

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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WINTER 2012



Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee
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Township Meetings

Board of Trustees

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday of the month
at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Commission

Wednesday in 2nd full week of month
at 6:00 p.m.

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A Letter From The Board of Trustees

Economic Development within Plain Township continues to be a primary focus for the Board of Trustees. Various community reinvestment areas and enterprise zones, which offer tax incentives for business growth, are in place throughout our community. Plain Township works with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission and the Stark Development Board to promote Plain Township and to pursue responsible growth. We work within the framework of the newly updated Mini Master Plan, which serves as a guide for strategic planning within the Township.

Plain Township created a list of potential locations for new businesses, so that if we have a company desiring to locate in our community we have sites readily available to show the potential new businesses. We now have a current site list encompassing several appropriate business development locations for retail, manufacturing, restaurants, and other businesses suitable for responsible growth and development.

Development is ongoing. We anticipate positive results with the redevelopment of the Oakwood Square Plaza. New ownership is in place and is working with the Board of Trustees, our Administrator and our Planning and Development Director to move this project forward.

In addition to economic development, Plain Township has been working on further development within our parks system. We are pleased to announce the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has awarded a \$93,525 grant to

help construct an ADA accessible restroom facility at Schneider Community Park. The Stark County Community Foundation has also awarded \$20,000 and may award an additional \$25,000 with the one-for-one matching grant program. There have also been \$5,000 contributions made by both the Plain Township Rotary and Quonset Hut. Additional contributions were made by Pets Home Alone, the Stark County Humane Society, Humbert Sanitary, Sugarbush Kennels, North Canton Veterinary Clinic, Pond Wiser Inc., Pet Bomb Squad and Viking Community Hospital. *(Please see page 6 to learn how you can help!)* The restroom facility will enable Schneider Community Park to have the amenities necessary to accommodate our residents.

As 2012 draws to an end, we take this opportunity to thank the Plain Township employees who work so hard to make Plain Township a great place to live, work, worship and play. A special thank you goes out to our sheriff deputies, firefighter/paramedics, and road and park employees who keep our residents safe and our parks and roads top-notch. Most importantly, we thank the residents of Plain Township. It is the people who truly embody and grow our shared sense of community spirit.

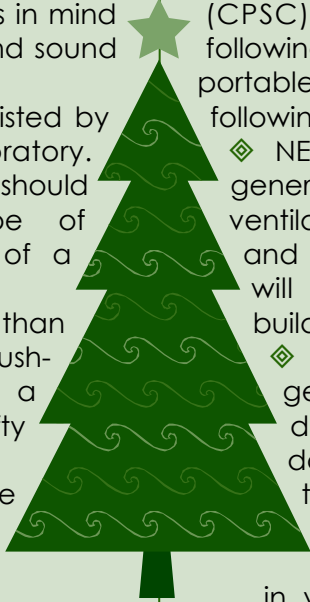
We wish our residents Happy Holidays and all the best for a joyous New Year. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Scott M. Haws

Christmas Tree Safety

Carefully decorating Christmas trees can 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 the 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 garage or house.



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 CO buildup.
- ◆ Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area, far away from doors, windows or vents that lead indoors.
- ◆ Install CO alarms with battery backups 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.

The Three R's

Every year, Americans throw away 50 billion food and drink cans, 27 billion glass bottles/jars, and 65 million plastic/metal jar covers. More than 30% of our waste is packaging materials. Where does it all go? Some 85% of our garbage is sent to a dump or landfill, where it can take up to 400 years for things like cloth

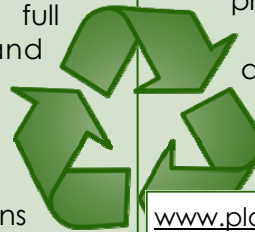
and aluminum to decompose. Glass has been found in perfect condition after 4,000 years in the earth!

We are quickly running out of space. It's time to learn the three R's of the environment: reduce, reuse, recycle. Then practice what you preach: reuse and recycle whatever you can.

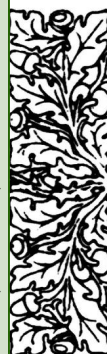
One way to REDUCE the amount of waste you produce is to use your computer! Many newspapers and magazines (including this one!) have a paperless version of their publication that you can view online or have sent directly to your email. (You can email us at general@plaintownship.com to find out how you can save a tree and switch to our e-newsletter.)

You can REUSE products instead of throwing them away. For example, paper grocery bags make great book covers for school books; and coffee cans, margarine containers and more can be used to store small things or make fun arts and crafts projects for children.

The best thing you can do for your environment is RECYCLE! To learn more about recycling in Plain Township, please go to



www.plaintownship.com/recycling.



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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 \$15 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.
- *Fire 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.

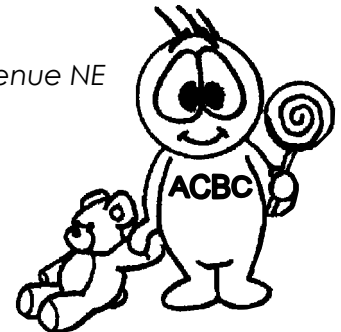
Your contribution of aluminum cans at any of the Plain Township Fire Stations is very appreciated!

Fire Station #1 - 3625 Middlebranch Avenue NE

Fire Station #3 - 2625 25th Street NE

Fire Station #4 - 2855 Easton Street NE

Fire Station #5 - 7858 Market Avenue N



2012 Grand National Championship

Plain Township Firefighter/Paramedic, Scott Bauer, has just recently clinched the 2012 Grand National Championship for 40 to 49 year olds in the Firefighter Combat Challenge. This challenge is a series of five events that firefighters complete in succession wearing their full firefighter turnout gear. ESPN has called this event "the toughest two minutes in sports."

Scott Bauer has been competing in the combat challenge since 2007, has competed in approximately fifty challenges and has qualified for the World Challenge every year. Along with winning the national championship this year, he was also inducted into the Lions Den, an award given to the competitors that complete the course under a certain time. Scott again participated in the Firefighter Combat Challenge this past November, competing against firefighters from all over the world.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees and Fire Chief Don Snyder wish to recognize and thank Scott Bauer for these accomplishments, as well as many others that each of our firefighter/paramedics face every day in their job.

ATTENTION All Businesses in Plain Twp

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

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. A new permit is required for any change in business use, ownership or tenant.

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.

Applications can be picked up and filled out at our office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 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 departments have finalized all inspections.

A Certificate of Conformance Permit costs \$40 and is valid for the life of the business, as long as the business use, owner or tenant does not change.

Remember that it is the responsibility of the property owner or landlord to inform the tenants of the need to apply for a Certificate of Conformance.

NEW ZONING FEES

Please note that on May 22, 2012, the Plain Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution to change the zoning fee schedule. There are a variety of changes and one new addition dealing with Internet Café/Skilled Games. Please be sure to check the Zoning page at www.plaintownship.com for the new fee schedule.

Sign Permits

Almost any temporary sign requires a sign permit. So before you put out the 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 permits!



New Website Additions!

You can now find more zoning information for Plain Township online at www.plaintownship.com. Just click *Departments* then the *Zoning* tab and follow the links to the resource you are looking for. You will find our Zoning Map on the right-hand side of the webpage. You can use this map to check the zoning districts of areas around you or help you identify particular zoning areas quickly. This map is subject to change, but all of these changes will be listed on our website as they occur.

Ever wonder what your property is zoned? Thinking of buying or selling your property and not sure how to list it? Our Zoning Classifications of Properties list can be found on the left side of the *Zoning* webpage. This is a list of all township properties that you can search by address or parcel number to find out how a particular property is zoned. We strive to have the most accurate information possible; this list will be updated as changes occur.

Many roads within Plain Township are maintained by other public entities. This can lead to some confusion to residents within the township. Listed below are the roads that seem to cause the most confusion and the telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for their maintenance.

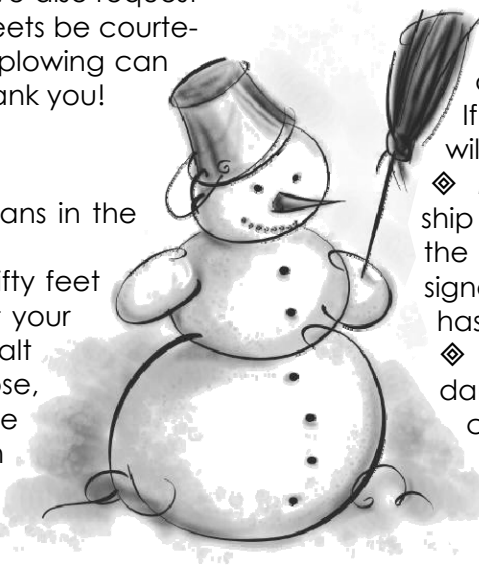
Road	Contact	Telephone
44th St NE (Plain Center to Market Ave)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
44th St NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
44th St NW (Cleveland to Harrison St)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
55th St NE (Harmont Ave to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
55th St NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
55th St NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
Applegrove St (Market St to N Canton City Lts)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Applegrove St (Middlebranch to Market Ave)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	(330) 875-3511
Bentler Ave NE (Easton St to Diamond St)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Columbus Rd	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Bentler Rd)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Market St)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Easton St	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Harmont Ave	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Martindale Rd	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Middlebranch Ave	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Market St (Canton City Limit to Mt. Pleasant St)	Ohio Dept. of Trans.	(330) 452-0365
Mt. Pleasant St NE (Market St to Middlebranch Ave)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Mt. Pleasant St NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	(330) 877-9479
Warner Church Road	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781

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!

Winter Reminders

- ◆ Please do not place trash cans in the roadway when it snows.
- ◆ Remember to stay at least fifty feet back from salt trucks so 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 in order to clear the roadways safely.
- ◆ If a SNOW PLOW knocks down your mailbox, please call us. After the snowfall has ended the repairs of mailboxes will be evaluated in the order in which they were received. If caused by a SNOW PLOW, repairs will be done as time allows.
- ◆ 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 the list for repairs in the spring.

Plain Township's Superior Soccer Programs

Soccer 101

This class is for beginners ages four to six years who want to get involved in the game of soccer. Coach Frank Gagliardi will teach your child the basics of shooting, passing and dribbling the soccer ball. Each week your child will play in a scrimmage at the end of class. Please visit www.plaintownship.com or call (330) 499-0000 for more information.

When: Tuesdays, February 5 - March 26, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$60.00 per child

Footskills

This skill-building program is designed to help both beginners and experienced players ages seven through thirteen years. Participants in this program will learn basic and advanced skills, as well as play in a scrimmage at the end of class. Please visit www.plaintownship.com or call (330) 499-0000 for more information.

When: Tuesdays, February 5 - March 26, 2013 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$75.00 per child

Recreational Indoor Soccer League

The league will begin on January 27, 2013. Players including kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to play for the ten week fee of \$75.00. This league is perfect for the beginner or experienced player who currently isn't playing on a team. Our staff creates evenly matched teams to assure fair play and lots of fun! Parents or guardians who are interested in coaching will receive a discount rate (limit one player only) of \$50.00 for his/her child. Please visit www.plaintownship.com or call (330) 499-0000 for more information.

When: January 27 - April 7, 2013 (days and times vary depending on grade)

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

Fee: \$75.00 per child

Competitive Indoor Soccer

This league begins on February 1, 2013 and is for skilled players/teams in the U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, High School Open, High School Girls', Adult COED and Adult Men's divisions. This league is ten weeks on the fastest indoor surface in the area. Please note, per OHSA, high school teams *MUST* play indoor rules in the off-season. For more information, please email talexander@plaintownship.com or call (330) 499-0000. Forms can be downloaded from the website at www.plaintownship.com and mailed or dropped off to the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.

When: February 1 - April 5, 2013 (days and times vary depending on division)

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

Fee: \$600.00 per Youth and Adult COED teams

\$630.00 per High School Open, High School Girls' and Open Men's teams

Plain Township businesses and residents can help better our community by donating to the construction of a flush restroom facility at Schneider Community Park! We accept donations of any size, every dollar counts. The Stark County Foundation will DOUBLE your donation if sent by

January 3, 2013. You can drop off or mail your donation to the
Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.

For more information, please contact our Parks Director at (330) 499-0000.

Senior Programs

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, presents a series of seminars to bring together local senior citizens. 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 NW, Canton. Seminars are only \$11 and all senior citizens are welcome. Reservations must be made prior to attending.

All guests and visitors are welcome to attend two seminars before it is required by the AARP that you become a member of the national organization. Membership in the local chapter is \$9 per year. For more information, contact Marge McClelland at (330) 497-0184.

December 20, 2012 - 12:00 p.m. - Holiday Sing-Along - Dianne Degasteris

Ms. Degasteris will play popular holiday music with her accordion. Please come and sing along with this fun group of seniors.

Lunch: Beef OR Pork Loin

Includes: Coffee or Tea, Salad, Roll, Potatoes and Dessert!

January 24, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. - Inspection & Investigation Department - Troy Slabaugh

Captain Troy Slabaugh with the Plain Township Fire Department will speak on home safety for Senior citizens.

Lunch: Stuffed Shells OR Chateau Chicken

Includes: Coffee or Tea, Salad, Roll, Baked Potato and Dessert!



February 28, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. - Clarinet Musician - Gary Kroch

Mr. Gary Kroch will entertain you with songs on his clarinet.

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

Includes: Coffee or Tea, Salad, Roll and Dessert!

P31 Fitness

P31 Fitness is a women's exercise program that combines challenging one-hour workouts with spiritual, mental and emotional development based on the Proverbs 31 woman. For more information, please call (330) 418-0953 or email ashley@p31fitness.com.

When: See Available Schedules at www.p31fitness.com/cantonOH

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

Fee: \$50.00 per month

Women's Personal Protection Classes

NOW is the time to take personal protection classes. This isn't about living paranoid, it's about being smart and safe. Every woman has the right to protect herself. This six-week class is offered to all women ages 16 and over and will be taught by certified instructors from the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. Interested women are invited to a complimentary 90-minute demo on January 19, 2013 at 1:15 p.m., where you will learn valuable crime prevention information, real information about real situations, awareness and verbal assertiveness tips, and strategies that every woman should know. Mothers, daughters, sisters and friends are encouraged to enroll together.

When: Mondays, February 4 - March 18, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (No class on Presidents' Day.)

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

Fee: \$30.00 per participant

Contact List

Elected Officials

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

Fire & Rescue

Fire Administration	(330) 492-4089
Emergency Calls	911

History

Historical Society	(330) 494-6187
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Parks & Recreation

Plain Township Parks	(330) 499-0000
Park Reservations	(330) 492-4689

Plain Local Sports

Community Soccer Club
www.communitysoccerclub.com

Holly Hills Baseball	(330) 495-6333
	www.hollyhillsbaseball.com

Greater Stark Co. Amateur Soccer League	
	www.greaterstarkasl.org

Plain Local Baseball	(330) 280-2501
	www.PLBSA.com

Plain Midget Football	(330) 966-2475
	www.plainlocalfootball.org

Big Dog Lacrosse	(330) 685-7199
	www.bigdoglacrosse.com

Police

Stark County Sheriff	(330) 430-3800
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Real Estate Records

Stark County Auditor	(330) 451-7334
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Recycling

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

Stark County Roads	(330) 477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330) 451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330) 452-0365
Township Roads	(330) 492-3423

Schools

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

Septic Systems

Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330) 493-9904
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Voter Registration

Board of Elections	(330) 451-8683
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Water Service

Canton City Water	(330) 489-3315
North Canton Water	(330) 499-4801
Aqua Water	1-877-987-2782

Zoning Permits

Plain Township Zoning	(330) 492-4686
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PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

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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 or
visit our website for an e-mail directory

www.plaintownship.com

YARD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITIES

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, Christmas trees, branches, small tree limbs and other yard waste is accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. Please, no plastic bags.

Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton Street NE

- ◆ Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ We will be closed for winter from January 14 to March 25, 2013.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- ◆ Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Open Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ We will close for the winter on January 5, 2013.