

PLAINFIELD POST



NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD, MARCH 2017



Meet New Fire Chief Joel Thacker!

At the first Town Council meeting of the year, on January 9, the Council appointed Joel Thacker to be the new fire chief of the Plainfield Fire Territory. Joel had been serving the Town as the Division Chief of Prevention and Administration. Before coming to Plainfield, Thacker served the Brownsburg Fire Territory as assistant fire chief. Prior to that, he served as fire chief of the Columbus (Indiana) Fire Department and held a variety of positions with the White River Township Fire Department.

"Joel Thacker has a strong background not only as a paramedic and career firefighter but also as an administrator," said Robin Brandgard, Town Council President. "Although he's been on the job in Plainfield only a little over a year, he's made significant improvements to the way we handle fire prevention. The Council is confident he'll be a fire chief who can take us to the next level."

Joel replaces Brian Russell in the position. Brian stepped down for personal reasons but remains with the Fire Territory. His current position is Battalion Chief.

"I want to first express my debt of gratitude to Chief Russell for his leadership," Thacker said. "The community owes him much for his service these last five years. I also appreciate his confidence and that of Andrew Klinger in recommending me to the Council for this position. I'm excited and humbled and honored to be appointed Fire Chief for Plainfield."

Meet Joel Thacker

Education:

Indiana University,
Bachelor of Science
in Business
Administration

Indiana University,
Master of Science
in Criminal Justice
and Public Safety
(in progress)



Hometown:

Greenwood area;
Joel is Center Grove
High School graduate

Family:

Wife Julie is principal at Central Elementary;
they have 2 children, Elaina, 23, and Aiden, 12.

Hobbies:

Reading, traveling, riding bikes

Interests:

Civil War. He loves to visit Gettysburg whenever he can.

Favorite Movie:

The American President

Favorite Leadership Author:

John Maxwell

Favorite Quote:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."
– Theodore Roosevelt

Heavy Trash Days on April 1 & 8

Recycle Electronics and Shred Documents, too!

The Town's Spring Heavy Trash Day event will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in April: the 1st and the 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days. The event is free and open to Town of Plainfield residents only.

Residents may deposit acceptable items in designated dumpsters at the Town garage located at 986 S. Center Street. No hazardous waste, tires, building materials, or yard waste will be accepted. This event is provided to Plainfield residents in an effort to help keep our community clean.

Technology Recyclers will be on site during Heavy Trash Days to accept appliances and electronics. Again this year the Department of Public Works has arranged for the Stormwater program to pay the \$10 fee for all television and monitor recycling, so it will be free to residents! Other electronics accepted include fax machines, computer peripherals, DVD players and VCRs, camcorders and cameras, and iPods/MP3 players. Please note they cannot accept satellite dishes.

Ray's Document Destruction will be nearby in the Plainfield Community Middle School parking lot (enter on Longfellow Drive) on both days, also from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., to shred documents residents would like to dispose of. Perfect timing for items no longer needed after filing tax returns!

For further information about any of these services, contact the Department of Public Works at 839-3490.

In addition, on April 29 Plainfield will be participating in the annual county-wide Spring Clean Up. Hours are 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone who would like to have a team should contact Shelly McKinney at 317-754-5173. The Town will provide cleanup supplies (we do not have shirts this year) and will pick up the bags. We had a great turnout last year and are hoping for a repeat performance. Thank you for your civic-mindedness!

Indoor Aquatic Center to Open in March!

It's been a long time coming, but the indoor aquatic center returns to public use in March! Watch for a grand re-opening announcement soon!



(The indoor aquatic center closed in August for roof replacement and other renovations.)

Summer Sewer Rates

Customers who tend to use a lot of water during the summer may want to take advantage of summer sewer rates which will be available for five months in the summer starting with the June meter read.

For a non-refundable \$50 application fee, customers may apply for the special rate at the Town Hall, 206 West Main Street. The application form is also available online at the Town's website under the Utility Billing department.

The special rate, an unmetered \$35.13/month, applies to single-family residential sewer service only. It does not apply to sewer service for any premises used wholly or in part as commercial, industrial, or multifamily (two units or more) property. For 2017, the summer sewer rate will begin with the June due July 15th billing and end with the October due November 15 billing. The rate for those not living within the Town limits (non-residents) is \$40.39/month.

Customers should sign up as soon as possible. The deadline is May 15. Those signing up after the deadline will pay a \$10 penalty. Summer sewer rates paid after May 15 will commence with the next bill cycle after the payment is received. Summer sewer rates are not retroactive.

"The goal of the program is to provide relief for single family customers who sprinkle their lawns," said Dan Bridget, a Town Council member who acts as the liaison between the Council and the Sewer Department.

Questions may be directed to the Utility Billing Department at 317-837-0000.