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- ◆ Visit the Town’s website at www.townofplainfield.com
- ◆ Pick up a copy of the Fall 2014/Winter 2015 Program



New Pricing Now in Effect at Recreation Center



No one likes to raise prices, but as our costs increase, we must pass along those increases while still remaining sensitive to market rates. To that end, prices went up about 5% effective October 1, 2015 at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation & Aquatic Center.

“These increases will keep our prices extremely competitive and maintain our position as one of the more affordable recreation and aquatics facilities within our market,” said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks & Recreation.

“This is especially true when you consider resident rates. A market analysis our department conducted shows that our membership prices for families are the lowest in the area for Plainfield residents. When considering adult passes, our resident rates are the lowest in the area. We continue to monitor our competitors to ensure our non-resident adult rates don’t outpace the market.” Chafin noted that the last price increase was in 2012.

“Senior” Age Redefined

Chafin also noted that the market analysis has led them to redefine when one becomes eligible for senior rates. “The Baby Boomer generation, people born between 1946 and 1964, and have begun retiring sooner than previous generations,” he said. “This trend has shifted the age at which a “senior” is defined from 65 to 55 years old, as demonstrated in the new Del Webb “Vandalia” community. We are accommodating this change as it begins to occur within Plainfield and the surrounding communities.”

Senior rates are now available to those 55 and older. The popular Silver Sneakers program, however, is defined by Medicare and remains at 65 and older.

Recreation & Aquatic Center Announces Holiday Closings

The entire campus of the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center will be completely closed on the following dates:

- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26
- Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
- New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1, 2016

This will enable our employees time off to enjoy their holidays. Also, the day prior to each of these closures will have a special closure time. On Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, December 24, and Thursday, December 31, the entire campus will close at 6 pm. Patrons are asked to please make a note of it.

Howl-A-Ween and Sat-Terror-Day Events Coming

The Howl-a-Ween costume contest for dogs continues to be a fun event that attracts a lot of participation at the Plainfield Bark Park. This year the event returns for its third year. Also returning is the popular Sat-Terror-Day at the newly-named Richard A. Carlucci Recreation & Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Road.

Both events are scheduled for Halloween, Saturday, October 31. Sat-Terror-Day will be from 11 am to 1pm. Howl-a-Ween will be from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

The annual "Sat-Terror-Day" Halloween event will feature pumpkin bowling, face painting, pumpkin decorating (while supplies last) and, of course, eating Halloween candy and snacks. Plus, Big Bounce Fun House Rentals will be there with one of their bounce houses. Also, hay

rides will be available from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, leaving from the main entrance.

All activities at "Sat-Terror-Day" are free to the general public. You do not have to be a member of the Recreation & Aquatic Center to participate.

For those who have not yet been to the Bark Park, it is between the Plainfield Middle School and Swinford Park at 1007 Longfellow Lane (southeast side of Swinford Park). Parking is at Swinford Park. The entry fee donation for Howl-a-Ween is \$5/dog. Proceeds support the Humane Society of Hendricks County's HOPE project. Prizes will be awarded for those dogs coming in first and second places.

Participants MUST BE current members of the Bark Park and show their membership cards OR non-members may participate IF they produce valid vaccination records for their dogs (the paper certificate is required; a tag will not be accepted). Registering your dog ahead of time at the front desk of the Rec Center will simplify things on the



Dorothy and Toto came all the way from Kansas last year to compete in the Howl-A-Ween costume contest!

day of the event. (Please bring your dog's records, but not your dog, if you come to the front desk.)

Questions about either event should be directed to the Parks Department at 839-7665.



Two Weeks of Winter Day Camps Offered!

If you're looking for something for your kids to do during Winter Break when you have to work but they are off school, consider one of our two Winter Day Camp weeks! Campers will have the opportunity to create various crafts, work as a team in games, sports and recreation, and just have fun while meeting new friends!

Our camps have a reputation for keeping kids active, and with a whole recreation and aquatic center to use—not to mention nearby trails and parks if the weather is good—it's a well deserved reputation. Contact the front desk at the Recreation Center for more information or to sign up. Our two weeks are:

- December 21 through 23 (no classes 12/24 or 12/25); registration deadline is December 7.
- December 29 through January 2 (no classes 12/31 or 1/1/2015); registration closes on December 14.



“Pictures with Santa” Includes More than Just Photos

The Plainfield Recreation & Aquatic Center’s annual “Pictures with Santa” event returns on Saturday, December 19 with plenty of fun, games, activities, and of course, Santa!

The fun starts at 11 am in the Café area where Santa will be set up for picture taking. You are welcome to take a photograph yourself, or we have a photographer who will take your photo for free. All photos will be uploaded within a few days to our Facebook page,

where parents and friends can download the photo and make copies as desired. Again, this service is completely FREE!

In addition to getting a photo taken with Jolly Old Saint Nick, we’ll have other things to keep kids busy and help them get into the holiday spirit. We’ll have cookies to decorate, crafts to make, and snacks to eat, all while supplies last. We’ll also have a bounce house

of some kind that will help generate a naptime later in the day.

You do not have to be a member of the Recreation Center or a resident of the Town of Plainfield to come to “Pictures with Santa.” It’s all fun and totally FREE.. The event ends at 1 pm, though, so be sure to get there early, especially if you want to get that photo with Santa!

Fourth Quarter Aerobic Schedule Features New Offerings

The fall and winter seasons are good times to start taking classes at the Recreation and Aquatic Center. That’s the time the broadest range are offered, along with the most times. This year new classes include a circuit training class on Friday morning and a pilot of the live P90X program on

Monday. “The P90X class is a pilot class right now and we’re hoping it takes off,” said instructor Meggan Findley, who just obtained her certification to teach it. “The live version pulls a little out of each daily workout from the popular video program created by Tony Horton and gives participants a full body workout. Most people who have done the program at home love the live workout.” The Recreation Center has 86 group fitness classes every week and all are free to members! Stop by for a copy of the schedule or find it online at the town’s website.



Construction Work for Legacy Garden Walk Has Begun



The Legacy Garden Walk at Friendship Gardens is underway, and the fountain has been installed.

Crews have started working on this new garden extension to the park that provides for a formal area to further recognize community leaders and to remember loved ones. The park has a long history of doing this with the Plainfield Teacher of the Year’s annual tree planting and plaque presentation and with the engraved brick trail near the waterfall feature.

(For additional information and a plot plan about this southern extension of the gardens, please see the last edition of the Parks & Recreation News.)

October 2015

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25 (Red Dates) Entire Campus of the Recreation and Aquatic Center closed.

 = Splash Island indoor waterpark open special extended hours. Please see the article below for details.

22 (Blue Dates) Winter Break Day Camps Offered

Extended "School's Out" Hours Featured during Fall, Thanksgiving, and Winter Breaks

The indoor Splash Island waterpark will again this year feature extended "School's Out" hours during Fall, Thanksgiving, and Winter Breaks. The program is popular with harried parents seeking to find ways to keep children busy during the breaks. It also serves as a haven during chilly, rainy days or snow-laden ones as the temperature at Splash Island is always 86 degrees. We are truly your Caribbean vacation close to home!

Hours during the breaks can be found in the listing to the right. Questions? Call the Rec Center at 317-839-7665.



Extended Holiday "Schools Out" Recreational Swim

*Based on 2015 Plainfield/Avon Community School Corporation Official School Calendars

<p>FALL BREAK</p> <p>Monday, October 12 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, October 13 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, October 14 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, October 15 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, October 16 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, October 17 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, October 18 1:00pm-9:00pm Monday, October 19 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, October 20 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, October 21 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, October 22 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, October 23 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, October 24 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, October 25 1:00pm-9:00pm</p> <p>THANKSGIVING BREAK</p> <p>Thursday, November 26 Closed Friday, November 27 11:00am-9:00pm</p>	<p>WINTER VACATION</p> <p>Friday, December 18 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, December 19 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, December 20 1:00pm-9:00pm Monday, December 21 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, December 22 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, December 23 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, December 24 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, December 25 Closed Saturday, December 26 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, December 27 1:00pm-9:00pm Monday, December 28 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, December 29 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, December 30 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, December 31 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, January 1, 2016 Closed Saturday, January 2, 2016 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, January 3, 2016 1:00pm-9:00pm</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p> <p>Monday, January 18, 2016 11:00am-9:00pm</p>	<p>MID WINTER BREAK</p> <p>Friday, February 12 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, February 13 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, February 14 1:00pm-9:00pm Monday, February 15 11:00am-9:00pm</p> <p>TEACHER IN-SERVICE</p> <p>Tuesday, March 15 11:00am-6:00pm</p> <p>SPRING VACATION</p> <p>Monday, March 21 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, March 22 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, March 23 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, March 24 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, March 25 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, March 26 1:00pm-6:00pm Sunday, March 27 Closed Monday, March 28 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday, March 29 11:00am-6:00pm Wednesday, March 30 11:00am-9:00pm Thursday, March 31 11:00am-6:00pm Friday, April 1 11:00am-9:00pm Saturday, April 2 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday, April 3 1:00pm-9:00pm</p>
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