

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

ISSUE 1

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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

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A Message from the Board of Trustees

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is seeking an 0.8 mill increase in the current 5.9 mill Fire Levy, which expires at the end of 2006. Under the current levy, the owner of a property with a market value for tax purposes of \$100,000.00 pays \$161.00 per year. Under the proposed 6.7 mill levy, the owner of the same property would pay \$205.00 per year, an increase of \$44.00 **PER YEAR**.

The nucleus of this levy increase would allow us to hire nine additional firefighter/paramedics. Our current manpower is seven per shift. We would like to increase our manpower to ten per shift. This increase of personnel will not only allow us to continue to provide adequate response times, but, in addition, will provide a wider margin of firefighter safety, meeting the National Fire Protection Association's deployment standards.

We currently are working with an architect and the Insurance Services Office (ISO), which evaluates a community's risk potential for the purpose of establishing insurance premiums, to determine current building infrastructure and location. This will assist in establishing strategic responses projected out over a 25-year period.

This could include, but not necessarily be limited to, additions to current buildings and/or new buildings. It also allows for more efficient management of personnel and strategic locations of equipment. If the new levy is passed by the voters, the Township will continue its current policy of not billing residents for EMS responses, which at today's current billing could be in excess of \$675.00 per call.

In December 2000, the Board of Trustees appointed a Steering Committee of Plain Township residents to assist in preparing the visions, goals and objectives of a Comprehensive Mini-Master Plan. A consultant company was hired to prepare this plan and it was completed in June 2002.

Currently our population is approximately 37,000 citizens. It was projected that within the next 10 years, our population would exceed 40,000. Increases in population have a direct effect on increases of calls to which the Fire Department must respond. One of the service goals in the Comprehensive Plan was to "coordinate growth and development with expansion of Township services in order to maintain

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service levels. This should include funding, personnel, equipment and facility location.”

Currently there are plans either proposed or approved that over the next five years will contribute to an additional 1600 homes being built. This is moving at a slightly faster rate than projected by the Mini-Master Plan. Plain Township is in the top ten most populated townships in the State, making us equivalent to medium-sized

cities. Our current labor cost per run and our proposed labor cost per run will be considerably lower than most cities and townships in Ohio with equivalent population protecting the same type of community.

Pamela Brassart

James P. Johnson

Albert P. Leno II

General Recycling Information



Self-service recycling is open every day from dawn to dusk at the following three sites:

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

Separate recyclables as follows:

- ⊗ 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 other items, call the Solid Waste Management District at **1-800-678-9839**.

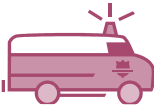
Fire & Safety News

330-492-4089

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.



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

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.

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 fund-raising 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.



During the mild winter that we experienced, we were able to get an early start on some of the storm sewer projects and repairs. If your property was disturbed over the winter for these projects, all restoration will be done in the spring, weather permitting.

The winter weather has taken a toll on the roads. Road crews are patching potholes as quickly as we are made aware of them. If you see a pothole on a Township-maintained road, please call 330-492-3423.

We will begin evaluation of roads and concrete gutters for paving and replacement. If concrete gutters are to be replaced, a letter will be sent to residents stating approximate time of construction and phone numbers to report problems during construction.

The road crew will be sweeping all township streets beginning in March, if weather allows.

Yard repairs from snow plow damage will begin the last week of April when topsoil becomes available.

We wish to thank all township residents for their patience during any snow and ice storms we have had this past winter. Our crew of 12 drivers covers 167.5 miles of road in an orderly and efficient manner, making all township roads safe.

We appreciate all the "thank you" notes and phone calls.

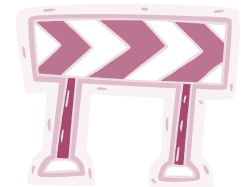
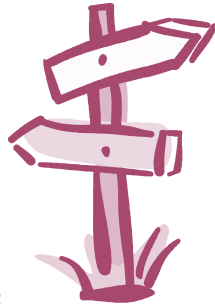
2005 Year End Report

During the year 2005, the Road Department crew completed 5,088 work order requests for services such as patching, street sweeping, catch basin repairs, curb repairs, drainage, vactoring, roadside mowing, snowplowing and deicing of township roads.

The Road Department also completed the following work:

- ⊗ paved 13.1 miles of roads

- ⊗ repaired and power boxed township roads using 466 tons of asphalt
- ⊗ repaired/replaced 5,088 feet of concrete curb and gutter
- ⊗ installed or repaired 3,911 feet of asphalt curb
- ⊗ striped 22.04 miles of center line and 37.44 miles of edge line
- ⊗ cracked sealed a total of 3.72 miles of roadway
- ⊗ redlined and vactored 9,320 feet of pipe and cleaned 182 catch basins
- ⊗ installed, replaced or repaired 7,721 feet of culvert pipe
- ⊗ installed 63 catch basins
- ⊗ installed two new dry wells
- ⊗ reconstructed 1800 feet of roadside ditches
- ⊗ swept 168 miles of township roads - twice



Road Maintenance

Please note that the roads listed below are maintained by entities *other than Plain Township*:

STREET	FROM	TO	MAINTAINED BY	PHONE
38TH ST NW	CLEVELAND	ORCHARDALE	CANTON	330-489-3030
38TH ST NW	ORCHARDALE	WHIPPLE	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
44TH ST	CLEVELAND	PLAIN CENTER	CANTON	330-489-3030
55TH ST	LINDFORD NE	SR 43	CANTON	330-489-3030
55TH ST	MIDDLEBRANCH	HARMONT	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
APPLEGROVE	MARKET	N CANTON LTS	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
BENTLER	EASTON	COLUMBUS	NIMISHILLEN TWP	330-875-7275
COLUMBUS RD	US 62	NIMISHILLEN TWP	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
DIAMOND ST	MIDDLEBRANCH	MARKET	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
EASTHILL	FRAZER	MAIN ST	NORTH CANTON	330-499-1528
EASTON	NIMISHILLEN TWP	MARKET	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
HARMONT	55TH ST	COLUMBUS	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
MARTINDALE RD	MIDDLEBRANCH	30TH NE	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
MIDDLEBRANCH	US 62	LAKE TWP	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781
MT PLEASANT	CLEVELAND	MARKET	LAKE TWP	330-877-9479
MT PLEASANT	CLEVELAND	PITTSBURG	LAKE TWP	330-877-9479
SR 43 (MARKET)	CANTON CTY LTS	MT PLEASANT	ODOT	330-452-0365
WERNER CH	MIDDLEBRANCH	STATE ST	STARK COUNTY	330-477-6781

With the sounds of spring knocking at our door, the Zoning Department would like to pass along a few reminders to all Township property owners – residential or commercial.

Certificate of Conformance

To all commercial property owners and potential tenants –

Any change in use **from one use to another use** or a change from one **owner/tenant** to another **owner/tenant** requires the issuance of a new Certificate of Conformance **prior** to anyone occupying a commercial building or structure in Plain Township. You can pick up an application at the Plain Township Zoning Department.

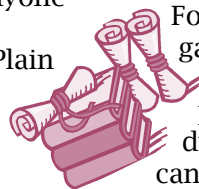
Zoning Permits Required

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 zoning requirements.



For general information regarding the minimum requirements for your project, application procedures, and fees required, you can call the Zoning Department at 330-492-4686.

Public Hearings on Proposed Revised Zoning Resolution

An updated and revised Plain Township Zoning Resolution has been recommended for approval by the Zoning Commission following a public hearing held February 15. Township Trustees now will also consider the proposal after holding an additional



public hearing before making a final decision on whether to adopt the revised regulations. The currently proposed changes are the result of more than a year of review and input from Township zoning boards, Trustees and the general public. Updating the land use regulations also were recommendations of Plain Township's Mini-Master Plan. The proposed regulations can be found on the township's website:

www.plaintownship.com

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- ⊗ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and roads
- ⊗ Never dump anything down storm drains
- ⊗ Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- ⊗ Compost your yard waste
- ⊗ Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- ⊗ Direct downspouts away from paved sources
- ⊗ Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- ⊗ Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
- ⊗ Pick up after your pet
- ⊗ Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/nps

Drainage Information

Managing Urban Runoff—What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks. Native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns.

Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can start a compost pile.



Homeowners can use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on pesticides. Also, prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle motor oil and antifreeze. Drivers can avoid impacts from car wash runoff by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Septic systems should be professionally inspected and pumped every 3 to 5 years. Water conservation measures can also extend the life of septic systems.

Community Soccer

The final registration date for the spring season for the Community Soccer Club is Saturday, March 18. Please contact Community Soccer at 330-499-2222 or online at communitysoccerclub.com



Recreational Programs

The first session of recreational programs for preschoolers has been a success. We invite you to join the fun for a second session, March 8 through April 28:

Squeaky Sneakers (8 weeks)

Our "Squeaky Sneakers" is an open gym program for preschoolers. We have balls, blocks, mats, parachutes and more. This is a great time to run off all that extra energy, meet other families, and play with your child. Parent or Guardian must accompany and interact with their little ones. Sneakers required. Age 2 to 4 years. Fridays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Messy Hands (8 weeks)

"Messy Hands" is a craft class designed to get children and adults creating together using clay, paint, and common household items. Create fun works of art, while spending quality time with your youngster. Please dress children in old clothes, we promise to get messy. Age 2 to 4 years. Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Mini Mozarts (8 weeks)

Make Wednesdays a musical day of singing, dancing, and playing instruments. You and your child will have the opportunity to participate in musically fun activities that will further your child's understanding and development. Enjoy teachable moments, laughter and bonding. Age 2 to 4 years. Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am.



Cost is \$2.00 per class, or save \$7.00 and sign up for 16 classes for \$25.00. Pre-registration is required. To register, stop in at the Parks Office located at

Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond St. NE, or call the Parks Department at 330-499-0000. All classes will be held at Diamond Community Park in the Indoor Soccer Arena.



Park Reservations

Reservations for the Alpine Park shelters and the Diamond Community Room for the year 2006 are now being taken.

Diamond Community Room is located in 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.

Alpine Park is located at Alpine & Pinetree NE, and has two open shelters which can be reserved. The park also has a walking track, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts.

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

Plain Township Historical Society

The society would like your help in locating historical homes, farms or places in the township for our historical library.

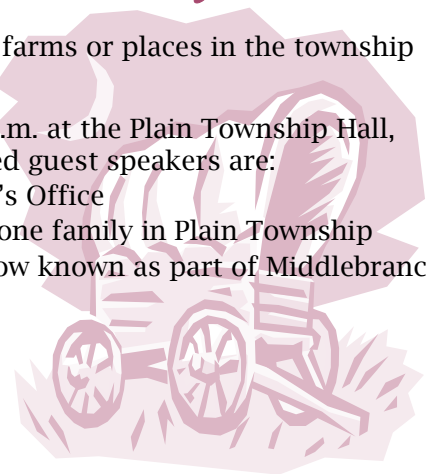
Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St. NE. Meetings are open to the public. Scheduled guest speakers are:

- ◆ March 20—a presentation from the Stark County Engineer's Office
- ◆ April 17—Dawn (Firestone) Pegg—the history of the Firestone family in Plain Township
- ◆ May 15—Judy (Cloud) Pocock—the history of Oval City- now known as part of Middlebranch

We are looking for new members. Come join us!

For more information, call:

- ◆ Tom 330-494-6187
- ◆ Judy 330-492-3566
- ◆ Dawn 330-493-1731



Contact List

Elected Officials

Trustees	330-492-4689
Fiscal Officer/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	330-244-0862
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

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CANTON, OH

Administration:	330-492-4689	Planning:	330-492-4689
Finance:	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

Yard Waste Recycling

The drop-off at Fire Station #4 (2855 Easton St. NE) will reopen on March 20. It will be open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The drop-off at Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW, will reopen on March 15, and will be open 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.

No plastic bags are accepted. Recyclable paper bags can be used. Yard waste must be unloaded by residents. No yard waste is accepted from businesses.