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A Note From Your Board of Trustees

With Springtime upon us, the Plain Township Board of Trustees would like to **thank our residents and businesses for making Plain Township their home.** We will continue to work hard, every day, to give our community the best services available, at the lowest possible cost. **There is no place for businesses or raising a family quite like Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio. Exciting developments are happening, new residents and businesses continue to locate, and current township businesses have chosen our township as a place to expand operations.**

Oakwood Square Shopping Center began its renovation with 90% vacancy and in only a few short years has turned into 100% occupied. Currently, the Shopping Center is bustling with restaurants like John's Bar and The Bistro of Oakwood, Forever Craft Urban Winery, Royal Docks Brewery, OSI Tobacco, Drug Mart, Gionino's, Mercy Statcare the new Birds Nest Boutique! Buggy's Italian Restaurant and a dental office will be opening soon! You can eat, shop, grab beverages and then work it all off at Anytime Fitness! **This is in part to our amazing community partnership with Grant Giltz and Giltz & Associates.** Grant is also bringing an Aldi Grocery Store to both the old Kmart on 62, and in the former Fisher Foods building located in Whitewood Plaza! The Venue at Belden on Everhard Road boasts Earth Fare, TJ Maxx, Burlington, Talbots, Moe's Southwest Grill, Sketchers, Kirkland's, Jersey Mike's Sub Shop, Fat Head's Brewery, and Malley's Chocolates, Home Goods and much more making the Plaza fully leased! Around the township you will notice a new Chipotle and Pulp on the corner of Easton and Market. Looking for a fun night out? Head to Rack it up located in Plain at 3208 Whipple Ave. NW to show off your pinball wizard skills. All skill levels welcomed and encouraged. You can grab food and drinks and play! Also new to Plain is Retroholics at 2347 Columbus Rd NE. They offer retro video games, board games, trading cards for purchase and trade!

Plain Township supports this exciting business base, with a business-friendly tax environment that continues to stimulate company growth, job creation and profitability with the added advantages of "No Personal Income Tax", and "No Corporate Income Tax." If you have opened or are planning to open a business in Plain Township or would like a shout out, we encourage you to contact our Planning and Zoning Director, Tom Ferrara, to schedule a ribbon cutting and promotion in our newsletter. His number is 330-492-4686. **These economic development projects continue to indicate strong confidence in the Plain Township. Our people, location, schools, services, and parks are among the qualities that make Plain Township a great place to live, work, and play.**

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Yard Waste Recycling Information



Once again this year, the Plain Township Yard Waste drop-off site is for **residents only**. **Commercial contractors or non-residents** are prohibited from using the site. The same rules and regulations remain in effect as last year. Likewise, the site will be monitored for compliance with the rules and regulations. Residents should be prepared to provide proof of residency upon entering the site (e.g. driver's license or other acceptable proof). **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. In order to obtain a key card, residents may register on-line by going to www.plaintownship.com 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!

2022 Yard Waste Season

Opens on Friday, March 4th

Through Monday, November 28th

Days and Times

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

8am until 8pm



The yard waste site is on camera and under surveillance 24 hours a day for your safety.

Please follow all posted rules for the yard waste drop off. Do not share your card with friends or neighbors as each swipe of the card is logged into our system. Illegal dumping or using the yard waste in a manner not consistent with the rules comes with a hefty fine.

We appreciate your help and following of the rules so we can continue to offer this amenity.



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Welcome Birds Nest Boutique & Décor Oakwood to the Oakwood Square Plaza!

Although **Bird's Nest Boutique & Decor Oakwood** just cut the ribbon here in Plain Township, we're 13 years strong in Canton! **Our stores are 100% family** because we share the same vision of high fashion at low prices. In our short couple of weeks at Oakwood Square Plaza, we've been thrilled by the number of comments we get regarding how low our prices are! It's our belief shopping should be a fun experience...everyone loves getting excited about amazing value so rather than choosing between two items, they just get both!

Every family member of our boutique was raised, lives, and now raises their own families in Canton. It's encouraging to receive so much support from the community we've always called home, and to know NOW we have a new home, in **Oakwood Square Plaza.** We hope you'll accept our invitation and come to see our new nest, because it isn't complete without you! There's **ALWAYS** something new to see, smell, try on, and enjoy, so come in soon and follow us on **Facebook and Instagram @birdsnestoakwood.**



Welcome The Art of Giving Gift Shop to Plain Township

The Art of Giving Gift Shop is located at 6318 Market Ave. North in Plain Township in the plaza with Samantha's Restaurant. They offer beautiful décor, including seasonal décor, candles and gifts for men, women, children and pets!



Plain Township Welcomes Chipotle!

The **Chipotle** in Plain Township, located on the corner of **Easton & Market**, offers fresh, real ingredients and specializes in custom burrito bowls, burritos, tacos and salads. Stop in for lunch or dinner, cater for your next large event or order online and enjoy a meal without the wait. Vegetarian options are also available!





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Do you have what it takes to be an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper?



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statepatrol.ohio.gov or call 1-866-Trooper

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Safe Driving

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.



Eyeglass Donations

Have a pair of old eyeglasses? Donate them to someone in need by dropping them off at Plain Township Hall Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm.



Prescription Drug Drop Off

You can drop off your prescription drugs, in their original container at the Plain Township Administrative Offices. The drop off box is located in the lobby and can be accessed Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm.

Acceptable items include prescription and over the counter medications in **pill form only**. No syringes, inhalers or liquid medication of any kind. The prescription drug drop off is for residential households only.

Car Seat Inspections

Did you know that the Plain Township Fire Department offers car seat inspections? Call (330)492-4089 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm to schedule your inspection with one of our certified car seat inspectors!



Dog Park

Just a reminder that the dog park closes each spring for maintenance. **The exact date is dependent on weather conditions.** This allows time for turf/grass renewal and allows new grass to get established. **Look for the re-opening date on FB or call us at 330-492-4689.**





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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!**

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Splash Pad at Veteran Park

With the end of winter rapidly approaching it is time to start getting outside and enjoying all of what your Plain Township Parks offer. **The Splash Pad at Veterans Park located across from GlenOak High School at 1714 Schneider Street NE, Canton, 44721, is scheduled to open Friday May 27, 2022.**

The splash pad will be operational daily from **10:00AM -7:00PM**. It is open to the public at large. It displays several water features for people of all ages and abilities. All children not completely potty trained are required to wear swim diapers for the health and safety of all users. The shelter at Veterans Park is available for reservation. The reservation of the shelter does not include exclusive use of the splash pad, but does include the pavilion, tables, grill, and cans within its structure. All other park amenities remain open to the public at large.

The Splash Pad at Veterans Park will remain open through Labor Day weekend before shutting down for the season. We encourage to spend your day at the park and enjoy the splash pad, playground, disc golf course, walking trail, dog park, and the Veterans Memorial Hillside monuments dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces. **We look forward to seeing you and your family at the park!**



Plain Township Parks Receives State Capital Budget Grant

The Plain Township Parks applied for and received the Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to construct a permanent restroom flush facility at Diamond Community Park. The restroom is located off of the west lot by ball fields 3-5 just south of the recycling center. The facility will be heated and available for use year round. **The grant was championed through Senator Kirk Schuring's Office.**

Plain Township continues to serve its residents by soliciting grant dollars, partnerships, and donations for park improvements, while utilizing program revenues and levy funding to maintain its operations. **The entirety of the project is funded by the grant and remaining costs were met with COVID Cares Act funding. No levy funds or programming revenue was used to construct the facility.**

The restroom is slated to open **spring of 2022** and will replace the use of portable toilets. **"Given the huge upswing in usage since the beginning of the pandemic, as well as unparalleled growth in programming, the Board of Trustees and its Parks Department saw a huge opportunity to meet a growing need for a permanent, year round facility utilizing grant and covid dollars."** stated Board President, John Sabo.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees and Parks Department is grateful for Senator Kirk Schuring's support of this project.



Diamond Park Restroom Facility



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PIPE Committee

Plain Township is part of the Stark County Public Involvement and Public Education “**PIPE**” **Committee**. Each year the PIPE committee coordinates a yearly theme to be used for both public involvement and participation of stormwater management for its residents. This years theme is: “**Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart.**”










What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up **debris, chemicals, dirt, oil, fertilizers, salt and other pollutants** and deposit it into our storm sewer or waterbodies. Anything that enters the storm sewer flows *untreated* into the water bodies we use to fish, swim and drink! **Only 1% of our water is usable drinking water so we cannot afford to pollute it!**

Remember, only rain down the drain!

Top Ways to be a Good Septic Owner

-  **Have your system inspected every 3 years by a qualified professional or according to your local health department’s recommendations.**
-  **Pump your septic tank when necessary, typically every 3 to 5 years**
-  **Avoid pouring harsh products down the drain like oils, grease, paint, medications, etc.**
-  **Discard non-degradable products in the trash like floss, disposable wipes, etc.**
-  **Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank**
-  **Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system! Also maintain plants and vegetation so the roots do not block drains!**
-  **Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable and low or phosphate free and follow the manufacturer’s directions when using septic tank cleaners or additives**

Stark County Soil and Water is hosting virtual classes! Composting and Rain Barrels will be held on March 22nd and a Pond Workshop will be held on March 29th, both at 6pm. Register by visiting starkswcd.org



FIRE DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-4089



Outdoor Safety Tips



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

Renters Insurance

The Fire Department encourages residents that rent homes or apartments to consider getting renters insurance. **Statistics show that 9 out of 10 renters DO NOT have insurance.** Renters insurance is relatively inexpensive and the average annual premiums range anywhere from \$130 to \$150 for \$20,000 of coverage and typically includes personal liability.

Many tenants mistakenly believe their landlord's insurance will protect them but that is not the case. As the owner of your rental home or apartment, the landlord has homeowner's insurance that covers the physical structure but does not cover your belongings inside.

The **Plain Township 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 6th through June 8th from 9am to 11:15am at Oakwood Middle School** for children entering **Kindergarten** in the Plain Local School District in the fall of 2022. The school district will have registration forms available. Registration forms are also available at the Central Fire Station located across the street from GlenOak High School Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm or online 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 in grades 9-12 can apply to be a volunteer. Students at the high school level can use the volunteer hours for NHS or the Award of Merit. All students who participate will receive a Citizenship Award. Volunteer information will be handed out at GlenOak High School sometime in March. This is a great event and we hope that your future GlenOak Eagle or Eagles can attend! Please contact Vicki Lloyd at the fire department at 330-492-4089 with any questions!



House Numbers

Being able to locate your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals in responding to an emergency. Residents can obtain signs with a BLUE metal background and large reflective numbers by completing the attached form and sending it along with a check for **\$16.00** to:

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



House Number Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number to be printed on sign: _____

Direction of sign Horizontal or Vertical

**All proceeds benefit the Plain Township
Fire/Paramedic Association.**



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A Letter From Sheriff George T. Maier

Dear Friends,

I am feeling a sense of excitement and relief as it appears the pandemic is beginning to ease in our community. We still can not let our guard down and need to continue taking steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19. As your Sheriff, I have stressed the importance of community engagement and transparency. I try to ensure the community has an awareness of what the Stark County Sheriff's Office does to support our community and the resources we have available. I also think it is imperative that we continue to be transparent and responsive to the public about what we are doing at the Stark County Sheriff's Office.

While disappointing, it was understandable that many community events were cancelled during the pandemic. I am thrilled to announce that we are tentatively resuming our Coffee with a Cop series. Our first meeting in over a year was at McDonald's, 112 Dueber Ave. SW on March 17, 2022. We look forward to planning additional locations on a monthly basis, to include some in Plain Township! We will also be hosting various training courses, open to the public, at the Stark County Law Enforcement Training Center at 143 First St. SE in Massillon throughout the year. To find the latest events and classes be offered, follow the Stark County Sheriff's Office on Facebook or download our free mobile app on any smartphone to see our media releases listing community events. If you would like to suggest or offer a location for a Coffee with a Cop event, please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Michaela Madison, at 376@starksheriff.org or 330-430-3889. If you are having a community event or HOA meeting in Plain Township and would like a deputy to be present, please contact Captain Ryan Carver at 113@starksheriff.org or 330-430-3674.

These events are very important to our office. We need input, both positive and negative, from the citizens of this county so that we can always evaluate our operations and make improvements where we may have missed the mark. The citizens of Plain Township have had a special relationship with the Stark County Sheriff's office for many years. We hope to continue that relationship and evolve to fit the needs of this community as we try to *promote* a safer Plain Township and Stark County

Vacation Checks

Planning a last minute trip or family vacation? You can call the Stark County Sheriff at (330) 430-3800 extension 0 and request a **vacation check**. The dispatchers will ask you for some basic information that will be relayed to our deputies so they can periodically check on your residence!



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ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Plain Township Planning and Zoning Departments Purpose

While every department within Plain Township strives in different ways to make our community a better place to live, work, and play, the Zoning and Planning Department does this by administering and enforcing the Plain Township zoning resolution, property maintenance and nuisance code, and the junk motor vehicle code. In so doing it keeps our community safer and more attractive.

Preserving pride in our community requires the partnership and participation of all of our residents, businesses, and visitors. Plain Township's various codes and resolutions are intended to benefit everyone, and these regulations are minimum standards designed to protect your neighborhood, reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values, and prevent blight in your neighborhood.

With Spring just around the corner, we have a new growing season upon us, and we just wanted to remind you about our nuisance abatement process. Ohio Revised Code §505.87 gives authority to Ohio townships to address nuisances such as high grass and trash on properties within the township. The nuisance code states that townships may enter on to private property to abate nuisances after a notification process, and then to assess the property owner for the cost of the clean-up. Ohio's Nuisance Code is regulated and enforced in Plain Township by the Planning and Zoning Department.

Once a violation is reported to the township, abatement of the nuisance cannot occur until a legally required notification process has taken place, and the Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution declaring the property a nuisance.

To report a concern or violation, please call 330-492-4686. You can review the code by visiting the link Ohio Nuisance Code (<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/505.87>).



Ask Vinnie

Question: When is a zoning permit required?

Answer: *That's a great question! A zoning permit is required for any structures built or placed on your property. This includes, but is not limited to, decks, sheds, porches, pavilions, pools (in ground and above ground), new construction, additions/alterations to dwellings, garages, and carports.*

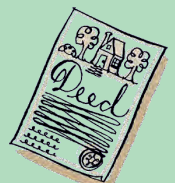
If you have any questions, please call the zoning department before beginning your project. You can reach us at, (330-492-4686).



Easement and Deed Restrictions

The township has **no authority** to enforce deed restrictions on a property. If a property owner comes to the township to request a zoning permit, as long as the structure is in compliance with the zoning regulations, a permit will be issued.

If the structure is not permitted per deed restrictions on the property, it would be the responsibility of the homeowners' association to enforce the deed restriction so please always check with your homeowners' association first!





ROAD DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-3423



Spring Maintenance

The road crew will be sweeping all township streets beginning in April (weather permitting). Yard repairs from snowplow damage will begin in early April (weather permitting) in the order that the requests were received. If you see a pothole 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.



Prevent Drainage Problems

You can help prevent drainage problems by remembering **not to blow or rake leaves, grass clippings or other debris into the storm sewers, ditches or streets**, as this is not only in violation of Ohio Revised Code 3767.17, but it also helps reduce drainage and flooding problems during heavy rains.

Please also remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, pesticides, paint or other hazardous products into storm drains, ditches, culverts or catch basins. **When it rains, it drains and no one wants to swim, fish or play in polluted waters.**

If you see dumping occurring, report it to the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.

Do Your Doody!

Dog waste can contain bacteria, parasites and pathogens that can make people sick. Although it may look like the pet waste in your yard has disappeared over time or washed away, **micro-organisms like roundworms, E.coli and Giardia can persist in your yard for years if not picked up.**



And, when it rains, it drains and pet waste left on lawns, streets and sidewalks drains into our waterways untreated! **Storm Drains do not connect to a treatment facility so the waste heads directly into our lakes, rivers and streams.**

So, make it your doody to scoop the poop! Plain Township has a home rule resolution requiring you to pick up animal waste on public or private property that is not your own. Dog waste pick up bags and stations are in place at every Plain Township Park and the Dog Park at Veterans Park.

Remember, only rain down the drain!



Road Permits can be obtained and paid for at www.plaintownship.com under the **Road Department tab**. Just select the **“Forms/Permit “drop down.** A permit is required for new construction or any other improvements made to an existing driveway.

Basketball Hoops

Portable and permanent basketball hoops are very popular throughout Plain Township. Please remember that no basketball hoops are permitted in the township right of way according to Home Rule Chapter 900. Please place all hoops on your private property for the safety for all! Thank you in advance!



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Parks & Recreation Plain Township Parks	(330)492-4689
Plain Township Comm. Sports Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	(330)499-2222
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)604-0110
Holly Hills Baseball www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	(330)495-6333
Plain Local Youth Football www.plainlocalyouthfootball.org	(330)451-6480
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)309-5669
GlenOak Mat Club 3 Levels - ONE Family Facebool.com	(330)705-8166
Powerline Issues AEP	1-800-672-2231
Police Stark County Sheriff	(330)430-3800
Real Estate Records Stark County Auditor	(330)451-7334
Recycling Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
Road/Storm Sewer Stark County Roads Stark County Sewer State of Ohio Roads Township Roads	(330)477-6781 (330)451-2303 (330)452-0365 (330)492-3423
Schools Canton City North Canton Plain Schools Admin. Plain Bus Garage	(330)438-2500 (330)497-5600 (330)492-3500 (330)492-1918
Septic Systems Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330)493-9904
Voter Registration Board of Elections	(330)451-8683
Water Service Canton City Water North Canton Water Aqua Water	(330)489-3315 (330)499-4801 1-877-987-2782
Zoning Permits Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686

Have an existing Flag Pole? No Problem! We have 3 x 5 American Flags made in the USA that can be delivered right to your home. Whether you are replacing an old flag or would like a new flag to keep on hand, your Plain Township Firefighters will respond to your flag needs for a \$30.00 donation. All proceeds benefit charitable funds and scholarships. Payable by check to:
Plain Township Local 2967 and mailed to 1742 Schneider St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.

