



The Profile

SUMMER 2016



ELECTION INFORMATION FOR 2016



August 2, 2016 Primary Election → Last day to register to vote is **July 5**

November 8, 2016 General Election → Last day to register to vote is **October 11**

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained:

- ✓ In person at the Clerk's Office Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. approximately 45 days prior to the Election
- ✓ By calling the Clerk's Office at (616) 364-8466
- ✓ At www.michigan.gov/vote
- ✓ At www.plainfieldmi.org/clerk.htm

The Clerk's Office will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the Election to issue and receive absentee ballots. No other services will be available at that time. If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election. Make your request early to allow for delivery time. All absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

A voter eligible to vote by absentee ballot may instead vote in person at the Clerk's Office until to 4 p.m. the day before the Election. All absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device

and connect to the mobile-friendly

Michigan Voter Information Center



- ✓ Check to see if you are a registered voter
- ✓ Find your polling location
- ✓ View a sample ballot
- ✓ Register to vote
- ✓ Absentee voting
- ✓ Contact your local election official
- ✓ Learn to use your voting equipment
- ✓ Find answers to frequently asked questions

Clerk's Office contact information:

6161 Belmont Ave. NE
Belmont, MI 49306
Phone: (616) 364-8466

Monica Burt, Deputy Clerk
burttm@plainfieldmi.org

Ruth Ann Karnes, Clerk
karnesr@plainfieldmi.org

Campaign Signs:

While we understand enthusiastic support for favorite candidates is an essential aspect to the voter experience, we ask that you please honor the following rules regarding campaign signs. A temporary campaign sign related to a primary, general or special election, which displays the name, party or other related information of political candidates running for office, issues placed upon a ballot to be voted upon or other political issues. **Without limitation, a campaign sign is not permitted in the public right-of-way.**

Size: The sign area of any single sign shall not exceed twelve square feet and shall be set back a minimum of five feet from all lot lines

Number: There shall be no more than four signs on any single property and all such signs shall be located on private property. The total amount of sign area for all signs utilized shall not exceed 32 square feet.

Duration: Campaign signs are only permitted for a period not to exceed 60 days prior to an election or voting day, and all such signs shall be removed within 14 days after an election or voting day.

To report violations, contact our Ordinance Enforcement Officer at (616) 364-1190.

INTRODUCING OPENGOV !

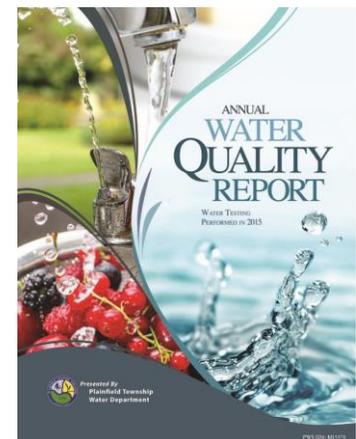
In an effort to provide greater financial transparency to our residents, Plainfield Charter Township is pleased to present OpenGov; our financial transparency portal. OpenGov is a new web-based financial transparency tool that presents the township's revenues and expenses, from historical trends to line-item level details.

By using the OpenGov platform, residents and staff have around-the-clock access to an optimal presentation of Plainfield's budget and results. Plainfield Township is the first governmental unit in Michigan to publicly release its financial data through the OpenGov platform.

Please take some time to become familiar with the site. The link to Plainfield Township's profile is on our website homepage at [www. www.plainfieldmi.org](http://www.plainfieldmi.org) OpenGov provides you, the citizen, with the ability to view charts, graphs, and the underlying numbers for Plainfield Township's current and past financial performance. Additionally, you may also establish your own searches to create charts and graphs of your own. We recommend beginning your exploration of the site by selecting "Help" in the upper right-hand corner and then selecting the "Welcome Screen" to become familiar with how to navigate the site. Once familiar, you'll soon discover that there is a vast amount of information available at your fingertips!

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Over the past year, the City of Flint has faced significant challenges resulting from the presence of lead in their drinking water. This issue has exposed how delicate the balance is between protecting the public health and remaining fiscally responsible. Thankfully, the Plainfield water system is not as old as the Flint water system and does not have lead water mains in the system. Plainfield Township also actively works to maintain its current system through an aggressive Capital Improvement Plan to address the aging infrastructure in the water system and uses a progressive corrosion control program to protect the assets in the entire system.



Based on historical records and the expertise of our highly trained and experienced staff, the Plainfield Water Department has not detected the existence of any lead water services in its system. In the Plainfield Township Water System, it is highly unlikely that any home connected to the water system after 1970 has a lead water service. Homes connected to the water system prior to 1970 may have had lead services installed, but this is likely not the case.

The easiest way for a homeowner to check the material of the water service line to their home is to examine the pipe as it enters the basement or crawl space. If it is metal and is brown (copper) or has a greenish scale on it, it is copper. If the pipe is plastic, it will likely be clear, blue or black. There is no reason for concern with a copper or plastic water service. If a pipe is metal, but soft enough to scratch with your fingernail or with a key and appears silver in color, it is likely a lead pipe.

If you are at all concerned about the type of pipe material, or if you have any questions, feel free to call the Water Department at (616) 363-9660.

To view the *Annual Water Quality Report*, please visit our website at: www.plainfieldchartertp.org/pctwater.htm

PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2015, Plainfield Fire Department (PFD) responded to over 2,600 alarms and provided mutual aid to our surrounding communities. In an effort to expand their outreach, the PFD is actively seeking to add a few paid on-call firefighters to their team. PFD utilizes a combination of full-time, part-time, and paid-on-call firefighters at two stations: 6145 Belmont Ave. and 4343 Plainfield Ave. If you have the desire to become a professional firefighter, PFD is the optimal community to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to obtain this goal. The friendships and experience you will walk away with are invaluable! Download your application here: www.plainfieldfire.org under the Employment Zone tab and submit it to PFD.

To become a Paid-On-Call Firefighter with Plainfield Fire Department, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Not have a criminal record
- Have a clean driving record
- Live in, or close to, the Township
- Be able to attend monthly trainings
- Have a desire to join a team of fire professionals and help the citizens in your community!



BARRELS & BREWS!



Stormwater is the leading source of water pollution in West Michigan. The average rain barrel will keep 1,815 gallons of stormwater out of our lakes and rivers each year. Join us at Rockford Brewing Company for our 2016 Rain Barrel Workshop series hosted by Plainfield Charter Township. Enjoy \$1 off pints!

Tuesdays at 6:30pm on:

June 21

July 19

August 16



Workshops are \$30 per barrel. Includes barrel and components. Visit rainbarrels.wmeac.org to sign up!

HOW YOU AS A RESIDENT CAN HELP REDUCE POLLUTION ENTERING THE GRAND RIVER:

Plainfield Charter Township is working to better manage storm water runoff. As a resident of the township, you have the opportunity to help reduce the amount of pollution entering the storm sewer and ultimately the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

What is Storm Water Pollution?

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots, carrying with it, road dirt, fertilizers, oil, and grease into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

Where do Storm Drains Lead?

Storm drains lead directly to nearby streams and lakes, usually without any type of treatment. Storm water entering storm drains in Plainfield Township ultimately leads to the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

How Can I Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution?

- Report dumping to your Plainfield Township Storm Water Coordinator, Rick Solle, P.E., Director of Public Services at (616) 363-9660 or soller@plainfieldchartertp.org.
- Make sure that wash water and other wastes do not enter a storm drain.
- Recycle waste as much as possible.
- Remember to close the lids on dumpsters and outdoor trashcans.
- Help build awareness of storm water pollution by sharing this information.
- Never dump grass clippings, vehicle fluids, or anything else down a storm drain.
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can.
- Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a rain storm.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash, or on your lawn, to prevent dirt and soap from entering a storm drain.

