



THOMAS JEFFERSON BIRTHDAY EDITION

Apr 13, 2022
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Program Update - Apr 6, 2022

Brent Bangle

Director, Plainfield Parks & Recreation



Brent Bangle, the Town of Plainfield's Parks & Recreation Director visited us last week to discuss our town's wonderful park system, and its future. Brent has a degree in Sports

Management from Marian University and has been on the Parks staff for 17 years, having started as a part-time employee at the Aquatics Center. He shared that he has a full-time staff of 25 in his department, with this team covering the following four divisions - Administration, Recreation Center, Aquatics, and Parks. During the summer the part-time staff grows to approximately 250, with a minimum of 80 lifeguards at Splash Island. User fees typically cover around 70% of the total costs of the Department, with the remaining balance being covered by the town's taxes.

Plainfield has a total of 13 parks, not including Hummel Park which is managed by Guilford Township. Our town has more than 30 miles of trails, with more being added every year. The town is currently planning for the future of its Park & Recreation system. To that end, it has a survey website that is seeking input from the public. To provide your own input, please go to:

www.planplainfieldparks.com

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ON THOMAS JEFFERSON...

"I am rejoiced that the United States are honored with your Counsels and Abilities in the high Department of the Secretary of State.... And for yourself I can only wish, that when that best of Men, the present President, shall be translated to the World of Light, a Jefferson may succeed him in the Presidency of the United States. Forgive me this Effusion of the Sentiments of sincere Respect and Estimation."

- Ezra Stiles, Yale College President, to Thomas Jefferson, Aug 27, 1790

"He lives and will live in the memory and gratitude of the wise and good, as a luminary of science, as a votary of liberty, as a model of patriotism, and as a benefactor of human kind.... I have known him,... for a period of fifty years, during which there was not an interruption or diminution of mutual confidence and cordial friendship, for a single moment in a single instance. What I feel therefore now, need not, I should say, cannot, be expressed."

- James Madison, July 6, 1826

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Apr 13 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Apr 20 - John Baer - Rotary 101 v2, What is Rotary
- Apr 27 - Imagination Lab volunteer day & lunch
- May 4 - Jim Beebe
- May 11 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- May 18 - Diane Burks
- May 25 - Jan Baer
- Jun 1 - Candace Balzano
- Jun 8 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Jun 15 - Joe Bennett

Upcoming Classifications

- Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Montie Manning
- May 11 - Sherry Sighting & Dave Williams
- Jun 8 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
- Jul 13 - Jim Beebe & Rocky Turner
- Aug 10 - Brian Culp & Royce Carter
- Sep 14 - Brad DuBois & Donnie Emerson

Thomas Jefferson

April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826



Thomas Jefferson, born at Shadwell, Albemarle County, VA. Died at Monticello, Albemarle County, VA. As his tombstone memorializes, he was Author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia. By most he is a revered Founding Father, by some a reviled despot, slave owner, and philanthropist, and by a few, including the New York City Council, he is cancelled. Today we celebrate the birthday of our nation's third President. His list of accomplishments is massive, but perhaps his most lasting legacy to our nation and to the world was the passion he had and shared for the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God, for the fact that there are self-evident truths, including that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.

In an April 6, 1859 letter, Abraham Lincoln wrote the following "All honor to Jefferson - to the man who, in the concrete pressure of a struggle for national independence by a single people, had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a mere revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there, that to-day, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling-block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression." The dean of American historians, Gordon Wood, in writing about the relationship between, and the legacies of, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson in his book *Friends Divided*, said this "Adams was too questioning, too contrarian, too cynical, to offer any such support for America's nationhood. Adams had no answer for... how the great variety of individuals in America with all their different ethnicities... could be brought together into one nation. Jefferson did have an answer. As Lincoln grasped better than anyone, Jefferson offered Americans a set of beliefs that through the generations have supplied a bond that holds together the most diverse nation that history has ever known. Since now the whole world is in the United States, nothing but Jefferson's ideals can turn such an assortment of different individuals into the "one people" that the Declaration says we are. To be an American is not to be someone, but to believe in something. And that something is what Jefferson declared." So, was Thomas Jefferson flawed? Of course - aren't we all! Does he deserve revulsion and cancellation? Of course not!!



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jan 5	Jun 1 Candace Balzano
Jan 19 Max Hank	Jun 15 Joe Bennett
Jan 26 Dan Kinnamon	Jun 22 Royce Carter
Feb 2 Andrew Klinger	Jun 29 Brad DuBois
Feb 16 Brad DuBois	Jul 6 Donnie Emerson
Feb 23 Scott Olinger	Jul 20 Max Hank
Mar 2 Rocky Turner	Jul 27 Brian Culp
Mar 16 Sherry Sighting	Aug 3 Dan Kinnamon
Mar 23 Montie Manning	Aug 17 Andrew Klinger
Mar 30 Ryan Rash	Aug 24 Selina Lewis
Apr 6 Dave Williams	Aug 31 Montie Manning
Apr 20 John Baer	Sep 7 Scott Olinger
Apr 27 Max Hank	Sep 21 Ryan Rash
May 4 Jim Beebe	Sep 28 Sherry Sighting
May 18 Diane Burks	Oct 5 Rocky Turner
May 25 Jan Baer	Oct 19 David Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

Jan Baer - April 18
Max Hank - April 30

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Apr 6-12 Sherry Sighting
Apr 13-19 Selina Lewis
Apr 20-26 Max Hank
Apr 27-May 3 John & Jan Baer
May 4-10 Royce Carter
May 11-17 Brian Culp
May 18-24 TBD
May 25-31 Max Hank
Jun 1-7 Jim Beebe

Please check supply, refill as needed.
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank
Finance: Joe Bennett
Foundation: John Baer
Fundraising : Selina Lewis
Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois
Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting
Membership: Daniel Kinnamon
Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks
Programs: Ryan Rash & Max Hank
PR & Website: John Baer
Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD
Service Committees: Royce Carter
Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett
Teacher of the Year: Max Hank
Youth: Diane Burks
Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks
Scholarships: Max Hank
Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sighting
The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)