

THE WATER LINE

NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD, JUNE 2014

Annual Fourth of July Celebration to Take Place at Hummel Park

Plainfield's Fourth of July Celebration is at Hummel Park (1500 S. Center Street) again this year, presented by Guilford Township and the Town of Plainfield. Hours of the event are 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The park, however, will be open all day as usual.

Permitted vendors will be offering food, balloon sculptures, airbrush tattoos and face painting, and more for a fee. All personal fireworks and all alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on park property.

The fireworks routinely draw over 10,000 people to the park. Because of the number of people who attend the event, traffic can become an issue.



"We ask guests to please obey the traffic flow patterns so as not to disrupt traffic," said Guilford Township Trustee Chuck Ellis. "A parking and traffic flow map is available at www.hummelpark.net. We also ask that you be patient and follow the instructions of the Plainfield Police, who will be on hand to direct cars in and out of Hummel Park. They will get you out as quickly as possible."

"One of the great things about having a spectacular fireworks display here in Plainfield is the ability to stay in the community," said Robin Brandgard, President of the Plainfield Town Council. "There's no need to drive into Indy and fight the crowds. We have a great festival atmosphere, and many people are able to walk to Hummel, either from their homes or from parking on nearby streets. Everyone can enjoy a family-oriented afternoon and evening of fun together."

The Hummel Park Splash Pad, which was new last year, has been updated this year with additional water features. The area also has new benches, tables, and "funbrellas." It is expected to be operational all day.

Here is the schedule for the day:

5:00 p.m. Food booths open and inflatable games like a bounce house are available for the kids. We'll even have a game or two for the adults!

7:30 p.m. The Hendricks Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert at the Performing Arts Center. They will be playing through the fireworks.

9:55 p.m. The Fireworks Extravaganza begins.

For additional information, call Hummel Park at 839-9121.

Plainfield to Host Little League State Tournament

Plainfield will host the 2014 Little League Major Boys State Tournament July 19-24. The Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex has been selected as the site for the tournament.

“We knew when we built the Complex that it had the potential to host a big event like this,” said Clay Chafin, Plainfield’s Director of Parks & Recreation. “We’ve already demonstrated it in soccer with two Westside United Invitational Tournaments under our belt. But now to be able to host a prominent baseball event like this one adds a whole new dimension to our experience base. We expect this will broaden our appeal as a destination for baseball tournaments.” Chafin added that when the Sports Complex first opened in 2011 it did host the Little League tournament for 11-year olds.

The Little League Major Boys State Tournament is anticipated to draw 3,500 to 5,000 spectators in addition to the 14 teams. Plainfield’s ability to host four baseball games simultaneously and the quality of the facility were cited by Mark Common, Little League’s District 8 Administrator, as reasons Plainfield was chosen.



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& Wednesday, August 20
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“This provides us an excellent opportunity to show off our community,” said Robin Brandgard, Town Council President. “Not only do we anticipate that many of the families who will be here for the tournament will visit Splash Island, but they will also be exposed to our trail system, eat in Plainfield restaurants, stay in our hotels, and shop downtown, Metropolis and other areas of the Town. It will showcase our amenities and provide a boost to our economy. Plus, it familiarizes visitors with our area and gives them a reason to return.”

The tournament is free and open to the public. The winner will go onto the Great Lakes regional tournament, which will also be held in the Indianapolis area, as Indiana’s representative. The winner of the regional tournament then advances to the nationally televised Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Parke Lucas, President of the Plainfield Optimist Baseball League which was involved in building the Sports Complex, said that it had been a goal from the start to land the tournament.

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