



NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD, MARCH 2016

## Heavy Trash Days on April 16 & 23

### Recycle Electronics and Shred Documents, too!

The Town's Spring Heavy Trash Day event will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in April: the 16th and 23rd, 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. 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 16 Plainfield will be participating in the annual county-wide Spring Clean Up. If you wish to volunteer, please



contact Shelly Busby of DPW at 839-3490. She can get you t-shirts, safety vests and trash bags. This is a great community service project for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups or anyone else willing to help clean up the Town. Last year there was a very small turn-out. We are hoping for a better one this year! Please call Shelly at 839-3490 soon to schedule so we know we will have a great crew.

## Water Testing in the Town of Plainfield

Two recent notices were published in the Hendricks County Flyer: notice of a Water Boil Advisory followed immediately in the same paper by the cancellation of the Water Boil Advisory. These notices have led to questions about why the advisory was issued in the first place.

"The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requires that all public water supplies monitor their water for total coliform," said Jason Casterter, Superintendent of Public Works. "Coliform are indicator organisms that may indicate the presence of bacteria in the water. They are indicators only. They do not necessarily reveal that any bacteria are present. False positive results occur from (continued)

time to time. Most positive results are attributed to sample collection error or contaminated sample collection.”

The Town of Plainfield is required to collect twenty samples each month. In this case, two of the twenty samples failed. Under the law, a boil advisory had to be issued and published. When a sample tests positive at the lab, the lab immediately performs an additional test to determine if the water contains E-coli. An E-coli positive test result indicates the water may contain harmful bacteria that can cause illness. However, the two samples were confirmed by the lab to be false positive readings. There was no danger to the public. A cancellation of the water boil advisory was then issued and both notices appeared in the same issue of the Flyer.

“In addition to the extra testing when a sample tests positive for coliform, we also must begin a series of thorough steps to ensure customer health and safety,” Castetter added. “These steps include resampling from the original site of the positive test, collecting samples upstream and downstream from the original site, and collecting samples from every source well in Plainfield that was active during the time the positive sample was collected.

“If testing revealed that water quality posed a risk to the public, we would issue a Boil Water Advisory to broadcast media and put out notices on social media,” Castetter said. “We would use every appropriate communication tool to get this information out.”

## Did You Know?

Here are some facts about Plainfield’s water:

- In addition to the monthly samples sent to a lab (see accompanying article, “Water Testing in the Town of Plainfield”), Plainfield’s water is tested daily for items such as chlorine, fluoride, iron, phosphate, ammonia, and turbidity. These tests are conducted daily at every plant or entry point.
- Plainfield’s water is all taken from underground sources. We do not use any surface water (as was the case in Flint, Michigan).
- Tests are also conducted weekly for such items as pH, alkalinity, and hardness, as specified by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. (pH is a measure of acid and base properties.)
- Plainfield actually has thirty-nine sample points, nearly twice as many as the twenty mentioned in the article, from which they pull for tests.
- To the best of our knowledge, Plainfield has never had to issue a water boil advisory that wasn’t immediately followed with a cancellation notice.
- Plainfield’s water utility pumped over 1.35 billion gallons of water in 2015.

## National Historic District Workshop Scheduled for April 12

Come to Town Hall on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn about tax credits and deductions available when historic properties contributing to a Historic District designation are renovated!

Historic Architect David Duvall with the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and Mark Dollase with Indiana Landmarks will give brief presentations and will be available to answer questions in a workshop on the topic of historic renovations. Tax credits and deductions are available under certain conditions. This applies to both residential and commercial properties.

The event will be held in the second floor conference room at the Town Municipal Building, 206 W. Main Street in Plainfield.