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Welcome New Firefighter/Paramedic's!

In May of 2006 the voters of Plain Township approved a Fire Levy to hire additional Firefighters/Paramedic's and provide for facilities in the northeast quadrant of the township, which is the last quadrant to be provided with full time Firefighters/Paramedic's.

On March 31, 2008, twelve new Firefighters/Paramedic's were sworn in in front of family, friends, citizens and Township officials at a moving ceremony in the GlenOak High School Theatre. The list of the new Firefighters/Paramedic's includes:

Scott Bauer, Michael Evans, Michael Hill, Alex Hoce, Michael Kamp, Joseph Kieffer, Zak Magee, Richard Morabito, Kyle Nussbaum, Adam Reardon, Paul Weigand and Eric Wiedlebacher.

They all had previous experience and went through a rigorous, seven week orientation academy. This brings our full time staff to forty.

In 1979, Plain Township voters provided for the first eight full time Firefighters/Paramedic's at Fire Station #1 on Middlebranch Avenue. In 1993, a second full time station with additional Firefighters/ Paramedic's was opened at Fire Station #5 on Market Avenue N. In 1999, a full time station on the west side of the township was opened with additional Firefighters/Paramedic's. This hiring will provide for better response times in the affected area.

We are still able to provide service without individually billing residents for EMS calls.

Township Meetings

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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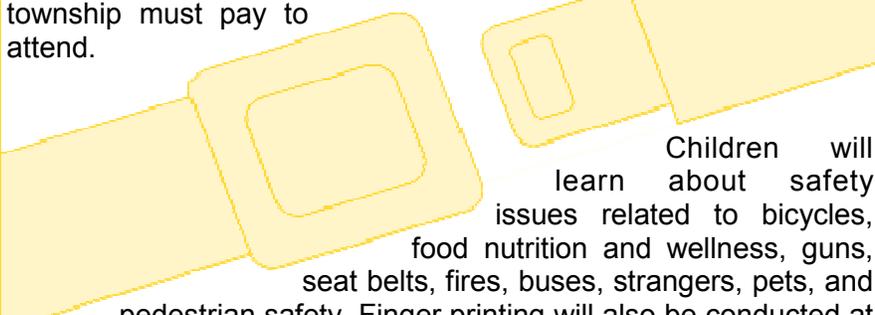
Welcome Aboard!

These firefighters aren't just rescuing cats from trees! They all attended a rigorous, seven-week academy and orientation, where they were challenged physically and honed in on their competency skills. They are well educated, well trained, and ready to educate, serve, and protect the citizens of Plain Township.



Safety City Slated for Plain Local Students

The Plain Township Safety Forces and Plain Local Schools are offering a five-day Safety City program for children entering kindergarten in fall 2008. This program will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on August 11 - 15 at Little Eagle Kindergarten Center of William R. Day (located at 3103 38th Street NW). Participants are asked to arrive thirty minutes early the first day. A graduation ceremony will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on the last day of the program. The program is free to Plain Local students and Plain Township residents. Those who live outside of the school district or township must pay to attend.



Children will learn about safety issues related to bicycles, food nutrition and wellness, guns, seat belts, fires, buses, strangers, pets, and pedestrian safety. Finger printing will also be conducted at the event. For additional information, or to obtain a registration form, contact the Plain Township Fire and Rescue Administration office at (330) 492-4089. Children must be pre-registered by July 31, 2008 to attend.

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC)

ACBC helps child burn victims and their families by providing special protective clothing not covered by insurance, non-medical items such as pets or toys lost in fires, bicycles that help children exercise their injured bodies, and transportation to outpatient treatments. Many special events for child burn victims are also funded by this generous organization. Your contribution of aluminum cans at any of the fire stations is greatly appreciated.

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 \$14 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**

Our Lakes, Streams, and Rivers Begin in Your Neighborhood

Water running off your yard, sidewalk, or street flows into curbside openings called catch basins. From there, this water runoff flows into the storm drain system. This water is untreated and flows directly into our lakes, rivers, and streams. For clean water, we need to keep trash and debris out of catch basins, trash out of the streets, and runoff water free from pollutants.



What Can You Do in the Home?

- Conserve water and reduce the amount of runoff by not over-watering your yard.
- Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers sparingly and carefully. Buy non-toxic products for use in your home and garden whenever possible.
- Remember, *only rain down the drain*. Do not sweep leaves or yard trimmings into the storm drain. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean up garden clippings, dirt, and litter from sidewalks and patios.
- Properly use and store all hazardous household products, including cleaners, solvents, and paints. The best way to get rid of hazardous products is to use them or to give them to someone who can. Since that is not always possible, you can dispose of them at the Annual Household-Hazardous Waste Collection held every fall. For more information, please visit www.timetorecycle.org.
- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash. If you choose to wash your vehicle at home, use soaps and detergents labeled "biodegradable", "phosphate free", or "non-toxic". Do not empty buckets of soapy or dirty water into the street, gutter, or storm drain. Always empty buckets into the sanitary sewer system (sinks or toilets). Whenever possible, select a site where you can wash your vehicle on gravel or grass where wash water will drain onto grass, gravel, landscaping, or into the sanitary sewer system. This will allow the soapy water to filter through vegetation and soil instead of flowing into the drain.

NEW AUTOMOBILE TITLE OFFICE IN PLAIN

The Stark County Clerk of Courts, Nancy Reinbold, is opening a new Automobile Title Office in Plain Township. This new office will be located in the Whitewood Shopping Plaza, 3179 Whitewood Street, North Canton, across from the new Fisher Foods on N. Cleveland Avenue and next door to the Legends Grill.

The state is also opening a new Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Drivers Examination Station (drivers testing) in the same plaza. The grand opening of these new offices is scheduled for July 1, 2008. This will enable residents the convenience of obtaining drivers licenses, license plates, and titles for motor vehicles and watercraft, passports, and legal filings all in one location!



Bossart Awarded Alumni of the Year



Pamela Bossart has been inducted into the 2008 Stark State College Alumni Hall of Fame. The Stark State College Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes distinguished alumni who have demonstrated professional and personal achievements that have made our community a better place to live. Pamela received a plaque and will be honored on the Alumni Hall of Fame display at the college. Pamela graduated from Stark State College in 1990 with a degree in Computer Applications. She then went on to get her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from Walsh University.

Pamela currently works at the Timken Company as an Operations Principal in the IT Department and has been a Plain Township Trustee since 1998. She is the President of the Executive Committee at Stark County Regional Planning, Secretary of the Stark County Township Association, and a member of various government associations in an effort to give back to the community. Pamela is the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of five.

Reduce, Reuse, RECYCLE!

Self-service recycling for paper, plastics, glass, aluminum, and cardboard is available for Stark County residents every day from dawn to dusk at the following three Plain Township sites: (1) Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond (W. parking lot), (2) Middlebranch Elementary, 7500 Middlebranch, (3) Taft & Day School grounds (on Salway). For more information please call **1-800-678-9839**.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT OF ANY ABANDONED SWIMMING POOLS DUE TO THE RISK OF THE WEST NILE VIRUS.

Permits Required

Before you begin any construction project, you will need 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 any work begins!

If you are hiring a contractor, we recommend that you discuss who will be responsible for the permits. Remember that, ultimately, the property owner is responsible for compliance of his/her property with all Plain Township zoning requirements.

For general information regarding the minimum requirements, application procedures, and fees required for your project, please contact the Zoning Department at (330) 492-4686.

Complaint Procedure

With the sunny weather of summer upon us, the Plain Township Zoning Department has been receiving numerous nuisance complaints; for the most part, due to high grass and/or weeds. The Zoning Department has 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 in a timely manner;
- * 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 be investi-

gated when there is time available for such.

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, or debris constitutes a nuisance.

Sign Permits

Almost any temporary sign will require a Sign Permit, so before you put out that next banner or portable sign, make sure you have obtained your Sign Permit from the Plain Township Zoning Department.

A Temporary Sign Permit is active for 30 days. You may display a temporary sign for two months out of a six-month time period. Please apply for and obtain your Temporary Sign Permit before placing it outside of your business.

ALL PERMANENT SIGNS REQUIRE PERMITS!

Plain Township Historical Society

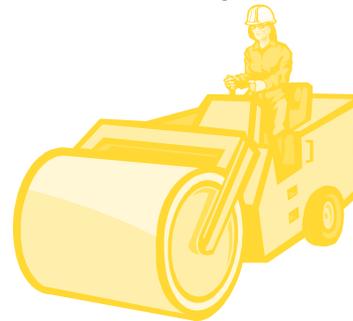
The Plain Township Historical Society meets on the third Monday of each month (except December) at the Plain Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. We would like to invite everyone to attend the following:

- Warstler Cemetery Tour on specific families—June 16, 2008;
- Dawn Firestone Pegg on Revolutionary War Soliders in Plain—July 21, 2008;
- Tom Pieper on Vikings in Plain—August 18, 2008.

We need your help! We are looking for pictures of one-room schools in Plain Township. They may be donated or lent to us for copying. Please contact Dawn Firestone Pegg at (330) 493-1731 or Tom Pieper at (330) 494-6187 if you have any pictures, drawing, or information about any of the following schools: Applegrove Holl, Mt. Pleasant, Shook, Plain Center, Fairview, Mexico, Vogelsang, New Berlin, Washington Hall, Franklin Hall, Brush College, or Grove Hall.

2008 ROAD PAVING LIST

STREET	FROM	TO	STREET	FROM	TO
Emerald	Sapphire	Diamond	Firestone	Schneider	Easton
Garnet	Seam	Old Elm	Grove	Firestone	W. Term
Garnet	Sapphire	Seam	Hollydale	Schneider	Grove
Garnet	Sapphire	Zircon	46th NE.	Brookhaven	Mddlbrnch
Turquoise	Sapphire	Circle	47th NE.	Brookhaven	Mddlbrnch
Turquoise	Sapphire	Emerald	46th NE.	Brookhaven	E. Term
Zircon	Sapphire	Garnet	Brookhaven	47th	47th
Angel	Sheffield	Cottingham	Neil	47th	47th
Carmen	E. Term	S. Term	30th NE.	C. C. Limits	Harrisburg
Crafton	E. Term	Woodrush	36th NW.	E. Term	Whipple
Hume	E. Term	N. C. Limits	37th NW.	Darien	Whipple
Oakway	Carmen	Sheffield	St. Michael	Fulton	St. Michael
Orchid	Carmen	W. Term	St. Michael	Darien	Whipple
Peachmont	Carmen	Mt. Pleasant	Sharonwood	St. Michael	37th NW.
Perdue	Angel	SW. Term	Darien	St. Michael	37th NW.
Woodrush	Fox Run	Mt. Pleasant	Blackburn	Westmoreland	Fulton
Woodrush	Circle	Circle	Lakeside	20th NW.	17th NW.
Marquardt	Applegrove	N. C. Limits	Barr	Schreiber	Fulton
Gloucester	SE. Term	Linder	Woodward	George Halas	Clarendon
Linder	SW. Term	Circle			
Linder	W. Term	E. Term			
Penmarric	Chaucer	Linder			
Wakefield	Chaucer	Wiclif			
Wiclif	Chaucer	Wakefield			
York	Chaucer	Linder			
Wiclif	Chaucer	Crompton			



Permits Required

Road Opening Permits

A permit is required for any excavation in the Township right-of-way. A permit can be obtained by visiting the Plain Township Road Garage located at 6300 Heminger Avenue, Canton, Ohio. The fee is \$50.00

Driveway Permits

A permit is required for new construction, or any improvements you make to your existing driveway. This permit gives you the guidelines for paving and apron requirements. A permit can be obtained by coming to the Plain Township Road Garage. The fee is \$10.00

Basketball Hoops

Portable basketball hoops have been very popular throughout the Township over the last couple of years. Some being put in the right-of-way can, and already have, caused problems. According to O.R.C. Section 3767.15, no obstructions may be placed in the right-of-way. The Board of Trustees asks that these hoops be moved out of the right-of-way.

Pets That Have Style

It's time to celebrate YOUR furry friend in one or more of our unique contests! All proceeds go to help less fortunate animals at the Stark County Humane Society. This year's event will include ten unique contests for your dog, door prizes, raffles, Noah's Bark Puppy Playground, giveaways from McDonald's, adoptable pets from the Stark County Dog Warden and the Ohio Greyhound Gathering and Adoption, and a demonstration by four-time World Boomerang Record Holder, Gary Broadbent. Even the Stark County Sheriff Department's Canine Unit, Ollie the Police Dog, wouldn't miss this! Visit www.plaintownship.com or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (330) 499-0000 for more information today!

When: Saturday, August 16, 2008
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: Alpine Community Park; 3059 Alpine Street

Fee: Donation of at least \$10.00 and a can of dog food



QuickStart Tennis Program

This is a new format to help children ages ten and under learn and play the exciting game of tennis! The sizes of the courts, equipment, and even the net height have been decreased to make learning easier for children. These changes will ensure the success of all participants, even if he/she have never picked up a racquet! Come and enjoy the game of tennis at the lovely Alpine Community park! The \$50.00 fee includes a junior racquet, Jr. Team Tennis T-Shirt, one year Junior United States Tennis Association Membership, four issues of SMASH Magazine and Midwest Tennis News. Visit www.plaintownship.com or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (330) 499-0000 for more information today!

When: July 22 - August 14, 2008
Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Alpine Community Park; 3059 Alpine Street

Fee: \$50.00



ABC Music & Me

Children ages three to four years are invited to attend weekly lessons with exciting monthly themes! Your child will experience the joys of music & literature while enhancing his/her literacy and speaking skills, and exploring all kinds of new talents and possibilities! Each monthly class receives a new home kit which includes a guide, CD, and musical instrument! Your preschooler will enjoy dancing, singing, literature, instruments, and more! Class sizes are limited to fifteen children maximum and five children minimum, so call (330) 209-1489 or visit www.plaintownship.com to register your child today!

When: July 7 - 28, 2008
Mondays; 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Where: Diamond Community Room; 2782 Diamond Street

Fee: \$25.00 for 4 weeks



The Littlest Artist

Children ages three to six years can join other little artists at the inspiring Alpine Community Park for a literature-based class with age-appropriate books each week, followed by an art project that goes with the story. We have taken all of your children's favorites: story time, painting, coloring, and gluing, and combined them into one fun-filled class! Parents and children can work together to create real works of art each week. All art supplies are included—just grab an old shirt and join us for a great time making arts in the park! Class sizes are limited, so register now by calling (330) 209-1489 or visiting www.plaintownship.com.

When: July 12 - August 2, 2008 and August 9 - August 30, 2008
Saturdays; 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Where: Alpine Community Park; 3059 Alpine Street

Fee: \$20.00

Senior Programs

The Plain Township Park and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, present a series of seminars to bring together the senior citizens of Plain Township. 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? For more information, contact Linda Carlone at (330) 494-9645 today!

July 24, 12:00 PM - Skin Cancer & Melanoma - Jack Pottmeyer

Jack Pottmeyer will be present to share his experience as a cancer patient, answer questions, and show you how to effectively protect your skin from sun damage. With sunny days already here—you won't want to miss out on this information!

Lunch: Breaded Perch and French Fries OR Chicken-Kabob and Rice
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

August 28, 12:00 PM - Entertainment - The Jazz Dolls

The Jazz Dolls are an internationally recognized dance and twirl core that will be performing a few of their dance routines. This high-powered group will entertain you with the use of batons and pompoms and provide you with information about how your daughter or granddaughter can become a Jazz Doll!

Lunch: Breaded Perch and French Fries OR Chicken-Kabob and Rice
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

September 25, 12:00 PM - Financial Planning - Scott Heather

Scott Heather has been in the insurance industry for seventeen years and is a Certified Senior Advisor. He will explain financial planning in a manner that is easy to understand. Plan for your future with us!

Lunch: Stuffed Peppers OR City Chicken
Includes: Salad, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, and Dessert!

Camp Re-Use It

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Stark-Tusc-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District are very eager to invite children in 1st-9th grades to attend our FREE camp! Camp Re-Use It will feature fun games and activities to promote and encourage children to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Log on to www.plaintownship.com or call (330) 499-0000 to find out how to join us for recycling fun!

When: July 14 - 18, 2008
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Diamond Community Park; 2782 Diamond Street

Fee: FREE!



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 in '08 or '09? 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 only a \$25 fee for non-residents.

Diamond Community Room

Birthday parties, baby showers, professional meetings and more! Complete with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, eight tables, and plenty of chairs, this climate-controlled room is *perfect* for all of your party needs! We are currently taking reservations for 2008.

A \$25 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
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	330-493-6010 www.hollyhillsbaseball.com
Plain Local Baseball	330-218-3234
Plain Local Softball	330-244-0862
Midget Football	330-966-2475 www.plainlocalfootball.org
Police	
Stark County Sheriff	330-430-3800
Real Estate Records	
County Auditor	330-451-7334
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
Septic Systems/Water Wells	
County Health Dept.	330-493-9904
Voter Registration/Information	
Board of Elections	330-451-8683
Water Service	
Canton Water	330-489-3315
North Canton Water	330-499-4801
Zoning/Building Permits	
Township Zoning	330-492-4686
County Building	330-451-1770

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #277
CANTON, OH

Administration:	330-492-4689	Road:	330-492-3423
Finance:	330-493-1366	Sheriff:	330-430-3800
Fire/Rescue:	330-492-4089	Zoning:	330-492-4686
Parks/Rec:	330-499-0000		

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

The regular schedule will be as follows: Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. The drop-off center will be open seven days per week from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM starting in autumn.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW

★ Open Monday through Friday; 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
★ Open Saturday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



Please e-mail general@plaintownship.com if you have any questions or concerns.