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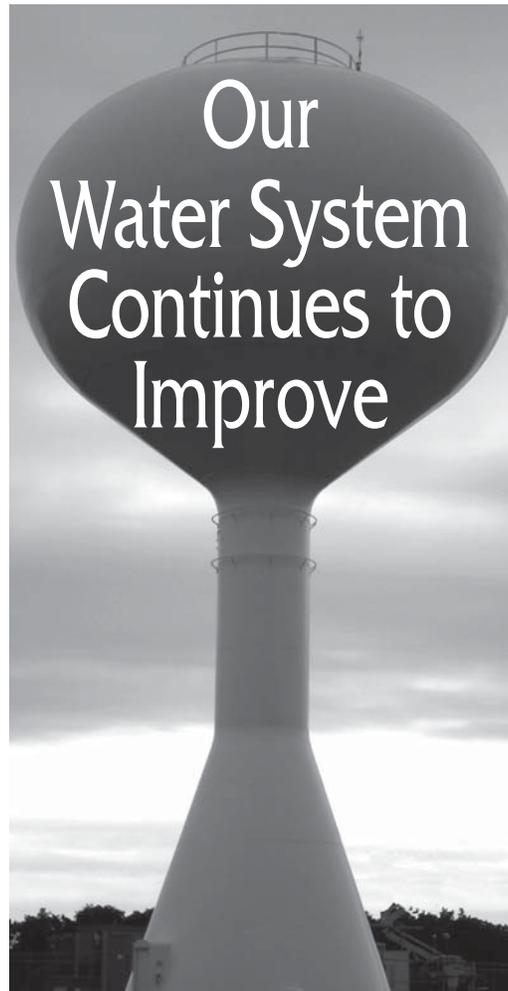
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Public infrastructure is essential to the well-being of any community. Without properly designed and maintained infrastructure, a community's very existence is jeopardized. Failing to repair, replace, upgrade and improve a community's infrastructure will result in unreliability and risk to the people who have every reason to depend and rely on these basic underpinnings of our community. Where would we be if we could not rely on telephone communications, roads and bridges, gas and electricity, sewer and water 99.99% of the time? Most people understand that you can't just build a road system, an electricity grid, or a water system and leave it. All of these systems must be monitored, maintained, repaired and upgraded.

Plainfield Township's water system was born in the late 1950s by tying together a number of private water systems that

served individual neighborhoods. In 1963, a water production, treatment and pumping plant was built just west of the Northland Drive



Bridge on the south shore of the Grand River. Bold and visionary community leaders, knowing what was needed to build a strong community, put together the initial system. Subsequent township leaders understood that vision and built upon that foundation, taking advantage of federal and state grants of assistance when possible, and working with the development community to expand and improve our water system. From Day One, the evolution of the water system included substantial capital improvements that were paid for through water rates and charges, leveraging grants and developers' extensions of the system, and borrowing money with municipal bonds. Without a doubt, this community would not be what it is, nor

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Water System Improves from page 1

would it have potential for growth were it not for the constant attention given to the need for water system improvements.

After years of informal long-term planning, the Township Board adopted a formal Water System Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in the 1990s. Typically, these improvements were paid for directly from accumulated cash savings in the Water Fund. Occasionally, municipal bonds were used when Water Fund reserves were inadequate to carry out the planned projects. The CIP looked four to five years ahead with prioritized annual projects, and the CIP was updated every two or three years. About every three years, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE), which regulates all water systems in Michigan, recommends specific improvements, which the Water System CIP has typically included.

Generally, projects have been funded on a pay-as-you-have-money-available basis; however, the money available for CIP projects sometimes dwindled to a point where the Township has needed to issue bonds. In 2008, as projected, the ability to execute the CIP with Water Fund savings was shrinking, and this was made worse by the lack of development and the revenue generated by new connections. This situation forced the Township to seek low interest loan bonds from the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF), which is heavily subsidized by the federal government. No CIP projects were built in 2009 or 2010, putting us two years behind. Federal Stimulus money was injected into the DWRF in 2009, providing an additional incentive to apply for these funds. Failing to make the cut-off with the 2009-2012 CIP projects alone because they did not generate enough points, we applied again

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this year by adding a two million gallon water storage tank to improve water quality and operations – encouraged in the latest MDNRE evaluation report.

Recently, we received news that our package of projects has qualified – not only for a loan of \$8,250,000 – but also for “forgiveness of principal” in the amount of about \$1.7 million. This will result in a very favorable debt amortization schedule with an anticipated interest rate of 2.5% on an estimated \$6.3 million net principal borrowed. Without this opportunity, Plainfield, executing the Township's Water Capital Improvements Plan, would fall even further behind. Additional water rate increases to pay off this bond issue will not be needed, partially due to the Township Board's decision in 2008 to schedule small (2.9%) annual rate increases instead of requiring substantially larger increases down the road.

There have been suggestions that some of the water system improvement projects are “not needed.” When asked, the Township Engineer stated that the two million gallon tank project was “not necessary at this time.” He said this in the context of describing a 4-5 year schedule of projects where this project would not have come up until 2012 or 2013 if the Township had been able to construct these improvements year by year on a pay-as-you-have-the-funds basis. As a matter of fact, all of the projects to be funded by the DWRF low interest loan are planned and scheduled system improvements that any good utility worth its salt should be planning, scheduling, and accomplishing – as Plainfield Township's Water System has been doing for the past fifty years.

Robert Homan, Township Manager

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Although the final figure has not been reported, as of this writing, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is estimated to be in positive territory at approximately 1.5%. What this means is that the Taxable Value for 2011 will increase due to inflation and/or new construction or items discovered on our field studies that have not been previously assessed. We project a decrease in the average assessments, which may negate the CPI increase, as Taxable Value **cannot** be higher than the Assessed Value.



There continues to be a decline in the number of housing sales and sale prices for our study period. For the 2011 assessment year, we will be comparing sales to assessments from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, as mandated again this year by the State Tax Commission. There have been approximately 200 sales in the Township for this sales period.

These are challenging times for all of us and we intend to do our best to be fair and equitable when administrating the property tax. Foreclosure-related sales need to meet the market value test. Every foreclosure-related sale has to be verified to be determined if it is actually arms length. An affidavit needs to be completed by either the buyer or lender in order to be considered for inclusion in our sales study. We have the forms available in our office for completion, or you may receive one in the mail.

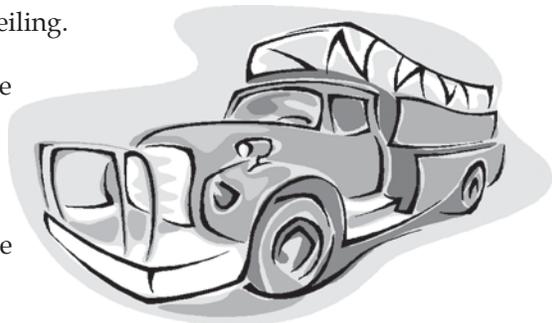
“Fire Safety Tips” From “Freddie the Fire Truck”

Use Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms help keep your family safe. Fire spreads fast and makes smoke. Smoke can kill. Smoke sets off smoke alarms. Most fires that kill start at night while you are sleeping. Smoke alarms make a loud sound to wake you up.

You Should Do This

- * Make sure you always have smoke alarms that work.
- * Put your smoke alarms in or near rooms where people sleep.
- * Have a smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- * Place them up high on the wall or on the ceiling.
- * Test smoke alarms each month.
- * Change batteries once a year or sooner if the alarms chirps.
- * Do not take out the batteries to stop the alarm sound.
- * Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- * Get your family out when you hear the alarm.



Teach Your Children To:

Go outside if they hear the smoke alarm and stay outside

Election Information



General Election November 2, 2010

Last day to register: To be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2010 General Election you MUST be registered by **October 4.**

The Michigan Secretary of State website is a great resource for election information such as a list of candidates, state-wide ballot proposals, election dates, absentee voting, voter registration, etc. Go to www.michigan.gov/sos and on the left side of the page you will want to select the *Elections in Michigan* tab, then you may choose your area of interest from the menu on the left. You may also visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

During a General Election we experience a large turnout of voters, so please anticipate a busy precinct with the possibility of a short wait and don't forget your photo ID.

Picture ID is REQUIRED in order to vote

Voter identification requirements are in effect. Every Michigan voter who wishes to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing a picture ID or signing an affidavit attesting that you are not in possession of a picture ID. For more information visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

Application for Absent Voter (AV) Ballots

Dual Absent Voter Applications, which are good for both the August Primary and Novem-

ber General elections, were mailed out in June. If you are not on the Permanent Absentee Voter List and have not already applied for an AV ballot, then you may do so by applying in person at the Plainfield Township Clerk's office located at 6161 Belmont Avenue, Belmont MI 49306 or by contacting Stephanie at 726-8884 so one can be mailed to you.

Electronic Poll Books

You may remember from the August primary election that Plainfield Township has implemented the Electronic Poll Books. The E-Poll Book allows precinct officials to check voters in with a scan of their **driver's license** or **ID card**. Going from paper-based to an electronic system speeds up voter check-in, improves accuracy, and helps expedite election night returns. The Secretary of State has successfully piloted the E-Poll Book program in 2008 and is now implementing it statewide.

Saturday Hours for Absentee Ballots:

Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the November general election by mail must make application no later than October 30th at 2:00 pm. Therefore, the Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, October 30th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm to issue absentee ballots only. No other departments will be open.

Hyser Rivers Museum News

The Hyser Rivers Museum, located at 6440 West River Drive, will be open to the public the first Sunday of October, November and December, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Special tour arrangements can be made for other times by calling Township Hall at 364-8466.

The 2010 schedule of events includes:

- October 3rd Halloween make and take craft
- November 7th Thanksgiving make and take craft
- December 5th Christmas make and take craft

What an exciting time it is to be your Township Clerk. The third year of the Plainfield Township Farmers Market has been another success. We were honored to have the Michigan State University Extension Service hold a Rapid Market Assessment in August. The results of this assessment will allow us to take participants' input and provide an even better market in 2011. We are also waiting to see if the Michigan Economic Development Corporation will be funding the Urban Farmers Market Grant that the Township applied for in September. The North East Business Association partnered with the Market this year as we promoted the Rediscover Plainfield Marketing Campaign to help make people more aware of the businesses that are in Plainfield Township.

The Electronic Poll Book was used during the primary election for the first time in the Township. For the most part all went well. The computers and the program worked flawlessly. There were a few procedures that I had not prepared the election workers for and a short delay was experienced in a few polling locations. The November election will run much better as I have incorporated the procedures in the training. Please thank the election workers when you vote as they are not paid much. They do this work with pride as their civic duty and every so often they get handed a big change (Electronic Poll Books) to deal with on Election Day.

Passport sales remain strong and the Passport Annex at the Farmers Market experienced activity almost every day the Market was open. I also would like to remind you that if you have a group traveling and need passports, our office will be glad to make arrangements to meet after hours with your group to accept applications and take passport pictures. We will once again be holding Passport Day, on Saturday October 30, 2010, from 9 am until 3 pm at the Township Offices located at 6161 Belmont Avenue in Belmont.

Exciting Times in Plainfield Township



As I write this article the absentee ballots for the general election are being delivered. Please make sure you are registered to vote by October 4th. Contact the Clerk's Office if there is a reason you cannot be at your polling place on November 2nd to cast your vote. We will make sure you get an application for an absentee ballot. Fill it out and return it and you will be sent an absentee ballot. This general election is all about Michigan. We will have a new Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Representative and a new member to the United States Congress from west Michigan. Please vote at the polls on November 2, or by absentee ballot for this important general election.

This will be the last *Profile* published in 2010 and I want to wish everyone a blessed holiday season. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scott Harvey, Township Clerk

Free Computer Confidence Classes are being offered this fall at the KDL Service Center, 814 West River Center (behind the Wendy's) in Comstock Park. Classes focus on keyboarding, basic computer skills, and internet and e-mail use. Please call 784-2007 or check www.kdl.org for more information.



The new **Freegal music database** is an exciting addition to KDL's roster of databases. It features free downloadable music in a wide range of categories, all in MP3 format, but which work in both Apple and PC devices. Please note that there is a limit of 3 songs per week that can be downloaded; however, there is a "wishlist" feature which allows users to save the titles for the following week when they are allowed further downloading. Please note this service is for KDL cardholders only. If you have further questions, please go to www.kdl.org, or call or stop by one of our branches.

Bring your whole family to the library for these free programs!

For Young Children (registration required)

Babytime – Join us at the library for a special one-on-one bonding time with baby while we enjoy songs, rhymes, stories, and play time. For ages birth-18 months with caregiver.
Plainfield – Wednesdays, Sept. 22-Nov. 10, 1:30 pm

Toddler Time (formerly Laptime) – Babies, toddlers, and their parents are invited to join us for stories, music, & rhymes. For ages 3 & under with caregiver.
Comstock Park – Mondays, Sept. 13–Nov. 1 at 10:30 am
Plainfield – Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 11, 10:15 am



Preschool Storytime – Stories, songs, crafts, & other book-related fun with a different theme each week. For ages 3 1/2 to 6.

Comstock Park – Mondays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 1, 10:30 am
Plainfield – Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 11, 10:15 am

Family Time – Stories, songs, crafts & other book-related fun for the family with a different theme each week. For ages birth-6 with caregiver.

Plainfield – Mondays, Sept. 20–Nov. 8, 10:15 am, and Saturdays, Sept. 25–Nov. 13, 10:15 am (No Family Storytime Oct. 30)

Rhyme Time Music and Movement – Move and groove together with action rhymes and musical activities that will help children develop motor, listening and literacy skills. For ages 6 and under with caregiver.

Comstock Park – Tuesdays, Sept. 14–Nov. 2, 1:00 pm

Pajama Storytime – Bedtime stories & night time fun. Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional! For ages 6 & under with caregiver.

Comstock Park – Monday, Nov. 8, 10:30 am
Plainfield – Tuesdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 9, 7:00 pm

Martha Speaks – for families with children ages 6 and under. Learn new words with Martha, the dog who can speak after she eats alphabet soup!

Comstock Park – Monday, Nov. 15, 10:30 am
Plainfield – Monday, Nov. 15, 10:15 am

KDL: 18 locations,
1 convenient phone number: 616-784-2007

**Programs for School-Age Children –
ages 6 and up (registration required)**

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

Plainfield – Wednesdays, Sept. 22–Nov. 10, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Native American History – Alive! KDL, in partnership with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, presents a program to celebrate Native American Heritage Month that will include storytelling, dance, and lessons on everyday life. This is a great program for homeschoolers! Participation is limited.

Plainfield – Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1:00 pm

Codes, Secrets, and Adventure: A 39 Clues Party – Join us as we uncover secrets, solve codes and mysteries, and enjoy activities related to the popular book series 39 Clues!

Comstock Park – Thursday, Oct. 21, 4:00 pm

Plainfield – Saturday, November 13, 2:00 pm

For Teens-Grades 6-12

Guitar Hero & DDR – It's a rhythm-packed event whatever you do as you move and groove to Dance, Dance, Revolution and Guitar Hero.

Plainfield – Tuesday, Oct. 19, 4:00 pm

Programs for Families

International Storytime: Spanish – Enjoy stories, crafts and tons of fun in a language you speak or would like to speak. ¡Venga a disfrutar de cuentos, artes, y diversión en Español! Dirigido a familias con niños de todas edades.

Plainfield – Wednesdays, Sept. 22–Oct.13, 10:15 am

Lego Family Block Party – Drop-in and make your own special Lego or Duplo creations. All materials are provided by the Library.

Comstock Park – Saturday, Nov. 13, 2:00 pm

Plainfield – Saturday, Nov. 20, 2:00 pm

The Reindeer are Coming! – Traveling all the way from the North Pole (via Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farms), live reindeer will be visiting the library. Dress warm and don't forget the camera!

Plainfield – Thursday, December 2, 6:30 pm



Gingerbread Lane! –

Take a stroll down Gingerbread Lane and enjoy some tasty gingerbread stories. Each child will make a simple gingerbread house. Registration is required and participation is limited.

Comstock Park – Monday, Dec. 6, 6:00 pm

Plainfield – Saturday, Dec. 11, 10:15 am

PLAINFIELD BRANCH HOURS

2650 5-Mile Road NE

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

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

Friends of the Plainfield Library

The Friends of the Plainfield Library are a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) group that continue to raise funds for the Plainfield Township Library for expenses that are not in the everyday operating budget. Recently, new laptop tables with stools and tablet chairs were installed and are being enjoyed by patrons. Plans to upgrade more furnishings are in the works.

We welcome new members for this group 24/7 and the yearly fee is nominal. One of the "perks" to being a part of the Friends group is a "members-only night" for all used book sales, before sales are open to the public.

To become a member of this dedicated group of people, pick up a membership form at the library or call and a form will be sent to you.

Upcoming Friends programs are:

October 9th – 8:00 am - 10:00 am: **Pancake Breakfast** at Applebee's, on the East Beltline. All-you-can-eat pancakes and beverages. Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00. Our Friends' group makes money on this fundraiser, so invite family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a great breakfast and fun for all while helping the Friends raise funds for your library.

October 30th – 9:30 am - 2:30 pm: 14th annual **Home-Based Business and Craft Sales Show** with Bake Sales and Silent Auction Baskets. (The Silent Auction Baskets will be on display for bidding starting October 23rd.) Mark your calendars for this event, as more new vendors and crafters have been added this year.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

How Time Flies

Another summer has come and gone and fall is upon us once again. I trust that you and your family had a very good and safe summer season. School busses are on the roads again with a lot of excited children eager to go back to school and see their friends whom they may not have seen since this past spring.



A word of extreme caution when driving the first thing in the morning: The sun is extremely bright and can be very blinding to the point of not being able to see other vehicles and pedestrians clearly when driving against the sun. Drivers ahead of you may panic because they can't properly see the road and may slam on their brakes to

avoid the unknown. This is a good time to review and renew your driving habits while the school buses are traveling our roads. It seems like there are so many more buses traveling at the same time so that a driver may be stopping more often. It may be a good idea to learn the bus routes and pick-up times in your neighborhood so you can perhaps adjust your own schedule to avoid the bus traffic and the related driving frustration.

Here are a few simple rules to refresh your memory:

- When the upper **YELLOW** lights on the school bus are flashing, slow down.
- When the upper **RED** lights are flashing, **STOP!**
- When the lower "**4-Ways**" are flashing, **DO NOT STOP!** Just proceed with extra caution.
- If there is a median between you and the bus, you do not stop!

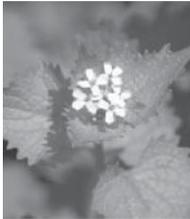
DRIVE SAFELY and enjoy the fall season.

George K. Meek, Supervisor

The “Top 3” Plants in the Un-Wanted List

The NIMBY (not in my back yard) reaction kicks in when people become concerned about something like a mall, highway, or municipal facility that is slated to

become part of their immediate community. NIMBY is exactly how we Plainfield Township residents should be responding to these bullies of the plants world:



Garlic Mustard

Impacts:

- 1) Out-competes or displaces native plants and trees by controlling light, water, and nutrient resources
- 2) Seeds can remain viable in soil for ten years or more
- 3) Releases chemicals that hinder the growth of other plant species



Autumn Olive

Impacts:

- 1) This shrub exhibits prolific growth and creates nearly impenetrable thickets
- 2) Late fruiting season may alter bird migration patterns
- 3) Fixes nitrogen and alters soil chemistry

Spotted Knapweed



Impacts:

- 1) Thrives in disturbed soils, becomes a monoculture
- 2) Emits chemical in soil that is toxic to other plants
- 3) Flowers from mid-July to frost, producing millions of seeds

Some of these invasive plants were “invited” here but have long ago worn out their welcome. They are now overwhelming our native populations and have injected themselves into every bit of available soil in our yards, gardens, fields, wetlands, riversides, roadsides, and woodlands. Two of the township’s “jewels,” Rogue River Park and The White Pine Trail, have large populations of these invaders. The bad news: getting rid of these plants is difficult. The good news: every household and/or place of business that receives this Profile can immediately become part of managing these “un-wanted.”

• **How to begin?** Check your own property to see if you are inadvertently harboring “fugitives.” A single invasive on your property is a staging area for more of these aliens to quickly spread, on your property and beyond. If your property is “clean,” continue to monitor it, especially your less accessible areas. Talk with neighbors about these plants; elderly folks and those with larger properties may need help

controlling invasives.

• **Why bother?** Because all of us are better off when the natural diversity of plants and animals remains rich and vibrant. Bully plants destroy our diverse landscapes and hurt our insect and animal populations.

• **Need more information?** These web sites may help: www.misin.msu.edu; www.invasiveplantsmi.org; www.mipn.org. The Land Conservancy of West Michigan, River City Wild Ones, and the Dwight Lydell Chapter of the Izaak Walton League are all local organizations that are knowledgeable about invasive plants.

• If you or a group you belong to are able to help remove garlic mustard from sensitive natural areas in our township this fall, please contact prairieplanter@gmail.com, for times and places.

Need help identifying invasives on your property? Please contact prairieplanter@gmail.com for assistance.

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Homeland Security

I am revisiting thoughts about Homeland Security that I had several years ago that still seem valid, and in some ways more so. The media has written and discussed much about "Homeland Security." Their emphasis has been on the nation's improved capabilities to prevent and respond to terrorist events since 9/11. As a public safety professional who is active throughout the state, I would like to discuss a less publicized perspective. Yes, we have spent huge amounts of money for neat "stuff" to make communities better prepared for a terrorist attack, but how much has government improved its ability to respond to the daily routine incident?

In my mind there are two levels of *homeland security*. Let's first look at the security issue that has garnered the most attention - terrorism. This is what the politicians refer to when they talk about *homeland security*, where billions of dollars have been invested. This money has been spent to do threat assessments and allocated to state and local governments to address our ability to respond to major terrorist events. Michigan, Kent County, and Plainfield Township have all benefited somewhat from this process. First responders have additional equipment and initial training that, in the event of a terrorist incident, will allow us to be more efficient in our response to assist our residents. These efforts may benefit our residents in the event of a large-scale incident, be it a terrorist attack, or a natural or manmade disaster. There is, however, one significant question about this plan: is the community adequately prepared to handle the *other* level of *homeland security*?

The *other* level of *homeland security* is taken for granted by many people. It is the capability of the local first response agency to handle the routine emergency. I refer to this level as "day-to-day *homeland security*." Having capable fire, EMS, law enforcement, and 911 dispatchers ready to assist the residents provides this security. Statistically we are much more likely to need this level of *homeland security*. Most of us expect that if we are involved in an accident, if our home catches fire, or if we need the police; first responders will be en route immediately, come with all of the necessary resources, and stop, fix, or eliminate whatever the problem might be.

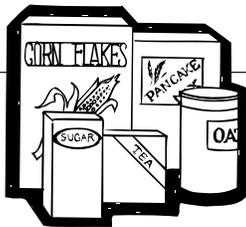
I'll limit my discussion to the area where I have the most expertise - fire departments. Many agencies are not adequately equipped or staffed, to handle simultaneous routine incidents. There are times when departments don't have anywhere near enough people or equipment to handle even the simplest incident. This is due to a lack of funding. The tax base, along with state funding, continues to shrink each year. Our fire department has been pretty lucky. The elected officials in Plainfield Township have provided the fire department with most of the equipment necessary for our responses, and they have supported employees being properly trained to do their jobs. I believe Plainfield Township is a community with an appreciation for the life safety service that is being provided to our residents. In the past, our main challenge had been providing adequate staffing, but as budgets become tighter, replacing equipment has become a significant challenge as well. We have been fortunate in our success at receiving "Assistance to

Firefighters Grants" for major expenses. Without these grants, we would have had to "find" nearly another half a million dollars. To meet the challenge of being able to put sufficient resources on scene, while not over burdening the budget, we have utilized a contingent of full-time paid firefighters, supplemented by Paid on Call firefighters. The Paid on Call firefighters are notified by pager of incidents requiring more personnel than those that are on duty. Recruiting and retaining people for these jobs is a constant challenge, because it requires extensive training and a commitment of time that many people are not able to make. We are always looking for new Paid on Call firefighters, so if you know of someone who is interested in investing in the safety their community, go to our website (www.plainfieldfire.org) for more information.

Another resource that the fire service has depended upon is mutual aid. Mutual aid agreements exist with neighboring fire departments that pledge assistance during an emergency that is greater than the resources available within the responsible department. Neighboring departments supply personnel and equipment as needed, based on availability,

without placing the responding fire department's territory at risk. Because of decreased staffing and greater demand for service, I foresee a time where mutual aid is not consistently readily available. Mutual aid should be used either when an incident occurs in an area where your neighboring departments can get there as quickly as the local department or when the incident is larger than normal. It should not be considered a way to overcome staffing or equipment reductions. If that is the case, communities should consider consolidating these departments departments.

To summarize my opinion on *homeland security*, I believe people anticipate two levels of *homeland security*: (1) "immediate," which is provided for routine fires, accidents, and EMS emergencies, and (2) "long-term" response for catastrophic events. The federal government has provided large sums of money to analyze our capabilities, and to purchase specialized equipment for the long-term terrorist event. However, if the local government can't adequately train and equip a sufficient number of first responders to provide day-to-day security, the money spent by the federal government has been largely wasted.



Commodity Distribution from River Grove

Commodities are distributed from the River Grove Retirement Community, located at 5761 Jupiter Avenue, just north of West River Drive, (enter from Jupiter Avenue) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The next distribution date is **December 2, 2010**. Don't miss out on this LARGE distribution! Please bring a box or bag for pick-up this time.

Upcoming dates for distribution in 2011 are March 3, June 2, and September 1.

To see if you qualify or if you have any questions, call 447-0515, or come to the distribution site on the above date. Bring Social Security cards for each member of your family along with income statements. You must reside between 4 Mile Road and 10 Mile Road.

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Plainfield Charter Township
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Belmont, MI 49306

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Plainfield Charter Township

TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Friday
Phone: 364-8466

MANAGER

Robert Homan

TOWNSHIP BOARD

George Meek, Supervisor
Scott Harvey, Clerk
James Stover, Treasurer
Rebecca Borek, Trustee
Jack Hagedorn, Trustee
Vic Matthews, Trustee
Charles Weldon, Trustee



TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

7:30 pm
First and Third Mondays

www.plainfieldchartertp.org

Passport Office Open on Saturday, October 30

On Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 9 am until 3 pm, the Plainfield Township Passport Office will be open for your convenience. Please contact Scott Harvey or Stephanie Pelkey with any passport questions at 364-8466.



Permanent Generators

Permanent generators are becoming more popular for homes these days as a backup/standby power source. These permanent generators are often fueled by a connection to a natural gas or propane supply line. Please be aware that installation of permanent generators requires a mechanical and electrical permit from the township. This ensures that our inspectors oversee that installation of the generator and connection to a fuel supply meet minimum safety standards for your protection

*Building Services
– Community Development Department*