



THE WATER LINE

NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD, MAY 2010

Plainfield Historic District Now On National Register

The Plainfield Historic District, roughly bounded by Mill, Center, Lincoln, Vine, East, and Ash Streets, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, according to the Town's Director of Planning and Zoning Joe James.

The Plainfield Historic District contains the historic commercial and residential core of the town, laid out along the National Road (US-40), in 1831 with the majority of buildings dating from roughly 1860-1920. In addition to the distinctive residential neighborhoods north and south of Main

Street, the district also contains historic public buildings such as the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends' meeting house (1857-58), the Plainfield Interurban Station (1907), and Prewitt Theatre (1927).

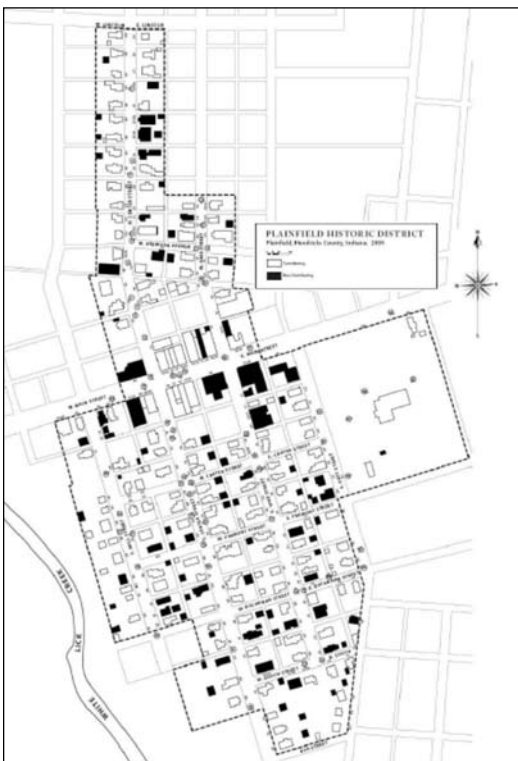
James noted that Ratio Architects performed the historic district study, and that 175 homes and structures in the district were determined to be historically significant or "contributing" to the historical integrity of the district. These homes and structures are eligible for tax credits and deductions when improvements are made.

For more information on the historic district study, visit www.townofplainfield.com or contact Joe James at 839-2561, ext. 217.

Police Department Bestows Honors

During the recent observation of National Police Week, the Plainfield Police Department took time to honor their own, during a ceremony at the Duke Energy auditorium. In addition to a presentation by guest speaker Karen Blann, whose husband was killed in the line of duty while working for the Newton County Sheriff's Department, the evening included many Letters of Commendation presented to officers for exemplary work throughout the year.

Officer Kyle Prewitt was honored as the "Top Cop", an award bestowed by other officers in the department. Officers Brad Elston and Jeremy Harris were recognized with Silver Star awards for their lifesaving efforts to extract two children from a burning trailer in March. Mike Standiford was named Reserve Officer of The Year, and Officer Greg Brown, from the Danville Police Department, was given a *(continued)*



Letter of Commendation for his assistance in a recent Plainfield business robbery.

Other awards presented included:

- Police Explorer of The Year: Brett Edwards
- Extra Mile Award: Officer Caleb Gibbons
- Distinguished Service Award: Cook's Auto Parts
- Gumshoe Award: Detective Brian Bugler
- Impaired Driving Enforcement Award: Officer Nathan Nolin

Spring Heavy Trash Event Really Cleans Up

The Town's Spring Heavy Trash Days in April yielded more than 40 tons of trash and filled more than a dozen 30-cubic yard dumpsters. Three more dumpsters were filled with scrap metal for recycling. Disposal Alternatives Organization was also on-site, and collected the following items (and more) for recycling:

- Large appliances, including 25 refrigerators, 25 washers, 20 dryers and 9 stoves
- Home electronics, including 190 televisions, 155 CRT monitors, 50 computer towers, 25 VCRs, 30 stereo receivers and 24 DVD players
- HVAC equipment, including 15 window air conditioners, 5 space heaters and 19 dehumidifiers

To learn more about Disposal Alternatives Organization, visit www.applianceremovers.com, or call (317) 291-4500. For more information about future Heavy Trash Days, contact Town Garage personnel at 839-3490 or visit www.townofplainfield.com.

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Grass Clippings and Storm Drains Don't Mix

While it might be convenient to blow grass clippings into the street when you mow your yard, the practice can cause problems for the Town's stormwater system, according to Patty Seymour from the Department of Public Works. "Not only do the clippings clog storm drains, requiring DPW personnel to clear them to prevent local flooding," Seymour said, "the clippings may also contain lawn treatment chemicals that can affect storm water quality." She suggests that homeowners direct their mower discharges away from the street and safely remove debris from curb gutters and storm drains in front of their homes. "The grass clippings and other natural debris can also be composted," Seymour said. For more information on the Town's stormwater quality programs, contact Seymour at 839-3490 or visit www.townofplainfield.com.

Parks & Recreation Program Info Online

From fitness program information to online sign-up opportunities, the Parks & Recreation Department is making it easy to stay connected and stay in shape. Visitors to the Town's website – www.townofplainfield.com – can select the Parks & Recreation department page to learn more about the kid's Summer Day Camp, Splash Island activities, aerobics classes and many more programs. The department has also just launched its Twitter page to share up-to-the-moment event and venue announcements. Follow the Parks & Recreation Department at www.twitter.com/PlainfieldPR. To learn more by phone, call 839-POOL.

