

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



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**Special Thanks to our
Bicentennial Sponsors:**



A Message from the Board of Trustees

Your Township will be celebrating its 200th anniversary on March 16, 2009. This is a chance to reflect on our rich history and heritage and to display our Township by focusing on our citizens, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations. In an effort to build community pride and unity over this momentous event, the Bicentennial Committee chose a professional logo (*left*) designed by local artist Rich Hailstone of Wraptek Signs & Graphics.

Wraptek Signs & Graphics is owned and run by Rich and Debbie Hailstone, who have been residents of Plain Township since 2002. Since Debbie graduated from GlenOak High School in 1993 and their son, Richie, is now a first grader at Avondale Elementary, they have always made it a priority to give back to the community by providing positive exposure to our local organizations. So far they have donated graphics for GlenOak's Mobile Production Van (Eagle TV), and now the logo for the Plain Township Bicentennial Celebration!

The logo (*see a full color version at www.plaintownship.com*) was designed to showcase the community's history with gristmills, but was later changed to its present version. The design was built around an old digitized Township lithograph, combining the old world feel of the lithograph and the ribbon with the new world look of the logo's design. Accent colors were pulled from the sepia-toned lithograph and merged with the red, white, and blue for a patriotic feel. This logo is not only the icon of an extraordinary celebration, but is a symbol of this community's past, present, and future.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees would like to thank Mr. Hailstone and Wraptek Signs & Graphics, our many sponsors, the Bicentennial Committee, and everyone who has been working so hard to give our 200th anniversary the recognition it deserves. We are proud to serve this community!

2009 Bicentennial Schedule of Events

Church Bells Ring Along

Monday, March 16 at 12:00 p.m.

**Dedication at 55th & Market*

Earth Day Tree Planting

Wednesday, April 22 at 12:00 p.m.

Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton NE

**White Pine Saplings for First 100 People*

Cruise In Car Show & Balloon Liftoff

Saturday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m.

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider NE

**Tree Dedication at This Site*

Plain Township Parade & Festival

Saturday, July 18

Parade at 11:00 a.m. and Festival Afterwards
Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond NE

**Tree Dedication at This Site*

Historic Tour

Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond NE

**Tree Dedication at This Site*

Plain Township Fire Department

Fire Prevention Day

Saturday, October 10, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton NE

Township Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond NE



The Plain Township Bicentennial Parade and Festival on Saturday, July 18, 2009 is the pinnacle of the Bicentennial Celebration. This is expected to be one of the largest events our community will ever see. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Easton Street and Middlebranch Avenue and will end at Diamond Street and Middlebranch Avenue. The festival and celebration will begin immediately after the parade at Diamond Community Park.

Why should you attend the Bicentennial Parade and Festival? To support your local organizations like schools, churches, businesses, and—you—the citizens!

This is a celebration in honor of Plain Township and those who live, learn, and worship here. This one-day event will include live entertainment, food concessions, fireworks, and more!

Other Events

in conjunction with Bicentennial Celebration

Warstler Cemetery Bicentennial Celebration

Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Warstler Cemetery, 2633 55th NE

2nd Annual Plain Pride Festival

Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider NE

Family Fun Day & Civil War Living History

Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 a.m.

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider NE

**Tree Dedication at This Site*

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Rain Gardens

Have you always wanted low maintenance flower beds that attract butterflies or hummingbirds? Do you need help with that nagging wet spot in your yard? Or do you just want to learn how to reduce your storm water footprint and do your part for water quality? If so, then you will want to attend this workshop to learn about jumping in hands-first to rain gardens.

What is a rain garden? A rain garden is an attractive, functional, landscaped area planted with native plants and wildflowers, which are designed to capture storm water overflow coming from water-resistant surfaces, such as rooftops and

driveways. Rain gardens are low maintenance landscapes that can handle either wet or drought conditions. Plain Township is hosting a Rain Garden Workshop where you will learn how to design and size your rain garden, which plants to pick, installation, and how to maintain a rain garden for your home. This is the only workshop where you will get hands-on experience. After this workshop, your friends will be coming to *you* for advice!

This workshop is on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The morning session begins at the Plain Township Hall with speakers and a PowerPoint presentation. Lunch will be served at the Township Hall, from which we will then go to either Alpine Community Park or Diamond Community Park for the actual rain garden installation.

The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 per individual, \$15.00 per

household or groups of up to four people. Reservations can be made by calling Plain Township Administration at (330) 492-4689.

Reduce, Reuse, RECYCLE!

Recycling. We've all heard about it. It's good for the environment, good for the resources, and good for the... economy? Yes!

Not only does recycling create more jobs and economic activity, it can generate up to \$200 million per year in sales tax revenue. These kinds of funds help local

governments pay for special services like transportation improvements, public safety, and, yes, more recycling programs to benefit you!

In 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency of California stated that recycling a ton of "waste" has twice the economic impact of burying it in the ground.

Self-service recycling is available for Stark County residents every day from dawn to dusk at the following three Plain Township sites:

- * Diamond Community Park
2782 Diamond Street NE
(in the west parking lot)
- * Taft & Day School Grounds
on Salway NW
- * Middlebranch Elementary
7500 Middlebranch NE

Bins are available for food boxes, plastics/glass, aluminum/steel, newspapers/magazines, and corrugated cardboard.

For more information on this program or how to dispose of other items, please contact the Solid Waste Management District toll-free at 1-800-678-9839.

Oil Recycling

Did you know that if you recycle just two gallons of used oil, it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost twenty-four hours? The following drop-off sites are available:

- * Advanced Auto Parts
2314 Columbus Road
(330) 588-8813
- * Auto Zone
4213 Cleveland Avenue
(330) 492-8850
- * Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Center
3200 Atlantic Boulevard
(330) 489-9185
- * Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Center
4572 Mega Street
(330) 305-0238

Historical Society

Meetings are open to the public and will be held on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE.

March 16, 2009: Mike Gorman will be present to talk about the creation of local Townships.

April 20, 2009: Al Meyer will be speaking about historic homes.

May 18, 2009: Jim Guest will be available to discuss canals.

June 15, 2009: Judy Pocock will talk about Plain Center Road.

Websites to Visit

For the most up-to-date recycling and environmental information, please visit the following websites:

- www.plaintownship.com
- www.timetorecycle.org
- www.starkswcd.org
- www.epa.state.oh.us
- www.epa.state.oh.us/kids
- www.ollierecycles.com

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children

ACBC is an organization that helps child burn victims and their families by providing the following:

- * Special protective clothing not covered by insurance.
- * Non-medical items such as pets or toys lost in home fires.
- * Bicycles that help children exercise their injured bodies.
- * Transportation to out-patient treatments.

Many special events for child burn victims are also funded by Aluminum Cans for Burned Children thanks to your donations:

- * Annual holiday party.
- * Summer Burn Camp.
- * Fire safety educational programs that help prevent future tragedies.
- * An annual weekend outing for adult burn patients who have been treated at the Akron Regional Burn Center.

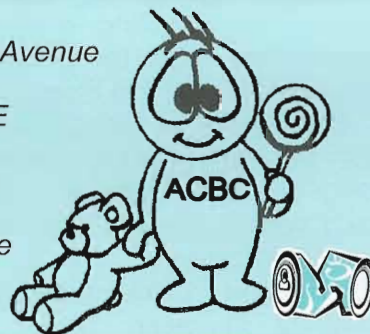
Your contribution of aluminum cans at any of the Plain Township Fire Stations is very appreciated!

Fire Station #1 - 3625 Middlebranch Avenue

Fire Station #3 - 2625 25th Street NE

Fire Station #4 - 2855 Easton Street

Fire Station #5 - 7858 Market Avenue



House Numbers Available

Being able to find your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals in responding to an emergency. Residents can obtain signs with a blue metal background and large reflective numbers to aid in locating addresses.

To order, send the order form and a \$15 check to:

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

Call (330) 492-4089 with questions.

House Numbering Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Number on sign: _____

Direction of numbers on sign:

Horizontal _____

Vertical _____

Proceeds benefit the
Plain Township Fire/
Medics Association

Smoke Detector Tips

Marshal Bell offers the following tips regarding smoke detectors:

- * Install a smoke detector on each level of your home and inside each bedroom.
- * Check your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least twice a year.
- * Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke detectors.
- * Do not remove batteries to put in other appliances!
- * If cooking smoke sets off the alarm, do not disable it. Wave a towel, open a window, or turn on the range fan to clear the smoke.
- * Smoke detectors wear out over time. Replace your smoke detectors every ten years.
- * Keep smoke detectors clean. Dust and debris can interfere with their operation.
- * Interconnected, hard-wired smoke detectors with battery backups should be considered. When one smoke detector goes off, the others alert you that there is a fire, too.
- * Consider using dual sensor smoke detectors that combine ionization and photoelectric technology in one unit. Or, use detectors of each type throughout your home for optimal protection.



Road Department

2008 Year-End Report

During 2008, the Road Crew completed 3,010 work order requests for services such as patching, street sweeping, catch basin repairs, curb repairs, drainage, roadside mowing, snow plowing, and deicing of Township roads.

The Plain Township Road Department also completed the following:

- * Paved 11.81 miles of road
- * Repaired & power-boxed with 245 tons of asphalt
- * Repaired/replaced 6,622 feet of concrete curb & gutter
- * Installed/repaired 1,717 feet of asphalt curb
- * Striped 25.27 miles of center lines and 42.25 miles of edge line
- * Crack sealed a total of 5.22 miles of roadway
- * Vactored 36,584 feet of ditch line
- * Flushed/cleaned 3,932 feet of pipe
- * Cleaned 75 catch basins
- * Installed/repaired 4,835 feet of culvert pipe
- * Reconstructed 1,050 feet of ditches
- * Swept 336 miles of Road

Spring Maintenance

The Road Crew will be sweeping all Township streets beginning the second week of March, if weather allows. Yard repairs from snow plow damage will begin in early April (weather permitting) in the order that the requests were received. Asphalt curb repair will be done during the summer. If you see a pothole on a Township road, please call us at (330) 492-3423. Repairs will be made as soon as we are aware of the obstruction.



Plain Township Road Department Online

You know you can call your Road Department with any questions or concerns, but not all of the concerned roads are maintained by Plain Township. Many roads, including 38th NW, 55th, Applegrove, Columbus, Easton, Harmont, Martindale, Middlebranch, Werner Church, and more are maintained by Stark County or other entities. For the complete list and phone numbers, visit us online at www.plaintownship.com today!

Zoning Department

Complaint Procedure

With spring knocking at our door, the Plain Township Zoning Department has been receiving numerous nuisance complaints, especially due to high grass and/or weeds. We have the following policy regarding the filing and investigation of complaints for zoning violations or nuisance conditions which affect public health and/or safety:

- * Complaints will be taken in person, in writing, or by telephone.
- * Complaints that are filed with an identifiable complainant will be immediately prioritized and dealt with.
- * A response will be forwarded to identifiable complainants regarding the conditions found and intended course of action following initial investigation of the complaint.
- * Anonymous complaints will be taken but are not prioritized and will only be investigated when all regularly scheduled work has been completed and there is additional time available within the Department.

ORC Section 505.87 authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from land in the Township, if the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris constitutes a nuisance.

Certificate of Conformance

This is to all commercial property 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
- * Ownership
- * Tenant(s)

Applications can be picked up at the Plain Township Zoning Department, 2600 Easton Street.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children up to age twelve are invited to hop on over to Diamond Community Park at noon for our third annual Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin at 12:30 p.m. sharp, rain or shine! Come out early to meet the Easter Bunny and find your favorite hunting spot. The Sheriff's Department will be present to offer the CompuKid Program, which provides parents with a disk of your child's complete identity information.

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009; 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: FREE!

**Summer Tennis**

Don't forget to look for information about our QuickStart Tennis Program for kids in the 2009 Summer Newsletter! This program helps children ages ten and under learn and play the exciting game of tennis with ease. The sizes of the courts, equipment, and even the net height have been decreased to make learning easier for children. There will be two sessions held this summer in the late afternoons at Alpine Community Park. Log on to www.plaintownship.com to look for more information this summer.

Walking Club

Thanks to popular demand, we are now offering Walking Club five days a week! All ages are welcome! Come and enjoy a walk on the field inside the lovely Sports Complex. Twelve laps around the indoor field are equal to one mile. To keep the indoor field beautiful, please bring clean shoes to be worn inside.

When: M, T, TH, F: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; WED: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Where: Diamond Community Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: FREE!

Stampin' Up! PMS & Chocolate Nights

What is this, you might ask? Pizza, Music, Stamping, and Chocolate, of course! This open stamping night is for those who just want to get together, stamp, gather ideas, help out with projects, and have loads of fun! Just bring whatever it is you want to work on: card making, scrapbooking, whatever your creative outlet may be. You will be able to use the Stampin' Up! Big Shot die-cutting machine during the evening. Pick the date that works best for you and register by contacting Christina at stampmecrazy@sbcglobal.net or (330) 494-4498.

When: Friday, April 24, 2009; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 29, 2009; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Diamond Community Room, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$12.00

Creative Memories \$crapping In

Bring all of your own supplies and enjoy scrapping with other scrappers! The first Saturday of each month you can join us to get your favorite projects ready to go, pick up some tips, or just work on crafts with other crafty crafters. Take advantage of use of dozens of Creative Memories tools and supplies, and enjoy a mini-project on us. Free pizza and drinks! PLEASE REGISTER DAY BEFORE WORKSHOP by contacting Mary at (330) 494-5638 or creatingwithmary@aol.com.

When: March 7, May 2, June 6, 2009; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Diamond Community Room, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$16.00

Senior Programs

The Plain Township Park and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, presents a series of seminars to bring together local senior citizens. On the fourth Thursday of each month, seniors can meet for lunch and listen to a guest speaker or enjoy entertainment at the lovely Chateau Michele, 2231 44th Street, Canton. This is a great opportunity to get out there and make some new friends, so what are you waiting for? Seminars are only \$10, and all senior citizens are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Carlone at **(330) 494-9645** today!

April 30, 12:00 PM - Vocal Performance - Perry Pipers

The Perry Pipers are a select vocal ensemble founded nearly 40 years ago to represent Perry High School and have performed at many functions all over the country. They present a varied repertoire including jazz, show tunes, and popular music. Join us to listen to the enchanting voices of these young professionals.

Lunch: Beef OR Shrimp-Kabob

Includes: Salad, Roll, Rice, and Dessert!

May 28, 12:00 PM - Antique Appraisals - William H. Gill Jr.

Do you have an old family heirloom, valuable trinket, or just an old antique that you found at a garage sale? Bring your precious item to William H. Gill Jr., licensed Auctioneer with Kiko Associates, Inc., to find out just how much it's worth!

Lunch: Broccoli Cheese Quiche OR Chicken Salad Croissant

Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

June 25, 12:00 PM - Gardening for Seniors - Cindy Petitti

You loved last year's presentation, so Cindy Petitti of the Anthony Petitti Garden Center is back in 2009 to share her gardening knowledge with senior citizens. Enjoy a picnic setting while learning about the New Wave Vegetable and Garden Containers. Find out the best plants and soils to use for easy maintenance and care.

Lunch: Grilled Chicken OR Sirloin Steak

Includes: Salad, Roll, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, and Dessert!

Soccer 101

The Plain Township Parks & Recreation Department supports grassroots soccer. This class is for beginners who want to get involved in the game and grow up to be soccer players like their older siblings and role models. Soccer 101, taught by Walsh University Assistant Soccer Coach, Rick King, will teach your child the basics of shooting, passing, and dribbling the soccer ball. Each week your child will play in a scrimmage game at the end of class. Register by April 24, 2009 by calling Plain Township Parks at (330) 499-0000.

When: Sundays; April 26 to May 24, 2009; 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$30.00 per child (includes a t-shirt!)

Park Reservations

The reservation schedule is now available for viewing online www.plaintownship.com/parksreservation/. Just select the facility you wish to reserve, find which dates are available, and call us at **(330) 492-4689**.

Alpine Park Outdoor Shelters

Reserve one of our beautiful outdoor shelters for all of your outdoor gathering or cookout needs. Do you know someone who is graduating? We now take reservations up to one year in advance because it's never too early to start planning!

There is no fee for Plain Township residents, and a small \$25 fee for non-residents.

Diamond Community Room

Birthday parties, baby showers, and more! Complete with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, grill, eight tables, and plenty of chairs, this climate-controlled room is *perfect* for all of your party needs! We are now taking reservations for all of 2009.

A \$25 refundable deposit is required for the key, and a non-residency fee of \$50 may apply.

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	330-312-2913
www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	
Plain Local Baseball	330-919-BALL
Plain Local Softball	330-478-8706
Midget Football	330-966-2475
www.plainlocalfootball.org	

Greater Stark Co. Amateur Soccer League
<http://users.ameritech.net/gscasl/index.html>

Police

Stark County Sheriff	330-430-3800
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Real Estate Records

County Auditor	330-451-7334
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Recycling

Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
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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
Aqua Water	1-877-WTR-AQUA

Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning	330-492-4686
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Finance: 330-493-1366
Fire/Rescue: 330-492-4089
Parks/Rec: 330-499-0000

Road: 330-492-3423
Sheriff: 330-430-3800
Zoning: 330-492-4686

Township Meetings

**Plain Township
 Board of Trustees**

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

**Zoning Board
 of Appeals**

1st Wednesday
 of the month - 6:00 PM

**Zoning
 Commission**

Wednesday in
 2nd full week of
 the month - 6:00 PM

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

Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling

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

Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton St. NE

Will reopen on March 16, 2009. The regular schedule will resume as follows:

- * Mondays, Thursdays, & Saturdays
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW

Will reopen on March 16, 2009. The regular schedule will resume as follows:

- * 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- * 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday

