

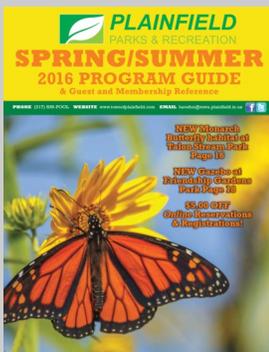


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- ◆ Pick up a copy of the Spring/Summer 2016 Program Guide!



Splash Island Opens for Summer Season May 28!



Get ready for summer fun at Splash Island!

The cold weather has started to exit Indiana and summer is right around the corner. With it comes the season opening of SPLASH ISLAND! The Splash Island Family Waterpark opens on Saturday, May 28, the beginning of Memorial Day weekend.

That means lazy rides down Leisure River are just around the bend. Soon enough, you will be racing through the three waterslides with your closest competitors. Circle the opening date of Splash Island on your calendar now!

"We are looking forward to hosting our summer guests again this year and hoping for a record-breaking season," said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks & Recreation. "Guests may not notice the details, but we continue to maintain the facility in important ways. This year we invested in upgrading our exterior finishes and mechanicals. The changes this year aren't flashy, but they are there."

Once Splash Island opens on May 28th, it will be open every day through Tuesday, August 2. After that, we'll be open for the popular Endless Summer Night program from 6 pm to 9 pm every Wednesday and on weekends regular hours through Labor Day, Monday, September 5. (Because most of the lifeguards are high school students, Splash Island is not able to be fully staffed when school is in session and will be closed weekdays between August 2 and September 5.)

Regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 6pm, and Sundays, noon to 6 pm. Regular Wet Wednesdays hours are 7 to 10 p.m. during the season through July 27.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.splashislandplainfield.com!

Need a summer job? Become a lifeguard!

Plainfield's Recreation and Aquatic Center offers the ultimate in lifeguard training: that of Ellis & Associates. The rigorous program will train you in CPR, first aid, water surveillance, and rescue skills. Additionally, participants will have sessions in lifeguard professionalism and vigilance. Candidates who successfully complete this program will receive a professional lifeguard license and join the Splash Island lifeguard staff.

Pay starts at \$8.75/hour. An interview process is required.

Apply online at TownofPlainfield.com/Employment-Opportunities.

Questions? Contact 317-839-7665, ext. 538

This is training that will give you skills that you might need someday outside of this job. Plus, you will be building a resume that could put you ahead of others when you are looking for full-time employment.

Pickleball Courts Coming to Swinford Park!

We've mentioned pickleball a number of times in the Parks & Recreation News. If you haven't heard of it, it's a sport that's played on a court about the size of a doubles badminton court, 20 x 44 feet, using paddles instead of racquets. A game can be played with two players (singles) or four (doubles). The entire court is used whether playing doubles or singles.

The big news is that pick-

leball courts are coming to Swinford Park! This summer the Town will pave at least four courts exclusively devoted to pickleball. They will be located around the area that once housed the sand volleyball courts, if you remember where those were.

The tennis courts at Franklin Park that have been adapted for pickleball play. They will continue to have those markings and will continue to be availa-

ble for open play, which is Mondays at 6 pm, Wednesdays at 9 am and Saturdays at 9am.

Look for the new courts, to begin construction soon, weather dependent. Having their availability will



Pickleball has proven to be a popular addition to the offerings at Plainfield Parks., both indoor at the Rec Center and outdoor at Franklin Park. When constructed this summer, the new outdoor courts at Swinford Park will add even more capacity.

significantly expand options for our pickleball devotees during the outdoor season.

Indoor pickleball will also continue at the Recreation Center as time permits. Contact the front desk for information if you are looking to play indoors. Hours may change from the indoor schedule that was maintained during the winter.

Friendship Gardens has a New Gazebo!



Thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sims, Friendship Gardens has a new gazebo.

"Bob Simms was a Plainfield resident and member who enjoyed the Rec Center and especially the trails," said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks & Recreation. "When he passed away, he left a generous donation

to the Parks Department.

"We decided to use the money to replace the old gazebo. It had not weathered well, and in fact was rotting away. The new structure is made of engineered materials and is expected to last a long time."

Chafin says the gazebo is fre-

quently used during the spring, summer, and fall. "It's a favorite location for small outdoor weddings, parties, and special events. It books up early in the year, so we recommend that people reserve it well in advance."

The resident rate for renting the Friendship Gardens Gazebo pavilion is \$105/day. For non-residents, it's \$210/day. The Gazebo is the only amenity available for rent for weddings and parties in Friendship Gardens. All other amenities remain open to the public, including the waterfall, the Enabling Garden, the War Memorial, and the new Legacy Walk.

To schedule your event at the gazebo, contact the Rec Center's Special Events Coordinator at 317-839-7665.



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 May 30. Better hurry to sign up, though, because registration limited and the spots are going fast!

Register Early for Summer Camp!

Our very popular Summer Camps have limited enrollment and are filling up fast! We regularly sell out every week of summer camp, so 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 May 30 through June 3 and ending the week of July 25-29. Contact the Rec Center at 317-839-7665 or email campisfun@town.plainfield.in.us for more information. Stop by the front desk of the Rec Center to register.

Blake Shelton Ticket Stop at Splash Island

The day Splash Island opens, you could win tickets to the Blake Shelton Concert!

As a part of Splash Island's "Win a Family Reunion at Splash Island" promotion with HANK-FM, Splash Island will be the last chance Ticket Stop on May 28 for four fans to win a pair of tickets each to the Legends Day concert at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway featuring Blake Shelton. This is the 100th running of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway,

and every event is close to selling out. We expect the Legends Day concert to be no exception.

HANK-FM's Last Chance Ticket Stop will be located outside the Splash Island entrance for an hour, with a pair of tickets given away every 15 minutes. A HANK-FM radio personality will be on hand to host the event. Everyone registering at the stop will have a chance to play Spin the Wheel to Win. Prizes include free passes and BOGO coupons to Splash Island, country music



Win a pair of tickets to the Legends Day concert featuring Blake Shelton on opening day at Splash Island, May 28!

CD's, and more. Please note: Town employees are not eligible to win.

Indoor Aquatic Center to Close for Extensive Repairs

During August the indoor aquatic center usually closes for about 10 days so regular maintenance can be performed. This year the aquatic center will close for a much longer period of time. Details will be announced soon.

The roof over the indoor aquatic center will need repair. It's never pleasant to have to fix problems, especially problems that were not of your making, but that's the story. There is no good time to fix it either, but we hope to complete the repairs during the slower months so it can reopen for the winter. We will take advantage of the downtime to handle additional maintenance items as well.

Watch for details in the third quarter Parks & Recreation News! More immediate advisories will be posted on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TownOfPlainfieldIndiana) and on Twitter (@TownPlainfield)

April 2016

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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

Promise Walk for 2016 on May 21st

Thousands of women and babies get very sick or even die each year from a dangerous condition called Preeclampsia, a life threatening disorder that occurs only during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Preeclampsia and related disorders such as HELLP syndrome and eclampsia are most often characterized by a rapid rise in blood pressure that can lead to a seizure, stroke, multiple organ failure and death of the mother and/or baby. Please join us as we make strides and deliver hope at the Indianapolis Promise Walk!

Location: Plainfield Recreation & Aquatic Center

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016

Event Day Registration/Sign-in: 8:30 a.m.

Event Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Registration:

- \$20 Fee for Adults (\$25 onsite)
- 10 Fee for Kids



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

- 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.