

## **BREAKING NEWS**

# ***The Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival*** ***33<sup>rd</sup> Annual*** **AUGUST 25, 26 and 27, 2017**

- ❖ This year we have opted to continue off-site parking to help minimize congestion around the downtown area and at Norton Park. We have contracted with DATTCO Bus for 20-30 buses to run from four locations. DATTCO will be present in the command post at the Park and will have radio dispatch capability with the buses. The locations are;
  - Robertson Airport on Johnson Avenue. The large field area adjacent to the airport will be used to park cars.
  - Carling Technologies on Johnson Avenue.
  - GE Main Parking Lot on Woodford Avenue. (After 6 pm on Friday)
  - Plainville High School.
- ❖ Bus routes have been established and a bus lane will be set up on Broad street to speed up bus traffic.
- ❖ Handicap, motorcycle and event staff will be allowed to park in the park. A visible handicap sticker or license plate is necessary to park in the park.
- ❖ Restroom facilities have been increased significantly. There will be over 30 port-o-lets available in the park. Restrooms will be located in the area of the tennis courts on the north side of the fields, near the pool area on the west side of the fields, in the gravel lot on the park access road and near the fixed restroom near the Park and Rec building.
- ❖ A command center will be in the park that will have Plainville Police, Plainville Fire, AMR Ambulance, and Dattco Bus Supervisor. The command center will also be the First Aid Location. It will be located on the North East Side of the Balloon viewing area.
- ❖ The craft/vendor area will be enlarged and there will be no crafters/vendors in the grassy area.
- ❖ Two ATM machines will be located in the area of the food tents.
- ❖ In an effort to speed up the lines at the food tents we have decided to make food service cash only. Again ATM's have been added for your convenience.
- ❖ The fireworks area has been re-designed and this design has allowed us to utilize the playground area for both the children to play and viewing of the fireworks. Fencing will be utilized to designate this area. PLEASE DO NOT CROSS THIS FENCING BARRIER.
- ❖ Just a reminder, if you park on local roads and walk into the park, please obey the posted speed limits, do not park in front of driveways and do not park in front of fire hydrants.

Google Earth View of Layout of Norton Park

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