

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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FALL 2005



Pamela S. Bossart, Trustee
Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee
Albert P. Leno II, Trustee
Claude W. Shriver II, Clerk



Meeting Times

Board of Trustees

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
of the month - 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday
of the month - 7:00 pm

Zoning Commission

Wednesday in 2nd full week
of the month - 7:00 pm

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Plain Township's 2005 Fall Leaf & Yard Waste Recycling Program will be held at the two currently operating unassisted yard waste recycling locations.

Fire Station #4 (located at 2855 Easton St. NE), will continue its summer hours (Monday, Thursday, & Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) through October 15. From Monday, October 17, through Saturday, December 3, the site will be open seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., after which it will revert to three days a week. It will be closed for Thanksgiving November 24 through 27.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, at 4125 Salway Ave NW (near William Day Elementary School) will continue its summer hours

through the fall season: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This site is closed on Sunday, and will close for Thanksgiving November 24 through 26.

Leaves, branches, grass, and other yard waste are accepted at the unassisted sites. Materials may either be in paper bags or loose. No plastic bags are accepted. A pass is not required to use the unassisted sites.

Pamela S. Bossart
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Revised Zoning Resolution Under Review

The Township Trustees are in the process of reviewing a draft of a completely revised Zoning Resolution, as recommended by the appointed Zoning Resolution and Review Committee. Once the Trustees have completed this informal review, they are expected to initiate the formal zoning amendment process, which includes public hearings in accordance with law.

Members of the Committee, chaired by Jim McVay, have been meeting for over a year, and have recently completed their recommendations. This committee also included Trustee

Pamela Bossart, representatives of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals; the Zoning Director; a consulting engineer/surveyor who is also a township resident, and a local developer. Assistance was provided by Plain Township's Planning and Economic Development Coordinator.

Some recommended changes have already been adopted in the last year, including an increase in the minimum lot size in residential districts; a new R-1-A single family residential district; additional restrictions for strip mining operations; and landscaping/buffer yard requirements for uses adjacent to residential properties.

The Plain Township Zoning Resolution has not been completely updated since 1994, and changes in state law and/or current land use issues necessitated a complete review. Some of the changes being proposed are also the result of recommendations of the Plain Township Mini-Master Plan.

(SEE NEWSLETTER INSERT FOR A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR CHANGES BEING PROPOSED)

A draft of the proposed revision is available on our website at:

www.plaintownship.com

You may also contact the Planning & Economic Development Coordinator at 330-492-4689 or the Zoning Director at 330-492-

Fire & Safety News

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC)

ACBC was started in 1985. Its goal was to provide funding to help burned children and their families emotionally and physically return to normal lives.

ACBC helps child burn victims and their families by providing the following:

- ◆ special protective clothing not covered by insurance
- ◆ non-medical items such as pets and toys lost in home fires
- ◆ bicycles that help children exercise their injured bodies
- ◆ transportation to outpatient treatments

Many special events and programs for child burn victims are also funded by ACBC:

- ◆ annual holiday party
- ◆ summer burn camp
- ◆ fire safety education programs that help prevent



future tragedies

- ◆ plus an annual weekend outing for adult burn patients who have been treated at the Akron Regional Burn Center

Through your donations of aluminum cans and fundraising events, we are able to continue to make a difference in so many lives. Your contribution of aluminum cans at the Fire Stations is greatly appreciated.

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, please send the order form and a \$14 check to: **Plain Township Paramedics**, 3625 Middlebranch NE, Canton, OH 44705.

Please call Fire & Rescue at 330-492-4089 with any 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

Paving

Our 2005 paving and gutter replacement program is complete. We would like to thank residents who were affected for their patience with any inconvenience.

Bellview Storm Sewer



The storm sewer project on Bellview Street NE got underway in mid-August due to delays from utility companies.

Township crews are diligently working to complete this project by September. The landscaping and asphalt work should be completed this fall.

Prevent Drainage Problems

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

Please also remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches,

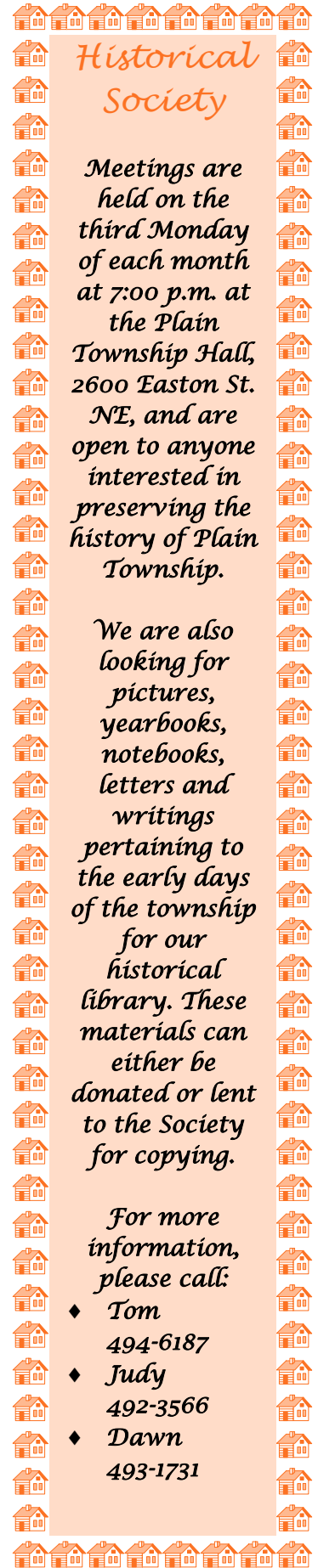
culverts or catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904.

Driveway Aprons

The Road Department does not install or maintain driveway aprons. However, if an existing apron is damaged while culvert pipe repair is being done, the apron will be replaced with like materials. Concrete is not a permitted material for aprons where no concrete curb exists. Concrete aprons make maintenance of underground utilities difficult and can create an obstruction during snow removal. Please call 330-492-3423 with any questions.

Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that no parking is allowed on the paved surface of Township roads when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several Township roadways will be posted this year with "no parking" signs. The ban will be strongly enforced.



Historical Society

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St. NE, and are open to anyone interested in preserving the history of Plain Township.

We are also looking for pictures, yearbooks, notebooks, letters and writings pertaining to the early days of the township for our historical library. These materials can either be donated or lent to the Society for copying.

For more information, please call:

- ◆ Tom 494-6187
- ◆ Judy 492-3566
- ◆ Dawn 493-1731

Indoor Soccer

Indoor Soccer begins November 7. Team registration deadline for U-10, U-12, U-14, High School Boys, Adult Coed, and Senior Men's will be October 24. The Parks Department will also offer a Recreational Indoor Soccer division for children 1st through 6th grade. Registration will be on October 8 and October 15. For forms, contact the Parks Department or download from the Township's website:

www.plaintownship.com

Community Soccer Club will have their sign-up for Spring 2006 Soccer on October 8 and October 15. For more information, go to:

www.communitysoccerclub.com



Park Reservations

Reservations for the Alpine Park shelters and Diamond Community Room are currently being taken for the remainder of 2005. Reservations for 2006 will be taken beginning January 3, 2006.

Diamond Community Room is located at the indoor soccer building at 2782 Diamond St. NE. It has a maximum capacity of 46

people. There are six round tables with chairs, a microwave, refrigerator, and sink. There is a refundable \$25.00 deposit for using the room.

Call 330-492-4689 and press 2 to make reservations.

Contact List

Elected Officials

Twp. Trustees	330-492-4689
Twp. Clerk/Finance	330-493-1366
County Commissioners	330-451-7371

Fire and Rescue

Fire Administration	330-492-4089
Emergency Calls	911

History

Historical Society	330-494-6187
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Parks/Recreation

Township Parks	330-499-0000
Diamond Comm. Rm.	330-492-4689
Shelters (Alpine Park)	330-492-4689
Community Soccer	330-499-2222
	www.communitysoccerclub.com
Holly Hills Baseball	330-494-8250
Holly Hills Softball	330-493-8441
Plain Loc. Baseball	330-218-3234
Plain Loc. Softball	330-478-8706
Midget Football	330-966-2475
	www.plainlocalfootball.org

Police

Stark County Sheriff	330-430-3800
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Real Estate Records

County Auditor	330-451-7334
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Recycling

Stark Co. Recycling	330-451-7808
Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839

Road/Storm Sewer Maintenance

County Roads	330-477-6781
State Roads	330-452-0365
Township Roads	330-492-3423
I-77 Project	1-866-ROADWISE

Schools

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

Sanitary Sewers

Sanitary Engineering	330-451-2303
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Septic Systems/Water Wells

County Health Dept.	330-493-9904
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Voter Registration/ Information

Board of Elections	330-451-8683
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Water Service

Canton Water	330-489-3315
North Canton Water	330-499-4801

Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning	330-492-4686
County Building	330-451-2370

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

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

Administration:	330-492-4689	Planning:	330-492-4689
Finance/Clerk:	330-493-1366	Road:	330-492-3423
Fire/Rescue:	330-492-4089	Sheriff:	330-430-3800
Parks/Rec:	330-499-0000	Zoning:	330-492-4686

E-mail: general@plaintownship.com or
visit our website for an e-mail directory
Website: www.plaintownship.com

Recycling Information

Three self-service recycling sites in Plain Township are now open seven days a week, dawn to dusk, at:

- ◆ *Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond NE -west parking lot*
- ◆ *Taft & Day School grounds, on Salway NW*
- ◆ *K-Mart, 3801 Harmont Ave. NE*

The recycling bins are labeled as follows, and recyclables should be sorted accordingly:

- ◆ *Newspapers/magazines*
- ◆ *Plastics (#1 & #2)/glass*
- ◆ *Food boxes*
- ◆ *Aluminum/steel*
- ◆ *Flat corrugated cardboard*



Please call Stark County Recycling at **330-451-7808** with any questions.

For information on disposal of items not included in this program, please call the Joint Solid Waste Management District at **1-800-678-9839**.

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE
PLAIN TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION**

(As recommended by the Zoning Resolution &
Review Committee - July 2005)

ARTICLES I, II, AND III

Revisions are proposed to accommodate changes in state
law and/or clarification

ARTICLE IV - DEFINITIONS

Few changes

ARTICLE V - ZONING DISTRICTS AND BOUNDARIES

Incorporates newly Adopted R-1-A district, deletes R-5
Manufactured Home Park District and replaces with new
PUD "condominium" district

**ARTICLE VI - GENERAL STANDARDS AND SPECIAL
PROVISIONS**

Few changes for clarification and added reference to erosion
control and flood plain regulations enforced by county

ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT REGULATIONS

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:

1. Adds recently adopted lot size changes in R-R, R-1 and R-2 districts and revises "purpose" in most districts
2. Reduces permitted density in Multifamily Districts: (R-3 from 12 dwelling units per acre to approximately 8-9 dwelling units per acre; R-4 from 22 dwelling units per acre to approximately 12 dwelling units per acre) and revises provisions for open space
3. Deletes existing R-5 district to be replaced with new PUD "RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM" district, which is more restrictive than existing PUD
4. Revisions to existing R-6 PUD DISTRICT, adding requirements for drainage and private streets, open space and permitted uses

5. Conditional uses: churches proposed to be conditional uses in single family districts; additional conditions/restrictions referred to which are to be added to Article XI for some conditional uses to assure compatibility when adjacent to residential areas - i.e., buffer/landscaping, setback of large structures

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS:

References corrected; however, very few changes

ARTICLE VIII - SIGN REGULATIONS

1. Reorganized and changes to clarify requirements
2. Changes in permitted sizes for signs depending on which district - i.e., smaller size in office and neighborhood business district
3. Proposed requirements to allow “electronic” signs

ARTICLE IX – PARKING & LOADING REGULATIONS

1. Completely revised and reorganized for clarification
2. Listing of Minimum parking spaces for additional uses
3. New section for Fire Department Review of parking area layout for safety purposes

ARTICLE X – NONCONFORMING USES

Complete revision and reorganization for clarification

ARTICLE XI – CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATES

Revisions and additional conditions referred to in other districts - i.e., private street and drainage requirements for “group dwellings”; conditions for churches as conditional uses

ARTICLE XII – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION

Added requirements and procedure for amendments to rezone property for an R-5 or R-6 PUD district