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FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Replacement Road Levy Upcoming

The Plain Township Board of Trustees understands how important it is for township residents to be fully informed about their government, particularly when citizens are tasked with making decisions regarding the funding of their township services.

On November 7th, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a 1.5 mill replacement road levy with a 0.5 mill increase. For example, if a home was appraised by the county auditor to be valued at \$100,000, **the proposed tax levy would cost the owner \$70 dollars per year or \$5.83 per month.** The proposed road levy would be in effect for 5 years.



This levy contributes to road construction, reconstruction, and equipment replacement within the road department. No employee salaries are paid from this levy.

As the township with the second largest population in Stark County, the Plain Township Road Department provides comprehensive maintenance on over 175 miles of township roadway.

Plain Township continues to grow with new developments and homes. As a result, new roadway miles continue to be added. With this growth comes an increasing demand for year-round maintenance of our roadways, as well as snow removal in the winter.

Unfortunately, due to the sky rocketing cost of road resurfacing, the former 10-12-year paving rotations have been extended out to a 17-20-year rotation. In 2021, our budget allowed us to pave 18.2 miles for \$1,685,542. This year, we are paving only 10 miles of road at a cost of \$1,860,117.00.

Over a two-year period, Plain Township has been forced to decrease the yearly paving mileage by over 8 miles per year. **The cost of asphalt has increased over 65% since**

2018, and the cost to pave just one mile of roadway has risen by over 95%. This year, the cost to pave a mile of roadway reached an all-time high of \$165,000 dollars compared to only \$85,000 in 2018. Not only have resurfacing costs risen, so have daily construction costs. Culvert, block, brick, cement, signs, and pavement markings have all seen a dramatic increase in costs of over 40% in recent years.

Plain Township has also seen equipment costs nearly double. If sticker shock wasn't enough, the township is now waiting over two years for new vehicles to arrive. We continue to update our snow fleet, and our maintenance department works tirelessly to repair and keep our fleet moving. This task is increasingly difficult due to supply chain constraints. Just recently, our front-end loader was inoperable for over seven weeks as we waited for the parts to arrive.

Beyond keeping our roadways safe, our dedicated road department prides itself on completing resident work order requests. Already this year, our team has completed over 4,000 work orders. Our road department is also capable of large road repairs with our small paver and grinder. Although not equipped to pave entire roadways, we are able to repair soft/bad areas in roads. Being able to perform this work in-house has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last 10 years. This is a service that many local communities are not capable of doing themselves and must contract this work out, usually at a higher cost.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP'S GOALS FOR THIS LEVY REQUEST:

- Increase the paving budget
- Establish a yearly concrete curb & gutter program
- Begin a crack seal program

The Road Department depends on funding from the road levy. Motorists count on hazard free and safe roadways. Residents depend on working storm drainage that protects from flooding, visible signage, and rapid snow and ice removal which keeps traffic moving. Parents need to be confident that school buses can travel safely, and everyone deserves to know that critical Fire and Police services can reach them in an emergency, no matter the weather situation.

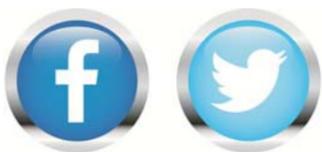
Our roads help keep our property values up and allow safe well-maintained travel to and from work, school, and worship. We take pride in knowing that motorists know when they enter and exit Plain Township, because they are driving on top notch roads.

Scott M. Haws *[Signature]* John A. Sabo *[Signature]* Brook N. Harless *[Signature]*



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Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)604-0110
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Parks Department

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Legacy Park Amphitheater

Saturday Morning Pilates and Zumba
Pilates 9:00AM
Zumba 10:00AM
Every Saturday in September

Thursday, September 14 at 7:00PM
70's Rock Parade
Doors Open at 5:00PM

Thursday, September 28 at 7:00PM
AM Gold Yacht Rock
Doors Open at 5:00PM

For more information please visit
www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com



Plain Township Parks Department

2023 Winter Indoor Session 1 Leagues

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

League	Registration Period	Registration Opens	Registration Closes	Cost	Other Fees
Adult Co-ed	NOV: 3,10,17 DEC: 1,8,15 JAN: 5,12,19,26	9/1/2023	10/27/2023	Cost is \$710 per team	Referee fee is \$15 per team
Men's	OCT: 29 NOV: 5,12,19,26 DEC: 3,10,17 JAN: 7,14	9/1/2023	10/22/2023	Cost is \$710 per team	Referee Fee is \$15 per team
HS Co-ed	NOV: 8-9, 15-16, 29-30 DEC: 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 JAN: 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	9/1/2023	11/4/2023	Cost is \$710 per team	Referee Fee is \$13 per team
HS Girls	NOV: 5,12,19,26 DEC: 3,10,17 JAN: 7,14,21	9/1/2023	11/1/2023	Cost is \$710 per team	Referee Fee is \$13 per team
HS REC	NOV: 7,14,21,28 DEC: 5,12,19 JAN: 9,16	9/1/2023	11/1/2023	Cost is \$78 per child	\$20 one time coaching discount
REC PRE K/K	NOV: 4,11,18 DEC: 2,9,16 JAN: 6,13,20	9/1/2023	10/28/2023	Cost is \$60 per player	\$16 one time coaching discount
REC 1-8	NOV: 4,11,18 DEC: 2,9,16 JAN: 6,13,20	9/1/2023	10/28/2023	\$82.50 for 1st child \$71.50 for 2nd child \$66 for 3rd child	\$27.50 one time coaching discount
U10	NOV: 7,14,21,28 DEC: 5,12,19 JAN: 9,16	9/1/2023	11/1/2023	Cost is \$650 per team	Referee Fee is \$12 per team
U12	NOV: 4,11,18 DEC: 2,9,16 JAN: 6,13,20	9/1/2023	10/28/2023	Cost is \$650 per team	Referee Fee is \$12 per team
U14	NOV: 6,13,20,27 DEC: 4,11,18 JAN: 8,22	9/1/2023	10/30/2023	Cost is \$650 per team	Referee Fee is \$12 per team

To register for shelters or the Diamond Community Room, please visit:
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/>

WINTER WONDERLAND
DECEMBER 9TH 11AM-3PM

Stark County
VETERANS
& Dependents

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Wishes
by November 10th

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VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OF STARK COUNTY
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Christmas
For Veterans & Their Dependents

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Wish Tree Location By :
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SECURELY ATTACH WISH TAG TO GIFT
ASK HOW YOU CAN DONATE OR VOLUNTEER

**CLEARLY WRITE THE NUMBER FROM
THE WISH TAG ON EACH WRAPPED GIFT**

Sponsored Wish Tree Locations

North Canton YMCA	Perry Township Hall
Plain Township Hall	Marlboro Township Hall
Plain Township Diamond Park	Jackson Township Hall
Canton Township Community Center	

Veterans Service Commission of Stark County
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 330.451.7439

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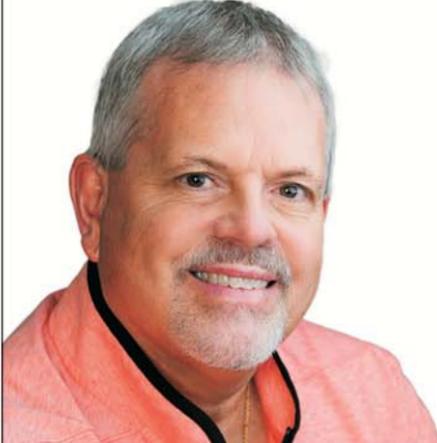
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Hope Graduated from GO.
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Plain Township Historical Society

www.preservingplaintwp.org
facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety
email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

History on the Move

Wow, where did the summer go? We will be wrapping up our event season in September with the 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square on the 9th from 10-3. Our pop-up museum will be featuring "4-H and Plain Township" a look at how rural life in Plain Township was influenced by 4-H. Come and join us and get a look at the new amphitheater. A great opportunity to support local businesses.

In June at our annual picnic, we celebrated our 90 year young members. What a great time of food and fellowship. As always, Mr. Haldi presents wonderful and informative programs. He talked about the Case Mansion in July which if you are not aware was in Historic Plain Township. The seats were filled and stories were told. August, we again explored Genealogy with the help of the Stark County Genealogical Society. What a great community resource for those wanting to research their ancestors. Our Ancestry.com family tree continues to grow and we reached another milestone, over 475,000 names in our database and still growing. The next question is when will we reach 500,000? We are able to reach these goals with the help of the community who shared their family tree information. Consider sharing your family tree with PTHS as a way to preserve the information for the future.

Any questions or if you have information to share, please contact us via one of the methods below. Thank you to everyone that supported us through donations, volunteering and making connections in the community.

A Suitcase and a Whippet

We are always interested in the stories behind items that are donated. This suitcase belonged to Harry Alexander Wise (1885-1969). He was born in Plain Township, and later moved to Lake Cable being one of the first home owners there, also he worked for Mr. Cable. Harry even was an Auxiliary Police Officer at Lake Cable. His main employment was with the Ohio Power Company for 40 years. This suitcase, while small in size, traveled with Harry in his Whippet car.



Whippets were produced by the Willys-Overland Company from 1926-1931. The car was named for the famed racing dogs, and it became an immediate success due to its good looks, small size, speed and low price.

The Great Depression ended the production run for this model. Today, the only surviving part of the Willys-Overland Company is the Jeep which both Ford and Willy-Overland produced during World War II. Oh, the stories that suitcase could tell.

A Snapshot of History

As the Beach Boys put it in the song "I Get Around," 'None of the guys go steady 'cause it wouldn't be right to leave their best girl home on a Saturday night,' and cruising down Cleveland Avenue between 30th St NW and 44th St NW brought that local flair to Friday and Saturdays in Plain Township.

The Spotless Spot Drive-In was one of those destination from 1940-1954. This was a different type of dining experience when dining out and owning a car was still a new idea. Pull your car up, someone comes out, takes your order, then brings your food to you and you eat in your car. This is when hot dogs and hamburgers were only 15 cents. What a great way to show off your ride as well. Following the Spotless Spot at their location was the Waterloo Drive-In (1955-1960), King Steer Drive-in (1960-1961) and then Lujan's Burger Boy (1961-1976.) So, what was your favorite cruising spot and route?



If you have any additional information on this area, please let us know. Also, we are always on the lookout for photos of houses across the years so we can track how the area has changed.

2023 EVENT SCHEDULE... *Mark your calendars!*

Location: Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted

- Sep 9th: "4-H of Plain Township" - 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square 10a-3p
- Sep 18th: "Quilts of Plain Township and Their Stories" - Presented by Cindy Guest
PTHS Free Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sep 20th: 9th Annual Quarterly Fundraiser Part 3
- Oct 14th: "Harvest Market" - 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square 10a-3p
- Oct 16th: "4-H Programs" - Presented by Jennifer White OSU Extension,
Stark County 7:00 pm
- Nov 20th: "Meyers Family" - Presented by Dan McDivett
PTHS Free Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec 20th: 9th Annual Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4
- Dec: No PTHS Monthly Meeting
- Jan 2024: No PTHS Monthly Meeting

SAVE THE DATE
SALUTE TO VETERANS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
STARTS AT 10 AM
 Central Fire Station
 1742 Schneider St. NE Canton, Ohio 44721

Brunch provided by Plain Township Staff
Program includes:
Presentation of Colors
Musical performance and Keynote Speaker

Yard Waste Recycling

The Yard Waste Site is open from 8am to 8pm every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This amenity is for residents only. You must be a resident of Plain Township regardless of the school district you reside in.

The site requires a key card issued by the Township. Only one key card per residential household in the unincorporated area of the Township will be issued. To obtain a key card, residents may register on-line by going to www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov and click on the Yard Waste Link on the home page. A credit card and email address are required to complete registration successfully.

The key card expires one year from the date of purchase. If you registered on-line using your credit card and that credit card is still active, it will automatically renew on that date. NOTHING FURTHER IS REQUIRED.

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. If you registered in person and paid by cash or check, you will need to come in to renew your card on or before your expiration date. **Do not dispose of your key card. You will keep the same card regardless of how you registered.**



Residents who do not have access to a computer may register at the Plain Township Administrative Office between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. **If registering at the Plain Township Administrative Office, please bring a check or exact cash payment as we do not have change available.**

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is happy to provide this service to our residents and grateful for the partnership with Earth n Wood who pick up the yard waste!



Zoning Department

330-492-4686

Welcome to Plain Township!

We value our growing business community! Here are a few that we have been fortunate enough to welcome into the Township so far this year...



Aldi
8100 Cleveland Ave. NW



Biggby Coffee
4015 Hills & Dales Rd NW



Cracked Egg
3110 Whipple Ave. NW



The Glass Garden of Canton
4330 Avondale Ln. NW



Northeast Factory Direct
8100 Cleveland Ave. NW



TasteBuds Popcorn
3974 Fulton Rd. NW

Zoning Certificate of Conformance

This is to all business owners and potential tenants: A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required prior to anyone occupying a building in a Business, Office, or Industrial District.

A NEW permit is required for any change in:

- Business use
- Change of ownership
- Change of tenant

You can find an application online by scanning the QR code or pick one up in person at the Zoning Department



Fiscal Officer/Finance

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H.B. 140 - Ballot Language Changes Began May 2023

On June 14, 2022, Governor Michael DeWine signed the Ballot Uniformity and Transparency Act (H.B. 140) into law, which became effective on November 13, 2022. Plain Township, like other local governments, typically receives funding from a variety of sources, including property taxes, which is a key source of funding for Plain Township operations and the services that Plain Township provides to its residents.

The county auditor in each of Ohio's 88 counties is the official charged with valuing every parcel of real property located within their respective county. Every property is assigned an appraised (market) value by the county auditor. All real property is then assessed for taxation at 35% of the appraised value; this 35% valuation is referred to as the assessed or taxable value of a property.

All property taxes are ultimately applied to individual properties at a certain property tax millage rate. One mill is one-thousandth of a dollar (one-tenth of a cent), and a one-mill tax equals \$1 in property tax levied per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. Both unvoted and voted property taxes are applied to all properties in Ohio. Unvoted taxes, referred to as inside millage, are limited by state law to 10 mills of a property's assessed value and are divided among the overlapping local governments by statutory formula. Usually all or almost all of the unvoted 10 mills is levied on properties statewide. Voted taxes, referred to as outside millage, are levied at whatever millage rates are approved by a majority of voters of the local government levying the tax.

House Bill (HB) 140 made significant changes to ballot language for voted property tax levies starting with the May 2023 election and thereafter. The primary changes it makes are as follows:

- Requires most ballot language to include the estimated total amount the levy would collect annually, which previously was only required for certain fixed-sum levies; and
- Requires ballot language to convey a levy's cost in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value meaning the full market value. Previously the cost for a tax levy was stated in dollars and cents for each \$100 of taxable (assessed) value, which is 35% of the appraised value for real property.

The Stark County Board of Elections' website permits you to view your ballot for your precinct days prior to early voting commencing. Go to www.starkcounty.gov/government/offices/board_of_elections, and click on the "Show Me My Ballot" tab.



Leaf season

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 clean up.** The Township provides a yard waste recycling drop-off site. If you know of an elderly person or a neighbor needing assistance, lend a helping hand.



Fire Department

330-492-4089



Smoke Detector Program



Plain Township Firefighters along with members of Plain Twp. Rotary, Road Department, Zoning, and the Red Cross installed and handed out information on our smoke detector program. We installed over 150 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in Plain Township the past month. Thank you to all the volunteers and Township staff!

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 form below and sending it along with a check for \$16.00 to:

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

For Questions, call the Fire Department at (330)492-4089



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.

FIRE PREVENTION IT'S IN YOUR HANDS

On average 358,300 home-based fires occur every year.

Are you doing all you can to prevent a fire in your home?

Cooking is the leading cause of house fires.

- **Never** leave cooking unattended.
- **Always** have a lid readily available to cover your pan in the event a fire occurs.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Double check appliances are **turned off** when you finish.
- Prevent fires by keeping your oven and stovetop clean of **grease and dust**.
- **Never** use water on a grease fire.

Heating is the second leading cause of house fires.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment like your furnace, fireplace or portable heaters.
- Portable electric heaters should always be plugged directly into an outlet. **Do not plug in more than 1 heater per outlet.**
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Always turn off portable heaters before going to bed.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned & inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Electrical fires cause on average 32,160 house fires each year.

- **NEVER OVERLOAD** electrical outlets.
- **ALWAYS** switch off appliances when not in use.
- Check the condition of wires regularly.
- Do not run wires under carpets or mats.
- Extension cords should only be used temporarily and unplugged when not in use.
- Keep wires away from hot surfaces.
- Never pull on an electrical cord to unplug it. Unplug power cords by pulling the plug straight out.



Smoking-related fires are the leading cause of civilian fire deaths.

- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, & other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Never smoke or allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used.
- Make sure butts and ashes are out before discarding. Douse in water or sand.

If you need smoke detectors, please contact us at

Plain Township Fire & Rescue
1742 Schneider St NE
Canton, Ohio 44721
(330) 492-4089



WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

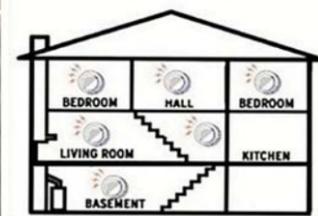


2/3 of all fire deaths occurred in homes with missing or non-functional smoke detectors.

LOCATIONS

- Every Floor
- Every Bedroom
- Outside all sleeping areas
- At least 10 feet from stoves

Smoke Alarms



DID YOU KNOW?

The risk of dying in a home fire is reduced by **50%** in homes with working smoke alarms

Maintaining Smoke Alarms

- **Test** smoke alarms monthly. Push the test button on the unit to make sure the alarm sounds.
- **Clean** your alarm at least once a year. Vacuum out any dust and cobwebs that may have accumulated.
- **Never** disable the smoke alarm.
- Replace any smoke alarm that is older than **10 years**. That is the service life of the smoke alarm.

Fire is Everyone's Fight. Here are some tips that can keep you and your family safe.

Escape Plan

- Have a family fire escape plan with a designated meeting place. Regularly practice your plan.
- **Get Out, Stay Out**
- If there is a fire, **get out and stay out!**
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Never go back into the home.

If you need smoke detectors, please contact us at

Plain Township Fire & Rescue
1742 Schneider St NE
Canton, Ohio 44721
(330) 492-4089

In an Emergency, Dial 911!



Self-service Recycling



Self-service recycling is open seven days a week, dawn to dusk, at the following locations:

- Diamond Community Park
2782 Diamond Street NE (West parking lot)
- Easton Recycle Center, 2855 Easton St NE
- Saint Michael Church, 3430 St. Michael Drive, NW

Recyclables should be separated as follows:

- Paper
- Plastics Bottles and Jugs
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Metal/Aluminum Cans
- Flat Corrugated Cardboard



Cans are also collected at all Plain Township Fire Stations to benefit the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Program.

For questions, or more information on disposal of items not included in this program, please contact the Joint Solid Waste Management District at 1-800-678-9839

Plain Township Presents

Light Up

at Legacy Park

Celebrate The Holidays With Us!

Friday, December 1st
@6pm-9pm

- Live Performance by Vocal Fusion-
- Meet Santa-
- Vendors-
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- Tree Lighting-
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Legacy Park
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FREE community event
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PAWS IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 10, 2023 • 1-3 PM
Plain Township Dog Park

(Located at Veterans Park, 1714 Schneider Street NE Canton, OH 44721)
Hosted by Denise Evans, Cutler Real Estate and Plain Township Parks

Have your
picture taken at the

**FREE
PHOTO
BOOTH**



**ADOPTABLE
DOGS**
will be here!

Be sure to come dressed in your best (dogs and humans alike!) for the Pooch Parade and Best Dressed contest with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes! Take home a free doggie bag with a collapsible portable dog bowl, and pick out a free dog bandana courtesy of Denise Evans, Cutler Real Estate. We'll also have dog-related businesses passing out goodies that include dog grooming, dog nail trims, dog walker, doggie day care, pet insurance, pet therapy, pet rescue and pet containment systems. Free doggie ice cream treats! Shop for some dog-related decor, dog snacks and collectibles! Plus face painting too!

And for the humans, enjoy the food truck, cookie truck and refreshment truck!
We are hoping to offer face painting too!

Bring a blanket or chair to hang out in the grassy area, enjoy the festivities, and meet your neighbor dogs and their owners. See and visit the small and big dog parks too!

You'll have a howling good time!

If you would like to participate at this event as either a vendor or volunteer,
please contact Denise Evans at: devans@cutlerhomes.com.



GEORGE T. MAIER

Stark County Sheriff



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Court Services Division • 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 301 • Canton, OH 44702 • (330) 451-7425 • Fax (330) 451-7050
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Dear Friends,

Once again we find ourselves wrapping up another eventful summer in Stark County. Another successful Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival is completed and the Stark County Fair is likely at or near completion as you are reading this. The biggest reminder that the end of summer has arrived is the start of a new school year. Plain Local Schools students returned to the classroom on August 22, 2023. With the start of school, there are a number of things that my office is working on to prepare for it from a law enforcement perspective.

The Stark County Sheriff's Office works with school districts to ensure safe routes to school. We work with the schools, parents and local communities to make the trip to and from school as safe as possible. Our deputies will be conducting extra enforcement of school zone speed limits. We will be closely monitoring school bus traffic to ensure that people stop when the red lights are flashing on those buses. I urge everyone to pay very close attention to school buses and watch for them stopping or for any children who may suddenly appear in the road to enter or exit a bus. It only takes a split second for tragedy to strike, especially if you are driving distracted.

The Stark County Sheriff's Office has a number of school resource officers, also known as SROs, stationed throughout the Plain Local School District. These deputies have received specialized training to protect and defend your children while also fostering positive relationships with law enforcement. These SROs

spend their summer doing ongoing training and education to prepare for the return to school. The collaboration and sharing of resource between the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Plain Local School and Plain Township is invaluable in helping protect the safety of the children in this community.

As school gets moving full steam ahead, it is also a good time to talk with your child about cybersecurity and online safety. There is a good chance they will be working more on the computer to get school work completed. Remind them to be cautious while working online. Instruct them not to share personal information with unknown people. You should closely monitor what your child is doing online and the sites they are visiting. Talk with your child about online safety to help them feel comfortable and make sure they know that they can come to you with any problems. Make sure your child is aware of the dangers of cyber bullying and other inappropriate activity. Let them know that all bullying and requests for inappropriate information or photos should be immediately reported to you. Please help your child feel comfortable coming to you when they have a problem and are uncertain of how to handle it. Know that our SROs are always available to help guide and keep your child safe. Encourage your children that they can always go to their SRO for help throughout the day!



PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND SAFELY

when you see our police, fire, road, and parks crews working in and around the township.

Help us to keep our crews safe so they can go home to their families! We know work and safety zones can affect your drive time, but these improvements and services are critical to keeping our roadways and communities safe.



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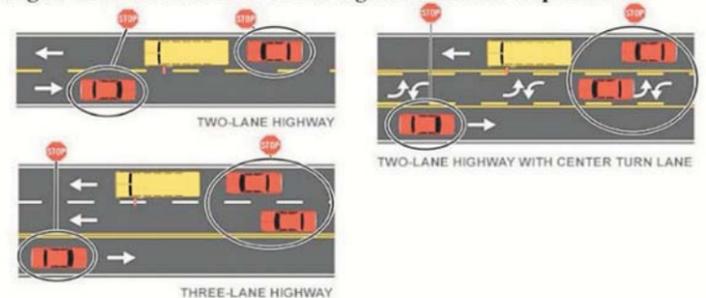
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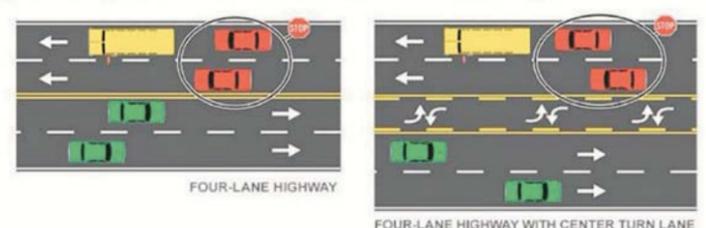
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When to stop for a school bus in Ohio

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.



If the bus is stopped on a street with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



Failure to stop for a school bus adds 2 points to your license in Ohio and is punishable by fines up to \$500. You must appear in court and the judge has the discretion to suspend your driver's license for up to one year. A driver who injures a pedestrian while failing to comply with school bus safety laws can face both criminal charges and civil liability. Those liabilities can include the victim's medical expenses, lost wages, rehabilitation, and non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering.



Road Department

JP Neff, Highway Superintendent
330-492-3423



2023 Paving & Road Repair Project

The 2023 resurfacing contract of \$1,860,117.00 is now completed on 10 miles of aging roadway. All streets are carefully graded each fall by the LTAP Pavement Condition Rating Software System to assure our residents a continuous, smooth, and safe roadway. We would like to thank our residents for their patience with any inconvenience that may have occurred during this time.

Our Plain Township Road Crew replaced over 1,500 feet of deteriorated concrete curb and gutter on various streets.

Over 50 miles of striping on Township roadways has been completed at a contracted price of \$45,552.70. The annual striping also includes all school zones, crosswalks, stop bars, and railroad crossings. This is done on an annual basis as this helps assist safe driving during both day and night.



Discharging of Swimming Pool Water

Storm water systems are designed to accept only rain and snow runoff. Chlorinated water can be toxic to fish and other aquatic plants and organisms. Swimming pool water must be de-chlorinated before discharging into storm water system.

To properly de-chlorinate pool water, stop adding chlorine to uncovered pool and wait a minimum of 48 hours. Sunlight dissipates chlorine within a couple of days. You can also add sodium thiosulphate, which can be obtained at most pool stores. Monitor chlorine levels with a swimming pool test kit. When the chlorine is no longer detected, it is safe to discharge the water. Allow water to flow over a grassy area, slowly, to filter as much as possible.

CHLORINATED POOL WATER:

Not permitted to be discharged into the storm water system per Plain Township's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit and relevant ordinances.

It is permitted to discharge on private property as long as it stays on that property and does not drain into neighboring yards causing a nuisance issue with neighbors. (Flooding a neighbor's yard with discharge).

DE-CHLORINATED POOL WATER:

This can be permitted to be discharged into the nearest storm water system based on Plain Township's NPDES permit. If unsure of local ordinances, check with the zoning office prior to discharging pool water.

SALT POOL WATER:

Not permitted to be discharged into the storm water system per Plain Township's NPDES. Water can be discharged on your lawn but will also cause salt accumulations. This will lead to soil infertility and an unsightly, patchy lawn. Water should be discharged into a sanitary sewer system or disposed by a licensed contractor.

If you have any further questions, contact The Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water at 614-644-2001.



Road Department PERMITS & FORMS

Permits and forms can be obtained and paid for on the Township website by scanning the QR code above. Our staff works jointly with contractors and residents on driveway and right-of-way permits to ensure quality and restoration are completed accurately.

Right-of-Way Obstructions

A friendly reminder as winter approaches:

Trash cans and portable or permanent basketball hoops cannot be placed in the road right-of-way, according to ORC Section 3767.15.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Plain Township Road Department is responsible for 175.215 miles of roadway.
- We have 12 dedicated drivers that maintain the snow removal in all of Plain Township.
- Plain Township Road Department sweeps over 350 lane miles throughout the year.
- Plain Township Road Department maintains over 7,000 signs which include stop signs, street signs, speed limit signs, no parking signs, etc.
- Plain Township Road Department maintains over 95 miles of concrete curb and gutter.
- Plain Township Road Department manages yard waste operations and disposal.
- Plain Township Road Department has a culvert inspection camera that allows us to see where culverts are collapsed or failing.
- You can call the Plain Township Road Department to clean out your catch basins and storm sewer lines at the roadway.



Speed Trailer Requests

The Plain Township Speed Trailer is available for use in neighborhoods, school zones, construction sites, and on roads where the speeding of vehicles may be a problem. This unit is a portable, self-contained speed display device that is towed to sites experiencing speed-related problems. A specially designed radar is mounted inside the locked trailer, recording speeds. Motorists see their speeds displayed on a highly visible lighted display. The speed limit sign above the display reminds motorist to pay attention and obey the posted speed limit.

An onboard computer collects information pertaining to date, time and speed of each vehicle that passes. The information is downloaded by the Road Department, and reports are given to the Plain Township Sheriff. They then can appropriately dispatch deputies on the specific day and time to enforce speed limits. **Please call the Road Department at 330-492-3423 to schedule.**

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into storm sewers, ditches, or streets. Keeping our storm sewers and ditches clean reduces drainage problems. Please note that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts or catch basins.

If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904.



Nixle Emergency Notifications

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has a community notification service available to all residents, businesses, schools and organizations within Plain Township. This service is called "Nixle." It is a way for our Sheriff's Office, Road, Fire and Parks Departments to communicate quickly and effectively to our residents in case of a township emergency or event. The Nixle service lets us reach out to residents to inform them of events like road closures, snow bans, amber alerts, severe weather, and township wide events (just to name a few) by using email, texting or voice messaging.

To register for Nixle, either text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com. After selecting the "Nixle" link, you may register by entering your zip code in the field provided and clicking Go! On the next screen you will see a Sign Up Now box. Stay safe! Stay connected!

Eyeglass Donations

Have a pair of old eyeglasses?



DONATE THEM to someone in need by dropping them off at Plain Township Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.

Rx Drop Offs

Although we no longer have a drug drop off box at the Township Hall, you may drop off expired or unneeded prescription drugs at the following locations:

- Stark County Sheriff's Office: 4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE
- North Canton Police Department: 145 North Main St.
- North Canton CVS Pharmacy: 1339 North Main St.



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