



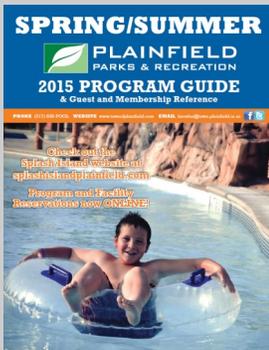
# NEWS

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- ◆ Visit the Town's website at [www.townofplainfield.com](http://www.townofplainfield.com)
- ◆ Pick up a copy of the Spring/Summer 2015 Program Guide!



## Parks Advocate, Rich Carlucci Announces His Retirement



*Rich Carlucci announced his retirement as Plainfield's Town Manager after 27 years in the position. Which was effective on May 18th.*

At a meeting on Friday, May 15 with his department heads, members of the Town Council, and his wife Mary Jane, Town Manager Rich Carlucci announced his retirement from the Town of Plainfield, effective Monday, May 18.

"I have been the Town Manager for a lot of years," Rich said, "and I could not have had a better position in my life than with the Town of Plainfield. But it's my time to move on and the Town's time to move forward."

"When he started with the Town in 1988, Plainfield was a town of about 10,000 citizens," said Robin Brandgard, Town Council President.

"Today, Plainfield has three times that many and is well situated with low tax rates, strong utilities, business parks that supply jobs to the community, and amenities like the Recreation and Aquatic Center, Splash Island Water Park, twenty miles of trails and a wonderful parks system. None of that would have been possible without the vision, guidance, and steady hand that Rich provided over these twenty seven years."

"Rich has given his heart and soul to the community," said Bill Kirchoff, Town Council Vice President. "We have been blessed to have his leadership. He has taken us from a sleepy town to a vibrant, thriving place to live, work, and raise a family. We wish him and Mary Jane the very best in retirement."

Carlucci said he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, his children, and grandchildren. Brandgard said the Town will have a tough time finding someone who can take Carlucci's place. "It will take a person with very special skills to be the next Town Manager because Rich has left very big shoes to fill. Our current staff will keep the Town moving forward as we search for a leader who can take Plainfield to the next level." *A public retirement ceremony and celebration will be held at the recreation and aquatic center on July 25th from 9am-12pm.*

## Puppy Pool Party Returns September 12 & 13



While Splash Island closes to human visitors on Labor Day, that doesn't mean the party's over. Canine friends have their chance the next weekend. The 9th annual Puppy Pool Party will be September 12 & 13. Times for big dogs (over 35 pounds) and small dogs (up to and including 35 pounds) will be staggered as in previous years. See the current program guide for additional information, including hours. Fees: Minimum \$10.00 per dog. \$7 will support the town beneficent fund and \$3 will support the Hendricks County Humane Society's HOPE program (Help Over Population End) NOTE: All pets must have proof of current vaccinations the day of the event! Paper certificates are required – RABIES TAGS ALONE ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

## Plainfield Junior Basketball League Sign-ups Going on Now!

The Plainfield Junior Basketball League is now registering students who are either residents of the Town of Plainfield, a part of the Plainfield public school system, or attend St. Susanna School.

League play begins in November and ends in March before Spring Break. Unless registrations dictate otherwise, the program will be co-ed for grade levels 1st through 6th. For those in grades 7 & 8 and 9-12, girls will

play against girls and boys against boys.” Running a longer season will also allow make-up games to be scheduled over a longer period of time. “We had a lot of winter closures last year,” Chafin said. “We ended up having to suspend some of our open gym time to get the make-up games in. This should help if we end up having another bad winter.”

Registration for those in

the non-resident category will begin August 31. End registration date for everyone is September 27. The coaches sign up/informational meeting is September 29; evaluations are October 24. An-



anticipated start date is Nov. 10. Teams are divided into five age groups: 1st & 2nd grade; 3rd & 4th grade; 5th & 6th grade; 7th & 8th grade; and 9th through 12th grades. Additional questions can be answered by calling 317-839-7665 or by emailing [basprogram@town.plainfield.in.us](mailto:basprogram@town.plainfield.in.us)

*PJBL will have their season extended from November until March (ending before Spring Break). Also, grade levels from first through sixth grade will feature co-ed play, unless registration dictates otherwise.*

Plainfield Parks and Recreation’s Friendship Gardens Park is scheduled for updates. This small park features a three tiered gazebo and a fountain, which are great for weddings or small parties, and various gardens and memorials. Our trail system connects to Friendship Gardens via the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex directly behind this area.

In the Fall, we will be replacing the current wooden gazebo with a new metal gazebo that is the same white color with green roofing. The new gazebo will be more durable and withstand Indiana weather and winter elements better than the current wooden one but, provide the same overall

## Fall Closure Information for Friendship Gardens

look and theme. Another addition being developed during this closure is a new gardens section, The Legacy Garden Walk. This new garden extends the park to the south and provides for a formal area to further recognize community leaders and remember

loved ones. The park has a long history of honoring the Plainfield Teacher of the year in partnership with the Plainfield Rotary Club through an annual tree planting and plaque presentation with the teachers name. These trees can be seen along the drive that runs through the park. As

we get closer to the end of the drive, we now will have a new direction for our annual tree planting as the Legacy Garden Walk section provides for future plantings.

Plans are also underway for remembrance of loved ones with plantings and plaques. A formal process will be developed by the conclusion of the summer for how to donate to the park through a tree or other planting as a memorial or honor to a loved one or friend.

For more information on this new park addition and to learn how to donate, contact Clay Chafin at [cchafin@town.plainfield.in.us](mailto:cchafin@town.plainfield.in.us)



## Plainfield Summer Swim Team Update!

The Plainfield Summer Swim team is halfway through their swim season after competing in numerous competitions throughout the month of June. Our swim team, called the Splash Island Pelicans, practices at Clarks Creek Natatorium and faces other club swimming teams from across the Indianapolis Metropolitan area. Swim team Supervisor Jordan Brouillard said, "Our swimmers have worked hard to get to this point in the season and develop their skills. By conference, we should see many swimmers improve their times. Coaches continue to work with them to ensure goals are met and swimmers have the best opportunities to succeed." Home competitions for the swim team take place at the Splash Island Outdoor Family Waterpark's competition and diving pool. Conference for the swim team is on July 18 at Franklin Community High School. The end of the season banquet is on July 23, which takes place at the recreation center. For more information about our developmental swim team (fall/spring sessions) contact Jordan at [jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us](mailto:jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us).



## Recreation & Aquatic Center Closes for Maintenance in August

The Recreation & Aquatic Center closes every year for a week in August to handle annual maintenance tasks and other duties that can only be accomplished when the facility is closed for a consistent amount of time. This year, the indoor aquatic center will be

closed August 8 through 23 and the Recreation Center will be closed August 10 through 14. "During this time we'll be resurfacing the indoor pool slide as well as thoroughly cleaning the entire recreation center," said Nate Thorne, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation. "We also plan to use the time to do some staff training."

The Aerobics and Cycling class areas will be closed for up to two weeks as needed in September for additional maintenance. Closure dates to be announced.



*Swing on by the recreation center every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and see what all the pickleball craze is about.*

## Pickleball Courts at the Recreation Center

Pickleball may not be a common household sport yet, but in some circles it's a craze. If you haven't heard of it, it's a sport that is played on a court about the size of a doubles badminton court, 20 x 44 feet, using paddles instead of rackets. A game can be played with two players (singles) or four (doubles). The entire court is used whether playing doubles or singles.

We have recently added two new pickleball courts (4 total) to the Recreation Center. These courts inside our fieldhouse provide an area to play pickleball even when the weather isn't cooperating. Our designated hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information, contact Steve Rink, 557-2205, or Larry Rudy, 839-4308.

## July 2015

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## September 2015

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## August 2015

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5 (Green dates) Endless Summer Nights.  
August hours, 6 to 9 p.m.

 = Splash Island Family Waterpark open regular hours (M-S, 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday 12 noon to 6 pm. Wet Wednesdays 7 to 10 pm.)

12 (Blue Dates) Puppy Pool Party (see article on page 1)

## Splash Island Hours Change After August 5

We've had a great June at Splash Island, and we're off to a good start in July! But when the Plainfield School System goes back to school on Wednesday, August 5, Splash Island's hours will no longer be daily. From August 5 until Labor Day, September 7, hours for the outdoor water park will be as follows:

Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays: 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Endless Summer Nights: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Monday, September 7 (Labor Day), the Splash Island Family Waterpark will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. That's the last time for human swimming until 2016 (but for canines, see page 1 about the Puppy Pool Party September 12 & 13).

With so little time left to enjoy the summer pool schedule, plan on coming early and often!



*The fun doesn't have to stop when school is back in session! Endless Summer Nights are a great way to spend some family time at Splash Island on Wednesday nights throughout August.*