codes.

Friends of the Plainfield Library

Friends of the Plainfield library is a 501 c(3) nonprofit group that is dedicated to raising funds for the library to supply furnishings and equipment to make our library user-friendly and also to help support and sponsor programs for tots, teens and adults. Donations of good-condition books, CDs, magazines and videos are greatly appreciated. Donations keep our Kiosk and Book Nook fund raisers running smoothly. A BIG THANK YOU to all you who continue to contribute items. In 2009, with the support of the Friends and the township, the staff workroom was able to be reconfigured to provide a more efficient work space in response to heavily increasing use of the library collections and services.

SPECTACULAR BOOK SALE

Friends of the Plainfield Library are known for their well-organized and well-stocked book sales during the year. Plan to attend their winter Spectacular Book Sale running March 5th through March 8th:

- Friday, March 5th: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday, March 6th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday, March 7th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Monday, March 8th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



AFTERNOON TEA

And, for just for fun and relaxation, the friends are sponsoring a spring Victorian Tea program on Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 pm. Jeanne Hawkins will discuss the history of tea and how the delightful custom of afternoon tea came about. Come prepared to enjoy some afternoon tea. Registration is required and participation limited. Register online or call 647-3930.

If you would like to join this friendly group of people, the membership fee is nominal and the perks are great. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the library; an elevator is available. Meetings are not mandatory, but networking ideas for fund raisers and meeting new people is worth your time. For further information regarding membership and upcoming programs, please visit the library at 2650 5 Mile Rd NE or call (616) 647-3930. Attend a Friends' of the Plainfield Library meeting, get to know this great group of dedicated people and enjoy some great perks.

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Vic Matthews, Trustee
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Robert Homan

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 pm
First and Third Mondays

www.plainfieldchartertp.org

Passport Day is Back!

May 1, 2010, from 9 am until 4 pm
Plainfield Charter Township Offices
6161 Belmont Ave, Belmont

The Plainfield Township passport office is once again offering a special Saturday for your convenience to be able to apply for your passport. Remember, we are a one-stop shop for accepting your passport application. Bring your driver's license, original birth certificate and your checkbook or cashiers check and we can process your application in 10 minutes or less.



Hyser House News

The Plainfield Township Historical Preservation Committee will be hosting a "Victorian Tea" with the Friends of the Plainfield Library on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Plainfield Library, 2650 Five Mile Road NE. The history of tea will be shared and finger foods will be provided. Please RSVP to the Plainfield Library at (616) 647-3930. The event will be held in the lower level.

The Hyser House is currently closed for the winter but will be opening on Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm and will also be open Sunday, June 6, 2010, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. A craft will be provided on both Sundays. Please look in the next *Profile* for future dates and events to be held at the Hyser House this year.