

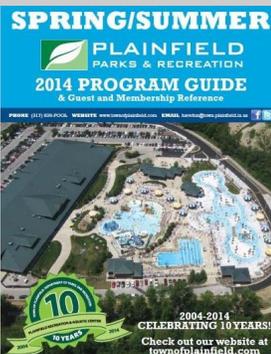


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- ◆ Pick up a copy of the Spring/Summer 2014 Program Guide!



Splash Island Opens for Summer Season May 24!



NEW THIS YEAR! The Leisure Pool, which includes the area around our 500-gallon tipping bucket, is HEATED!

After the long (very long!) winter, it's nice to think of summer arriving, and with it, SPLASH ISLAND! The Splash Island Family Waterpark opens on Saturday, May 24, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

That means lazy rides down the Leisure River are just around the bend. Soon we'll hear the laughter of children getting splashed by the spill of the 500-gallon water bucket and feel the slickness of the water slides as we leave the platform from the top and zip to the collection pool at the bottom. Can you smell the

aroma of soft pretzels baking and taste the zing of the cheese dip at the Snackabana? Circle the opening date of Splash Island on your calendar now!

People always ask "What's New?" and this year we're pleased to announce the Leisure Pool is HEATED! (Note we're talking about the zero-depth entry pool that contains the giant tipping bucket, not to be confused with Leisure River.) Yep, even when the air temperature feels a bit nippy to you but your kids want to get in, you can now play with them in the Leisure Pool and enjoy the warmth of the water.

As usually happens, Splash Island will open for Memorial Day weekend but then close for the four weekdays following. This is due to the majority of our lifeguards still being in school until the end of the month. We'll then re-open for the complete season, from Saturday, May 31 through Tuesday, August 6. After that we'll be open for the popular Wet Wednesday programs from 6 pm to 9 pm every Wednesday night and on weekends regular hours through Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

Regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 6pm, and Sundays, noon to 6 pm.

Trot the Trail on April 12!

Every spring we prep runners and walkers right here in Plainfield so they can go the distance at the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, the Geist Half-Marathon, and other long races coming up this summer. We do this by hosting events like the Spring Fling (1.5K), the Hearts & Soles for Honduras (10K), and the Trot the Trail (10-mile). Enter now for the Trot the Trail, which benefits the Miracle Field at the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex.

Location: Plainfield Recreation & Aquatic Center

Pre-register by: 4/5/2014 to get a tech T-shirt with \$25 entry fee.

Event Day Registration/Sign-in: Before 8 a.m.

Event Start Time: 10-mile run at 8:15 am. There will also be a 5K fitness run/walk.

All proceeds benefit the Miracle Field at the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex.

Recreation & Aquatic Center Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

The Recreation & Aquatic Center has become such a staple in the Town that it seems like it's always been here. In fact, it's been a full decade this year.

"We built the Rec Center and Splash Island because there was a huge demand from the public," said Robin Brandgard, Town Council President. "Virtually every survey we sent out came back saying there was a need for a swimming pool or a water park. Many specified that it should be a year-round facility. We didn't

doubt it would be successful, but even knowing that, it has exceeded our expectations."

Parks & Recreation Director Clay Chafin said the facility has become synonymous with the Town. "Ask anyone who has visited Plainfield, and they'll always mention Splash Island, whether it's the indoor or outdoor facility. Plus, the basketball courts host a variety of tournaments during the year, and the fitness center practically bursts at the seams during the winter months."

There are two major mile-

stones for the facility this year. The first is the ten year anniversary of Splash Island, which occurs Sunday, June 15. The other is the ten-year anniversary of the Recreation Center, which is Tuesday, November 4. Watch for spe-

cial activities on those days.

"Also, we'll be celebrating the ten-year anniversary all year long," added Chafin. "Our Ten-Visit Pass for \$10 promotion on March 10 is an example of some of the surprises we'll have. We have one each month. Some will be announced ahead of time, but others will be for those who show up at the right time and in the right place. So be alert!"



The 10-Year Anniversary celebration for March was a Ten Visit Pass for \$10 special. Announced only on social media, the event drew crowds that had the Recreation Center resembling a Black Friday shopping event.



Dick Belcher works with bands at the "Silver Sneakers Classic" class. "The stretching and balance work is really helpful," Dick says. "I have a lot less stiffness and improved balance. The old adage, 'use it or lose it,' really applies."

Long Time Members Reflect on 10-Year Anniversary

You know Dick & Shirley Belcher are long time members of the Recreation & Aquatic Center when you learn their membership numbers—Dick reports they were #49 and #50.

"We had been to a number of other gyms in the area over the years," Dick said, "like the Sports Center and what was then Gold's Gym. But when the Recreation Center opened, it was such a nice facility and the people were so friendly, that we started there and have been going back three days a week ever since."

The Silver Sneakers program is one of the best additions Shirley believes the Rec Center has added. She says she was not one for classes origi-

nally but has been going to the Silver Sneakers classes. "My range of motion has really improved," she noted.

Both Dick & Shirley love to ride the trails, too. They attribute their increased endurance to their workouts. "Nine or ten miles of biking is no trouble now," Dick said.

Dennis & Leah Middleton have also been members practically since the beginning. Dennis said they moved to Plainfield from Hazelwood in 2005 to be close to the trails to ride their bikes. Joining the Recreation and Aquatic Center was a natural fit. "The Rec Center is the best thing," said Dennis. "All the equipment, and the fact that you can go there and take classes that are free

with your membership that would cost extra elsewhere," are advantages he lists, along with the indoor pool.

Leah may be the poster child for what proper exercise and nutrition can do. "When we started at the Rec Center, I weighed 300 pounds," she said. "After a couple of years (of watching children), I started Weight Watchers and got back to the Rec Center and lost 120 pounds. If it wasn't for Weight Watchers and the Rec Center, I doubt I would be here now." The new, slimmer Leah, who has lost additional weight, can be found walking at the Rec Center early mornings before taking classes at 6. Dennis thanks the Rec Center and Weight Watchers for "giving me my wife back."



Plainfield Parks & Recreation is offering our popular, active-driven Summer Camp series again this year with more spots available. Nine weeks of camps are offered beginning the week of June 2. Better hurry to sign up, though, because registration limited and the spots are going fast!

Sign Your Kids Up for Summer Camp!

Our very popular Summer Camps have limited enrollment and are filling up fast! We encourage you to sign your kids up now so they—not to mention you—aren't disappointed with a lesser camp experience somewhere else.

The Plainfield Recreation & Aquatic Center camps are known for keeping kids active. Using the easily accessible trails, the facilities at the Recreation Center, and of course, the Splash Island Water Park, we have a summer camp program that is not like any other in the area.

Camps run for nine weeks starting the week of June 2-6 and ending the week of July 28-August 1. Registration is available online via the Town's website (www.townofplainfield.com) by linking to the Parks & Recreation main page and accessing the online system from there. You can also stop by the front desk of the Rec Center to register.

Summer Co-Ed Basketball League Sign-ups Going On Now!

Plainfield Junior Basketball League (PJBL) has a summer session designed for all students in first grade through sixth grade. Both residents and non-residents are welcome to play.

The summer session has a recreational format that is

intended to enhance and maintain basketball skills during the summer months. The season begins in June and ends in July. For more information, contact the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 317-839-7665.

Deadline for signups is Sunday, April 27th.

The PJBL is also looking for coaches! If you are interested, please sign up using the volunteer form under "Classifieds" on the website or email basprogram@town.plainfield.in.us.



Workers prepare the Miracle Field for the synthetic surface that will enable children of all abilities to play here. Having the Miracle Field as an integral part of the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex is a sign of the inclusiveness the Town is planning for. Special needs children won't be separated from others here.

Update on Miracle Field Progress

Progress is being made on the Miracle Field at the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex. The synthetic surface field, which will enable children of all abilities to enjoy activities such as baseball, is now under construction. The idea for the special field was first brought to the Plainfield Town Council by the Plainfield Optimists, who've helped raise about half the funds needed.

"The Council recognized that there was a need in our community for this sporting venue," said Robin Brandgard, Town Council President. "We decided to advance the remaining funds to complete the field so the children wouldn't have to wait any longer."

The Miracle Field is expected to host league play by late summer or early fall.

April 2014

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(Green dates) Spring Break Special Hours at Splash Island

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= Splash Island Family Waterpark open regular hours (see article, page 1)

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Grand Opening of Splash Island for season

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10th Anniversary of Splash Island Waterpark

New Concession Stand Underway at Swinford Park



If you've been wondering what all that digging is at Swinford Park, wonder no more. The Parks & Recreation Department is building a new concession stand. The new building will feature four restrooms (two men's and two women's), and better access to all four of the softball diamonds. The old concession stand will most likely be re-modeled and painted and used as a storage building.



LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS!



(AND OTHER SEASONAL EMPLOYEES)

Plainfield Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for Seasonal Lifeguards. Applicants will learn lifeguarding skills, CPR, Rescue Breathing, AED, supplemental oxygen, and First Aid! We're also hiring for

- skate guards
- recreational services
- seasonal park maintenance

Apply on the town website at www.townofplainfield.com. Click on the Employment Opportunities link and select the position you are applying for.