

# The Plainview News

Spring/Summer 2018

*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

Spring is here! The flowers and trees are unveiling their blooms. And it sure is nice to see it green again! As we are out and about, it is great to see Plainview residents

making significant efforts to beautify their homes and property. These enhancements ensure our continued pride in the subdivision WE ALL call home. We also want to recognize our landscape contractors for mindfully planting and grooming our medians and common areas with professional shrub and floral arrangements. Additionally, we should express our appreciation to Madonna Burke, the Plainview Residents' Association's Administrator Manager, who coordinates all of these efforts. Thank you, Madonna.

**Common Areas;** Numerous times in my dealing with Plainview Residents Association (PRA) business, I've accepted compliments about the relative abundance of open green area we have in our subdivision. That is obviously not the norm (No pun intended!). No, we don't have a golf course in our back yards (darn it!), but common areas are really more of a universal benefit. (Not as many broken windows either!) Plainview is getting more families with children and your PRA encourages our children and adults alike to utilize this green space to enjoy and have fun. Please, remember, no motorized vehicles or no play structures, however.

**Airbnb and Short-Term Rentals;** this past fall and winter, Plainview had significant anxiety concerning the invasion of short-term rentals in our "single family dwelling" subdivision. Please read this Newsletter's article on "Plainview Airbnb and Short-Term Rentals Story" to get updated on that issue. Cathy Bowling, PRA V.P., did a nice job of summarizing this rather time-consuming escapade. Please note particularly in that article what action to take when you suspect that Short-Term Rental may be occurring ANYWHERE in Plainview.

**Plainview Website;** Please note the article in this Newsletter about Mike Baumer. Mike is generously volunteering his time, talent and resources to give us the professional website we need. If you haven't recently, please take the website for drive...."plainviewassoc.com". Thank you, Mike! Please e-mail Madonna with any feedback on the website. Lastly, as a reminder, social media is conveniently at our

fingertips and we can on occasion be motivated (hopefully more often than not) to directly contact our government officials, or school district officials. Who and how to contact these individuals is all on the website.

**Dues increase for 2019;** since our fall newsletter may not get out before the 2019 dues notice, I want to give everyone a heads up; the Plainview Residents Association dues for 2019 must regrettably be increased. The PRA Board has worked diligently to achieve first class operations without a dues increase since 2014. Besides across the spectrum inflationary costs, the wet/heavy March snow damage and continued removal of dying trees from PRA property is hitting our maintenance hard. Increased legal expenses and irrigation repairs are all contributing factors.

### ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE

~ Many of you know, my dear wife Carol passed away this past June after a 6-year Dementia journey. I want to thank all of the friends and neighbors in Plainview who offered their kind words and deeds during this challenging time.

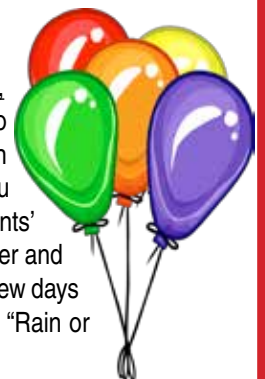
~ Some reflection for the upcoming Memorial Day & 4th of July holidays; How thankful we should be for the men and women who have sacrificed their lives and/or their physical and mental well being, so that we can enjoy life in this great country.

Thought for the day, "*strive to be the person you needed when you were a child.*"

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer,  
Norm Meyer  
President, Plainview Board of Directors

## ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Plainview Yard Sale will be June 23, 2018, from 8AM to 2PM. If you wish to participate, you need to attach a balloon to your mailbox showing everyone that you are open for business. Plainview Residents' Association will place an ad in the newspaper and place signs at the entrances to Plainview a few days prior to the sale. The Yard Sale will be held "Rain or Shine". Participate and join in the fun.



## PLAINVIEW AIRBNB & SHORT TERM RENTAL STORY

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*This is a summary of how Plainview Residents joined together in another effort to keep Plainview the desirable residential community that it is.*

Airbnb and short-term rentals in general had been on The Plainview Residents' Association (PRA) radar screen for some time, but not as intense as it became at the July 12, 2017 bimonthly PRA meeting. Numerous Plainview residents attended that meeting to share their concerns about Airbnb sprouting up in our subdivision.

In August, the PRA Board of Directors called a special meeting to discuss more in depth our residents' concerns and how the Board might be able to assist in mitigating these well-grounded concerns.

At the September 2017 PRA bimonthly meeting many more residents' attended. Mindful of the perils associated with short-term rental activity in a single family residence community, all wanted to know what was being done to protect their property values and the safety of their children.

Madonna Burke, Administrator Manager, and Norm Meyer, President of our PRA, met with Mayor Bill Dieruf to inquire about Jeffersontown's (Jtown) policy on short-term rentals and to engage their assistance in mitigating residential community concerns. We then hand-delivered invitations to all Plainview Residents for a special meeting on November 14, 2017 to share information and solicit residents' assistance to present the PRA's case to Jtown City Council. Over 40 residents attended that meeting. Information was shared and Jeff Mellinger volunteered to do some in-depth research and, with the help of Danny Sorg, assembled a very extensive and professional presentation.

On November 21, Jtown City Council had a special Planning and Zoning Committee meeting to discuss short-term rentals. Our PRA president and Madonna were invited to make presentations regarding Plainview's concerns with Airbnb type rentals in our community. At that meeting it was flushed out that a Jtown zoning ordinance already existed that prohibits short-term rental in zoned R-4 and below residential areas. At the following December 5, 2017 Jtown City Council meeting, numerous Plainview residents attended and several spoke addressing concerns and experiences with Airbnb operations in residential neighborhoods, urging the Council to maintain and enforce these existing ordinances.

After some political pressure favoring Airbnb, on January 16, 2018, Jtown's Planning and Zoning Committee was called again to reconsider keeping ordinance in place. Our PRA president made an excellent presentation concerning short-term rental issues and with the support of several Plainview residents, HOA Board and Presidents from Monticello, Steve Bogaert and Chris Temple, the Planning and Zoning Committee voted unanimously to maintain the existing ordinance and that vote was later that evening confirmed in the Jtown Council meeting. Members of Jeffersontown Planning and Zoning Committee are Bill Young, Chairman, Carol Pike, Tim Hall and Brian Abrams.

### It Should Be Noted

The ACT of having any short-term rental activity in Jtown zoned R-4 and below residential is prohibited and therefore a violation of the Jeffersontown Zoning Code. The ACT of having an Airbnb or other

short-term rental advertisement is not in itself a violation. That is, however, a good warning to be watchful for activity to happen for where it is advertised.

If any of the Plainview residents observe this activity anywhere in the subdivision, immediately take photographs, gather any evidence and immediately contact Jeffersontown Code Enforcement Officer Chris Raque and/or Kim Weber at Jeffersontown City Hall, (502) 267-8333.

Thank you to all residents who participated and gave their support to keep Plainview a single family residential neighborhood, property values up, and safe for our children.

*Article by Cathy Bowling, Vice President Plainview Residents' Association*

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## REMAINING 2018 BOARD MEETINGS

July 11, 2018

September 12, 2018

November 13, 2018 Annual Meeting

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## MEET OUR WEB MASTER

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My name is **Mike Baumer** and I moved to Plainview from Cincinnati in the summer of 1991 as part of a temporary assignment at GE Appliances. With a project that required frequent travel, the Plainview Apartments were a good choice. It soon became clear that Louisville was going to be a long term stay and Plainview was the right place to live, so I purchased a condo in Plainview. Eventually, more room was needed and I purchased a house on Brookhill Road where I live today with my wife Sharon and grandson Charlie.

We are members of St. Margaret Mary Church where I serve as a volunteer teacher and a member of the music ensemble.

I am an alumna of Thomas More College in Northern Kentucky. My professional background includes IT management and software design and I am a patent holder for a field service application.

In 2016, I agreed to take on the role of volunteer webmaster for the Plainview Residents' Association website. It continues to be a work in progress, but as time allows, I enjoy getting back into the web design role. From time to time, you might see me taking pictures around the Plainview neighborhood to show off our community on the internet.

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## SWIM AND DIVE INFORMATION

For information regarding membership fees and hours of operation of the Pool, please check the Jeffersontown Website, [www.jeffersontownky.gov](http://www.jeffersontownky.gov).

For Swim and Dive Team information please check the website [www.plainviewswimanddive.org](http://www.plainviewswimanddive.org).

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## **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)

*Have a safe and fun-filled summer!*

**SPRING/SUMMER 2018**

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