

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

THE PROFILE

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Over the past three years I have used the Plainfield Township PROFILE to communicate what was occurring in our sewer system. Initially, I focused on the substantial sewer trunk repair and replacement projects that resulted from a 1995-96 investigation into the North Kent Sewer System. Recent articles dealt more with the proposed sewer agreement with Grand Rapids for transporting and treating sewage from Plainfield Township and the other four communities that make up the North Kent Sewer Authority.

At An Impasse. Since 1998, Plainfield Township and the other NKSA member communities have attempted to get Grand Rapids to modify its proposed Agreement – without success. About a year ago, as a result of not being able to negotiate meaningful changes to the proposed Agreement, the NKSA decided to “up the ante” by taking the required steps to finance a wastewater treatment facility that would make us independent of Grand Rapids. The 2008 expiration of our current 40-year contract with Grand Rapids leaves us with less than six years to resolve our disagreement or to go our own way. Having received no indication that Grand Rapids

would modify its proposed Agreement to address even *some* of our major issues, the NKSA felt it was time to move, get serious, and demonstrate our willingness and ability to pursue an alternative. Waiting until 2008 to “see what happens” was not an attractive option.

North Kent
Sewer System
Wastewater
Treatment
Plant?
**NOVEMBER 5
BALLOT ISSUE**

The Authority’s Moves. The next step was for the five communities to pass a resolution giving *Notice of Intent* to enter into a contract with the North Kent Sewer Authority to pay for their respective shares of that sewage treatment facility.

Rockford, Alpine, Cannon, and Courtland approved the resolution, and no petition for a public referendum on that decision was received. The Plainfield Township Board, rather than risk a special election with a potentially low voter turnout, decided to place the issue before the voters on November 5. The ballot proposal question is stated as required by law, and it looks like so much “legalese.” Here’s a simple explanation:

The Proposal asks the voters to give the Plainfield Township Board the *authority* to join with the other NKSA member communities to issue bonds and be responsible

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To Voters in Plainfield Township...

About the Bond Question on the Ballot in November

The general election ballot in November contains a question that pertains to Plainfield Township. The required legal language of the ballot is printed on the back. This message is designed to explain what the question really means to our Township.

Q Why is the Township Board thinking about a wastewater treatment plant?

A Our contract for wastewater treatment at the City of Grand Rapids facilities expires in 2008. Based upon the figures available now, the sewer rates the City of Grand Rapids plans to charge after 2008 will be considerably higher than those under the terms of our current contract. After careful deliberation, the Board has come to the conclusion that we should have an alternate plan if further negotiations with the City of Grand Rapids are unsuccessful.

Q If a plant is built, who will pay for it?

A As is the case now, only sewer customers will be charged for service. Property taxes will not be increased because of the proposed plant.

Q If the voters authorize the Board to issue bonds, will a plant be built?

A We wish we had a “yes” or “no” answer. However, the answer depends upon the results of contract negotiations with Grand Rapids. **If we can negotiate a favorable contract, we would prefer to continue sending wastewater to Grand Rapids for treatment.**

Q Will a “Yes” vote improve the Township’s negotiating position?

A Yes.

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North Kent Sewer System Wastewater Treatment Plant? *from page 1*

for Plainfield Township’s annual share of paying off those bonds. A “YES” vote would give the Township Board that authority; it does not require that the Township Board proceed to obligate itself. A NO vote would withhold from the Township Board the authority to obligate itself for its share of a wastewater treatment plant bond issue.

With the authority to obligate Plainfield Township for those bonds, as the other four member communities have already done, the NKSA committee

that is now negotiating with Grand Rapids for changes in the proposed Agreement can fairly represent to Grand Rapids that they have a bonafide, legitimate, and real alternative to accepting what Grand Rapids has proposed. Without that authority, this leverage is simply not there. The Township Board prefers not to build a NKSA wastewater treatment plant; it prefers a negotiated agreement to continue to send our wastewater to Grand Rapids for treatment.

*Robert Homan,
Township Manager*

NORTH KENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPOSAL

“Shall Plainfield Charter Township enter into a contract with the North Kent Sewer Authority and its constituent municipalities pursuant to 1955 P.A. 233, as amended, as approved by its Township Board, for constructing, operating and maintaining a wastewater treatment plant and other sanitary sewer system improvements, and which authorizes the Authority to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$50 million for a term up to 40 years to finance that project, pursuant to which the Township will pledge its limited tax full faith and credit to the payment of its obligations under that contract?”

Should this proposal be adopted?

Q If the plant is built, who will operate it?

A A board appointed by members of the North Kent Sewer Authority will hire the staff to operate the facilities. Plainfield Township will be represented on the board and will own a percentage of the plant.

Q How would a new plant affect sewer rates?

A Based upon studies and projections, the sewer rates will be somewhat lower than Grand Rapids indicates they will charge after 2008. The rates will be higher than they are now. As a practical matter, water and sewer rates have increased and will increase as operating costs rise and regulation requirements change.

Q If we have our own treatment plant, who will set sewer rates in the future?

A Plainfield Township will continue to establish rates for our residents.

Where can I get more information?

- Back issues of the township newsletter, *The Profile*, are available for review at the Township office.
- Our web site: www.plainfieldchartertp.org. We've added an e-mail link to the site. Send a question, and we will answer it by e-mail. We will post a summary of the questions we receive and the answers.
- Call the Township Hall at 364-1188, Ext. 144. You will be put through to a message center. After the recording, ask your question and leave a phone number so we can return the call.
- Board members and the Township Manager will also be glad to discuss the issue.

Thank you. We appreciate your interest in this important ballot issue and encourage you to vote November 5.

The Plainfield Township Board

Q What do the votes mean?

A “Yes” gives the Township Board the authority to participate as a member community in this North Kent Sewer Authority bond issue. The Authority may issue the bonds if further contract negotiations with the City of Grand Rapids are unsuccessful.

If the voters say “Yes” the Township will continue to pursue an agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.

“No” withholds the authority to participate in this North Kent Sewer Authority bond issue and leaves the Township Board no leverage in negotiating a contract with the City of Grand Rapids.

Q Where is the issue on the November 5 ballot?

A It is the very last item. Please keep reading past all the State questions to the item, “North Kent Wastewater Treatment Plant Proposal.”

November 5, 2002: General Election

Following is a list of the precincts in Plainfield Charter Township. Each precinct location has notes, which may make voting easier on Election Day. You may only vote in your assigned precinct. Please call if you are not sure where your precinct is located. Also, if in doubt as to your registration, please call us **before** Election Day at 364-8466. We will be glad to help!

- Pct. 1 Plainfield Charter Township Office (Board room)**
6161 Belmont Avenue NE (park in south parking lot, enter through south door, shared parking lot with fire department, please do not use front door entrance)
- Pct. 2 Pine Island Elementary (multi-media room)**
6101 Pine Island Drive (enter through front door, parking shared with staff)
- Pct. 3 West Oakview School (gymnasium)**
3880 Stuyvesant NE (shared parking lot with teaching staff during school hours; be aware of school bus arrival and departure times, please)
- Pct. 4 Plainfield Library (Community room in basement – elevator available)**
2650 Five Mile NE (park on west side of building; busy precinct any time of the day)
- Pct. 5 Northview High School (study center)**
4451 Hunsberger NE (park in lot at front of school; enter at precinct sign)
- Pct. 6 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (front foyer)**
4610 Belding Road (plenty of parking any time of day)
- Pct. 7 St. Lukes Lutheran Church**
3215 Four Mile NE (plenty of parking any time of day)
- Pct. 8 Northview Highlands Middle School (band room)**
4645 Chandy NE (shared parking lot with teaching staff during school hours; be aware of bus arrival and departure times, please)
- Pct. 9 Comstock Park High School (library)**
150 Six Mile NE (use parking lot at front of building, follow signs to the library)
- Pct. 10 Assumption Church (fellowship room in basement)**
6390 Belmont NE (use basement door on rear of building, park on south side of the building, handicapped parking at the door)
- Pct. 11 East Oakview School (gymnasium)**
3940 Suburban Shores (shared parking lot with teaching staff during school hours; be aware of bus arrival and departure times, please)
- Pct. 12 Plainfield Community Center**
5255 Grand River NE (plenty of parking any time of day)
- Pct. 13 St. Stephen’s Church**
6070 Kuttshill NE (plenty of parking any time of day)
- Pct. 14 Rockford Freshman Center (gymnasium)**
6070 Kroes St. (use west entrance, plenty of parking)
- Pct. 15 Plainfield Christian Church (Fellowship room)**
7255 Pine Island Dr. (use south entrance, plenty of parking any time of day)

GENERAL SUGGESTION

Traditionally, Plainfield Charter Township will have a 50% turnout for a General Election. There are 22,000 registered voters in the township. Please be aware that the precincts are busiest between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. Polls close at 8:00 p.m. If you vote in person, please consider voting during the least busy times. Many employers are permitting employees to leave work to vote during the day. Plainfield Township will have lines at some precincts. All available election equipment will be in the precincts. If you qualify to vote absentee, please consider that method to reduce the lines at the precinct. Call 364-8466 for an application.

SAMPLE BALLOT

A copy of a sample ballot is available at the Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue, or one can be mailed to you by calling the Clerk's Office at (616) 364-8466.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the Clerk's office during business hours. They can also be mailed or faxed by calling the Clerk's office at 364-8466.

Voters who qualify for an absentee ballot because they are over the age of 60, handicapped, or away from the community during the hours the polls are open, must complete an application before receiving the ballot. Ballots are issued immediately to people applying in person. Ballots may be completed in the office at the time they are issued or voted at home and returned before Election Day.

The Plainfield Charter Township Clerk's office will be open on Saturday November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to issue absentee ballots.

Absentee ballots may not be returned to the precincts. Ballots may be deposited in the mustard-yellow drive-up mailbox located on the south side of the township office.

If you qualify to vote absentee, please consider doing so.

IF SOMETHING IS PREDICTABLE, IT IS PREVENTABLE!

PREDICTABLE	PREVENTABLE
Lines from 7:00-9:00 a.m.	Vote after 9:00 a.m.
Lines after 4:00 p.m.	Vote before 4:00 p.m.
Parking lots are full	Avoid school bus arrival and departure times
Voters will need time to complete the ballot when voting in the precinct	Study a sample ballot prior to voting; bring a sample ballot with choices already marked

Thank you to all the township residents who serve as election inspectors.

Please do your part for a smooth election day... and ... thank you for voting.

Watch for these upcoming Children's Programs and please join us!

Children can hear some "beary" good stories and meet Corduroy the bear at the Plainfield Branch on Thursday, October 17 either at 9:45 or 10:45 a.m. and at the Comstock Park Branch on Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Fans of Captain Underpants can gather for an hour of Fun-O-Rama, featuring games, trivia and treats at the Plainfield Branch on Thursday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. and at the Comstock Park Branch on Monday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m.

A Reindeer and Moose Holiday storytime will be presented at the Plainfield Branch on Thursday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. and at the Comstock Park Branch on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a Holiday Gift-Making program at the Plainfield Branch on Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 pm and at the Comstock Park Branch on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Just at the Comstock Park Branch...

- Books will come alive for youngsters in Grades 1-3 at our "Big Kids Book Time" every Thursday night in October at 6:30 p.m.
- Super Science Day especially for Home-schoolers will feature hands-on experiments and projects on Monday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime is the place to come dressed in your PJ's on Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. for stories and bedtime fun.

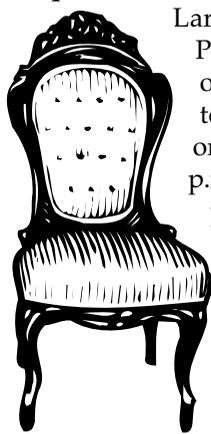
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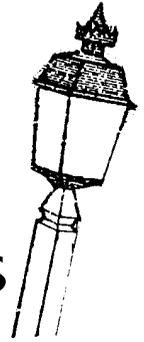
- Teens can hang out in costume at the Teen Café while they sing, read poetry or short stories, or just have a good time with their friends on October 17.
- The Teen Advisory Board will meet for snacks, soda and socializing on Saturday, October 19 and Saturday December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

For adults, the annual ever-popular Let it Snow Reading Club begins December 1 at all KDL branches. Read 10 books by March 31 and receive a free collectible mug. Our Kickoff Author Event will be held at the St. Cecilia Music Society auditorium in downtown Grand Rapids on Thursday, November 21 at 7 p.m. and will feature two bestselling novelists, Elizabeth McCracken and Ann Patchett. Admission is FREE! Call your local branch for more information.

Also for adults, in the tradition of the Antiques Road Show,

antiques collectible expert Larry Fill will be coming to the Plainfield branch to appraise one of your treasured items and to talk about antique collecting on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required and participation is limited. Call 647-3930, extension 3935, to register. Call this number also to register for a half-hour, one-on-one tutorial on using Internet for beginners.





KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

The Plainfield branch adult book discussion group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The title for November is *Hank & Chloe* by Jo-Ann Mapson; the title for December is *Corelli's Violin* by Louis De Bernieres.

The Friends of the Plainfield Library is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization (501 c 3) dedicated to raising funds for library items and programs that are not included in the library's operating budget. We have an on-going used book sale (The Book Nook) that generates a good portion of these funds. All of your donations of "gently used" books, magazines, videos, etc., are greatly appreciated. We have some very dedicated people who continue to volunteer their time to keep this "little store" running smoothly. We wish to thank Shirley, Herk, Eleanor, Angie & all the others who continue to donate their time and efforts every week to make this project a success. **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU** who continue to organize, meet and keep this great group going. For a nominal fee, you can join the Friends and receive a monthly newsletter or e-mail update that lets you know the first-hand news of all programs being planned, how revenues are used, and other news about the library. It is not necessary to come to every meeting to belong, but we ask that you help out at planned events at least once a year.

It's that time of the year again for our **Annual Arts and Crafts Show: "Before The Snow Flies."** This event will take place on Saturday, October 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the library (2650 5 Mile Rd. NE). This event will also feature a Bake Sale and a Silent Auction for some great items. (These items will be on display one week before the show so you can turn in your bids.) An entry fee of .50 cents entitles you to one ticket for all of the door prizes. The crafters will feature Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and general gift items. Plan to attend! Besides having fun getting started on your holiday shopping, you could win a great door prize.

On November 16, the Friends of the Plainfield Library will be at Art Van's Re-Grand Opening as part of the Alliance of Friends show. Watch your newspaper for all the publicity and look for our booth for some great book "finds" and other gifts. In December, we will again have our Patron Appreciation Day: stay tuned for the date.

Keep patronizing our Kent District Library branches. Not only are they a wealth of information and great reading and listening materials, but also you meet the nicest people—including the **Friends of the Plainfield Library.**

Plainfield Branch Library
2650 5 Mile Rd. NE
Phone: 647-3930

Comstock Park Branch Library
3943 West River Drive
Phone: 647-3860

“DO THE RIGHT THING”

Keep Your Sidewalk Clear

Plainfield Township’s Sidewalk Ordinance requires that property owners are responsible to keep sidewalks abutting their property clear of defects, hazards and obstructions. **Defects** include severely cracked or pitted concrete. They also include vertical separations of greater than one inch where people can trip and fall. Tree roots typically cause these vertical separations. **Hazards and obstructions** include things like loose gravel covering the sidewalk that can cause slips and falls, tree branches hanging down over the sidewalk below seven feet from the ground, skateboard ramps and concrete blocks on the sidewalk, and **piles of snow and ice**. If you or your snowplowing contractor push or pile snow and ice over the sidewalk, you are violating the ordinance.

While the ordinance does not require property owners to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice, it is the right thing to do. Plainfield Township does not wish to become the snow shoveling Gestapo, because all property owners would be treated equally, and the burden of shoveling snow would fall on many people who aren’t physically able or financially able to bear that burden. It would also be a huge expenditure of money and time to administer such a requirement. But citizens have a moral and community duty to clear their sidewalks for their neighbors and other people who would use the sidewalks to travel safely through the neighborhood. Government cannot solve all problems or guarantee that everyone does what they should do – like clearing their sidewalks.

Please make every reasonable effort to keep your sidewalks clear, safe, and passable. Be good to your neighbors and “Do the right thing.” If you are absent during the winter months, consider hiring someone to take care of this for you. Your efforts will be appreciated.



WHITE PINE TRAIL UPDATE

If you have not already done so, ride, walk or blade over newly paved trail south of the West River Drive trail bridge. It is uncertain how far the pavement will be extended this season, but most likely the paved trail will be connected to North Park Street and the Riverside Park Trail system as paving preparations are in the works.

The Friends of The White Pine Trail, a local volunteer group, are raising funds to pave the trail north from Russell Road to Sand Lake. These funds will constitute the local match for a previously approved federal grant. Pavement cannot proceed until the match is raised. Though this section is in Algoma and Nelson townships, many Plainfield residents will use the trail in this area. Private donations are welcome to help with this match and may be sent to “The Friends of The White Pine Trail, P.O. Box 159, Belmont, MI 49306. For more information about the trail, activities or donations call (616) 866-8464.

MEETING SCHEDULE

(all meetings start at 7pm)

Oct. 9	Plainfield Township Hall
Nov. 13	Nelson Township Hall – Sand Lake
Dec. 11	Plainfield Township Hall
Jan. 8	Place to be determined

Tax, Dog License Information

Recap of 2002 summer tax collections.... This year we collected nearly 93.1% of the summer taxes. Last year the collections were at 94.7% for the same time period. The staff collected 67% of the taxes in the last 6 days. Thank you for remitting payments in a timely fashion. We anticipate that this trend will continue with the winter taxes. The Treasurer's office processed over 11,000 tax bills. Outstanding!!!

Pay your taxes easier..... Since the summer of 2000 the Township has offered the ability to have your taxes paid automatically with a debit payment plan called 'E-Z Pay.' You are able to pay your taxes from your bank or credit union directly to the Township. No stamps! No late penalty fees! Nothing lost in the mail! There will be an 'E-Z Pay' enrollment form in the envelope with your tax bill. Approximately 250 taxpayers are taking benefit of this program.

Dial in and get your information.... You are now able to call the Township's *Infoline* and get tax information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This may be useful to you when you are filling out your Income Tax forms at year's end. You

will be able to get information on taxes and assessment values. We have two numbers because of the heavy usage: 364-1196 and 364-1198. If you see room for improvement when using the *Infoline*, please let me know by calling 364-1188 x114.

Dog Licenses will be available..... at the Township beginning December 1, 2002, through March 1, 2003. Bring your proof of rabies update and spay / neutered certificate if applicable. If your puppy is at least 4 months old, it is required by law to be licensed. Don't waste a trip; bring your renewal card with you! After March 1st, the fees double. To qualify for the senior rates (at least a 50% discount) you must turn 62 during the calendar year.

Mortgage company escrow tax payments..... If a mortgage company is paying your taxes from your escrow, the name of the mortgage company the bill was sent to is printed above your name. This appears on the page of the tax bill where the taxes are itemized. If the name of your mortgage company doesn't appear above your name, you should send a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company.

Jim Stover, Treasurer

FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Keep Your Water and Pipes Safe

Plainfield Township has started its **Well Head Protection Program** to protect the underground aquifer that is the source of our drinking water. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved our Well Head Protection Plan and we have received a grant for \$8,200 for the program. You will be hearing more about the program and how you can help preserve the high quality of our water supply.

Winter will soon be here. It is time to look at your pipes and meter to make sure they are

protected from freezing. Check for broken windows, gaps in the wall, or doors that don't close tight. These are places cold air can get into your house and cause damage. If pipes or your meter freeze and break, the resulting damage can be catastrophic—greater than anything except a fire. You should know where your master shut-off valve is. It should be located near your water meter. Find it and check that it works. If you need help locating the valve, call the Water Department at 363-9660. Don't wait until you have water running in your basement. Check the valve now.

10 Mile Road Corridor Planning Project

Ten Mile Road serves as the boundary line between Algoma and Plainfield Township. It also serves as a major road connecting the City of Rockford with US 131 and as such, 10 Mile Road is a gateway to all three communities. The City of Rockford, Algoma and Plainfield Townships, therefore, share a common interest in the future development of 10 Mile Road.

The future use of the land abutting this roadway, particularly at the US 131 interchange, and the amount of traffic carried by 10 Mile Road, will affect all three communities. In order to create a positive future, the three communities formed a joint committee to prepare a land use and transportation plan and common zoning regulations for 10 Mile Road from the Rogue River in the City of Rockford westward to Herrington Avenue.

The Committee consisted of two representatives from each community along with a representative from the Kent County Road Commission and Kent County Department of Public Works. Planners from each community served as staff. The project was administered and coordinated by Plainfield Charter Township.

Throughout the preparation of the Plan and the Overlay Zoning regulations, the Committee encouraged public participation. A mailing list was developed to notify interested landowners, business owners and residents of committee meetings. The Committee also sought advice from the Michigan Department of Trans-

portation regarding possible improvements to the 10 Mile Road/US 131 interchange and the Kent County Road Commission regarding improvements to the street itself.

The Committee began meeting in July, 2001, and in November of that year held an open house at Calvary Assembly of God Church at 3233 10 Mile Road to informally present planning concepts to the public. Well over 50 people attended. The Draft Plan was further refined based on public comments and input from the Planning Commission of each community.

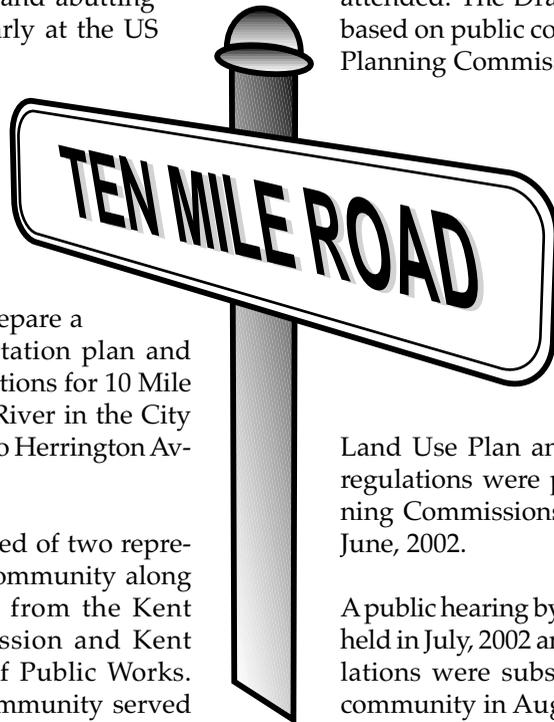
The plan served as the basis for the preparation of a common set of overlay zoning regulations designed to implement the plan. The preparation process included a review of the regulations by each Planning Commission. Both the 10 Mile Road

Land Use Plan and Overlay Zoning District regulations were presented to all three Planning Commissions in a joint meeting held in June, 2002.

A public hearing by the three Communities was held in July, 2002 and the plan and zoning regulations were subsequently adopted by each community in August, 2002.

The next step is to ensure continuing cooperation for the future development of the 10 Mile Road Corridor, and therefore a Coordinated Planning Committee (CPC) will be formed consisting of members from each community. The CPC's objectives will be to advocate implementation of the plan and provide a forum for input from each community regarding issues along the corridor.

Bill Fischer, Planning Director



Plainfield Fire Department



With the recent passing of the first anniversary of 9-11 has come an abundance of attention to terrorism. It seems appropriate to let you know what the Fire Department has been doing to prepare for a potential incident in our area. We have an individual who has attended all four “train the trainers” classes addressing terrorism, developed by the National Fire Academy and the Federal Emergency Management Association. These classes are attended by emergency service personnel to prepare them for a terrorist attack. When coupled with the appropriate prerequisite classes, these courses provide the *Terrorism: Command Specialist* certification. We will now make these classes available to our personnel.

The nice part about these classes is that if the term “terrorist incident” is changed to “large accident involving multiple patients” or “hazardous materials incident,” the same principles apply, so the training has a dual purpose. Fire Department personnel will be required to take an Internet-based class on terrorism and attend a department class on terrorism. While we hope that Plainfield Township is never the site of a

terrorist incident, we would be negligent not to be as prepared as reasonably can be. The department has also sent five people to training for technical rescue. Technical rescue encompasses the areas of high angle, trench, collapse, and confined space rescues. We currently work closely with neighboring departments to prepare to function as one unit in the event of a major incident.

As a final note on 9-11, Plainfield Township hosted a remembrance program on 9/11/2002. Representatives of over a dozen emergency service organizations attended, as well as children from three neighborhood schools and elected officials. The program was a dignified salute to those emergency service personnel who gave their lives on 9/11/2001.

We are about to offer a new firefighter certification class. This training is mandated by the state for all career and non-career personnel. This class will include members of several other area departments, and the class is paid for by state firefighter training funds.

If you have the opportunity, please visit our web site at www.plainfieldfire.org. Interesting stuff!

Hyser Rivers Museum Historical Committee

What an exciting year the committee has had celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Hyser Rivers Museum! The entire committee deserves recognition for carrying out the heavy schedule of events that were planned this year. The celebration will end with our annual **Old Fashion Christmas Celebration** on December 8, from 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP for this event by calling either Sharon, 784-7062, or Jan, 784-6783.

on display at Plainfield Township Hall in the front main entry. A display case has been placed at Township Hall which will feature artifacts from the museum. Anyone interested in displaying a family heirloom in this case should please contact the Historical Committee at 784-7062.

Many visitors over the past months have expressed their surprise at how much township history is contained in the museum. Please stop by and visit with our greeters. Call Township Hall for visiting hours.

TOWNSHIP/ OFFICERS

TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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.plainfieldchartertp.org



5205 PLAINFIELD AVENUE



New Building for Two Departments

The Plainfield Charter Township Buildings & Grounds and Parks & Recreation Departments have moved to their new location at 5205 Plainfield NE. The previous location, at 6124 Belmont Avenue, was only 1200 square feet and used for storage as well as office space. Equipment was stored outside, and small offices were being shared. Very cramped and inadequate.

The new building is 13,200 square feet, and equipment as well as all supplies can be stored inside. The building includes four separate offices, a work room and a conference room. The Buildings & Grounds crew accomplished a majority of the interior work that needed to be done prior to moving. Office furniture was found in the basement of Town Hall which the Buildings & Grounds crew recycled to furnish the offices in the new building. We are very pleased and proud of this new facility.

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Plainfield Charter Township

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Belmont, MI 49306

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