



NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD, MARCH 2013

Talon Stream Park Site to Take Shape this Summer

The Talon Stream remediation project, which is being created on top of the old Shouse landfill, will take shape this spring and summer. The goal of the project is to cap the landfill and make it suitable for parkland. The site is immediately north of the Recreation and Aquatic Center campus and will eventually be connected to it by a bridge. To date the site has been cleared of refuse like tires, timber, and other items as required by the state and covered in a one-foot layer of dirt.

“Our first priority this spring will be to create additional parking for Splash Island, which is clearly needed after last season’s tremendous success,” said Tim Belcher, Town Engineer. “We will clear a space north of the parking lot created last year for Splash Island and put stone down. It will have room for approximately 75 cars. Eventually we will pave it, but probably not until next season when the Talon Stream site is completed and ready for the public.”

During the summer, the Town’s contractor, John Hall Construction, will haul in the “cap,” 1 ½ feet of clay that will seal the landfill site and make it impervious to water. Following that, a stone drainage layer and top soil will be brought in and placed on top of the clay cap. Provision will also be made for a trail.

“In the fall, our goal will be to do the planting,” Belcher said, “putting in vegetation that will grow in the top soil. There are restrictions on what we can plant on top of the former landfill—no trees, for example—but we are looking at highly stable grasses that are low maintenance.” The park is expected to be an open space for quiet activities. Patrons of Splash Island could take a picnic lunch there, for example, after the park is open to the public, which is planned for 2014.

To the east between the landfill and White Lick Creek is a natural, wooded area in which Talon Stream flows. “Trails will lead down into



This vista of White Lick Creek (taken last year) shows the kind of view visitors to the Talon Stream park site will have when the park opens next year. For this year, work continues on the site.

the natural area, but we won’t put trails into the woods,” Belcher added. “It’s in a low-lying plain and floods easily. When it’s dry, however, residents will be welcome to walk in the woods.”

Belcher said people will be amazed at the views of White Lick Creek from the park site. “It’s really an incredible vista. We’re lucky to be able to reclaim this land and enable residents to enjoy the beauty of White Lick Creek from this new park.”

Online Registration Now Available for Parks & Recreation Programs

Registration for Plainfield Parks and Recreation programs, including summer Day Camps, is available online starting April 1st.

“Those who already have a valid email address with us are going to find this an extremely easy process,” said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks & Recreation. “They’ll receive an email entitled ‘Exciting News’ that will contain a hyperlink to the registration page. It will provide a temporary user name and password that will enable them to login and establish their desired name and password. Once they’re in, they’ll be able to do a number of things that formerly required coming to the front desk.” *(continued on back)*

Examples of things that can be done online include registering and paying for programs, obtaining a printable visit history or activity report for insurance compliance, printing receipts for tax purposes, and getting information about upcoming classes such as class descriptions and how many people are currently registered. A monthly calendar of programs for which household members are registered can even be printed.

"If you don't receive the April 1 email, it either means you're not in our system or we don't have a current email address for you," said Chafin. "If you think we should already have you in our data base, please call the front desk at 839-7665 (POOL). We can check the system and update your email address. Although anyone can visit the website as a guest, taking full advantage of the new features available requires having a valid user name and password."

There are two ways for those not currently in the system to receive a user name and password. The first is for non-residents. A phone call is all that is needed, although a visit to the front desk will also work. Once the front desk attendant has a valid physical address and a valid email address, that information will be added to the data base and an "Exciting News" email will be generated containing the hyperlink and a temporary user name and password. All others must come to the front desk with evidence of where they live. (A current utility bill is recommended as proof of residency.) The attendant will validate their physical address. Once validated, they will be added to the system and receive the "Exciting News" email.

Chafin urges everyone using the new system to be mindful of the payment amount before paying for a class. "If it looks incorrect or if you have questions or concerns, call the Rec Center at 839-7665 before you pay," he said. "We would prefer to resolve any issues before accepting payment."

A YouTube video has been produced to guide new users through the system. Visit the Town's website at www.townofplainfield.com to find a link to the video.

Heavy Trash Days on April 13 & 20

Recycle Electronics and Shred Documents, too!

The Town's Spring Heavy Trash Day event will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in April: the 13th and 20th, 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.

The Department of Public Works is working to arrange for an electronics recycler to be on site as they did last year to accept televisions, computer monitors, fax machines, computer peripherals, DVD players and VCRs, camcorders and cameras, iPods/MP3 players, and many other types of electronic equipment (but no satellite dishes). They expect to have them available both April 13 and 20.

NEW THIS YEAR: Ray's Document Destruction will be on site AT THE POLICE STATION (1075 West Main Street, at the corner of US40 and Moon Road) on April 13 ONLY to shred documents residents would like to dispose of.

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

Also on April 13, the Town will participate in Hendricks County's annual Spring Clean-Up. Locally the Town will host volunteers picking up trash along roadways and ditches in an effort to keep trash and debris out of our waterways. Commercial property owners are also encouraged to do a widespread clean up event of their properties. Adopt-A-Road sponsors will be out picking up trash along their adopted routes, as well. To volunteer your time, please call Shannon at the Department of Public Works at 839-3490.

PARKS & REC SPECIAL!

Buy-one get-one free admission to the Indoor Aquatic Center during extended spring break hours

Valid March 30 - April 7, 2013