

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

ISSUE 3

FALL 2011



Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee  
Scott M. Haws, Trustee  
Albert P. Leno II, Trustee

## Township Meetings

### Board of Trustees

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month  
at 6:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday of the month  
at 6:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday in 2nd full week of month  
at 6:00 p.m.

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## A Message from the Board of Trustees & Fiscal Officer

Plain Township is seeking a 2.25 mill, five-year replacement of its police levy. The current police levy will expire in 2012. This small levy is the only source of funds for the police protection in Plain Township.

Plain Township currently has a contract with the Stark County Sheriff's Department, in which the township is provided with fifteen deputies, including a detective assigned exclusively to Plain Township.

The Sheriff's Office provides a wide range of services, including patrolling Plain Township's roads and neighborhoods as well as conducting investigations of criminal and civil complaints in our community. These vital police services help keep our township safe.

All equipment used for police services are owned by Plain Township, including the police cruisers. Unfortunately, over the past several years, costs of the equipment and the contract for police services has grown. Couple this with deep state government cuts to our Local Government Fund and the loss of other revenues available to townships, and it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the current level of police services that our citizens need and deserve.

It is for these reasons that the Plain Township Board of Trustees has put our 2.25 mill police levy on the November ballot. This levy is for the same millage we currently have. The replacement merely adjusts for inflation over time. The

additional cost of this levy for the owner of a \$100,000 home will be about \$10.32 more per year.

We understand the economic burdens township taxpayers are facing, and the fact that there are numerous tax issues on the ballot. However, without the passage of this levy, Plain Township will be without policing services at the end of 2012.

Plain Township has excellent police services at a reasonable cost. Safe streets and neighborhoods are a vital component to making the Plain Township community a great place to live, work and worship.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees will always work to keep our homes and our neighborhoods safe.

Safe streets and neighborhoods are vital in making Plain Township a great place to live!

Scott M. Haws

Albert P. Leno II

Claude W. Furrer

**Trick-or-Treat**  
will take place on  
**Sunday, October 30th**  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## Electric Aggregate

On November 8, voters in Plain Township will have the opportunity to adopt an opt-out electric aggregation program in which community officials bring citizens together to buy electricity as a group and negotiate the terms, conditions and price of the electric supply on the group's behalf. This type of group buying power is an effective way to obtain a lower electricity rate for all members of the group.

Ohio law allows for communities—such as townships, cities and counties—to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. All eligible residents and small business customers in the community are automatically enrolled unless they choose to opt-out. Residents do not need to do anything to join the program. However, anyone who does not wish to participate in the program can easily opt-out by returning a form mailed to all eligible members.

By voting in favor of the electric aggregation, community members will be allowing locally elected officials to act as a buying agent and purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for the community. Members will also have the choice to either participate in the discount program or opt-out.

Residents who vote against the issue will be indicating that they do not want local officials to negotiate an electric generation discount on their behalf.

If voters approve the ballot issue, a letter will be sent to eligible residents and small businesses specifying the terms and

conditions of the offer, as well as the rate. The letter will also contain the opt-out form that can be completed and returned if the consumer does not want to participate in the aggregation program. Consumers have 21 days to opt-out of the program at no charge—and another opportunity to opt-out every three years.

Meetings to discuss the electric aggregate program will be held on October 24 and November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plain Township Hall.

Ohio Power will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses and will continue to read your meter, maintain poles and wires and restore power after an outage.

Two meetings have been scheduled to discuss the electric aggregate program. These meetings will be held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE, on October 24 and November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the electric aggregate program, visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com).

## Proper Discharge of Swimming Pool Water

### Drain Your Pool in an Approved Manner

When swimming season is over, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge swimming pool water when they lower the level of their pool. The discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited.

The storm sewer system (which includes ditches and pipes) was designed to handle runoff from rain and snow only. The water is not treated before it is discharged into area creeks and rivers. If the water contains chlorine, it can be very toxic to fish and other aquatic animals.

Therefore, residential swimming pool water must be dechlorinated before being discharged. *Do not allow pool water to discharge to a septic system.*

### Dechlorinate Pool Water Before Discharging

Reduce the chlorine in the pool water to undetectable levels before draining it. The simplest method is to stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will naturally dissipate the chlorine within a few days. It can also be reduced by adding a chemical called sodium thiosulfate, which is available at pool stores. Monitor the chlorine level with a swimming pool chlorine test kit. When there is no longer any detectable chlorine in your swimming pool, it is safe to discharge the water. When discharging the water, allow it to flow into a grassy area at a slow rate to allow for some filtration of the water.

### Saltwater Swimming Pools

The recent increase in popularity of saltwater swimming pools has caused many to examine the best method for discharging this type of water. At this time, it is still undecided. The bottom line is that some smaller bodies of water can be more severely affected due to the higher salinity of the discharge water. Please exercise caution.

In any circumstance, the township, village or city may prohibit any discharge if there is abuse.

## Plain Township Fire Chief Recognized As OFCA Fellow

The Plain Township Board of Trustees and the Plain Township Fire Department would like to congratulate Fire Chief John A. Sabo in recognition of his induction into the Fellows Program by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. This mark of respect was awarded to Chief Sabo in July at the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Conference. Trustee Albert P. Leno was in attendance.

This honor is bestowed upon those who have achieved the highest standards in the fire service. The character traits used to describe a Fellow are honesty, trustworthiness, dedication, inspirational, loyalty, bravery, respect, reverent, ethical, moral, distinguished, skillful and reliable. They are held in the highest esteem by their colleagues.



CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF SABO!

### House Numbers Available

Being able to find your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals in responding to an emergency. Residents can obtain signs with a blue metal background and large reflective numbers to aid in locating addresses. To order, send the order form and a \$15 check to:

**Plain Township Paramedics,**  
3625 Middlebranch Avenue NE  
Canton, OH 44705

Call (330) 492-4089 with questions.

#### House Numbering Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number on sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Direction of numbers on sign:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Horizontal  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vertical

**Proceeds benefit the  
Plain Township Fire/  
Medics Association**

## Aluminum Cans for Burned Children

ACBC is an organization that helps child burn victims and their families from the revenue earned by recycling aluminum cans. Your contribution of aluminum cans at the following Plain Township Fire Stations is very appreciated!

- Station #1 3625 Middlebranch NE
- Station #3 2625 25th NW
- Station #4 2855 Easton NE
- Station #5 7858 Market N

## Fall Yard Debris

With the fall season upon us, the Zoning Department has begun receiving phone calls regarding leaves. Please be advised that there are **NO** zoning regulations regarding leaves and/or leaf cleanup. The Township provides two yard waste recycling drop-off sites. (See page 8 for yard waste recycling hours of operation.) If you know of an elderly neighbor who needs assistance, please lend a helping hand or call a local church for volunteers.

## Board Positions Available

The Plain Township Trustees are accepting letters of intent from those interested in filling expiring terms for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission. One position to each board will be appointed for a five year term to begin January 2012.

Those interested must be legal residents of Plain Township and must be able to devote up to three evenings per month to hear variance, conditional use or rezoning requests. Zoning knowledge is preferred but not required. Letters of intent should be sent with a resume and mailed to:

**Zoning Department**  
**ATTN: ZONING DIRECTOR**  
**2600 Easton Street NE**  
**Canton, Ohio 44721**

Letters and resumes may also be dropped off in person at the Township Hall during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, December 1, 2011.

## Certificate of Conformance

All commercial property owners and tenants are required to obtain a Certificate of Conformance Permit *prior* to anyone occupying a building in a Business, Office or Industrial District. A *new* permit is

required for any change in business use, ownership, or tenant.

You can pick up an application at the Plain Township Zoning Department.

## Sign Permits

Almost any temporary sign requires a sign permit, so before you put out that next banner or portable sign, make sure you have obtained your sign permit from the Zoning Department.

A temporary sign permit is good for thirty days. You may put out a temporary sign for two months out of a six month time period. Please apply for and obtain your Temporary Sign Permit *before* placing it outside of your business.

All permanent signs require permits. Please check with the Zoning Department for size requirements.



### 2012 Memberships

- ♦ Senior 7-Day Golf/Cart/Range \$1,300.00  
*Join now and get the rest of 2011 FREE!*
- ♦ Range Membership \$350.00  
*April 1 - November 1*

### 2012 Leagues

Interested in a new venue for your golf league? Openings for next season are now available. Prepay leagues are \$252.00. This includes a League Appreciation Night.  
*April 1 - December 1*

Skyland Pines is your place to shop for Christmas gifts too! Buy any merchandise...golf balls, clubs, clothing, gift certificates or that special item at a discounted price.

**BOOK TEE TIMES ONLINE AT A DISCOUNTED RATE!**  
[www.skylandpinesgolfcourse.com](http://www.skylandpinesgolfcourse.com)

## 2011 Paving

Our 2011 Plain Township Paving and Road Repair Project and Gutter Replacement Program are now complete.

Approximately 11.5 miles of roadway were repaved and micro-surfaced and .25 miles of curb and gutter was completed.

We would like to thank our residents for their patience and apologize for any inconveniences that may have occurred.

**If you see dumping taking place, please call (330) 493-9904.**

## Sight Obstructions

Please trim back your trees, bushes, hedges, etc. that may cause a sight problem for drivers, as the courts have determined that there may be a joint liability between the owner and the governmental agency for hazards in the right-of-way.

## Right-of-Way

Please remember that trash cans and portable or permanent basketball hoops cannot be placed in the road right-of-way. According to ORC Section 3767.15, no obstruction can be placed in the right-of-way.

**To report right-of-way obstructions, please call (330) 492-3423.**

## Prevent Drainage Problems

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings, animal waste or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets. Keeping storm sewers and ditches clean will help reduce drainage problems. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Also remember that it is illegal to dump oil, anti-freeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts or catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.

## Stormwater Curb Marking

We are currently seeking volunteers for the Plain Township Stormwater Curb Marking Program. We need groups of four or more such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups or anyone else who may be interested.

What is stormwater curb marking? Curb marking is a coordinated effort to apply educational messages on local storm drains and basins that flow into vital bodies of water.

Organizing a curb marking project is a very important environmental initiative that can lead to cleaner, healthier recreation and drinking water for our homes, communities and our neighbors down the stream.

The purpose of curb marking storm drains is to reduce or eliminate NPS pollution. Stenciling the words "Do Not Dump, Drains To Lake" warns the community not to dump pollutants in catch basins.

If you or your organization are interested, please contact Sean Moriarty at the Road Department at (330) 492-3423.

## Plain Township Historical Society

### September 19

*Plain Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.*  
Linda Dessaur will speak on the Don Mellett Murder.

### September 24

*GlenOak High School at 9:00 a.m.*  
Come see our picture and memorabilia display of Plain Township at GlenOak Family Fun Day!

### October 17

*Plain Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.*  
Cheryl (Thoma) Hutchison will speak on the Avalon Drive-In.

## King Of The Hill Challenge

Come out and enjoy Plain Township Park's new disc golf course at Schneider Community Park. This full day of events will begin with a disc golf clinic. This clinic will help the beginners become familiar with the game and throwing techniques. Seasoned golfers may also benefit from this clinic by sharpening his or her skills. The clinic will be followed with a lunch provided by Quonset Hut and two-person scramble, pairing up beginners with experienced players. The day will end with real excitement as players will go head to head to crown King of the Hill. For more information please contact the Plain Township Parks Department at (330) 499-0000 or visit us online at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com).

**When:** Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Schneider Community Park, 1714 Schneider Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** FREE for the clinic  
\$5.00 per person for the tournament

## Soccer 101

This class is for beginners ages four to six years who want to get involved in the game of soccer. Frank Gagliardi will teach your child the basics of shooting, passing and dribbling the soccer ball. Each week your child will play in a scrimmage at the end of class. Please register by calling (330) 499-0000.

**When:** Tuesdays, November 8 - January 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$60.00 per child

## Footskills

This skill-building program is designed to help both beginners and experienced players ages seven through thirteen years. Participants in this program will learn basic to advanced combination foot skills and turns, proper passing, collecting and shooting techniques along with the ability to apply these skills in the game. To register, please visit us online at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) or call (330) 499-0000.

**When:** Tuesdays, November 8 - January 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$75.00 per child

## Plain Township Indoor Soccer

Both Recreational and Competitive Indoor Soccer leagues are offered at the Diamond Community Sports Complex at 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township. Please contact us at (330) 499-0000 today to register.

### Competitive Indoor Soccer

Competitive Indoor Soccer begins on November 4, 2011. The registration deadline for this league is October 31, 2011. This league is for skilled players in the U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, Adult Co-Ed, Open Men's, High School Boys & Girls Divisions.

### Recreational Indoor Soccer

Recreational Indoor Soccer will begin on November 5, 2011. Players in kindergarten through eighth grade are permitted to participate. Parents and guardians who would like to volunteer to coach a soccer team will receive one child's registration at a discount rate of \$50.00. Registration will be taken at the Diamond Sports Complex on Saturday, October 1 and October 8, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information about this soccer program, please contact us at (330) 499-0000 or visit us online at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com).



## Senior Programs

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, presents a series of seminars to bring together local senior citizens. On the fourth Thursday of each month, seniors can meet for lunch and listen to a guest speaker or enjoy entertainment at the lovely Chateau Michele, 2231 44th Street NW, Canton. Seminars are only \$10, and all senior citizens are welcome. Reservations must be made prior to attending. For more information, contact Marge McClelland at (330) 497-0184.

### October 27, 12:00 p.m. - Capital Experience - Janet Weir Creighton

Janet Weir Creighton will be our guest speaker, speaking on her exciting "Capital Experience."

**Lunch:** Baked Chicken OR Sausage & Peppers

Includes: Salad, Roll, Red Skin Potatoes and Dessert!



### November 17, 12:00 p.m. - Harp Music - Patty Rickard

Come listen to the beautiful music from harpist Patty Rickard. Patty is a Naturalist at the Huston Brum-Baugh Nature Center at the University of Mount Union in Alliance.

**Lunch:** Ham & Sweet Potatoes OR Turkey & Mashed Potatoes

Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

### December 15, 12:00 p.m. - Holiday Sing-A-Long - Christopher Kenney

Learn about the origin of some popular holiday songs and participate in a sing-a-long with Christopher Kenney.

**Lunch:** Roast Beef OR Pork Loin with Dressing

Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

## Cell Phone

## Recycling

Plain Township now offers an opportunity to recycling your old cell phones. Unusable phones can be dropped off at one of our locations and are then disassembled and safely recycled. All useable cell phones are tested and cleared of any information before they are sold.



You can recycle your old cell phones at:

- ♦ The Plain Township Hall  
2600 Easton Street NE
- ♦ Fishers Foods  
8100 Cleveland Avenue NW

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# **FISHERS**

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## *Stark County's Local Grocer Since 1933*

## *The Fisher Family*

## Contact List

### Elected Officials

Trustees	(330) 492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	(330) 493-1366
County Commissioners	(330) 451-7371

### Fire & Rescue

Fire Administration	(330) 492-4089
Emergency Calls	<b>911</b>

### History

Historical Society	(330) 494-6187
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### Parks & Recreation

Plain Township Parks	(330) 499-0000
Alpine Park Shelters	(330) 492-4689
Diamond Comm. Room	(330) 492-4689
Schneider Park Shelter	(330) 492-4689

### Plain Local Sports

Community Soccer Club	(330) 499-2222	<a href="http://www.communitysoccerclub.com">www.communitysoccerclub.com</a>
Holly Hills Baseball	(330) 495-6333	<a href="http://www.hollyhillsbaseball.com">www.hollyhillsbaseball.com</a>
Greater Stark Co. Amateur Soccer League		<a href="http://www.greaterstarkasl.org">www.greaterstarkasl.org</a>
Plain Local Baseball	(330) 919-2255	
Plain Local Softball	(330) 280-2501	<a href="http://www.plbsa.com">www.plbsa.com</a>
Plain Midget Football	(330) 966-2475	<a href="http://www.plainlocalfootball.org">www.plainlocalfootball.org</a>

### Police

Stark County Sheriff	(330) 430-3800
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### Real Estate Records

Stark County Auditor	(330) 451-7334
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### Recycling

Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
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### Road/Storm Sewer

Stark County Roads	(330) 477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330) 451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330) 452-0365
Township Roads	(330) 492-3423

### Schools

Canton City	(330) 438-2500
North Canton	(330) 497-5600
Plain Schools Admin.	(330) 492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	(330) 492-1918

### Septic Systems

Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330) 493-9904
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### Voter Registration

Board of Elections	(330) 451-8683
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### Water Service

Canton City Water	(330) 489-3315
North Canton Water	(330) 499-4801
Aqua Water	1-877-987-2782

### Zoning Permits

Plain Township Zoning	(330) 492-4686
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## PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

PRSRST STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT #277  
CANTON, OH

**Administration:** (330) 492-4689

**Finance:** (330) 493-1366

**Fire/Rescue:** (330) 492-4089

**Parks/Rec:** (330) 499-0000

**Road:** (330) 492-3423

**Sheriff:** (330) 430-3800

**Zoning:** (330) 492-4686

E-mail: [general@plaintownship.com](mailto:general@plaintownship.com) or  
visit our website for an e-mail directory  
[www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com)

## YARD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITIES

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, branches, small tree limbs and other yard waste is accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. Please, no plastic bags.

### Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton Street NE

- ♦ Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Starting October 11, 2011, we will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed for Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving weekend.
- ♦ Starting November 28, 2011, we will resume Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- ♦ Starting October 1, 2011, we will be open seven days per week, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We will close for the winter on December 3, 2011.