

TECA Spring Summer 2017 Update

For the residents and friends of Tuttle Estates Community Association

At the start of every summer, the Board receive lots of questions about projects as well as social activities occurring in Tuttle Estates. We hope this addresses the questions. If you have other questions, please feel free to email us at tuttleestateshomeowners@hotmail.com

June 7 6-8pm

Plainfield Police Department Ice Cream Social at Northwest Park

Please use the Pastoral Drive Entrance located near the intersection of Rock Fish Lane and Pastoral Drive. The Plainfield Police Dept. will host a meet and greet and will have ice cream, freezer pops, music and games for the kids. We are looking for a few parents to help us with additional kids activities (such as the Easter Egg Hunt) , if you are interested in helping please email us.

AUGUST 19 SAVE THE DATE: TECA Block Party

Annual TECA Block Party

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this event. We have a team who have offered to help organize the event, but we need your help too, Our organizers include Darci Ridge, Karen Calvert and Andrea Parr. We need more help, please email Karen at KCalvert514@gmail.com if you can lend us some support

Yard Projects – Planting

Safety is a Key when Planting Trees

When planting trees in your yard, please remember you need to call JULIE at least 2 days ahead of time. JULIE ensures you don't hit a power or gas line, and its free. To Call JULIE, dial 8-1-1

If you are planting trees in the Boulevard, or parkway, please contact the Village of Plainfield as well to ensure what you are planting is approved

Summer Safety

Extra Care and Coaching Needed

The summer is here and our kids are out of school. As residents we need to take extra care watching for kids at play particularly on busy streets. Take the extra minute to ensure safety. Summer is also a time that we need to coach up our kids, remind them of their role in safety, also it's a good time to review Stranger Danger. See our event on June 7 from 6-8pm with the Police Department for more information.

Yard Projects - Fences

Proper Preparation saves time and frustration – Fences

The question always comes up, what do I have to do in order to install a fence in my yard? Please see section 7.09 in Covenants. First, you need to pull a permit from the Village of Plainfield. The Village has guidelines that must be maintained. Second, you have to get approval from the TECA Board of Directors. This is easy, simply send your drawing and project details to our email:

tuttleestateshomeowners@hotmail.com

We review and reply quickly. The Board ensures that proper materials are used and proper setbacks are followed.

What happens if these are not followed? If a fence is found to be in violation it may have to be removed or fitted to comply. Our goal is to ensure all projects meet the covenant requirements

TECA WEBSITE

You can find information on the Association at www.tuttleestates.com. Our website will be going through a refresh later this summer.

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Q&A on Swimming Pools

What are the rules for swimming pools within TECA?

Pools must be in-ground or may not be any higher than 2 feet above ground (partially in-ground). See Page 11 7.04 in Covenants.

We see a lot of blue inflatable pools, are these allowed?

These pools were not available when the Codes and Covenants were written, so they were not formally addressed. At this time, The Board has decided to allow them as they are not permanent structure pools. This means that they must be taken down every Fall and stored. Portable pools may be set up no earlier than May 15th, and must be taken down no later than October 1st. Pools that are erected outside of this window shall be considered permanent and could be in violation.

Do we have to fence our pool?

The Village of Plainfield has rules and regulations on fence heights as well as proximity when it pertains to pools. Please check with the Village on pool/fence requirements.

Do we have to get approval from Village and TECA for a pool?

Yes. Pools that are installed without approval/permits are subject to removal with all costs being charged to the owner.

We are interested in installing a pool, are there any residents who have pools we could talk to?

Yes. The Board has several residents who have gone through the process and are happy to share their insights, please email us for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: These are general question the Board receives regarding pools.

The purpose of this Q&A is to answer general questions. If you have other specific questions, please email the Board at: tuttleestateshomeowners@hotmail.com

Q&A on Pets

The Board's Position on Pets

The Board defers to the Village of Plainfield on rules and ordinances regarding pets. On occasion the Board will act on our residents behalf in order to advise or alert residents to a potential issue in lieu of the Village taking action.

Are we required to have our pet on a leash?

Yes. The Village of Plainfield requires this.

Does the Village have an ordinance regarding excessive barking?

Yes. If you have a neighbor whose pet is barking excessively, we encourage you to reach out to the neighbor first before calling the Village.

Where can we find more information?

If you go to the Village website, you can see the ordinances there.

Village of Plainfield Municipal Ordinance(s):

- Section 6- 116 Restraint of Dog
- Section 6 -117 Public Nuisance
- Section 6- 118 Impound of Animal Running at Large
- Section 6- 120 Animal Bite/ Animal Impoundment

Can the Village issue citations and or fines regarding pets?

Yes. It is our hope that this will not happen and that our neighbors can communicate with each other. However, the Village does reserve the right to issue citations and or fines.

Can pets run through "Invisible Fences"

Yes. If you an invisible fence, please remember that if your pet sees a rabbit or other animal, they can run through the invisible fence line. Also other animals, kids, etc, can always enter a yard with an invisible fence. Please remember to keep an eye on your pets if you are using an invisible fence.