



# The Plainview News

Fall/Winter 2019-2020

Plainview, a neighborhood where we take pride in our community. Every resident plays a vital role in making our community a great place to live.



## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NORM MEYER

Greetings! I know I've said this before, "isn't Plainview a nice place to live"! Do you know that Plainview was incorporated in June of 1972? That's over 47 years ago! Do you know of many subdivisions that have aged as well as Plainview? Do you know one of the reasons Plainview has remained so attractive? After Plainview was incorporated, the developer established the Plainview Resident's Association (PRA) along with "By Laws" as to how the organization, the PRA, would be run. Every property owner in Plainview is a member of the PRA. The developer also established Deed Restrictions and legally empowered the PRA to enforce these deed restrictions. Over the years, the many, all unpaid volunteer Boards, have done a pretty good job of enforcing these restrictions. That is one big reason we can, 47 years later, enjoy this very pleasing environment surrounding our homes.

That brings us to the present. As you probably know, because of these Deed Restrictions, if Plainview residents want to make exterior architectural alterations or improvements, they must request approval from the Board. In the past, the approval process was not published and the Board handled requests as they arose. As Plainview has matured and homes have changed ownership, the Board is receiving many more approval requests. Therefore, the current Board has formalized a "protocol" or approval process for residents and the Board to use. *The following is the approval process we will follow in the future:*

### Approval Process

- PRA Administrator gets communication from a resident wanting Board approval for property alterations and/or improvements.
- PRA Administrator informs resident that the PRA has an APPLICATION FORM to complete that explains the requirements for Board approval and the Administrator will email this form to resident.
- PRA Administrator also informs requesting resident that when the form is completed, the form and the applicable required documents are to be mailed or emailed to each board member and the Administrator. That Administrator will attach a list of the names, addresses & email addresses of the board members as well.
- PRA Administrator will coordinate Board member site visitation to occur upon all Board member's receipt of approval requirements.

- It is possible that in some cases the resident is submitting incomplete information and requesting resident may need to be contacted for improved compliance prior-to, or in-conjunction-with the site visit.

I hope this process is helpful and easy to understand. And while we are on the subject of approvals, I would like to remind residents the Deed Restrictions also require approval before a fence is installed or a tree larger than 2" in diameter is removed. Speaking of trees, I hope that, as a group, residents plant many more trees than they want to remove. We are all aware of how trees help the environment and greatly add to the beauty of Plainview.

I will also take advantage of this newsletter to explain a little bit about how your/our assessments are spent. Over 80% is spent directly to maintain the appearance of the subdivision. A list of the majority of this 80% is maintenance of three main entrances, mowing the islands and 40 acres of common area, island fertilization, weed control and irrigation including electric and water for 18 sprinkler systems, planting spring and summer flowers, removing dead or damaged shrubs, trees and limbs and replacing them as appropriate. Some money is also spent maintaining an orderly look to our signs, for example you may have noticed that post and the back of the signs are now painted black and have a more uniform look in height and materials than many subdivisions. Christmas decorations are another expense that adds to the enjoyable appearance of Plainview.

The other less than 20% of assessments are spent on administration. That includes paying the PRA Administrator to manage all the above activities including responding to resident inquiries, record keeping and accounting, receiving, typing and sending mail, billing and collections, managing contractors, etc. Administrative expenses also includes legal fees, insurance, postage, newsletters, and other printing, telephone, computer and office supplies, "Welcome Packets", CPA audits and unforeseen special projects. My, and the Boards THANKS, to the over 95% of you residents who pay their assessments on time. This saves the PRA considerable time, effort and expenses on follow-up effort and in some cases filing liens.

If you have questions on any of this, please contact the PRA Administrator, Madonna Burke at the number on the back of this newsletter. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation! Let's all work together to keep Plainview beautiful!

Best wishes for the upcoming fall and winter holidays,  
Norm Meyer, President  
Plainview Board of Directors

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MOVED TO NOVEMBER 20, 2019

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION TWO CANDIDATES NEEDED

Two candidates are needed to run for election to the Plainview Residents' Association Board of Directors. Please consider volunteering and giving back to your community. Send a brief resumé telling us why you would like to serve your community. Include your name, address, telephone number, occupation and how long you have lived in Plainview. Please mail to the Plainview Residents' Association, P.O. Box 436926, Louisville, KY 40253. To give us time to prepare and mail ballots to each resident, resúmes must be postmarked on or before **Friday, November 15th**. The elected Board members will serve a two year term of office. Plainview remains an attractive upscale neighborhood because of the time given from great volunteers in the past and present.

## 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE



The Plainview Residents' Association Board of Directors meets every other month at the Tway House located at the Jeffersontown Plainview Swim and Tennis Center. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM. All residents are invited to the meetings. Below are the meeting dates for 2020.

January 15\*  
March 11  
May 13

July 8  
September 9  
November 11

\*(January meeting moved to 3rd Wed)

**REMAINING 2019 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**November 20, 2019**  
*(Meeting changed to 3rd Wednesday)*

## NEW FENCES



If you are thinking about adding a fence to your home or replacing an old fence, please remember you need to seek approval from the Plainview Residents' Association Board of Directors. Remember privacy fences can be no taller than 6 feet in height and finished side facing out toward your neighbors. Please call the office for more information at 244-8240.

## WELCOME PACKET



If you are new to the Plainview Neighborhood, welcome to your new home! If you have not received a "Welcome Packet", which contains a copy of the Deed Restrictions, please call the office at 244-8240. At that time, we will update your information in our system.

## MAILBOXES



**FYI** - The logo package that contains two horse logos and two set of house numbers are going up in price after January 1, 2020 due to rising cost. If your numbers and logos on your mailbox need to be freshened up, please consider ordering before December 31, 2019.

The horse logos and numbers are very easy to install. Your house numbers are a one-step installation, you do not have to line up the numbers in a straight line; you simply peel off the back and adhere the one piece application to the mailbox and all your numbers are straight and large enough for emergency vehicles to read. If you are in need of a new mailbox, wooden or brick, or just need a new logo and house numbers to replace your old faded one, all the information is included in the enclosed flier. If you have other questions, please call the office at 244-8240.

## PET WASTE REMINDER



Please remember to clean up after your dog and take the "doggy bag" home with you to dispose of in your own trash can. Please do not put the bags in a neighbor's trash can. Thank you for your consideration.



## **PARKING**

Parking is presenting problems in the neighborhood. Please try to park in your driveways as this makes for a better flow of traffic throughout the community. Also, it gives emergency vehicles a much clearer path to get to their destinations in time of need. Not parking on the streets also prevents any accidents from happening such as a small child running out unexpectedly from behind a parked car. Please help us to keep our streets clear and safe for our children at play.

## **GARBAGE CANS**

The office has received numerous phone calls regarding trash cans being left at the curb after collection for long periods of time. Please pick up your trash cans after collection and place them in the rear of your home as out of sight of your neighbors as possible. Thank you in advance.

## **MAIL BOXES**

Included in this newsletter is a flier with all the information on mailboxes. If you are in need of a new mailbox or maybe your horse logo along with your house numbers are just faded and worn, you can order new logos and number for \$37.10. The information for this package is explained on the insert. If you have any further questions, you may call the office at 244-8240. We will be glad to help you.

## **BELOW ARE SOME OF THE DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT AFFECT OUR RESIDENTS. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY AND PLEASE HELP US TO ENFORCE THESE DEED RESTRICTIONS.**

*Deed restrictions were imposed for the mutual benefit of all property owners in the Plainview Subdivision. If everyone can abide by these simple restrictions, property values will be preserved and hopefully increased in the coming years.*

## **SIGNS**

PLEASE remember we do have a Deed Restriction against signs in your front yards for advertising or any other purpose. Please remember this when having work done to your home. The only signs allowed in your front yard are "For Sale" signs. No pointer signs are allowed. Open House signs are allowed on the day of the Open House and should be removed at the end of that day. Yard sale signs are permitted on the day of the sale and should be picked up after the sale is over. PLEASE help us to follow these sign restrictions. The office has received many comments from surrounding neighborhoods on how nice our subdivision looks without signs everywhere.

## **ADDITIONS TO YOUR HOME**

PLEASE remember when making any changes to your home on the exterior, you need to seek the approval of the Board of Directors of the Plainview Residents' Association. This includes additions to your home, fencing, playhouses or any structure that is an addition to your property. Please contact the office for more information.

## **TREE REMOVAL**

When removing trees from your yard, you need to seek the approval of the Board of Directors of the Plainview Residents' Association. Please contact the office for more information.

## **PETS**

The office receives many calls regarding dogs being left outside for hours and barking constantly. This is a disturbance to your surrounding neighbors. If your neighbor's dog is one of the offenders, perhaps discussing the problem with your neighbor is a good first step. If not, Jeffersontown has a nuisance ordinance and barking dogs are considered disturbing the peace. If you call the Jeffersontown Police Department, they will send an officer out to warn the offending parties. PLEASE be a good pet owner and good neighbor and attend to your pets needs.

Also, we have had some complaints about dogs and cats running loose in the neighborhood. Please remember there is a leash law in Jeffersontown and a Deed Restriction in Plainview. Article 8 of the Deed Restrictions specifically states "household pets shall at all times be confined to the lot occupied by the owner of such pet". Animal Control does patrol the neighborhood. We want to commend those Plainview pet owners who, when walking their dogs, carry "scoopers" and plastic bags to clean up after their pets. We ask all pet owners to carry plastic bags and clean up after their pets. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

**USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS - SAVE!**

**JEFFERSONTOWN PUBLIC**

**WORKS DEPT: 267-7273.**

Includes trash collection, recycling, street cleaning, sidewalk repair, street repair

**JEFFERSONTOWN CITY HALL:**

**267-8333.**

Bill Dieruf, Mayor

City Council Members

**JEFFERSONTOWN POLICE**

**DEPARTMENT: 267-0503.**

Call this number for Block Watch Program and General Information

**JEFFERSONTOWN WEBSITE**

[www.jeffersontownky.com](http://www.jeffersontownky.com)

**LG&E: 589-1444 - PRESS 1**

Street lights out, repairs

**ANIMAL CONTROL & PROTECTION CENTER:**

363-6609 Stray Animals

**MAILBOX REPAIRS OR NEW INSTALLATION:**

Steel Boxes - Steel Creations

Ask for **Shawn** - 636-2100

Single or Double Mailboxes

Brick Boxes

Steve Hall - 376-1191

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:**

Questions regarding trash collection, recycling or large items other than normal garbage, please call RUMPKE at 568-3800

**PLAINVIEW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

Office: 244-8240

Fax: 253-9226

**J-TOWN PLAINVIEW SWIM & TENNIS CENTER**

SWIM—244-4670

TENNIS—244-4974

**PLAINVIEW WEBSITE**

[www.plainviewassoc.com](http://www.plainviewassoc.com)

**6PM - SWIM & TENNIS CENTER  
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