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Daddy/Daughter Dance Now Taking Reservations!

The popular Daddy/Daughter Dance, which always sells out two nights and has limited availability the third, is now taking reservations for the 2017 dance. The three dates are Friday, February 10, Saturday, February 11, and Sunday, February 12. Each night the dance will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

“We’ve had such an outstanding response each year that we’ve had to add more nights since we created the event,” said Recreation Program Supervisor Brian McLane. “Last year we added a third night and while it was not quite a sell-out then, it could easily be this year. We urge the dads and daughters to order their tickets now, particularly if they want Friday or Saturday night, as we don’t want them to be disappointed.”

The program features a festive atmosphere, an experienced DJ to play some great music, and a lot of fun for dads and daughters.



There will also be a balloon artist visiting the tables and other entertainment.

Though the event is known as the “Daddy/Daughter Dance,” the Parks Department recognizes the need to be flexible with the reality of today’s blended families. Any adult may purchase tickets to escort their “daughter” to the event.

Registrations for the Daddy/Daughter Dance can be done online through the Town’s website for those who have a WebTrac account or by contacting the front desk of the Recreation Center.

Plainfield Moves to Automated Meter Reading

If you’re used to having to curb your dog when a meter reader comes to record your water reading, those days may be coming to an end. The Town is moving to an automated meter reading system.

“The change is coming gradually,” said Jason Castetter, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW). “Once the project is fully underway, we’ll be changing out about 300 to 400 replacements/month. This is a new technology for us, and we want to make sure we solve any problems we find with the system as soon as we can, before we roll it out town-wide. So far we’ve not had too many issues.”

Castetter said moving to the new system provides some advantages. “First, water is a precious resource, and we want to make sure we are treating it as such. Under the old system, we couldn’t provide enough (continued)

people to check every meter every month. Plus, in some cases the meter was not in a convenient spot. Reading it was dependent on a homeowner being home, which could be problematic. Because billings were often made by estimating water usage based on previous readings and expected patterns, a big surge in water usage might not be discovered until the meter was physically read by a person and the discrepancy discovered. Months could go by without a leak being detected. A lot of water might be wasted. With an automated system, the reading is taken every month. Water usage is more reported more accurately and leaks can be detected much sooner. For a few residents, there may be a surprise the first month after a new meter is installed, because their bill for water usage may be higher if it had been underestimated for several months. Of course, in most instances this will not be the case.

“Also, having an automated meter reading system contributes to the ‘internet of things,’ a concept that refers to machines being in communication with each other. A homeowner who can remotely control the temperature of his house or whether his front door is unlocked may at some point be able to monitor his water usage on a regular basis in the same manner as a result of our having this capability.”

The Town is committed to replacing all residential meters with the new system, but it will be phased in over a 18-24 month period.

Sign Your Kids Up for Spring Break Camp!

If you have to work over Spring Break but aren't sure what to do with your kids, can we suggest our Spring Break Day Camps? We have two sessions, so whether your school break is for two weeks or one, we're here for you.

- Week 1: March 20-24.
Registration deadline is March 5.
- Week 2: March 27-31.
Registration deadline is March 12.

While you're at work, your children will have fun creating various crafts, working as a team in games, sports, and recreation, and just having a fun time doing indoor and outdoor activities. Plus, they'll make new friends!

The Plainfield Recreation & Aquatic Center camps are known for keeping kids active. Using the easily accessible trails, the facilities at the Recreation Center, and the indoor aquatic center (which is expected to be open by then), we have a camp program that is unlike any other in the area.

Pre-registration is required. If you have an account, you can register online at our website (www.townofplainfield.com) or call the front desk for pricing information and registration at 317-839-7665.

Resolution to Get Fit? Run (or Walk) the Frosty Feet 5K

So you made that New Year's Resolution to get fit, did you? Here's a chance to show yourself how far you've come!

The Frosty Feet 5k Run/Walk is scheduled for February 4, 2017. Pre-registration is due January 29, but you can register the day of the event from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The event meeting time is 8:45, and the start time is at 9:00. For those of you who may not have done much running or walking, a 5k is just a little over 3 miles. That's way more doable than, say, a half-marathon, which is 13.1 miles. For a 5k, if you just start walking, you'll get there.

You can register at getmeregistered.com. For further details, contact jbritton@town.plainfield.in.us or call the Rec Center at 317-839-7665.

