



# 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 2016 Program Guide!



## Indoor Aquatic Center Closes August 20 for Maintenance

The indoor aquatic center at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center will close for an extended period of time beginning in August for some much needed maintenance.

"We liken this to being a homeowner," said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks and Recreation.

"Buildings require maintenance. Sometimes it's a hot water heater, sometimes it's a roof. An indoor aquatic center is a pretty harsh environment for a roof and needs our attention right now. And for safety reasons, we'll have to close the aquatic center to handle this. None of the other functions at the Recreation Center and the Splash Island Waterpark will be affected."

The projected closing date is August 20th and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the indoor aquatic center will open back up by the end of the year.

"We chose the fall months to have the indoor pool closed for repairs because those are historically the months of least usage," said Chafin.

"We'll be able to move some of the activities to Clarks Creek Natatorium, and/or relocate programs to our outdoor pool. We'll announce those schedules as soon as we can. Because patrons who have already purchased annual or six-month memberships were unaware of the closure

before their purchase and will be inconvenienced, we will offer to extend their memberships. Annual members will receive an additional two months, and six-month members will receive an additional month. All who purchase three-month memberships, ten-visit-pass memberships, and day passes will be advised before purchasing that the indoor aquatic center will be closed."

There is also an opportunity for patrons to take advantage of the closure. "Those who don't use the indoor aquatic center that much will be able to take advantage of the inconvenience to gain additional months," added Chafin. "Anyone who purchases a six-month pass or annual pass between now and September 1st will receive seven months for the price of six or fourteen months for the price of twelve."

The roof repairs will not only make the roof better structurally but they will also increase the r-value of the roof. This will help the indoor environmental system operate more efficiently.



## Puppy Pool Party—Possible date change



The 10th annual Puppy Pool Party is currently scheduled for September 10 & 11. However, look for the possibility of a change in this activity, due to the roof maintenance of the indoor pool. Information should be available soon concerning the possible delay in this activity.

Typically this event is held the weekend after Labor Day. However, if the indoor pool maintenance project dictates, we may extend programming to our outdoor pool in September prior to moving programs to Clarks Creek, which would affect when we would have the Puppy Pool Party. Look for updated schedule information and specifically any date change for the Puppy Pool Party on our website soon.

## 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 year before last," 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 29th.

End registration date for everyone is September 25th. Evaluations are October 22nd and The coaches sign up/informational meeting is

September 29. The anticipated start date is Nov. 8th.

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)



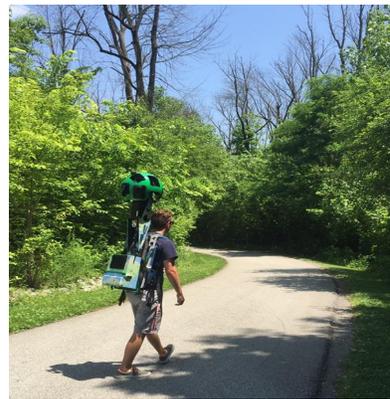
*PJBL season is from November until March (ending before Spring Break). Also, grade levels from first through sixth grade will feature co-ed play, unless registration dictates otherwise.*

The Plainfield Parks Department has partnered with the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association to use the Google Trekker to map Plainfield's parks and trails. Google Trekking is an ingenious program that park departments utilize because it brings 360 degree images to viewers. During the month of June, Clarks Creek Aquatics Supervisor, Jordan Brouillard, had the responsibility of Google Trekking all of Plainfield's parks and trails. In total, Jordan trekked over 25 miles on foot. When asked about the amount of time he spent on the project, Brouillard simply stated, "I feel very privileged that my job offered me the opportunity to be apart of such a big and

## Google Trekking Plainfield Parks & Trails



**Pictured above left is Jordan Brouillard Google Trekking in front of the Oasis Diner on US 40. On the right, Brouillard captures images on White Lick Trail near the Recreation Center.**



ongoing project." Brouillard added that despite the hot weather, the opportunity to get out and enjoy the trails while still working was something he was very thankful for. He hopes that once the 360 degree images are released people will be encouraged to get out of the house and spend time enjoying Plainfield's parks and trails. As of now, the images Jordan collected have not been released; however, the Plainfield Parks Department will keep the

town updated on when the images will be available. The Parks Department is very enthusiastic about the project because it gives people from all over the world the ability to virtually tour Plainfield's parks. If you have not been following the Google Trekker project, the Plainfield Parks Department encourages you to like us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/Plainfield-Parks-Recreation](https://www.facebook.com/Plainfield-Parks-Recreation)) and see all the fun work Jordan has been doing.

## Summer Swim Team Merges With Plainfield Community Aquatics Club

The Plainfield Summer Swim team is halfway through their swim season after competing in numerous competitions throughout the month of June. The Splash Island Pelicans currently practice at the Clarks Creek Natatorium and face other club swimming teams in the area. Swim team Supervisor Jordan Brouillard says, "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." Brouillard is also excited to announce that at the end of this season the Splash Island Pelicans will merge with Plainfield Community Aquatics. PCA is a new developmental, competitive swim program located in Plainfield. Brouillard assures current Splash Island Pelicans and their families that the transition to PCA will be smooth. Brouillard says, "The pricing and practice times should stay the same. The only big changes we plan on seeing are the practice location and coaching staff." PCA is based out of Plainfield High School and run by high school swim coach Scott Johnson. For more information contact Jordan at [jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us](mailto:jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us).



## Clarks Creek Partnership Ending December 31st

As of December 31, 2016, the Plainfield Parks Department will no longer be responsible for operating the Clarks Creek Natatorium. Although Clarks Creek has been a beneficial facility that the aquatics team has utilized over the years, efficiencies can be gained with its



closure. For example, much of the programming will be added to the Recreation & Aquatic Center aquatic offerings. Additionally, the Splash Island Pelicans Developmental Swim Team has merged with the Plainfield Community Aquatics Program (PCA), operated at Plainfield High School. PCA officials have said that parents should see very little change in the operation of the program; simply a change in location. For any questions regarding the closure, contact Jordan Brouillard at [jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us](mailto:jbrouillard@town.plainfield.in.us).



Pictured above is an updated trail guide detailing the current Plainfield Parks and Trail system.



## Updated Trail Guide & Trail Maintenance

The Parks Department recently released an up-to-date guide of the Plainfield Parks and Trail system. The updated map is pictured to the left. In addition, the Parks Department wants to announce that there will be trail maintenance throughout the rest of the year. During construction, portions of the trail will be closed to the community. The portions of the trail under construction will be indicated with a "Trail Closed" sign to remind users to avoid that part of the trail. Construction will include extending the Vandalia Trail to the West, connecting the Vandalia Trail to the Del Webb Community, trimming and removing dead trees, and resurfacing the trails. Specific dates and time-lines will be advertised when available. For questions or concerns please contact 317-839-7665.

## July 2016

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## September 2016

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## August 2016

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3 (RED dates) Endless Summer Nights at Splash Island. 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.)

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

## Splash Island Hours Change After August 1st

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 Tuesday, August 2nd, Splash Island's hours will no longer be daily. From August 2 until Labor Day, September 5, 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 5 (Labor Day), the Splash Island Family Waterpark will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. That's the last time regularly scheduled time for human swimming, but see page 1 about the Puppy Pool Party September 10 & 11.

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.**