

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

ISSUE 2

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## Meeting Times

### 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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## A Message from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Plain Township Board of Trustees and the men and the women of the Plain Township Fire Department, we offer our sincere gratitude to you for the overwhelming support that you gave in the passage of our recent Fire Levy.

This levy will allow us to hire nine additional fire-fighter/paramedics, bringing us to a staffing level of ten per shift. These additional employees will allow us to provide full-time coverage in the northeastern quadrant of our Township. This quadrant is expected to grow by approximately 1,600 new homes within the next five years. The additional employees and their location will provide an overall reduction of response times within our Township.

We will also be doing capital improvements with equipment purchases and building construction.

Nationwide, fire departments, even those in rural settings, are competing with society changes and are struggling to maintain quality service with randomly available personnel. This was evident by all the fire levies that were on the ballot, since most of them were focused on additional and/or available manpower.

This levy was for a five-year period and we will not be receiving these additional funds until April 2007.

We promised, with the passage of this levy, that we would not consider billing township residents for EMS responses, and are committed to keeping that promise for the duration of this levy cycle.

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## Yard Waste Recycling

- ★ The drop-off at Fire Station #4 (2855 Easton St. NE) is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through July 1. After July 1, it will be open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ★ The drop-off at Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ★ No plastic bags are accepted.



**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 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**

**Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC)**

ACBC helps child burn victims and their families by providing the following:

- ★ special protective clothing not covered by insurance
- ★ non-medical items such as pets and toys lost in home

fires

- ★ bicycles that help children exercise their injured bodies
- ★ transportation to outpatient treatments

Many special events for child burn victims are also funded by ACBC:

- ★ annual holiday party
- ★ summer burn camp
- ★ fire safety education programs that help prevent future tragedies
- ★ plus an annual weekend outing for adult burn patients who have been treated at the Akron Regional Burn Center

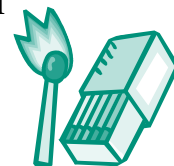
Your contribution of aluminum cans at the Fire Stations is greatly appreciated.

**Juvenile Firesetters Program**

Children often play with fire - some due to curiosity and some because of other under-lying issues. Plain Township Fire and Rescue has developed a Junior Firesetters Program as an educational program for children who have engaged in some form of firesetting activity.

The focus of the Juvenile Firesetters Program is entirely educational. Our staff conducts an initial screening interview with each child and parent(s). This interview provides a brief psychological, social and emotional evaluation of the child and family, as well as a history of the child's firesetting behaviors. This interview gears our staff in the direction to educate the child.

Through videos, lectures, discussions, and other activities participants learn the three P's of fire safety: PREVENTION (how to prevent fire and burn injuries), PROTECTION (how to be safe with fire and how to react to fire), and PERSUASION (to increase the likelihood that participants will retain what they have learned, the children are given a "home-work" assignment).



Children may be enrolled in the Juvenile Firesetters Program by their parent(s) or legal guardian. There is no fee for the program. For more information, or to register for the program,

**New Administrator**

Plain Township would like to welcome Lisa Sabina as our new Administrator. Lisa is a lifelong resident of Stark County. She graduated from Perry High School and received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees from the University of Akron. She completed a fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and worked for several years as a clinical scholar and researcher at the Cleveland Clinic. Prior to coming to Plain Township, Lisa was the chief administrator for the Stark County Recorder's office, serving as Chief Deputy Recorder. Lisa is also a graduate of the 2006 Stark County Local Government Leadership Academy.

**Vehicle Restrictions**

Restrictions on Parking and Storage of Vehicles (Plain Township Zoning Resolution, Section 603.7) are effective as of April 14:

No person shall park, store or leave, or permit the parking or storing of any unlicensed motor vehicle or any vehicle in a rusted, wrecked, junk, partially dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any property within the township unless the same is completely enclosed within a building, unless otherwise specifically permitted by these regulations.

In any residential district, the parking or storage of commercial construction equipment and/or tractor-trailers (semi) shall be prohibited. The parking and storage of other commercial vehicles shall only be permitted if said commercial vehicle is used by an occupant of the dwelling as transportation to and from work. No more than two (2) recreational vehicles, such as a trailer home, motor home, or boat, may be stored outside in a residential district. Such vehicle shall have a current license and shall only be stored in the side or rear yard area.



**Vegetation Complaints**

Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide for abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage,



refuse and other debris from land in the Township, if the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris constitutes a nuisance.

- ★ Dead plant material piled such that it emits objectionable and foul odors or presents a haven for rodents.
- ★ Dead trees, shrubs, or other plant material, if they should fall, which present a safety hazard to adjacent

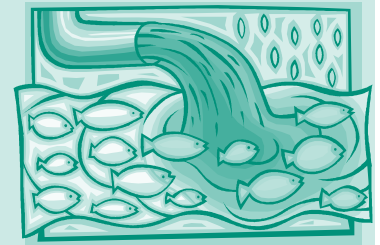
public or private property.

- ★ Any vegetation which presents a sight distance safety hazard to motorists using either public or private streets or driveways.
- ★ Any vegetation which, because of its characteristics of growth, spreads onto adjacent property and cannot be controlled.
- ★ Any grass or weeds on lots, either on which buildings and structures are built or which are vacant, where more than 50 percent of the parcel has vegetation exceeding 8" in

**Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water**

**Vehicle and Garage**

- ★ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- ★ Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- ★ Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.



**Lawn and Garden**

- ★ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- ★ Select native plants that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- ★ Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- ★ Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- ★ Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

**Remember: Only rain down the drain!**

For more information, visit: [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)



**Prevent Drainage Problems**

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets. Keeping storm sewers and ditches clean will help reduce drainage problems. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please also remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts or catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904.

**2006 Paving List**

Township streets to be paved this summer are listed to the right.



**Permits Required**

**Road Opening Permits**—A permit is required for any excavation in the Township right-of-way. A permit can be obtained by coming to the Plain Township Road Garage, 6300 Heminger Ave. NE, Canton, Ohio. The fee is \$50.00.



**Driveway Permits**—A permit is required for new construction, or any improvements you make to your existing driveway. This permit gives you the guide-lines for paving and apron requirements. A permit can be obtained by coming to the Plain Township Road Garage, located at 6300 Heminger Ave. NE, Canton, Ohio. The fee is \$2.00.

**Basketball Hoops**

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



STREET	FROM	TO
26TH	LAKESIDE	RIDGEDALE
27TH	LAKESIDE	EATON
ASPEN	NORTH TERM	MIDDLEBRANCH
BEACHMOOR	STARCLIFF	PEACHMONT
BENTLER	WERNER CHURCH	EASTON
BONNY	BENTLER	ROLLING RIDGE
BROAD	FULTON	17TH
CHATHAM	NORTH TERM	BRIDALWOOD
CHESTNUT HILL	PEACHMONT	WEST TERM
CHESTNUT RIDGE	OAKRIDGE	TANGLEWOOD
DARLINGTON	FULTON	EATON
DEER TRAIL	WELLINGSHIRE	SOUTH TERM
ELMWOOD	NIMS TWP.	TANGLEWOOD
ENDROW	30TH	34TH
FIRESTONE	BIG SPRING	HUNTERS RIDGE
FIRESTONE	EASTON	HUNTERS RIDGE
FORESTVIEW	PINE TREE	NORTH TERM
FORESTVIEW CIR.	FORESTVIEW	EAST TERM
GLEN OAK	NIMS TWP.	TANGLEWOOD
KALURAH	AYRSHIRE	WEST TERM
KILLINGTON	BRETTON	CARLTON
MEHAFFIE	AYRSHIRE	WEST TERM
MOHLER	EAST TERM	PEACHMONT
MT. PLEASANT	MARKET	KENT
MT. PLEASANT	MIDDLEBRANCH	KENT
NORTHVIEW	FORESTVIEW	SOUTH TERM
OAKRIDGE	NIMS TWP.	CHESTNUT RIDGE
ORION	PITTSBURG	BURKEY
PARKRIDGE CIR	PARKRIDGE	PARKRIDGE
PARKRIDGE DR.	EAST TERM	GUILFORD
PAXTON	MEHAFFIE	KALURAH
PSOLLA	BENTLER	ROLLING RIDGE
SCHNEIDER	MARKET	MIDDLEBRANCH
SHISLER	DONEGAL	BOETTLER
TANGLEWOOD	OAKRIDGE	COLUMBUS
WELLINGSHIRE	APPLEGROVE	WEST TERM

**Park Reservations**

Reservations for the Alpine Park shelters and the Diamond Community Room are now being taken for the year 2006. Most weekend dates have been reserved for the summer.

Diamond Community Room is located in the indoor soccer building at 2782 Diamond St. NE. It has a maximum capacity of 46 people. There are six round tables with chairs, a microwave, refrigerator, and sink. There is a refundable \$25.00 deposit for using the room.

Alpine Park is located at Alpine & Pinetree NE, and has two open shelters which can be reserved. Each shelter seats about 50 people, and has electricity and grills. Alpine Park also has a walking track, playground area, and basketball, tennis and volleyball courts.

Call 330-492-4689 and press 2 to make park reservations.



**Recreational Programs**

The following recreational programs for preschoolers will be held this summer:

**Discover and Learn 6 weeks**

Our newest program "Discover and Learn" is sure to be a hit with your little one. Visit each of our five stations and help spark your child's curiosity and interest in learning. Each station will provide your child the opportunity to practice different skills including math, science, reading, etc. Make your summer an adventurous one. Visit stations, get points and earn rewards. Ages 2 to 4 years. **Session I:** Tuesdays, June 6 through July 11. **Session II:** Tuesdays, July 18 through August 22. Time 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Fun in the Sun 6 weeks**

If you enjoyed "Squeaky Sneakers", you'll love "Fun in the Sun". We are bringing the excitement outside. Run

through sprinklers, climb on the playground, sift through dirt or bring your bike to ride on the walking path. Come have fun with kids your age and meet other families. If an hour is not long enough, pack a lunch and stay for a picnic. Ages 2 to 4 years. **Session I:** Thursdays, June 8 through July 13. **Session II:** Thursdays, July 20 through August 24. Time 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$2.00 per class, or save \$7.00 and sign up for 16 classes for \$25.00. Pre-registration is required.

To register, stop in at the Parks Office at Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond St. NE or call 330-499-0000. All classes will be held at Diamond Community Park in the Indoor Soccer Arena.



**Community Soccer**

The final registration date for Community Soccer Club is Saturday, July 15. Please contact Community

**Plain Township Historical Society**

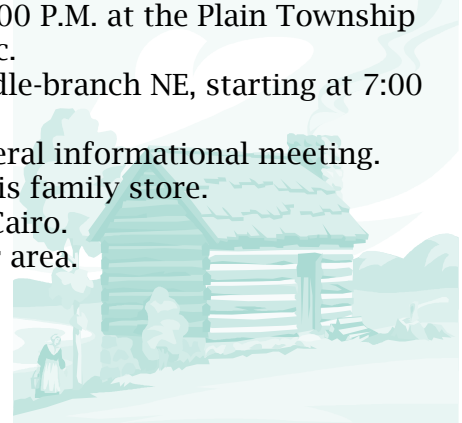
Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Plain Township Hall, at 2600 Easton St. N.E. Meetings are open to the public.

- ★ June 19- we will tour Warstler Cemetery, at 55th & Middle-branch NE, starting at 7:00 P.M., with meeting to follow tour.
- ★ July 17— rain date for the June cemetery tour, or a general informational meeting.
- ★ August 21— Dick Cocklin will speak on the history of his family store.
- ★ September 18— Ruby Bair will speak on the history of Cairo.

We are looking for information on historical homes in your area.

For more information, call:

- ★ Tom 330-494-6187
- ★ Judy 330-492-3566
- ★ Dawn 330-493-1731



## 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
	<a href="http://www.communitysoccerclub.com">www.communitysoccerclub.com</a>
Holly Hills Baseball	330-493-6010
Plain Local Baseball	330-218-3234
Plain Local Softball	330-244-0862
Midget Football	330-966-2475
	<a href="http://www.plainlocalfootball.org">www.plainlocalfootball.org</a>

### 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	330-451-2370

## PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

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

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

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)

## General Recycling Information

Self-service recycling is open every day from dawn to dusk at the following three sites:

- ★ *Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond NE - west parking lot*
- ★ *Taft & Day School grounds, on Salway NW*
- ★ *K-Mart, 3801 Harmont Ave. NE*

Separate recyclables as follows:

- ★ *Newspapers/magazines*
- ★ *Plastics (#1 & #2)/glass*
- ★ *Food boxes*
- ★ *Aluminum/steel*
- ★ *Flat corrugated cardboard*

Please call Stark County Recycling at **330-451-7808** with any questions.

For information on disposal of other items, call the Solid Waste Management District at **1-800-678-9839**.