

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



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An Invitation from the Board of Trustees

Your Township will be celebrating its 200th anniversary on March 16, 2009. This is a chance to reflect on our rich history and heritage and to display our Township by focusing on our citizens, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations. In the spirit of building community pride and unity, the Board of Trustees and Bicentennial Committee would like to invite you to attend the Bicentennial Kickoff Dinner at the beginning of the year. All proceeds benefit the Plain Township Bicentennial Committee which will be funding special events to celebrate throughout the year.

Plain Township's Bicentennial!

Bicentennial Kickoff Dinner:

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.

at

Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge

3550 Columbus Road NE

\$40.00 per person

**Proceeds to benefit the Plain Township Bicentennial*

Please R.S.V.P. via reservation card by
January 20, 2009 Plain Township Administration.

**Prepayment only—Reserve early as seats are limited!*

Reservations will be held at the door.

Pamela S. Bossart, Trustee
Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee
Albert P. Leno II, Trustee
Claude W. Shriver II, Fiscal Officer

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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Kindly respond on or before
January 20, 2009
to: Plain Township Hall
2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

M _____

number attending _____

Number of Meals: _____ Steak _____ Serod

\$40.00 per person

I am unable to attend, but please accept my \$_____ donation.

Make checks payable to:

Plain Township Bicentennial Committee

2009 Bicentennial Schedule of Events

Bicentennial Kickoff Dinner

Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge
3550 Columbus Road NE

History of Faith in Plain Township

Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
GlenOak High School
1801 Schneider Street NE

Church Bells Ring-Along

Monday, March 16 at 12:00 p.m.
All Plain Township Churches

Spring Tour of Plain Township Industries

Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Warstler Cemetery
1922 4th Street NW

Cruise In

Saturday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
GlenOak High School
1801 Schneider Street NE

Plain Township Parade & Festival

Saturday, July 18 at 12:00 p.m.
Diamond Community Park
2782 Diamond Street NE

Civil War Reenactment

Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 a.m.
GlenOak High School
1801 Schneider Street NE

Fall Farm Tour

Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Warstler Cemetery
1922 4th Street NW

Township Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 28
Plain Township Hall
2600 Easton Street NE

If you are interested in donating to or volunteering for any of these events, please call the Bicentennial Committee at (330) 456-4739.

Plain Parade

The Plain Township Bicentennial Community Parade will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009. All Township groups and organizations are welcome to participate in this historic celebration... one that will be remembered in Plain Township for years to come! For additional information please contact Denise Evans, Bicentennial Parade Chairperson, at (330) 575-1832 or at devans@cutlerhomes.com.

*Don't forget to visit
www.plaintownship.com*

Plain Township Tree Plantings

Trees will be planted at the following Township sites in 2009:

First Tree Planting

SE Corner of 55th NW & Market NW
March 16, 2009

Plain Township Hall

2600 Easton Street NE
April 22, 2009

Warstler Cemetery

1922 4th Street NW
May 16, 2009



GlenOak High School

1801 Schneider Street NE
June 6, 2009

Diamond Community Park

2782 Diamond Street NE
July 18, 2009

Schneider Street Park Property

Across from GlenOak High School
August 14, 2009

Alpine Community Park

3059 Alpine Street NE
September 26, 2009

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 historic photographs and memorabilia of Plain Township.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE. Meetings are open to the public free of charge. For more information, please contact Tom Pieper at (330) 494-6187 or Dawn Pegg at (330) 493-1731.

December—No meeting.

January 19—Program speaker will be Nanette DeMuesy on the history of the Hoover Company.

February 16—Please mark your calendars for our annual dinner meeting! Time and location is to be announced.

Stormwater Tips for Businesses

Stormwater runoff is a major pollution threat to local waterways like the Nimishillen Creek. The following are simple things your business can do to help reduce water pollution:

- * Parking lots can be a major source of water pollution due to runoff that picks up motor oil, litter, and dirt on its way to storm drains and local waterways. Keeping your parking lot clean is not only good for your business, but good for the environment.
- * NEVER sweep dirt or trash from parking lots or sidewalks into storm drains or streets.
- * Dumpsters may contain unsafe materials that could leak out. Keep your dumpsters

covered and check regularly for leaks.

- * Save room in dumpsters by recycling materials like paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, aluminum or steel.
- * Educate employees and set up a spill-prevention plan.
- * Always read product labels to determine proper disposal methods.
- * NEVER pour dirty water from mopping or cleaning onto pavement, gutters, drains, or sidewalks.
- * Did you know that computers and other electronics contain parts that are hazardous? e-Tek in Canton will take in electronics for recycling and donate them to families who have lower incomes. Contact e-Tek at (330) 494-4933.
- * Contact the Stark County Soil & Water Conservation District for more info at (330) 489-4476.

Oil Recycling

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

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

You can always learn more about recycling by logging on to www.timetorecycle.org or www.plaintownship.com.

Don't forget about all of our exciting volunteering opportunities in Stark County and Plain Township!



Fiscal Officer's Corner

Change is all we hear about right now. It is all around us and all over the world. A few of the changes we are now seeing on a township level is in our funding. Changes enacted by the Ohio State legislature over recent years have changed the funding we receive from personal property taxes and estate taxes. These are major sources of revenue for our general fund that are being phased out.

Other concerns are the housing market, reevaluations, and foreclosures. These all result in lower real estate tax revenue to our township. Plain Township has always set realistic and conservative budgets; however, going into 2009, we are going to have to be even better stewards of our taxpayers' money.

Change... we all need it, but let's hope it is for the best for all of us. Many blessings to all of you during the coming holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

**Claude "Skip" Shriver II, Fiscal Officer &
Jo Ellen Reikowski, Finance Director**

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

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children

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

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

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

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

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

Fire Station #1 - 3625 Middlebranch Avenue

Fire Station #3 - 2625 25th Street NE

Fire Station #4 - 2855 Easton Street

Fire Station #5 - 7858 Market Avenue



Staying Warm and Safe This Season

This year, the Ohio Department of Commerce encourages everyone to visit www.winterheat.ohio.gov for complete access to information about the winter season. Here are a few of the highlights:

Portable Space Heaters

- * When purchasing, look for one that will shut off automatically if it falls over.
- * NEVER use an extension cord: the current to the heater could melt it and cause a fire.
- * NEVER use electric heaters in the kitchen, bathroom, or near water.
- * NEVER plug more than one heating device into an outlet or use when you are unable to supervise.

Kerosene Heaters

- * Fill your heater with the fluid that is recommended by the manufacturer and *only after it has cooled.*
- * You should ALWAYS refuel your heater outdoors. NEVER try to do this inside of your home!
- * Because a kerosene heater has a constant open flame, it shouldn't be used in a room where there are flammable solvents, aerosol sprays, or any type of oil.

Fireplaces

- * Make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire, and never close the flue while a fire is still smoldering.
- * Burn only dry, seasoned wood, and dispose of the cooled ashes in a closed metal container outdoors and away from your home.
- * NEVER use gasoline or lighter fluid to start a fire.
- * NEVER leave a burning fire in a fireplace unattended.

Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that no parking is allowed on the paved surfaces of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several 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 snow plowing can be done in a timely manner. Thank you!



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 that your vehicle is not damaged by the salt spreaders. If you are too close, your vehicle may not be visible to the driver through mirrors.
- * Portable basketball hoops must be removed from the Township right-of-ways.
- * We apologize for snow blocking driveways and cul-de-sacs; however, this is unavoidable at times.
- * Main roads throughout the Township are salted and plowed first; then the secondary roads. Our 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 the Plain Township Road Department at (330) 492-3423 and your name will be put on a list for repairs in the spring.
- * If one of our snow plows knock down your mailbox, please call us at (330) 492-3423. After the snowfall has ended, we will repair mailboxes as time allows. Repairs will be made in the order that requests were received.

Plain Township Road Department Online

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

Certificate of Conformance

ATTENTION ALL PLAIN TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES!

Every business in the township *must* register with the Plain Township Zoning Department whether new or old! Please do this as soon as possible. We must have current records in our files, or your business will be in violation of the Plain Township Zoning Regulations.

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. We 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(s)

Applications can be picked up and filled out in our office, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Once the application is filled out, the Plain Township Fire Department will inspect the property. A permit will be issued once the appropriate buildings have finalized all inspections.

A Certificate of Conformance Permit costs \$40.00 and is valid for the life of the business, as long as there is no change in business use, owner, or tenants.

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 Zoning Department.

A temporary sign permit is good for thirty days. You may put out 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 sign permit. Please check with the Zoning Department for any size regulations.

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! Learn easy tips for baking and frosting the perfect treat and crafting borders, flowers, and other embellishments. You will be required to bring a treat each week and we will provide all of the tools and supplies! To register, please contact the Plain Township Parks & Recreation Department at (330) 499-0000.

When: Beginner: January 14 - Intermediate I: February 11 - Intermediate II: March 11; 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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

Fee: \$20/Individual or Family *Half-price if you bring your own kit!



Footskills

This skill-building program is designed to help both beginners and experienced players become fundamentally sound and confident with their soccer skills. Participants in this program will learn basic and advanced combination foot skills & turns; proper passing, collecting & shooting techniques; and the ability to apply these skills in the game. This program will be led by Frank Gagliardi, who instructs through demonstrations and examples. To register or to learn more please contact us at (330) 499-0000 or visit www.plaintownship.com to hear about all of our soccer opportunities! Better hurry—space is limited!

When: Wednesdays, January 28 - March 18, 2009; 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Fee: \$72.00/eight weeks



Messy Hands

It's that time again... time to sign up for 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 child or grandchild. All art projects will be new! Please dress your preschoolers in old clothes, we promise to get messy! Call (330) 499-0000 to register.

When: Mondays, February 2 - March 9, 2009; 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Mondays, March 30 - May 11, 2009; 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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

Fee: \$25.00/five weeks



Stampin' Up!

This workshop will teach you and your child how to use an array of rubber stamps and accessories to create a total of eight unique projects *together*. Learn all of the neat things you can do with simple rubber stamps and help your child bring out his/her creative side! Just bring your own adhesive and we will take care of the rest! Register by contacting Christina Taylor at stampmecrazy@sbcglobal.net or by calling (330) 494-4498. Don't forget to visit www.stampingyoucrazy@stampinup.net and www.plaintownship.com for additional information.

When: Monday, December 29, 2008; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

OR Tuesday, December 30, 2008; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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

Fee: \$18/class



Creative Memories Scrapping In

Bring all of your own supplies and enjoy scrapping with other scrappers! This is a great time to get those holiday or thank-you cards ready to go, or just work on crafts with other crafty crafters! Free refreshments!

When: First Saturday of Every Month, call (330) 494-5638 for more information

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

Fee: \$16/class

Senior Programs

The Plain Township Park and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, presents 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!

January 22, 12:00 PM - Plain Township Bicentennial

Plain Township will be celebrating its 200th anniversary on March 16, 2009. In the spirit of building community pride and unity, we would like to invite everyone to get involved! Join us to reflect on the rich history and heritage of our Township and hear the schedule of events to commemorate this special occasion.

Lunch: Stuffed Shells OR Chateau Chicken and Baked Potato

Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

February 26, 12:00 PM - Rain Garden & Rain Barrel Workshop - Brian Prunty

Brian Prunty from the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District will be present to share the importance of deterring rain water runoff and conserving water. This workshop will show you how to install a rain garden or a rain barrel at your home.

Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken and Rice OR Stuffed Cabbage and Mashed Potatoes

Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

March 26, 12:00 PM - Living Assistance Services - Sandra Williams

When it comes to your care there are so many choices—nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, and more. Sandra Williams with Visiting Angels Assisted Living Agency realizes that it is never easy to bring someone into your home to provide care. Come hear how Visiting Angels makes staying at home a positive experience by allowing you to choose your own caregiver and set your own schedule.

Lunch: Swiss Steak in Brown Gravy OR Chicken and Dumplings

Includes: Salad, Roll, Mashed Potatoes and Dessert!

Indoor Soccer Session II

Competitive Indoor Soccer leagues are offered at the Diamond Community Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township. Call (330) 499-0000 for more information. Registration forms can be mailed to the Township Hall at ATTN: Parks Department, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721. The session begins on January 24, 2009. This league is for skilled players in the following divisions: U-10, U-12, U-14, High School Boys, High School Girls, Adult CO-ED and Open men's. The registration deadline is January 16, 2009. Better hurry—spots are limited!

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 2009? We now take reservations up to one year in advance because it's never too early to start planning!

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

Diamond Community Room

Complete with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, grill, eight tables, and plenty of chairs, this climate-controlled room is *perfect* for all of your party needs! We will take reservations for the first quarter of 2009 in December, and for the rest of the year in January.

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

Contact List

Elected Officials

Trustees	330-492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	330-493-1366
County Commissioners	330-451-7371

Fire and Rescue

Fire Administration	330-492-4089
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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 www.hollyhillsbaseball.com
Plain Local Baseball	330-919-BALL
Plain Local Softball	330-478-8706
Midget Football	330-966-2475 www.plainlocalfootball.org

Greater Stark Co. Amateur Soccer League

Police

Stark County Sheriff	330-430-3800
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Real Estate Records

County Auditor	330-451-7334
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Recycling

Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
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Road/Storm Sewer Maintenance

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

Schools

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

Sanitary Sewers

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

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

Board of Elections	330-451-8683
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Water Service

Canton Water	330-489-3315
North Canton Water	330-499-4801
Aqua Water	1-877-WTR-AQUA

Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning	330-492-4686
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PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

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

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

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

Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling

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

Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton St. NE

Will be open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until January 10, 2009.

The facility will then be closed throughout the winter season, until March 16, 2009, when regular hours will resume.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW

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

