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An Invitation From Your Board of Trustees

The Plain Township Board of Trustees would like to extend an invitation to all, to join us on **Saturday, April 8th** for the **10th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza**. The event will hop off at **12:00pm** at the **Diamond Community Park** and is sponsored by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, The Plain Township Parks Department, and the Mucci Team/Keller Williams Legacy Group Realty. This is a free community event for ages 0-10, with the **egg hunt for ages 0-4 starting promptly at 1:00pm, rain or shine**. **Ages 5-10 will begin promptly at 1:30pm, also rain or shine**. Weather permitting, a helicopter will drop thousands of eggs for the 5-10 year olds to gather. If weather is windy or inclement, the egg hunt will still occur, just in the normal fashion, without the helicopter.

Once again. the *CompUKids* program hosted by the Stark County Sheriff's Office will be present to provide children's identification kits free of charge. New this year, the folks from the *Laugh Boxx* photo booth will be providing pictures with props free of charge and a *Game Tent* will be offered by the Mucci Team/Keller Williams Legacy Group Realty at no charge.

Of course, the **Easter Bunny** will be hopping on by for photo ops!

A Note About Our Road Levy Renewal

On **May 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, just $42.26 per year. 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 condition for our residents. The Road Department maintains 173.6 miles of roadway. Last year, over 17.8 miles of roadway were paved in Plain Township, which allows us to pave roads on a ten to twelve year rotation. The Road Department's cost of doing business and maintaining its fleet has been continuously rising. This is due to inflation and the skyrocketing costs of gasoline, crude oil, paving materials and road salt. 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 service we currently have, without any additional costs.**

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Parks Department

(330) 492-4689

The Farmers' Market is Back!

PLAIN TOWNSHIP
FARMERS MARKET
WEDNESDAYS 4-7PM
MAY - AUGUST
VETERANS PARK
Across from GlenOak High School on Schneider

Please join us, rain or shine, for the opportunity to be entertained & educated, while shopping, enjoying the park's amenities and dining local. With even more vendors than last year, the market offers a wide array of produce, meats, plants, baked & canned goods, personal care products, crafts, home décor and made to order food. It is a weekly event the entire family can enjoy!

FOLLOW us @ www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipFarmersMarket/

VENDORS WANTED!

If you are a farmer, rancher, grower, maker, baker, beekeeper, non-alcoholic brewer, crafter, jeweler, musician, educator, non-profit, cook or entertainer, please message us on Facebook or email ***KnowYourRootsOhio@gmail.com*** for more details.

New Online Registration/Payment Available

We recently launched a new online software system, Active, which is capable of allowing program participants to register online and make payment at any time via debit or credit card. Please visit ***https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/Home*** to create your account and register for your program(s) of interest. You can also add family members to your account and build your "area of interest" to get current updates about your favorite parks programs. Park shelters can also be reserved through the Active system and payment and permits can be received instantly. Register now and don't forget to add your phone number and email, so we can contact you if programs are canceled due to inclement weather or schedule change. We thank you for your input and continue to listen to our residents to ensure our methods are user friendly for all!

Soccer Leagues

LEAGUE	GAME DATES	COST	REGISTRATION
INDOOR ADULT COED Sunday Evenings	APRIL: 23rd & 30th MAY: 7th, 14th & 21st	$330.00 per team, plus $15 per team, per game for the referee.	Closes at 4:30pm on April 14th
INDOOR ADULT MENS Saturday Evenings	APRIL: 22nd & 29th MAY: 6th, 13th & 20th	$330.00 per team, plus $15 per team, per game for the referee.	Closes at 4:30pm on April 14th
OUTDOOR COED Sunday Evenings	JUNE: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th JULY: 9th, 16th & 23rd	$200.00 per team, plus $15 per team, per game for the referee.	Closes at 4:30pm on May 26th
OUTDOOR MENS Saturday Evenings	JUNE: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th JULY: 8th, 15th & 22nd	$200.00 per team, plus $15 per team, per game for the referee.	Closes at 4:30pm on May 26th

Messy Hands Session 6

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department invites you and your little one to get creative at the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex Community Room! Everyday craft items will be used in creative ways. It will include all things gooey and much more, so dress your children in old clothing because we promise to get messy. Parent(s) or guardian(s) must be present with the child. The program is for children ages 2-5 years and will take place on Mondays on the dates of April 24, May 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 10-11AM. Registration is $41.00 per child and space is limited. Sign Up Now. Register online at ***https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/Home.***

Zoning Department

(330) 492-4686

Solicitation in Residential Neighborhoods

Entities exempted from taxation under Section 5709.04 of the Ohio Revised Code may solicit for donations within the residential neighborhoods of Plain Township, provided they have received a permit from the Township. Anyone representing such entity, must be able to provide an identification letter on Plain Township letterhead, having a raised Plain Township seal and stating both the entities and individual's names.

If someone knocks on your door and is not able to produce an official identification letter, please immediately contact the **Stark County Sheriff's Department** at **330-430-3800** to report this activity. Children collecting for school programs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. are not required to obtain a permit or letter of identification. View our website for a list of Current Transient Vendors.

Grass Compliance

With the spring season upon us, the birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and grass is starting to grow. Plain Township has the following policy regarding the filing of complaints for high grass/weeds:

- Address of property must be given.
- Grass and/or weeds must be over 8 inches.
- Grass that is 8 inches or taller must cover 50% of land or more.

Online Information

Check out our website at ***www.plaintownship.com*** for your zoning needs. We have all of our applications available, upcoming zoning meetings, zoning classifications, transient vendor permits and more!

Certificate of Conformance

A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required **prior** to anyone occupying a building in a business, office or industrial district.

A <u>NEW</u> permit is required for any change in:

- Business use
- Ownership
- Tenant

Construction Permits Required

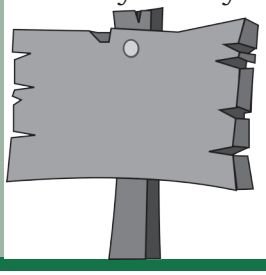
Before you begin **any** construction project, contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property. In addition to a permit application, a site plan drawn to scale of your property is required to illustrate the new construction's size 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 with them who will be responsible for obtaining the permits. However, ultimately, the property owner is responsible for the compliance of their property with all Township zoning requirements.

Sign Permits

Temporary signs, such as a banner or portable sign, require a sign permit. A permit is good for 30 days and you may have a temporary sign 4 months in a calendar year. You must apply and obtain your Temporary Sign Permit **before** placing it on your property.



All permanent signs require permits. Check with the Zoning Department for size regulations and note that signs are **not** permitted in the road right-of-way. No sign may be attached to trees, telephone poles, street lights or street sign poles (Section 801.3). These signs will be removed immediately with no contact to the sign owner. Any sign for summer help, garage/yard sales, etc must only be located on private property, with permission from the property owner.

Fire Department

(330) 492-4089

Outdoor Safety Tips

With spring time right around the corner, the Fire Department would like to remind residents of some outdoor safety tips. When having a recreational/camp fire, please remember that the fire cannot be bigger than 3 feet in diameter and no more than 2 feet in height. Only clean, dry wood is to be used and burning of trash/debris is not permitted. The fire should be at least 25 feet from any structure. Please register at least 24 hours before your recreational/camp fire at ***plaintownsip.com*** or by calling the **Fire Department** at **330-492-4089** from **8:00am-4:30pm Monday—Friday**. Also, recreational/camp fires are not permitted between the hours of 6:00am-6:00pm in the months of March, April, May, October and November.

Safety City

The fire department along with the Stark County Sheriff's Office and Plain Local Schools will be hosting its annual "Safety City" the week of **June 12th thru 16th from 9:00am-11:15am** at **Warstler Elementary, 2500 Schneider Street NE** for children entering Kindergarten in the Plain Local School District in the fall of 2017. The school district will have registration forms available. Registration forms will also be available at the **Central Fire Station**, located across the street from GlenOak High School **Monday - Friday** from **8:00am-4:30pm** and on the Fire Department's website at ***plaintownship.com***. The weeklong event will cover several topics including pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, fire safety, playground safety and more. We will also be asking for student volunteers to help with the program. Any Plain Local students that are in grades 8-12 can apply to be a volunteer. Students at the high school level (9-12) can use the volunteer hours for NHS or the Award of Merit. This includes any student who will be entering the 9th grade in the fall. All students who participate will receive a Citizenship Award. Information to be a volunteer will be handed out at GlenOak High School and OakWood Middle School sometime in March. This is a great event and we hope that your future GlenOak Eagle or Eagles can attend!

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Fire Executive Assistant Becky Shafer** or **Fire Inspector Scott Kelly at 330-492-4089**.

Homeowner's Workshops

The Homeowner's Workshop Series presents information to adults on how to implement best management practices around the home. Through the generosity of Stark County communities, the 2017 workshops will be held at multiple locations throughout the county.

RAIN GARDENS: Learn the basics of rain gardens, native plant species that increase infiltration, and how rain gardens improve ecosystems. Pre-register in order to construct a rain garden plan for your personal residence, using a GIS map of your property.

April 19th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Navarre Civic Center: 99 Canal St. West ~ Navarre, OH 44662

RAIN BARRELS: Learn about water conservation and how to utilize rain barrels at your residence. Rain barrels will be available to purchase at the Stark Soil & Water Rain Barrel Sale, and able to be picked up and assembled (with assistance) during the rain barrel workshop.

May 24th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Jackson Township Administrative Office: 5735 Wales Ave NW ~ Massillon, OH 44646

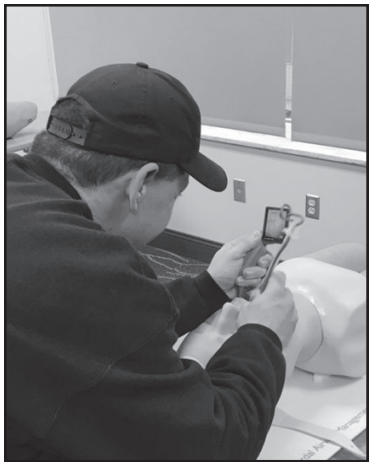
LAWN CARE & FERTILIZER REDUCTION: Learn to manage yard clippings & waste using non-chemical substitutes. Acquire information on fertilizers, pesticides, alternate growth methods, and runoff reduction techniques. Become a neighborhood conservation steward for water infiltration, soil erosion, impervious surface reduction, and appropriate use of storm drains!

June 21st from 6:00-8:00pm at the Canton Township Administrative Offices: 4711 Central Ave. SE ~ Canton, OH 44707

Fire Department

(330) 492-4089

New Safety Equipment



The Plain Township Fire Department constantly strives to deliver the best Fire and EMS services available to our community. In order to accomplish this goal, we are continually searching for methods and equipment that work well for our operation and provide the best methods for life saving procedures for the patients that we treat. The technological advances that EMS equipment manufacturers are producing is continual and becoming more cost effective for departments to utilize newly developed pieces of equipment. The IGel Airway and video laryngoscopes have been purchased to give our personnel more effective equipment for managing airway issues in an unresponsive patient. Prior to putting this new equipment on the ambulances, all of Plain Townships Firefighter/Paramedics have been trained in the use of the newly purchased airway management equipment. While being introduced to the new equipment, the paramedics practice using it on training props or manikins to become more familiar with its use and to increase their hands on skills.

Fire Inspectors

Plan on seeing our Fire Inspectors more in 2017. If you have a business here in the Township, the inspectors will be out to inspect for compliance with the Ohio Fire Code. Notification will be given on our Facebook page **Plain Township Fire & Rescue-Stark County, Ohio** when and where the inspectors will be. If you would like to schedule an appointment for an inspection, you can contact the **Fire Department** at **330-492-4089**. Otherwise, the inspectors will show up and ask to do an inspection. Also, if you are looking to build a new commercial building or renovate an existing commercial building in the Township, the Fire Prevention Bureau participates by reviewing building plans, fire alarm plans, sprinkler plans and hood systems, etc.
Plans can be submitted to the **Plain Township Zoning Department** located at **2600 Easton Street NE** or the **Central Fire Station** located at **1742 Schneider Street NE.**

Follow Us

To like our Facebook page, look for our patch **Plain Township Fire & Rescue-Stark County, Ohio**. Also, check at our website for updates and information at **www.plaintownship.com/fireandrescueservice**.

Fiscal Officer's Corner

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Positive Pay Guards Against Check Fraud

Plain Township has enrolled in "Positive Pay" to further protect your tax dollars. Positive Pay is a service that requires Plain Township to provide our bank with a list of checks that are to be paid, while payment is withheld for any checks that don't match the list provided. A positive pay system detects fraudulent checks at the point of presentment and prevents them from being paid. This means that checks that have had their payment amounts altered or which are derived from stolen check stock will be flagged by the bank. The Positive Pay program adds a layer of protection to Plain Township finances. In the financial world, Positive Pay is considered a best practice in terms of deterring check fraud.

Road Department

(330) 492-3423

2016 Year End Report

During 2016, the Road Crew completed 3,331 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 17.8 miles of road.**	***Flushed/cleaned 10,754 feet of pipe. *(2.03 miles)***
Vactored 26,305 feet of ditch line. *(4.98 miles)	***Cleaned 314 catch basins.**
***Repaired/replaced 678 feet of concrete curb and gutter.**	***Installed/repaired 2,533 feet of culvert pipe.**
***Installed/repaired 2,633 feet of asphalt curb.**	***Installed/repaired 192 catch basins.**
***Striped 20.11 miles of center line and 36.7 of edge line.**	***Reconstructed 2,340 feet of roadside ditches.**
***Crack sealed 4.78 miles of roadway.**	***Swept 358 curb miles of road.**
*** Repaired and power boxed Township roads to prolong their life, using 1089 tons of asphalt.**	

DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know that the Plain Township Road Department is responsible for 173.6 miles of roadway?
- Did you know you can call the Plain Township Road Department to clean out your catch basins and storm sewer drain lines at the roadway?
- Did you know we have only 12 drivers maintain the snow removal in all of Plain Township?
- Did you know Plain Township Road Department has 2 street sweepers which cover 350 lane miles in the spring?
- Did you know Plain Township Road Department has a ditch enclosure program for resident properties?
- Did you know the Plain Township Road Department maintains over 7,000 signs which include stop signs, street signs, speed limit signs, no parking signs, etc?
- Did you know the Plain Township Road Department maintains over 87 miles of concrete curbs and gutter?
- Did you know Plain Township Road Department cleaned 5 miles of open ditch lines, 2 miles of culvert pipe, and 314 catch basins with our 1 vactor truck last year?
- Did you know the Plain Township Road Department is responsible for maintaining the yard waste drop off every year? Which collects more yard waste than all surrounding communities?

Spring Maintenance

The Road Crew will be sweeping all Township streets beginning the second week of March, weather permitting. 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 pot hole on a Township road, please call the **Plain Township Road Department** at **330-492-3423**. Repairs will be made as soon as we are aware of the obstruction.

Road Opening Permits

A permit is required for any excavation in the Township's right-of-way. The Plain Township Project Inspector and/or Plain Township Highway Foreman need to be notified before ANY excavation takes place. The permit fee $50.00.

Permits can be obtained by coming to the **Road Department** located at **6300 Heminger Ave**. between the hours of **7:00am-3:30pm, Monday—Friday**.

Board of Trustees

(330) 492-4689

Tips for Proper Pet Waste Disposal

A simple solution to water pollution is picking up after your dog, whether you are walking your dog in a park, in your neighborhood or even in your own backyard. Pet waste is a major source of bacteria, that ends up in our streams. When it rains, your pets "business" left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas is washed down into the street and storm drain and into the nearest waterway. When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams, the waste decays, using up oxygen and often times releasing ammonia. This combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage algae growth making water become cloudy and green, discouraging recreation activities. From mutt to Westminster champion, all pet waste may contain as many as 75 diseases and viruses that may make our rivers, lakes and streams unsafe for recreation. Cleaning up after your dog may not be your favorite activity, but it will help prevent water pollution. There are several options to keeping your pet's waste from being washed into rivers, lakes, and streams. The most common option for pet clean up includes carrying a plastic grocery bag or one designed for pet waste pickup. Then, just place the waste in a garbage.

Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog - it's your doodie.

Plain Township does require you to pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.

There is action you should take:

- Never dispose of pet waste in a storm drain, ditch, creek, or stream.
- Pick up pet waste from your yard. It is not a fertilizer.
- Carry disposable bags while walking your dog and pick up and dispose of waste properly.
- Flush your pet's waste down the toilet, so it can be treated at a sewage treatment plant.
- Bury pet waste 12 inches deep and cover with at least 8 inches of soil to let it decompose.
- Some local parks, such as Alpine Community Park provide pet waste disposal bags and garbage cans where people walk their dogs.

E-Waste Recycling

Due to ongoing technological advancement, many electronic products become obsolete within a very short period of time, creating a large surplus of unwanted electronic products or "E-waste." Disposing of E-waste in landfills has the potential to cause severe human and environmental health impacts. Plain Township will be accepting E-waste at the **Plain Township Hall** parking lot, **2600 Easton Street NE**, on **Saturday, May 6th** from **10:00pm – 4:00pm**. This event is being hosted by Plain Township and *ecycle Solutions of Ohio* is providing the recycling services. Please visit our website at ***www.plaintownship.com*** for a complete list of items that will be accepted. If you have further questions, please call the **Township Hall** at **330-492-4689** during regular office hours. **Basically, if it plugs in, or works off a battery, we will take it!**

Landscaping

Please trim back any landscape that causes sight problems for drivers. The courts have determined that there may be joint liability between the owner and the governmental agency for hazards in the right-of-way. The Township is NOT responsible for trees in the right-of-way!

Prevent Drainage Problems

You can help prevent drainage problems by not blowing or raking leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the storm sewers, ditches, or streets. This is not only in violation of ORC 3767.17, but it will also help to reduce drainage and flooding problems during heavy rain falls. Also, remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides, or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts, and catch basins.

All violators will be prosecuted!

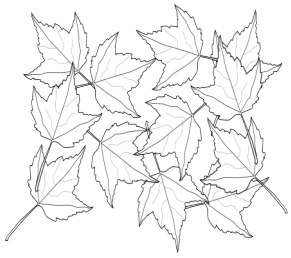
If you see dumping taking place, report it to the **Stark County Health Department** at **330-493-9904**.

Contact List

Administration general@plaintownship.com	(330) 492-4689
Elected Officials	
Trustees	(330)492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	(330)493-1366
County Commissioners	(330)451-7371
Fire & Rescue	
Fire Administration	(330)492-4089
Emergency Calls	**911**
History	
Historical Society preservingplaintwp@gmail.com	(330)494-6187
Parks	
Park Programming	(330)492-4689
Park Reservations	(330)492-4689
Plain Local Sports	
Holly Hills Baseball www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	(330)495-6333
Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)605-6841
Plain Midget Football www.plainlocalfootball.com	(330)966-2475
GlenOak Mat Club	(330)284-5979
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)685-6199
Police	
Stark County Sheriff	(330)430-3800
Emergency Calls	**911**
Real Estate Records	
Stark County Auditor	(330)451-7357
Recycling	
Solid Waste District	(800)678-9839
Road Department/Storm Sewer	
Stark County Roads	(330)477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330)451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330)452-0365
Plain Township Roads	(330)492-3423
Schools	
Canton City	(330)438-2500
North Canton	(330)497-5600
Plain School Admin.	(330)492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	(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	(330)489-3315
North Canton Water	(330)499-4801
Aqua Water	(877)987-2782
Zoning Permits	
Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721



Yard Waste Recycling

Leaves, branches, small tree limbs, and other yard waste is accepted at both unassisted drop locations, in loose form or paper bags.

2855 Easton St NE

Hours: 8:00am-6:00pm, **Monday, Thursday & Saturday**
Starting March 20th—*CLOSED: ALL Holidays*

Warstler Brothers Landscaping
4125 Salway Ave NW

Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm, **Monday-Friday** &
8:00am-3:00pm, **Saturday**
Starting March 13th—*CLOSED: ALL Holidays*