

Fall 2021

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PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



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A Note From Your Board of Trustees

In Plain Township alone, there are over 4,200 veterans. That is over 4,200 brave men and women who accepted the responsibility to defend America's freedoms and values. In Stark County, there are about 30,000 men and women who selflessly sacrificed for our nation to remain the land of the free and home of the brave. These numbers do not account for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not return home to their family and loved ones.

UNITED WE STAND

AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL PLAIN TOWNSHIP SALUTE TO VETERANS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

11 AM UNTIL 1 PM

CENTRAL FIRE STATION~1742 SCHNEIDER ST. NE CANTON, OHIO 44721

Boxed Lunch provided by Mission BBQ

Featured Speaker-Dr. Timothy Collins, President Walsh University and Former Senior Officer in the United States Airforce



Washington Square Starbucks



Please join us on November 11th for Plain Township's 7th Annual Salute to Veterans. The day begins at 11:00 am with a free lunch sponsored in part by Mission Barbecue. Our featured speaker will be Walsh University President, Dr. Timothy Collins. Before joining Johns Hopkins University in 2005, Dr. Collins served as a senior officer in the United States Air Force with command, staff and diplomatic experiences during his military career. He has more than 4,000 flying hours, including over 260 combat hours, as a command pilot in a variety of unmanned and manned fighter, tanker, reconnaissance, and command and control aircraft. He was a U.S. Air Force Command Pilot, a military parachutist, and is a credentialed Board President for both Aviation Safety Investigation Boards and Accident Investigation Boards. Military honors for Dr. Collins include Aerial Achievement Medals, Air Medals, Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction, Bronze Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legions of Merit, and the Purple Heart.

We look forward to honoring our Veterans with you on Veterans Day.

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Yard Waste Recycling Information



The Yard Waste Site is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 8 am until 8 pm. The last day of the 2021 yard waste season will be Monday, November 29th as operations will shut down for the winter.

Please remember that the yard waste site is under 24-hour surveillance for your safety. Please follow all posted rules for the yard waste drop off. Illegal dumping or using the yard waste card in a manner not consistent with the rules will result in a fine and revocation of your card. There has been an increase in plastic and dimensional lumber which we cannot take. Those items can be placed in your trash. We can only continue to offer this amenity so long as it is not abused.

It is not necessary to leave your vehicle when entering the site. Simply drive up to the card reader and swipe your proximity card-it is that easy!

Your yard waste card automatically renews if you paid using a credit card, one year from date of purchase. You will receive an email from Stripe one week prior to your automatic renewal. If you paid by cash or check you must come into the administrative offices to renew. If your credit card information has changed, please call (330) 492-4689 to update your information. DO NOT register again as this creates a duplicate record in our system.

We look forward to seeing you again at our yard waste site in the spring! The yard waste site will re-open on Friday, April 1st, 2022.

Thank you for a great season!



If Your Dog Poops



You must scoop...

Even If No One Sees You!

It's Your Doodie!



Pet waste is not only unpleasant to see or smell (or step in), but is a major health risk to pets and people - and water quality! No one wants to fish, swim or play in our lakes, creeks and streams that have bacteria from pet waste polluting them! There are an estimated 60,000 dogs in the Stark County area. If the average dog produces just 3/4 pounds of waste per day, that means about **45,000** pounds of dog waste is being produced each day in our community. Take the "It's My Doodie" pledge to pick up after your dog and properly dispose of their waste. Then, email us a picture of your dog at general@plaintownship.com and we will display it in our gallery. To take the pledge visit us at:

<https://www.plaintownship.com/stormwater/doodiepledge.html>



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Stark County Soil and Water Homeowners Series

Stormwater and Severe Weather

Research shows storm events are becoming more intense. Join us as we take a look at stormwater and how we can all work together to reduce runoff and flooding.

October 26th at 6 pm

Register by visiting STARKSWCD.ORG

**Classes held via zoom or in person at
2650 Richville Dr SE, Massillon**

Invasive Species Control

Late fall and into the winter is the best time to manage invasive species on your property. Learn ID tips and best ways to control those pesky invasives.

November 23rd at 6 pm

Register by visiting STARKSWCD.ORG

**Classes held via zoom or in person at
2650 Richville Dr SE, Massillon**

Welcome Tolin Designs to Plain Township!

Located on Market Ave across from Washington Square, **Tolin Designs LLC offers a showroom and design center for all of your remodeling needs.**

From small projects to complete renovations, they are connecting the community to quality building projects, design inspiration and a crew to pull it off! They offer **home remodeling**, a **selection center** with direct access to their hand-picked product lines and **design consultation.**

Visit www.tolindesigns.com or follow them on social media to view their recent projects.



Plain Township Fire Chief, Charles Shalenberger, was presented with a plaque and a personal thank you from the Stark County Health Department at the July 27th Plain Township Trustee meeting. Stark County Health Commissioner Kirk Norris and the nursing staff in attendance were extremely appreciative of the efforts of Plain Township Firefighters in assisting in the Covid Clinics at the Whipple Dale Center from January thru July of 2021. Firefighters helped staff the clinic by providing EMS care, monitoring patients for reactions and administering vaccines. Plain Township Firefighters were happy to assist for the benefit of the community.





ROAD DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-3423



Road Levy Renewal



On **November 2nd**, the Plain Township Board of Trustees will be seeking a 1.5 mill road levy renewal. **This will NOT be an increase in taxes.** The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home for tax purposes \$37.89 per year. The road department maintains 174 miles of roadway. This last year, over 18.2 miles of roadway were paved in Plain Township, which allows us to pave roads on a ten to twelve-year rotation. The Trustees understand the economic burdens Township taxpayers are facing, but the passage of this levy is a critical component to maintaining safe streets that are in good conditions for our residents. Well-maintained roads mean safe travel for Police, Fire, EMS vehicles and citizens. They also increase property values for citizens and businesses. Plain Township should be very proud of our Road Department. **Supporting this renewal levy will allow our community to keep the excellent services we currently have, without any additional costs.**

Permits Required

All road department permits and forms are now accessible and can be completed in full on our website at www.plaintownship.com under the Road Department section, "Permits and Forms."

Prevent Drainage Problems

To help prevent drainage problems, please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets. It is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts or catch basins. **If you see illegal dumping taking place, report it to the Stark County Health Department at (330)493-9904.**

Only Rain Down the Drain

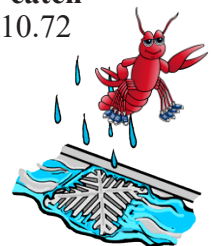
Check out this awesome website to follow the journey of a raindrop from anywhere in the contiguous United States. Discover the path that water takes from where you live, work, and play!



<https://river-runner.samlearner.com/>

Did You Know?

Did you know that you can call the Plain Township Road Department to clean out your catch basins and storm sewer lines at the roadway? Last year the road department cleaned over 10.72 miles of ditch line and 4,577 feet of pipe. They also cleaned 219 catch basins. This is all done in effort to reduce flooding and to keep our streets and ditches clean. The township also has a ditch enclosure program for residents. **For information about this program please call the road department at 330-492-3423.**





PARKS DEPARTMENT

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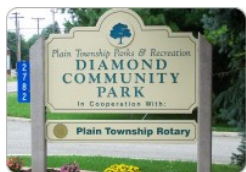


2021 Indoor Session 1 Leagues



To register, visit: www.teamsideline.com/plaintownship

Adult Co-ed	<p>NOV: 5,12,19 DEC: 3,10,17 JAN: 7,14,21,28</p>	<p>Registration Opens 9/1/2021</p> <p>Registration Closes 10/29/2021</p>	<p>Cost is \$660 per team</p> <p>Referee fee is \$12 per team</p>
Men's	<p>NOV: 7,14,21,28 DEC: 5,12,19 JAN: 9,16,23</p>	<p>Registration Opens 9/1/2021</p> <p>Registration Closes 10/31/2021</p>	<p>Cost is \$660 per team</p> <p>Referee Fee is \$12 per team</p>
HS Co-ed	<p>NOV: 3-4, 10-11, 17,18 DEC: 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 JAN: 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27</p>	<p>Registration Opens 9/1/2021</p> <p>Registration Closes 10/28/2021</p>	<p>Cost is \$660 per team</p> <p>Referee Fee is \$12 per team</p>
HS Girls	<p>NOV: 7,14,21,28 DEC: 5,12,19 JAN: 9,16,23</p>	<p>Registration Opens 9/1/2021</p> <p>Registration Closes 10/31/2021</p>	<p>Cost is \$660 per team</p> <p>Referee Fee is \$12 per team</p>
HS REC	<p>NOV: 9,16,23,30 DEC: 7,14,21 JAN: 4,11,18</p>	<p>Registration Opens 9/1/2021</p> <p>Registration Closes 11/2/2021</p>	<p>Cost is \$660 per team</p> <p>Referee Fee is \$12 per team</p>



To register for shelters or the Diamond Community Room, please visit:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/>



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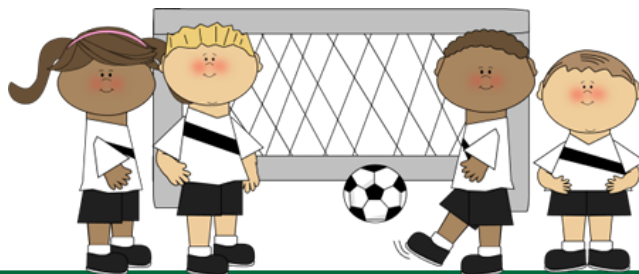
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REC K-8	NOV: 6,13,20 DEC: 4,11,18 JAN: 8,15,22	Registration Opens 9/1/2021 Registration Closes 10/30/2021	Cost is \$60 for Kindergarten 1st-8th grade is \$82.50 for 1st child \$71.50 for 2nd child \$66.00 for 3rd child and up \$55.00 for one child if parent coaches/ per player Includes T-Shirt
U10	NOV: 6,13,20 DEC: 4,11,18 JAN: 8,15,22	Registration Opens 9/1/2021 Registration Closes 10/31/2021	Cost is \$600 per team Referee fee is \$10 per team
U12	NOV: 6,13,20 DEC: 4,11,18 JAN: 8,15,22	Registration Opens 9/1/2021 Registration Closes 10/31/2021	Cost is \$600 per team Referee fee is \$10 per team
U14	NOV: 8,15,22,29 DEC: 6,13,20 JAN: 3,10,17	Registration Opens 9/1/2021 Registration Closes 11/1/2021	Cost is \$600 per team Referee fee is \$10 per team





ZONING DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-4686



Zoning Permits



Before you begin any construction project, your first step should be to contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property. In

addition to a permit application, a site plan drawn to scale of your property is required to illustrate the new construction's size and location on the property.

Permits must be issued before work begins. If you are hiring a contractor, the Zoning Department recommends that you discuss who will be responsible for obtaining permits with your contractor. Remember that ultimately, the property owner is responsible for compliance of his or her property with all Township Zoning Requirements. Please note that any above ground swimming pool containing three (3) feet of water or more requires a permit, as well as any storage shed that you place on your property, regardless of its size.

ASK VINNY



Question: Will the Township pick up my leaves if I leave them by the street?

Vinny Says: The Township does not have a service to pick up leaves. However, the Township does have the yard waste site available for residents to get rid of their leaves. The site is open until November 29th. The card can be purchased in person at the township or online at www.plaintownship.com.

Question: My neighbor is refusing to pick up the leaves in their yard. What can I do?

Vinny Says: Unfortunately, the Township does not have the legal power to address this issue.

What Would Vinny Do?

Vinny encourages neighbors to talk to one another and aid others that might be in need of help. We don't always know what may be hindering others or what their circumstances might be.

Submit your questions to Vinny at
Zoning@plaintownship.com

Community Mediation



Oftentimes, the township and specifically the zoning department receives calls regarding neighbor disputes. Many of these complaints involve property issues that the township has no legal authority to address. In these instances, we recommend the **Coleman Mediation Services**.

Mediation is a process in which a neutral mediator assists participants in discussing issues confidentially and working together to develop a mutually satisfactory solution. A Coleman mediator is trained to help people in a dispute communicate with one another and problem solve. The center helps in civil disputes, landlord tenant, commercial and interpersonal matters. They also help with family disputes, workplace issues and neighbor disputes. **The goal is to intervene as early as possible in the dispute to minimize the economic, physical and emotional harm of unresolved conflict.**

Mediation promotes practical resolution for difficult issues. To contact the Coleman Mediation Services please call **330-430-9502**. or visit **www.colemanservices.org** for more information.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-4089



U.S. Flag Retirement Drop Box

We now have a way to respectfully retire worn, sullied or torn flags. The Plain Township Fire Department has made available drop boxes at the Fire Stations listed below, as well as our Training Building.

- 3625 Middlebranch Ave. N.E. (Station #2)
- 2625 25th St. N.W. (Station #3)
- 7858 Market Ave. N. (Station #4)
- 2855 Easton St. N.E. (Training Building)



The Plain Township Parks Department also offers a Retired Flag drop box behind Station #1 located at 1742 Schneider Rd. NE.



Plain Township Firefighters are offering American made flags. The cost includes a \$5.00 donation towards The Scholarships Fund and Veterans Memorial improvements. Select from below.

- \$25.00 American Flag_____
- \$51.00 POW Flag_____
- 43.00 Military Branch_____
- \$31.00 Marine_____
- \$45.00 Thin Red Line_____
- \$56.00 Honor and Remember Flag_____
- \$36.00 Blue Star Service Flag_____
- \$31.00 Army_____
- \$31.00 Navy_____

*You may pick up your Flag once it comes in and is available or, if you are a Township Resident it can be delivered.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IS THIS A GIFT: _____ GIFT GIVERS NAME: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Plain Township Firefighters Local 2967
1742 Schneider Rd. NE.
Canton, Ohio 44721

For more information: Phone: 330-492-4089 or E-mail:
firedept@plaintownship.com



Veterans Memorial

The flags atop the Veterans Park Memorial Hillside fly proudly to honor our past and current service men and women. The six newest additions, representing each military branch were funded through the donations received through Plain Township residents. The continued support and generosity continues to be an immeasurable asset to this program.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fall Fire Safety Tips

With colder temperatures around the corner, here are just a few fire safety tips: If you have a forced air furnace, please have it serviced by a licensed contractor to check for proper operation and to make sure that there are no leaks in your gas line. If you use a wood burner for heat, be sure that your flue is clear of any obstructions such as a bird's nest before you start to use your wood burner. Also, when cleaning the ashes out of your wood burner, make sure to put them in a metal bin and soak them in water and put them away from your house or any out-building that may be on your property or your neighbor's property. If you use a chimney, again, please make sure that it is free from any obstructions. It is also a good idea to have a professional chimney sweep come and clean your chimney. When you are burning, make sure that your damper is open, and air is being pulled up through the chimney. You can do this by opening the damper and lighting a match and putting the match out and see if the smoke is being pulled up the chimney.



It is also very important that you have a carbon monoxide detector in your home. You can purchase a carbon monoxide detector from any big box store. There are several different brands, and all are effective. **When placing a carbon monoxide detector in your home, it is best to place it where the family spends the most time and not by something that burns natural gas or by the garage.** It does not matter if the detector is installed in an outlet down by the floor or if it is installed on the ceiling.

If you have any questions regarding carbon monoxide detectors or smoke detectors or any other fire safety related questions, please feel free to call the Plain Township Fire Department at 330-492-4089.

Did you know that the Plain Township Fire Department offers car seat inspections?

To schedule an appointment with one of our **5 certified car seat inspectors**, call **(330)492-4089**
Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm



CHILD
PASSENGER SAFETY



House Numbers

Being able to locate 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 by completing the attached Form and sending it along with a check for \$16.00 to:

Plain Township Paramedics
1742 Schneider Road NE.
Canton, Ohio 44721



House Number Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number to be printed on sign: _____

Direction of sign : Horizontal or Vertical

All proceeds benefit the Plain Township
Fire/Paramedic Association.





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A Letter from Sheriff George T. Maier



Dear Friends,

I would like to take a few moments of your time to discuss traffic safety and some alarming trends we are seeing on our roadways. You may have recently seen stories in the news about significant increases in serious speeding violations. **The State of Ohio has seen the number of people speeding over 100 m.p.h. nearly double in the past year!** While many factors may contribute to this increase, many people have indicated that wide open roads during COVID shut downs contributed to their false sense of security in driving that fast.

I want to remind people that aside from being illegal, speeding can be very dangerous. Driving at excessive speeds such as over 100 m.p.h. will greatly reduce your reaction time and also increases the severity of any collision that might occur. As your speed increases, the force of any collision also increases, leading to a greater risk of serious injury or even death. Any crash at speeds over 100 m.p.h. is likely to have a disastrous outcome! In my many years of law enforcement experience, I have never seen a good outcome to a crash at such speeds.

The Stark County Sheriff's Office receives a number of complaints from Plain Township residents about speeding issues in various areas. **We do our best to assign deputies for extra patrols and enforcement in those locations. The Plain Township Road Department also does a great job of deploying speed trailers to help deter violations.** Despite our best efforts, we still need the help of everyone traveling the roadways. I encourage everyone to give themselves a few extra minutes to arrive at their location on time and alive. You should avoid driving distracted by cell phones and other devices in the car. You should also pay close attention to posted speed limits and the speed of your vehicle. They are designed to help keep you and other people around you safe by designating optimal speeds to operate your vehicle in any given area.

Now that school has started, safe driving is all that much more important! School buses are back on the roadways and children are waiting to be picked up or walking to school. Pay close attention to buses and children around their stops. Be sure to stop when the stop sign on a bus is extended or the lights are flashing red. I can't think of a more valuable asset in our community than our children. Please think of them while you are driving and remember that protecting our children should be paramount.

Please slow down and drive safe!

George T. Maier



PLAIN TOWNSHIP



Save the Date

Plain Township and Oakwood Square present “Holiday at the Square” on December 3rd beginning at 6pm. Sponsors include Denise Evans and Tolin Designs. Join us as we welcome Santa at the Square to hear children’s requests while enjoying live wood and ice carving demonstrations surrounded by Plain Township’s Holiday displays. Eat, Drink and Be Merry at all of Oakwood Square’s amazing restaurants and shops while getting a jump start on your holiday shopping at the new “Oakwood Village Shops, presented by SidestreetMKTS and sponsored by Millcraft Barns.



BE A TOY SOLDIER



And help provide deserving Stark County Veterans and their dependents in need with a gift this holiday season.

Take a WISH TAG from our Patriotic Christmas trees located at:

THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP HALL AT 2600 EASTON STREET

PLAIN TOWNSHIP SPORTS COMPLEX AT 2782 DIAMOND STREET

Return your gift wrapped & with the Wish Tag any location by
December 1st

Sponsored in Part by Plain Township and the Stark County Veterans Service Commission

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History Historical Society preservingplaintwp@gmail.com	(330)492-3566
Parks & Recreation Plain Township Parks	(330)492-4689
Plain Township Comm. Sports Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	(330)499-2222
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)604-0110
Holly Hills Baseball https://hollyhillsbaseball.com/	(903)934-0112
Plain Local Youth Football www.plainlocalyouthfootball.org	See website
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)309-5669
GlenOak Mat Club 3 Levels - ONE Family Facebook.com	(330)705-8166
Powerline Issues AEP	1-800-672-2231
Police Stark County Sheriff	(330)430-3800
Real Estate Records Stark County Auditor	(330)451-7357
Recycling Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
Road/Storm Sewer Stark County Roads Stark County Sewer State of Ohio Roads Township Roads	(330)477-6781 (330)451-2303 (330)452-0365 (330)492-3423
Schools Canton City North Canton Plain Schools Admin. Plain Bus Garage	(330)438-2500 (330)497-5600 (330)492-3500 (330)492-1918
Septic Systems Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330)493-9904
Voter Registration Board of Elections	(330)451-8683
Water Service Canton City Water North Canton Water Aqua Water	(330)489-3315 (330)499-4801 1-877-987-2782
Zoning Permits Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686

Prescription Drug Drop Off

You can drop off your prescription drugs, in their original containers at the Plain Township Administrative Offices. The drop off box is located in the lobby and can be accessed Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. No liquids, inhalers or syringes. This is a free service for residential use only.



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