

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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**Pamela S. Bossart, Trustee**  
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## A Message from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Plain Township Board of Trustees, we offer our sincere gratitude to our residents for the passage of the Police Renewal Levy. This levy will allow the Township to maintain the safety of our residents and our community. By renewing the police levy, Plain Township will continue to contract with the Stark County Sheriff's Office to provide deputies and a detective assigned exclusively to the Township. The Sheriff's Office patrols our streets and neighborhoods, conducts investigations of criminal and civil complaints, and provides a wide range of services. Plain

Township is also able to own all of the equipment used for police services, including the police cruisers.

This would not be possible without your support. We look forward to providing our residents with the level of services that you both deserve and expect.



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### 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



### Diamond Concession Stand

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department has opened a Concession Stand inside the Diamond Sports Complex for YOUR enjoyment! Come down for a hot and tasty Coney dog, fresh cup of coffee, or a refreshingly cool soda after a game of soccer. All proceeds go directly to the Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department!



#### WE OFFER:

- Hot Dogs/Coney Dogs
- Sloppy Joe's
- Nachos (Cheese/Supreme)
- Popcorn
- Assorted Potato Chips
- Assorted Candy Bars
- Coca-Cola Brand Soda
- Sports Drinks
- Bottled Water
- Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea

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**Saturdays: 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM :: Sundays: 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Glenoak Stadium Hero's Flagpole**

The Plain Township Fire Department is currently collecting donations to purchase and install a flagpole and flag in the new Glenoak Stadium. This pole and flag will be dedicated to current residents and alumni of Plain Local Schools who have served in law enforcement, the fire service, or the United States Military. Donations will be accepted in the name of the **Plain Township Professional Firefighters Local #2967 (Flagpole Account)** at the following locations: Charter One Bank branches; selected Plain Local School events; Plain Township Fire Department Administrative Office, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton. There will no door-to-door or individual solicitation!

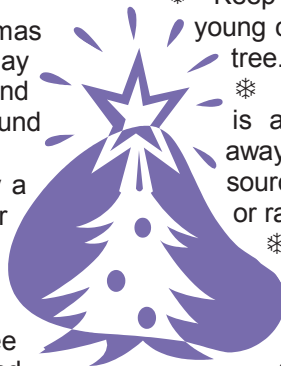
**Project Cost Projection**

Installation of 50 ft. Flagpole:	\$4,800.00
10x15 ft. Nylon American Flag:	\$350.00
Granite Dedication Plaque:	\$700.00
Landscaping:	\$1,000.00
Electric Supplies and Labor:	\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous Construction Fees:	\$110.00
*Option #2: Two 25 ft. Poles	\$2,200.00

**Christmas Tree Safety**

Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holiday safer! Keep these tips in mind this year for a safe and sound holiday season:

- \* Always use lights listed by a testing laboratory. Larger tree lights should have some type of reflector instead of a bare bulb.
- \* Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of fifty screw-in bulbs.
- \* Always unplug tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- \* Bring outdoor electrical lights indoors after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.
- \* Never place lit candles near tree branches.
- \* Keep trees alive and moist by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- \* If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as "fire retardant."



- \* Keep a watchful eye on young children around the tree.
- \* Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces or radiators.
- \* Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left near the house or garage.

**Portable Generator Safety**

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued the following tips for the use of portable power generators following power outages:

- \* NEVER use a portable generator indoors, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) buildup.
- \* Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area, far away from doors, windows, or

**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.

Please call **330-492-4089** with any 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**

away from doors, windows, or vents that lead indoors.

- \* Install CO alarms with battery backup in your home, test them frequently, and replace dead batteries.
- \* Plug appliances into heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.
- \* Get to fresh air right away if you feel dizzy or weak. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.

## Historical Society

The Plain Township Historical Society would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. We would also like to thank you for your help in collecting old pictures and memorabilia of our Township. An election of officers was held at the October meeting.

### Officers for 2008 are:

President: Tom Pieper

Vice President: Linda Dessauer

Secretary: Judy (Cloud) Pocock

Treasurer: Ruby (Kandel) Bair

Trustee: Dawn (Firestone) Pegg

Trustee: Bill Horne

Meetings and programs are open to the public and are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Plain Township Hall.

For more information, call: Tom Pieper: (330) 494-6187 or Dawn (Firestone) Pegg: (330) 493-1731

January 21, 2008: Program Speaker will be Judy Pocock on the Family of Ida Saxton McKinley.

February 18, 2008: Will be our annual dinner meeting. Time and location will be announced at a later date.

## Recycling

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

- Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond NE (west parking lot)
- Middlebranch Elementary, 7500 Middlebranch NE
- Taft & Day School grounds (on Salway NW)

Separate recyclables as follows; bins are provided for each:

- Newspapers/Magazines
- Plastics (#1 & #2)/Glass
- Food Boxes
- Aluminum/Steel
- Flat, Corrugated Cardboard

For more information on this program or on how to dispose of other items, please call **1-800-678-9839**.



## Oil Recycling Just Makes Sense

### Did You Know?

- Just one gallon of used oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.
- If you recycle just two gallons of used oil, it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost twenty-four hours. Also, used oil can be re-refined into base stock for lubricating oil.
- Recycling used oil allows us to continue to enjoy what many of us take for granted every day—clean water.
- Used oils can be reprocessed into fuel that can be used in furnaces for heat; or in power plants to generate electricity for homes, schools, and businesses.

Recycled used oil probably touches your life every day—without you even knowing it. We all benefit from recycling used motor oil. From augmenting our oil supplies and helping to generate heat, to protecting the environment—recycling oil just makes good sense.

### For More Information:

Go to: [www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org), click on **Hazardous Waste**, and type in your zip code.

For information on dumping during normal business hours, contact the Road Department at **330-492-3423**. After hours, contact the Stark County Health Department at **330-493-9904**.

### Local Drop-Off Sites:

#### Advanced Auto Parts

2314 Columbus Road NE  
Canton, OH 44705  
(330) 588-8813

#### AutoZone

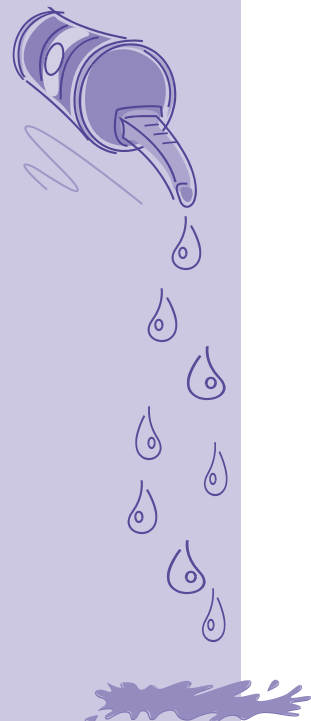
4213 Cleveland Avenue NW  
Canton, OH 44709  
(330) 492-8850

#### WalMart Tire & Lube Center

3200 Atlantic Blvd. NE  
Canton, OH 44705  
(330) 489-9185

#### WalMart Tire & Lube Center

4572 Mega Street NW  
Canton, OH 44720  
(330) 305-0238



**ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP**

Every business in Plain Township must register with the Zoning Department; whether new or old! Please do this as soon as possible. By May of 2008, we would like to have all of our records current.

A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required for every business in Plain Township. It is also required prior to anyone occupying a building in a Business, Office, or Industrial District. If you are a business in Plain Township, please check to make sure that you have a current Certificate of Conformance. The Zoning Department will be reviewing our records this season to make sure every business has a current and up-to-date Certificate of Conformance.

A new permit is required for any change in:

- \* Business Use
- \* Ownership
- \* Tenant

Applications can be picked up at filled out at our office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Once the application is filled out, the Plain Township Fire Department will inspect the property. A permit will be issued once the appropriate departments have finalized all inspections. This permit costs \$40.00 and is valid for the life of the business, as long as the business use, owner, or tenant does not change.

**Home Rule Resolutions**

In 1991, Plain Township became a home rule township. The home rule designation allows the Township to exercise limited powers of self-government and limited police powers.

Plain Township has several home rule resolutions on various subjects, including animal regulations, park rules, and obstructions in the right-of-way.

All of these home rule resolutions can be read in their entirety on our website: **[www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com)** under the heading **Our Township** and **Home Rule**.

All home rule resolutions are enforced by the Stark County Sheriff's Office, **(330) 430-3800**.

**Sign Permits**

Almost any temporary sign requires 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!**

Please check with the Plain Township Zoning Department for size regulations.

**Bicentennial Committee Members Needed**

Plain Township will reach its 200<sup>th</sup> year in 2009, and we need your help to plan the celebration of our past, present, and future!

Plain Township was created March 16, 1809. The Trustees want our bicentennial to truly be a community celebration. We are asking residents and representatives of area businesses and organizations to volunteer to serve on a Bicentennial Committee to decide how to celebrate this important milestone.

Please call the Plain Township Administration office at **(330) 492-4689** if you would like to volunteer to serve on the Bicentennial Committee.



## Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that no parking is allowed on the paved surface of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several Plain Township roadways will be posted this year with "No Parking" signs. The ban **will be strongly enforced!** We also request that residents on non-posted streets be courteous in moving their cars so that plowing can be done in a timely manner. Thank you.



that your vehicle is not damaged by salt spreaders. If you are too close, your vehicle may not be visible to the driver through the mirrors.

- \* Portable basketball hoops must be removed from the Township right-of-way.
- \* We apologize for snow blocking driveways and cul-de-sacs; however, at times this is unavoidable.
- \* If snow plows knock down your mailbox, please call us. After the snowfall has ended, mailboxes will be repaired as time allows. Repairs will be made in the order the requests were received.
- \* Main roads throughout the Township are salted and plowed first; then the secondary roads. Trucks are

assigned to specific areas and no area has priority over any other.

- \* If your yard or driveway apron is damaged from snowplows, please call us and your name will be put on a list for repairs in the spring.



## Winter Reminders

Please note the following Winter Reminders:

- \* Please do not put trash cans in the roadway when it snows.
- \* Remember to stay at least 50 feet back from salt trucks so

## Thank You Girl Scout Troup #729!

In being in compliance with the NPDES Phase II requirements, Plain Township being a (MS4), must create a storm water management program. A total of six minimum measures are included in our Best Management Practices (BMP). Two of the practices included public education and outreach and public participation/involvement.

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio South Region Troup #729 decided to step forward and participate and educate the public by placing "No Dumping, Drains to Waterway" stickers on over 100 catch basins in the Wellington Hills and Wellington Woods allotments. They also went door to door, handing out reading materials about storm water management. This is a very important step in keeping the streams and rivers free of pollutants.

We would like to acknowledge Troup Leader, Jill Karlen, and her assistants, Cindy Sponseller and Heather Nicholson, for coming forward and accepting this task. We would also like to thank the hard-working members of Troup # 729: Gwyn Bergmeyer, Isabelle Breger, Cassandra Cole, Judy Karlen, Desiree Mayle, and Rachel Sponseller.

Thanks for doing a GREAT job!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO LEARN ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CALL THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT AT (330) 492-3423.**

## Competitive Indoor Soccer

The Competitive Indoor Soccer League season will begin on Saturday, January 26, 2008. This league is for skilled players in the following divisions: U-10, U-12, U-14 Boys, U-14 Girls, High School Boys, High School Girls, Adult CO-ED, and Open Men's. The registration deadline is Friday, January 18, 2008. Games will be held at the Diamond Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE. Visit the Parks Department's page on the Plain Township website, [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com), for league fees, registration forms, and contact information.

## Open Soccer

The sole purpose of Open Soccer is to promote recreation for all participants. For that reason, there will be no referees to officiate; all are encouraged to play in the spirit of the game. Players may sign up one hour in advance.

**Ages 18+:** Participants must be 18 years or older to play; ID is required.

**When:** Wednesdays; 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM  
**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex  
**Fee:** \$5.00

**Ages 35+:** Participants must be 35 years or older to play; ID is required.

**When:** Thursdays; 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex  
**Fee:** \$5.00



## Squeaky Sneakers

Our open gym program is for the active preschooler. We have balls, hula-hoops, slides, mats, parachutes, and more! This is a great time to run off all that extra energy, meet other families, and play with your children. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sneakers are required.

**When:** Wednesdays; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
**Where:** Diamond Sports Complex  
**Fee:** FREE

## Walking Club

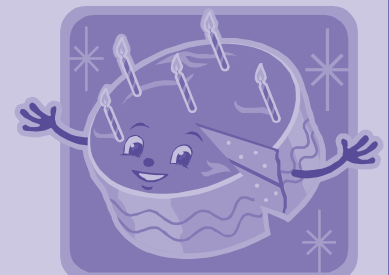
Come and enjoy a walk on the field inside the lovely Diamond Sports Complex. Walk quickly, slowly, or however you wish! Twelve laps around the indoor field are equal to one mile. For a real challenge, walk upstairs to the Mezzanine, then across and down, equal to one lap. To help keep the field beautiful, please bring clean walking shoes to be worn inside.

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays; 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
**Where:** Diamond Sports Complex  
**Fee:** FREE

## Cake Decorating

Welcome to the wonderful world of cake decorating! You and the whole family can express your creativity and make a proud contribution to festivities, family get-togethers, or just dinner! In four classes you will learn how to decorate cupcakes, cookies, and other favors. You will be required to bring a treat each week and we will provide all of the tools and supplies necessary to make each one as beautiful as they are tasty!

**When:** Wednesdays; January 16 - February 8, 2008; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM;  
**Where:** Diamond Community Room  
**Fee:** \$35.00 per Family/Individual



To register for Park Programs, please call 330-499-0000 or visit our website:

## Stampin' Up!

If you would like more information about the following stamping classes, please contact Christina Taylor, Stampin' Up! Senior Supervisor, at (330) 494-4498 or [stampmecrazy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stampmecrazy@sbcglobal.net).

### **Adult/Child Stamping Classes**

These classes will give you the opportunity to share stamping with a child in your life. You will each get to make four projects. Adults are asked to assist the children through each step of the project. Each class will have a selection of different projects. You are only required to bring your own adhesive—we'll take care of the rest!

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM & Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Wednesday, Mar. 26, 2008; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM & Thursday, Mar. 27, 2008; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Where:** Diamond Community Room

**Fee:** \$18.00

### **Adult Stamping Classes**

These classes will teach you how to use an array of rubber stamps and accessories to create wonderful cards and small gifts. See all the things you can do with rubber stamps and discover your creative side! Each class will feature a different project. You are only required to bring your own adhesive—we'll take care of the rest!

**When:** Friday, Jan. 11, 2008; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM & Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008; 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM & Friday, Feb. 22, 2008; 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Monday, Mar. 10, 2008; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM & Friday, Mar. 14; 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Where:** Diamond Community Room

**Fee:** \$18.00

## Messy Hands

This craft class is designed to get children and adults creating together using clay, paint, and common household items. Create fun works of art while spending quality time with your preschooler. All art projects will be new! Please dress children in old clothes; we promise to get messy!

**When:** Mondays; 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Session 1: January 14 - February 18, 2008  
Session 2: March 17 - April 21, 2008

**Where:** Diamond Community Room

**Fee:** \$25.00 per session



## Park Reservations

### Alpine Park Shelters

It's never too early to start thinking about those springtime picnics, and we are now taking reservations for the North and South Shelters up to one year in advance. There is no cost for residents of Plain Township; and a small \$25.00 fee for non-residents. Call Plain Township Administration to make your reservations today!

### Diamond Community Room

We are now taking 2008 reservations for Plain Township's beautiful Diamond Community Room! Birthday parties, baby showers, professional meetings, and more! Complete with a refrigerator, microwave, sink, coffee machine, eight tables and plenty of chairs, the Diamond Community Room is *perfect* for all of your party needs! Throughout December 2007, we will be accepting reservations for the first quarter of 2008. After January 1, 2008, reservations will be accepted for the rest of the year. A small \$50.00 fee is required for all non-residents. This season, deposits and keys are not necessary! Call Plain Township Administration to make your reservations today!

**Call (330) 492-4689 to make reservations for Alpine or Diamond.**

## 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	330-493-6010
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
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### Real Estate Records

County Auditor	330-451-7334
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### Recycling

Stark Co. Recycling	330-451-7808
Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839

### Road/Storm Sewer Maintenance

County Roads	330-477-6781
State Roads	330-452-0365
Township Roads	330-492-3423
I-77 Project	1-866-ROADWISE

### Schools

Canton City	330-438-2500
North Canton	330-497-5600
Plain Local Admin.	330-492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	330-492-1918

### Sanitary Sewers

Sanitary Engineering	330-451-2303
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### Septic Systems/Water Wells

County Health Dept.	330-493-9904
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### Voter Registration/Information

Board of Elections	330-451-8683
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### Water Service

Canton Water	330-489-3315
North Canton Water	330-499-4801

### Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning	330-492-4686
County Building	330-451-1770

## 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  
**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

E-mail: [general@plaintownship.com](mailto:general@plaintownship.com) or  
visit our website for an e-mail directory  
Website: [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com)

### Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, branches, Christmas trees 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 be open Mondays, Thursdays, & Saturdays; 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM until January 12, 2008. The facility will then be closed throughout the winter season, until March 17, 2008, when regular hours will resume.

#### **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.

