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FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Light Up at Legacy Park

Plain Township presents *Light Up at Legacy Park* on Friday, December 1st beginning at 6 p.m. Join us as we welcome Santa to the amphitheater to hear childrens' requests while enjoying live ice carving demonstrations surrounded by Plain Township's Holiday displays. Eat, drink and be merry at all of Oakwood Square's amazing restaurants and shops while getting a jump start on your holiday shopping. There will be a live musical performance by *Vocal Fusion* sponsored by Denise Evans. The event is also sponsored by OSI Tobacco and Market Design House.

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Plain Township Presents

Light Up

at Legacy Park

Celebrate The Holidays With Us!
Friday, December 1st
@6pm-9pm

- Live Performance by Vocal Fusion-
- Meet Santa-
- Vendors-
- Ice Carvers-
- Tree Lighting-
- & More!

Legacy Park
at Oakwood Square

For more information call
www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com **330.492.4689**

Veterans in Need

Please also join Plain Township in remembering our Veterans this holiday season with a food drive for the SAM Center. The SAM Center has seen a 40% increase in need over this past year. Items may be dropped off at the Plain Township Offices at 2600 Easton Street, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The SAM Center houses a free commissary (pantry) of non-perishable food items, meat, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, paper products and baby / toddler necessities including food and diapers. The food distribution offers seven days worth of food and takes place on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A public pantry is available the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m.



NEEDED ITEMS

- Hunt's Manwich
- Pasta sauce
- Black and green beans
- Pickles
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Vienna sausages
- Chicken & beef broth
- Canned soups
- Oatmeal
- Assorted cereals
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Fruit & grain bars
- Snack Pack pudding
- Knorr pasta sides
- Mac-n-cheese
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Ketchup, mustard, mayo
- Hamburger Helper
- Assorted pasta
- Boxed mashed potatoes

Thank you in advance for all donations and for your help in lifting up our veterans and honoring those who have served. To learn more about the SAM Center please visit their website at www.servingareamilitary.com.

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Parks Department

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Plain Township Parks Department

2024 Winter Indoor Session 2 Leagues

To register, visit: www.teamsideline.com/plaintownship

REC PRE K/K	JAN: 27 FEB: 3,10,17,24 MAR: 2,9,16,23	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/20/2024	Cost is \$60 per player \$16 one time coaching discount
REC 1-8	JAN: 27 FEB: 3,10,17,24 MAR: 2,9,16,23	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/20/2024	\$82.50 for 1st child \$71.50 for 2nd child \$66 for 3rd child \$27.50 one time coaching discount
U10	JAN: 30 FEB: 6,13,20,27 MAR: 5,12,19,26	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/24/2024	Cost is \$650 per team Referee Fee is \$12 per team
U12	JAN: 27 FEB: 3,10,17,24 MAR: 2,9,16,23	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/20/2024	Cost is \$650 per team Referee Fee is \$12 per team
U14	JAN: 29 FEB: 5,12,19,26 MAR: 4,11,18,25	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/22/2024	Cost is \$650 per team Referee Fee is \$12 per team

Adult Co-ed	FEB: 2,9,16,23 MAR: 1,8,15,22,29 APR: 5	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/26/2024	Cost is \$710 per team Referee fee is \$15 per team
Men's	JAN: 21,28 FEB: 4,18,25 MAR: 3,10,17,24 APR: 7	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/14/2024	Cost is \$710 per team Referee Fee is \$15 per team
HS Co-ed	JAN: 31 FEB: 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 MAR: 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 APR: 3-4	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/25/2024	Cost is \$710 per team Referee Fee is \$13 per team
HS Girls	JAN: 28 FEB: 4,11,18,25 MAR: 3,10,17,24 APR: 7	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/21/2024	Cost is \$710 per team Referee Fee is \$13 per team
HS REC	JAN: 30 FEB: 6,13,20,27 MAR: 5,12,19,26	Registration Opens 12/1/2023 Registration Closes 1/24/2024	Cost is \$78 per child \$20 one time coaching discount

To register for shelters or the Diamond Community Room, please visit:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/>

Legacy Park Amphitheater Opens!

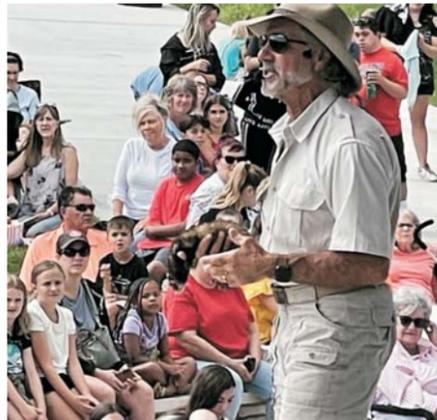
2024 Will Bring Full Season

Plain Township opened Legacy Park and its beautiful amphitheater to a capacity crowd on August 10, 2023, with Brass Transit, the musical legacy of Chicago. The event included a ribbon cutting and dedication by the Plain Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer, Justin Gantz of Sol Harris Day, Grant Giltz of One Easton Company LLC, John Pavlis of Pavlis/St. Clair Group, and Allison Gromofsky of Visit Canton. Brass Transit then rocked the stage for almost two hours to an enthusiastic crowd.

Patrons and residents also were treated to concerts hosted by Plain Township with 70's Rock Parade on September 14 and AM Gold Yacht Rock on September 28. Legacy Park Amphitheater also hosted the Plain Local Schools with convocation on August 17, the GOHS Marching Band on September 27, GOHS Strings on October 4, and the GOHS Jazz Band on October 11.

On August 15, Jungle Terry appeared on stage to a packed house for a children's program with a plethora of animals. Plain Township partnered with North Canton YMCA and Revival Dance Studio to offer free classes to the public on stage on Saturdays in August and September. The 720 Sidestreet Market also held markets in the facility and entertainment on the stage on September 9 and October 14.

The short season was a resounding success and Plain Township will be hosting a full Thursday Night Concert Series from June-August 2024! Please visit www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com for forthcoming dates and details on all programming at the Legacy Park Amphitheater as well as sponsorship opportunities. Further inquiry for sponsorships can also be made to rsteinberg@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov.

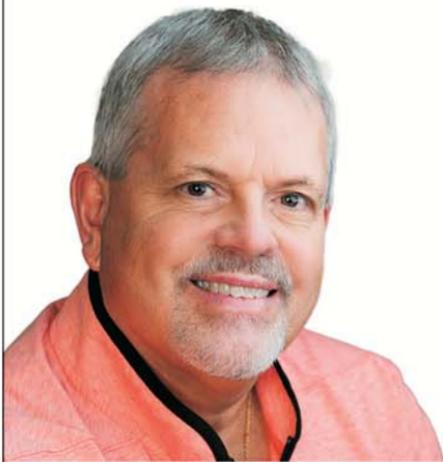


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www.PlainAmazing.com



Plain Township Historical Society

www.preservingplaintwp.org
facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety
email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Fall is here and we had a wonderful event season sharing “Quilts of Plain Township and Their Stories” and “4-H Ties to Plain Township.” We met wonderful people along the way that donated, loaned and shared their stories. It is also amazing to hear the stories shared. We are in the process of planning our event season for 2024 (hard to believe,) so stay tuned to our calendar. Also, we are in the process of contacting speakers for our free monthly meetings. So, if you or someone you know has a topic to share, please contact us.

Any questions or if you have information to share, please contact us via one of the methods in the page header. Thank you to everyone that supported us through donations, volunteering and making connections in the community.



A Snapshot of History

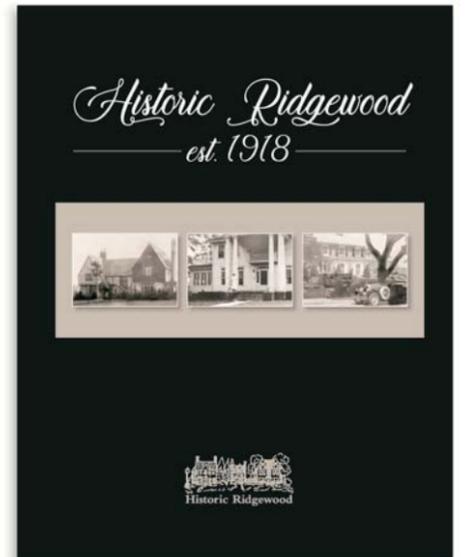
This is from a recent donation from a Wise family descendant. The farm sat on Werner Church Rd NW (Section 1 Southwest Quarter). Originally, the property was owned by William Chapman 1810-1812 and Henry Zigler 1812-1828. After Mr. Zigler, it was purchased by Adam Wise and stayed in the Wise family for three generations until 1929. Pictured here is William [1859-1923] and Mary (Essig) [1861-1927] Wise. When the estate was settled in 1929, Earl Wenger purchased 80 acres of the 144 acres which included this homestead. Earl and his family were well known for raising Belgian Horses. He farmed and raised horses here until his passing at age 100. After Earl's passing, the land was sold in 1999. The house still stands today and was built around 1860. The surrounding 79 acres is now part of the Wickers Creek Allotment.

If you have any additional information on this area, please let us know. Also, we are always on the lookout for photos of houses across the years so we can track how the area has changed.

New Publication for Release

We are excited to announce a new publication available for purchase (our first since 2018). This project has been in development for over three years and is a collaboration between Historic Ridgewood, McKinley Presidential Library and Museum and the Plain Township Historical Society. This book is an updated and fresh look at the efforts to preserve and share the history of the Ridgewood Neighborhood. The neighborhood was originally in Plain Township before being annexed into the City of Canton in 1919.

Ridgewood is over 100 years old and showcases houses built from 1919 thru 1990s. Even the original farmhouse from the 1860s is still standing. There are many treasures in this neighborhood from the architects and builders to the home owners who reflect the history of our area. If you are interested in buying a copy (\$20 each), please contact either the Plain Township Historical Society or Historic Ridgewood.



REMAINING 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE...

Location: Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted

- Nov 20th: “Meyers Family” - Presented by Dan McDivett
PTHS Free Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec 20th: 9th Annual Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4
- December: No PTHS Monthly Meeting
- Jan 2024: No PTHS Monthly Meeting

More Parks Department news

Plain Township Trustees Commission 3 New Additions To Veterans Memorial Hillside

The Plain Township Board of Trustees commissioned and dedicated three new pieces to the Veterans Memorial Hillside of Veterans Park located at 1714 Schneider Street NE, Canton.

The first new addition, the POW/MIA Honor Chair was dedicated on Saturday August 5, 2023, and is located at the Northwest corner of the hillside in the honor garden. Honor Chairs can be found across the nation and are meant to represent those service members who are unable to fill them because of their sacrifices and to remind of us of the men and women who serve every day. Over 92,000 American Soldiers are unaccounted for since World War I. The project was sponsored by Rolling Thunder Chapter 2. Rolling Thunder's major function is to publicize the POW/MIA issue: to educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars, help correct the past and protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

On September 9, 2023, Plain Township dedicated the POW/MIA monument to the hillside. The monument is a unique design created and built by Ken Noon of Summit Memorials, who created and built the Veterans Park Keystone monument, battlefield cross and granite artwork, and the Purple Heart monument. The monument was paid for completely with funds raised from private donors who contributed to the project as part of the ongoing effort to recognize and remember those who are Prisoners of War or Missing In Action.

The third donation and piece are three flag poles in the honor garden. The flags adorning the garden are the POW/MIA flag, the Purple Heart Flag, and the Service Branch flag representing all six branches of our Armed Services. The poles and flags were donated and installed by the Plain Township Fire Department in the continued effort to recognize all of America's service members and their sacrifices.



POW/MIA Honor Chair



POW/MIA Monument



Honor Garden flag poles



Zoning Department

330-492-4686



Welcome to Plain Township!

We value our growing business community! Here are a few that we have been fortunate enough to welcome into the Township so far this year...



East & Co. Salon
3143 Whitewood St NW
North Canton



Pursuant Lending Group
4428 Whipple Ave NW
Canton



The Bourbon Room
2710 Easton St NE Suite D
Canton

We also celebrated the grand opening of the new addition to **Grace Baptist Church** located at 5050 Middlebranch Ave NE!

Going Solar Just Got Easier!

Amendment #583-23 - Text Amendment Solar Energy

On October 10th, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the above text amendment. The revision simplifies the permitting process for roof top solar energy installations. Prior to passing the Resolution, roof top solar arrays needed approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals which was very time consuming. Solar panels have become much more efficient, safe, and commonplace, and the Board of Trustees saw the need to make the process of obtaining a permit less cumbersome and less time consuming, and this revision will achieve that goal. The complete text amendment is on file at the Town Hall.



Zoning Certificate of Conformance

This is to all business owners and potential tenants: A Certificate of Conformance Permit is 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
- Change of ownership
- Change of tenant

You can find an application online by scanning the QR code or pick one up in person at the Zoning Department



PLAIN TOWNSHIP

UNITED WE STAND
Plain Township Salute to Veterans
Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10 am
Central Fire Station~1742 Schneider St. NE Canton, Ohio 44721
Pastor Buck Wilford, 21 Year Veteran - Retired Ranger/Green Beret in the U.S. Army Special Forces.
Hear his firsthand account of the famous battle in Somalia known as **Black Hawk Down**
Brunch provided by Plain Township
Performance by Majestic Voices

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

Yard Waste Recycling

The Yard Waste Site is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8 am until 8 pm. The last day of the 2023-yard waste season will be Monday, November 27th as operations will shut down for the winter.

Your yard waste card automatically renews if you paid using a credit card, one year from date of purchase. You will receive an email from Stripe one week prior to your automatic renewal. If you paid by cash or check, you must come into the administrative offices to renew. If your credit card information has changed, please call (330) 492-4689 to update your information. DO NOT register again as this creates a duplicate record in our system.

We look forward to seeing you again at our yard waste site in the spring! The yard waste site will re-open on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Thank you for a great season!





Fire Department

330-492-4089



Plain Township Firefighters Presents "Fly the Flag"

The Plain Township Firefighters will place a 3' X 5' flag in your yard before each of the six listed holidays and pick it up after the holiday. The flag will stay in your yard for up to one week. A 20" long plastic pipe will be buried in your front yard permanently flush with the ground, to hold the flag staff. The Plain Township Firefighters will be offering this service to residents and businesses within Plain Township.

- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Patriots Day
- Veteran's Day

The cost for this service is only \$30.00 per calendar year.

Profits will be used for Firefighter Charitable funds & Scholarships.

SIGN UP NOW DON'T WAIT

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IS THIS A GIFT? _____ GIFT GIVERS NAME: _____

PLACEMENT & UTILITIES: The hole for the plastic pipe is drilled 20 inches deep, usually 3ft from the curb and 3 ft from the driveway. Are there any underground utilities in the lawn from 0-20 inches below the surface, such as drains.

Yes ___ No ___

For more information:

Phone: 330-492-4089 or E-mail
Flythe flag@plaintownship.com

The flag and staff will remain the property of Plain Township Firefighters and will be removed after each holiday.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Plain Township Firefighters Local 2967
1742 Schneider Road NE.
Canton, Ohio 44720

House Numbers

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



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

For Questions, call the Fire Department at (330)492-4089

House Number Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number to be printed on sign: _____

Direction of sign : Horizontal or : Vertical

All proceeds benefit the Plain Township
Fire/Paramedic Association.

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Maintaining Smoke Alarms

- **Test** smoke alarms monthly. Push the test button on the unit to make sure the alarm sounds.
- **Clean** your alarm at least once a year. Vacuum out any dust and cobwebs that may have accumulated.
 - **Never** disable the smoke alarm.
- Replace any smoke alarm that is older than **10 years**. That is the service life of the smoke alarm.

Fire is Everyone's Fight. Here are some tips that can keep you and your family safe.

Escape Plan

Have a family fire escape plan with a designated meeting place. Regularly practice your plan.

Get Out, Stay Out

If there is a fire, **get out and stay out!** Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Never go back into the home.

If you need smoke detectors, please contact us at

Plain Township Fire & Rescue
1742 Schneider St NE
Canton, Ohio 44721
(330) 492-4089

In an Emergency, Dial 911!



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 16, 2023 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Plain Township Rotary honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Henry Warstler Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0344P



#ServeAndSucceed

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Friday, December 29
through
Monday, January 8



Live Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Plain Township yard waste site in the marked designated area.

Self-service Recycling



Self-service recycling is open seven days a week, dawn to dusk, at the following locations:

- Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE (West parking lot)
- John A Sabo Service Complex, 2855 Easton St NE
- Saint Michael Church, 3430 St. Michael Drive, NW

Recyclables should be separated as follows:

- Paper
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Metal/Aluminum Cans
- Flat Corrugated Cardboard



Cans are also collected at all Plain Township Fire Stations to benefit the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Program.

For questions, or more information on disposal of items not included in this program, please contact the Joint Solid Waste Management District at 1-800-678-9839



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Sports Center



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Child & Adolescent
Behavioral Health



School / Art Supply Drive

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (C&A) is partnering with Plain Township Administrative offices to sponsor a school/arts supply drive to benefit C&A's therapists while helping clients during sessions. C&A is asking township residents to donate colored pencils, coloring books, art supplies (paint brushes, paints, small paint canvas) and small board games. Your donation may be dropped off at the Township offices (2600 Easton St. N.E., Canton) during normal business hours now through Jan. 31, 2024.

Each year, C&A serves 4,200 clients who struggle with emotional, behavioral and trauma challenges. The agency works with clients and families to help them successfully meet life's challenges and provide a future of health, hope, happiness and opportunity for children and youth.

Questions? Please contact Dan Mucci at dmucci@childandadolescent.org or call 330.454.7917, ext. 145.



GEORGE T. MAIER

Stark County Sheriff



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Administrative Offices • (330) 430-3800 • Fax (330) 430-3844 • www.starkcountyohio.gov/sheriff

Jail Division • (330) 430-3668 • Fax (330) 451-1309
Court Services Division • 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 301 • Canton, OH 44702 • (330) 451-7425 • Fax (330) 451-7050
Dog Warden Division • 1801 Mahoning Rd. NE. • Canton, OH 44705 • (330) 451-2343

Dear friends, this time of year, I often address community members about a variety of topics relating to safety while driving during the winter and safety for yourself and your home while preparing for the holidays. As online shopping has become so popular, I wanted to take a few moments to review some tips to protect yourself online.

Cyberattacks have grown very common for individuals, businesses and government agencies and can often have crippling results in operating your day to day lifestyle. These attacks can lead to financial loss, identity theft and breaches of personal privacy. Cyberattacks can be very difficult to investigate and far too often result in dead ends or virtually no way to pursue or prosecute those responsible. The best course of action is prevention. Here are a few tips to help protect yourself online.

Use strong, unique passwords for each account. Using the same password for multiple accounts can make them all vulnerable if one is compromised. Opt for a password that uses a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special symbols. Consider using a password manager which can help generate and store complex passwords securely.

Beware of phishing attempts. Cybercriminals often masquerade as trusted entities or businesses by sending emails that appear to come from legitimate sources. These messages often prompt you to click a link or download an attachment. This can lead to a malware infection or trick you into providing personal information. Be cautious of unsolicited communications, especially those creating a sense of urgency or requesting personal information. Instead of clicking the links, manually type in the

website address in your browser or check the status of requests for information through trusted sources that you know are legitimate.

Keep your software updated. Whether it is your operating system, browsers or applications, always ensure they are updated. Cybercriminals often exploit vulnerabilities in outdated software. Updates help you benefit from the latest security patches.

Remember, the digital realm, much like the real world, require vigilance and proactive measures to ensure safety. These tips can help you stay informed about the latest threats while enjoying the benefits of the online world.

With winter approaching, I would also be remiss if I did not remind everyone to leave yourself plenty of time to drive in winter weather. Make sure to inspect your vehicle to include wipers, defroster, tires and other safety equipment before the snow flies. Make sure to use headlights during inclement weather and give yourself plenty of room to stop on slick roads. If possible, avoid driving when conditions get too bad!

On a final note, be careful while out doing that holiday shopping. Try to keep purchases and other expensive items in the trunk or out of view. Keep your doors locked and be careful to pay attention to your surroundings and any suspicious people who may be lurking in store parking lots. If possible, shop with others and avoid walking in dark parking lots by yourself. Or better yet, avoid the crowds and lines and shop online but be sure to use cybersecurity tips mentioned above!

Be safe... George T. Maier

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Road Department

JP Neff, Highway Superintendent
330-492-3423

Plow Marker Flags



The Plain Township Road Department will be installing plow marker flags on all snow routes. These flags are fluorescent red/pink, and help our drivers determine possible obstacles such as turf, curves, and downspout drains. Please do not be alarmed or remove these flags as these assist our drivers.

Winter Safety Tips

- Kindly move all vehicles out of the roadway and into private driveways during all snow and ice events. During a snow emergency, ALL VEHICLES must be removed from roadways.
- Do not allow children to build or occupy snow forts near the edge of roadway.
- Do not throw snow back into roadways, by any means, from driveways or sidewalks.
- Wait to shovel your driveway until the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. During a heavy storm our drivers will clear a path in & out to allow for emergency vehicles and traffic.
- Place all trash cans in driveway, not roadway.
- Remove all basketball hoops from roadway.
- Trim trees so that branches do not extend beyond the back of the curb or roadway.
- Do not pile snow in front of fire hydrants.
- Properly secure your mailbox.

Paint the Plow



The Plain Township Highway Department Superintendent JP Neff, in collaboration with the GlenOak High School Visual Arts Department, came together for the annual "Paint the Plow" event.

On September 19th, Enriched Art 2 students were selected to take part in this event. Classes

created designs that were shared and selected for the two intended snowplows. Students worked together to make their visions come to life. The two students selected were Lily Sims and Leeayla Taylor. A HUGE thank you to Plain Local Schools and GlenOak Teacher Mrs. Jill Balderson for making this annual event possible. Congratulations to the winning artists!

Winter Operations

Our snow fleet consist of 12 full-time drivers to maintain over 350 lane miles of roadway. When possible, office personnel, like the Highway Superintendent and Foreman assist in clearing snow. The average width of our township roads ranges from 26 to 30 feet. As a result, this takes our drivers 4 passes to clear an average roadway. There are over 22,000 driveways in Plain Township. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no way that our plow drivers can avoid putting snow in front of your driveway. We also have over 250 cul-de-sacs in the township. Each cul-de-sac has an average of 5 driveways, limiting the places that snow can be put. During major storms, it can take our snowplow drivers 12 to 16 hours to clear ALL roadways, after the snow has STOPPED! Our crew is instructed to clear main roads first, followed by secondary roads and lastly dead ends and cul-de-sacs. All drivers do their VERY BEST to not block driveway or mailboxes in cul-de-sacs, but it can be very difficult during heavy snow, as the snow must go somewhere. The plow driver's job is solely to clear the roadway.

Snow Parking Ban

The snow parking ban will be in effect for ALL Plain Township roadways anytime snow has become or is expected to be 2" or more. Notice will be posted and announced on WHBC, Canton Repository, along with Nixle, Facebook and Twitter.

Township Mailbox Policy

A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. Please install your mailboxes in accordance with applicable postal regulations but keep them as far from the edge of the road as possible. To find out what the proper location of your mailbox is along the roadway, contact your local postmaster. Massive posts, barricades or supports that represent a danger to vehicular traffic or personal safety are not permitted.

We operate on the assumption that individual mailboxes have been installed and maintained by the homeowner and are capable of withstanding the impact of thrown snow. This is the homeowner's responsibility.

Repairs will not be made to mailboxes that are improperly installed or maintained. Boxes down from snowplow throwing will be re-fastened if possible. Boxes down due to deteriorated materials will be the homeowner's responsibility.

IN THE EVENT YOUR PROPERLY PLACED MAILBOX IS DOWN, A REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT (IN WRITING, (MAILBOX POLICY FORM) OR BY PHONE) WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF THE MISHAP, unless there are extenuating



circumstances prohibiting notification within the 3-day period. THE DAMAGED MAILBOX MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR INSPECTION.

Although decorative or expensive mailboxes are permitted within the Township and may be required by individual homeowner associations, they are not required by the Township. Our policy in the case of damage to any mailbox by our plow trucks is limited to repair of the existing mailbox, replacement with a generic mailbox or as close to the existing mailbox as possible, or submission of a receipt for reimbursement of the established cost of the materials for the U.S. Postal mailbox and post materials. Regardless, in either circumstance, the Township will limit the payment not to exceed \$75.00 per eligible mailbox repair/replacement.

Mailbox repair will not take place until current snow operations are finished. In the event the mailbox is so severely damaged as to make mail delivery impossible, the Township will install a temporary mailbox to be used during inspection and review of each mailbox damage complaint.

Trash Cans & Plows



If trash cans are accidentally knocked over or hit by our plow drivers and damage occurs, please contact your trash removal service for replacement. The Road Department is not responsible for replacement of trash cans.

DID YOU KNOW some roads within Plain Township are maintained by other jurisdictions, such as Stark County, ODOT, Canton City, Lake, and Nimishillen Townships? Please see list as follows.

ROAD	CONTACT	PHONE
19 th St (Blake to Clearview)	City of Canton	489-3030
21 st St (Barr to Clearview)	City of Canton	489-3030
38 th St. NW (Cleveland Ave to Guilford))	City of Canton	489-3030
38 th St. NW (Guilford to Whipple Ave)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
44 th St NE (Plain Center to Market Ave)	City of Canton	489-3030
44 th St NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	489-3030
44 th St NW (Cleveland to Harrison St)	Plain Township	492-3423
55 th St NE (Harmont Ave to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
55 th St NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	492-3423
55 th St NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	489-3030
Applegrove St (Market St to N Canton City Lts)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Applegrove St (Middlebranch to Market Ave)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	875-3511
Bentler Ave NE (Easton St to Diamond St)	Plain Township	492-3423
Barr Ave NE (Fulton to 21 st St)	City of Canton	489-3030
Blake Ave NE (Fulton to 17 th St)	City of Canton	489-3030
Clearview Ave (Fulton to South Term)	City of Canton	489-3030
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	875-3511

ROAD	CONTACT	PHONE
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Bentler Rd)	Plain Township	492-3423
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Market St)	Plain Township	492-3423
Easton St	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Everhard Rd. (Cleveland Ave to RR tracks)	North Canton	499-5081
Everhard Rd. (RR tracks to Fulton)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
George Halas (Fulton to Woodward)	City of Canton	489-3030
Harmont Ave	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Martindale Rd	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Middlebranch Ave	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Market Ave. (SR 43) (North of 55 th)	Ohio Dept. of Trans.	452-0365
Market Ave. (SR 43) (South of 55 th)	City of Canton	489-3030
Mt. Pleasant St NE (Market St to Middlebranch Ave)	Plain Township	492-3423
Mt. Pleasant St NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	877-9479
Schneider St. NW (Market Ave to North Canton City Line)	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Werner Church Road	Stark County Engineer	477-6781
Westmoreland Ave (Fulton to Arboretum Park)	Plain Township	492-3423
Westmoreland Ave (Arboretum Park to Guilford)	City of Canton	489-3030
Woodward (George Halas to Clearview)	City of Canton	489-3030

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Nixle Emergency Notifications

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has a community notification service available to all residents, businesses, schools and organizations within Plain Township. This service is called "Nixle." It is a way for our Sheriff's Office, Road, Fire and Parks Departments to communicate quickly and effectively to our residents in case of a township emergency or event. The Nixle service lets us reach out to residents to inform them of events like road closures, snow bans, amber alerts, severe weather, and township wide events (just to name a few) by using email, texting or voice messaging.

To register for Nixle, either text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com. After selecting the "Nixle" link, you may register by entering your zip code in the field provided and clicking Go! On the next screen you will see a Sign Up Now box. Stay safe! Stay connected!

Eyeglass Donations



Have a pair of old eyeglasses?

DONATE THEM to someone in need by dropping them off at Plain Township Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.

Rx Drop Offs



Although we no longer have a drug drop off box at the Township Hall, you may drop off expired or unneeded prescription drugs at the following locations:

- Stark County Sheriff's Office
4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE
- North Canton CVS Pharmacy
1339 North Main St.

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