



# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## A Message from the Board of Trustees

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is proud to celebrate our Bicentennial all year long. This is a chance to reflect on our rich history and heritage. It is also a wonderful time to display our Township by focusing on our citizens, schools, businesses, churches, and all of our organizations. In an effort to celebrate our community pride and unity over this yearlong momentous event, your Township is throwing an affair you will never forget!

The Plain Township Bicentennial Parade and Festival is the pinnacle of the Bicentennial Celebration. This event, held on Saturday, July 18, will be the largest event our community will ever see! The parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m. at Easton Street and Middlebranch Avenue and will end at Diamond Street and Middlebranch Avenue. The parade will feature the GlenOak High School Marching Band, custom cars, fire engines, floats and marchers from local groups, and more!

The festival will begin immediately following the parade at Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE. The festival will include:

- ⚙ Pets That Have Style event from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- ⚙ Inflatables for kids
- ⚙ Food concessions
- ⚙ DJ
- ⚙ Booths from local groups/organizations
- ⚙ Live performance by the *Ryan Humbert Band* from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- ⚙ **1/2 hour fireworks display at dark**
- ⚙ So much more!

Come join us for Plain Township's 200th birthday celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Special Thanks to our major Bicentennial Sponsors:



**A Special Thanks To All Of Our Bicentennial Sponsors:**

**Founder Sponsors**

**\$10,000 +**



**Pioneer Sponsors**

**\$5,000**



**Patriot Sponsors**

**\$2,500**



**Settler Sponsors**

**\$1,000**



**Liberty Sponsors**

**\$250**



# 2009 Bicentennial Schedule of Events

## Cruise-In Car Show

Saturday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m.

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider Street NE

*\*Tree dedication at this site*

## Plain Township Parade & Festival

Saturday, July 18

Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. at

Easton Street and Middlebranch Avenue

Festival begins immediately following the parade at  
Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE

*\*Tree dedication at this site*

## Historic Tour

Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

& 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE

*\*Tree dedication at this site*

## Plain Township Fire Prevention Day

Saturday, October 10 at Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Fire Station #4

2855 Easton Street NE

## Township Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE

## ***Other Events in Conjunction with Bicentennial***

### 2nd Annual Plain Pride Festival

Saturday, August 29

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider Street NE

### Family Fun Day & Civil War Living History

Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 a.m.

GlenOak High School, 1801 Schneider Street NE

*\*Tree dedication at this site*

## **Cruise-In Car Show**

We wanted to celebrate Plain Township's 200th birthday in many ways, for many citizens with many interests so join us for the Cruise-In Car Show!

This event will take place at GlenOak High School on Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check out hotrods, classics, customs, muscle cars, and more. You will enjoy music, awards and prizes, and take place in a 50/50 drawing. Parking and admission are free!

A tree dedication in honor of the Bicentennial will take place at this event, along with food concessions. You will also have the opportunity to see the Parks Department truck that has been wrapped for the Bicentennial. This wrap was graciously donated to us by our sponsor, Dr. Wraps.



**B I C E N T E N N I A L**

**O N L I N E**

Now you can check out the latest information regarding the Bicentennial Celebration online! Here you can find details about upcoming events, download forms, find contact information, and visit the History page to see how Plain Township came to be. You can even see pictures from the Bicentennial celebrations we've had so far. Just log on to:

**[www.plaintownship.com/bicentennial](http://www.plaintownship.com/bicentennial)**

Or Google: "Plain Township Bicentennial" to see all this and more!



## 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

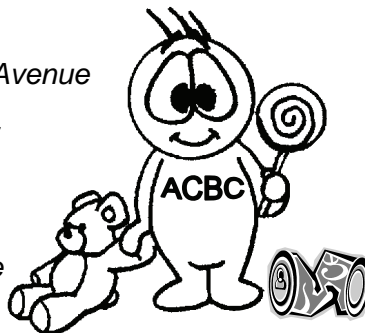
Your contribution of aluminum cans at any of the Plain Township Fire Stations is very appreciated!

**Fire Station #1** - 3625 Middlebranch Avenue

**Fire Station #3** - 2625 25th Street NE

**Fire Station #4** - 2855 Easton Street

**Fire Station #5** - 7858 Market Avenue



## 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**

## FISCAL OFFICER'S CORNER



### Renewal of License Plates

Did you know that part of the fee you pay for license plates is returned to the tax district you live in? That's why it is always important to look closely at your Certificate of Registration for your vehicles and make sure that if you live within Plain Township, the tax district is shown as "Plain Township" on your registration. All of the funds that are received from the license plate registration are used to purchase road salt for the maintenance of our Township roads in the winter. Our Township also receives part of the gasoline tax from sales at gas stations within the Township. Plain Township only uses funds such as these for the Road Department to maintain our roads. This is a good reason to "shop local" to make sure the money you're spending will come back to help out the community you call home.

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

## Grasscycling: A Cut Above

There is no question that lawns play a central and emotional role in the American landscape. After all, we spend billions of dollars and hours of time pampering the patches of turf around our homes. If your back is already aching and your wallet feels lighter—you might want to consider joining the grasscycling revolution!

Grasscycling is a proven system for maintaining lawns, which actually allows them to maintain themselves, saving you a lot of effort! It is also the easy, natural way to ensure a healthy lawn, which allows you to recycle valuable nutrients while saving money on fertilizers and other soil amendments.

The program begins when and where the mower blades hit the grass, leaving clippings behind as you mow. Bagging and hauling bags to the curb will become a sweaty memory.

One of the most important keys to grasscycling is to mow more and cut less. Lawns should be mowed when the grass needs cutting, rather than sticking to an unnaturally imposed schedule. During the active growing season, mowing should be increased to once every five or six days. Cutting more often is easier than waiting too long and then trying to tackle a lush jungle of tall grass. During the slower growing season—the hot, dry summer—you may not have to mow for ten days or even two weeks at a time, unlike the mowing addicts who continue to mow each week.

More frequent and proper cutting will also yield smaller grass clippings which can readily filter down to the soil surface and decompose within days. As the grass particles break down, they will release a treasure trove of nutrients and micronutrients, while also providing a small amount of organic matter, all of which will help to feed hungry earthworms, the soil, and your bit of emerald heaven.

The basic system relies on a series of simple rules. First, always mow your lawn when the grass is dry. Wet grass cuts poorly, clings to your blade, and interferes with the whole process. It is also important to keep your blades sharpened. Dull blades are no good. Cutting at the correct height for your type of grass (visit [www.greenmanshow.com](http://www.greenmanshow.com) for more information about your type of grass) will help prevent problems with your grass and soil.

Finally, avoid shocking your grass by removing more than a third of the plant's total height. Mowing is actually just a form of frequent pruning, and less is more, especially when it comes to preserving the health of the grass plant and your lawn!

From "The Green Man Show" and the Montgomery Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection

Grasscycling means grass-recycling, leaving clippings behind as you mow.

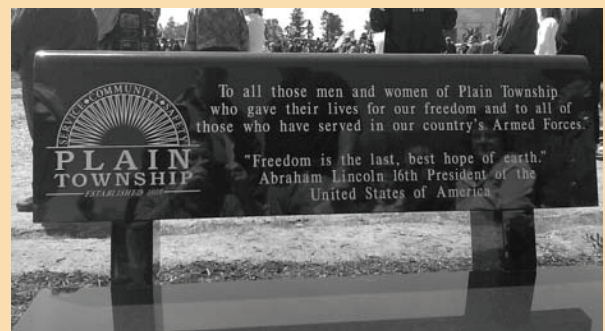
## Zoning Department

With nice weather upon us, the Plain Township Zoning Department has been receiving numerous nuisance complaints; for the most part due to high grass and/or weeds. The Zoning Department has the following policy regarding the filing and investigation of complaints for zoning violations or nuisance conditions which affect public health and/or safety:

- ☀ Complaints will be taken in person, in writing, or by telephone.
- ☀ Complaints that are filed with an identifiable complainant will be immediately prioritized and dealt with.
- ☀ A response will be forwarded to identifiable complainants regarding the conditions found and the intended course of action following initial investigation of the complaint.
- ☀ Anonymous complaints will be taken but are not prioritized and will only be investigated when all regularly scheduled work has been completed and there is additional time available.

## Plain Township Veterans Memorial Bench

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has dedicated a bench honoring all Plain Township Veterans, located at the All Ohio Veterans Memorial Park at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Clinton, Oh 44216. This beautiful bench was dedicated at the unveiling of the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and the Gold Star Mother Statue on Sunday, May 17, 2009. The Board of Trustees hopes that all veterans and citizens of Plain Township will take the opportunity to visit this beautiful site.



The bench is inscribed:

*To all the men and women of Plain Township who gave their lives for our freedom and to all of those who have served our country's Armed Forces*

*"Freedom is the last, best hope of earth."*

*Abraham Lincoln 16th President of the United States of America*

## 2009 Road Paving List for Plain Township

STREET	FROM	TO	SECT	FEET	WIDTH	DEPTH 404 (IN)
ELMHURST	APPLEGROVE	MT.PLEASANT	4	5620	24	1.50
BRETTON	KILLINGTON	CLEVELAND	5	1763	36	1.50
COTTINGTON	MOHLER	FOX RUN	5	710	26	1.50
FOX RUN	RADFORD	NORTH TERM	5	2425	26	1.50
FORDHAM CIR	NC LIMITS	EAST TERM	5	970	24	1.50
LOYOLA CIR	RADFORD	EAST TERM	5	355	24	1.50
DAUPHIN	CAPRICIO	ROLLINGRIDGE	12	2745	26	1.50
HIGHSPIRE	DAUPHIN	AYERSHIRE	12	1822	26	1.50
HILLRIDGE	DAUPHIN	PSOLLA	12	1907	28	1.50
PSOLLA	GLENMERE	HILLRIDGE	12	639	24	1.50
BERWICK	CROMPTON	SAXON	14	1009	27	1.50
CROMPTON	CHAUCER	WEST TERM	14	854	29	1.50
GROVE	SANDALWOOD	MIDDLEBRANCH	14	1054	29	1.50
HOLLEYVIEW	SANDALWOOD	MIDDLEBRANCH	14	935	28	1.50
KINGSWOOD	SANDALWOOD	MIDDLEBRANCH	14	934	28	1.50
McDOWELL	WEST TERM	MIDDLEBRANCH	14	1163	28	1.50
TEAKWOOD	SANDALWOOD	MIDDLEBRANCH	14	979	29	1.50
SANDALWOOD	EASTON	KINGSWOOD	14	2220	29	1.50
VELDON CIR	NORTH TERM	55TH ST	15	827	24	1.50
DELL CIR.	BROOKDELL	WEST TERM	16	375	24	1.50
FRAZER	SCHNEIDER	55TH ST	16	2667	23	1.50
HARRISON	44TH ST NW	46TH ST NW	20	758	24	1.50
48TH ST NE	CANTON LIMITS	MIDDLEBRANCH	23	2129	24	1.50
PARKHAVEN	49TH ST NE	52ND ST NE	23	1774	24	1.50
BREEZEWOOD	COLUMBUS	BENTLER	24	2000	22	1.50
PLAIN CENTER	44TH ST NE	MARTINDALE	27	1257	24	1.50
26TH ST NW	WERTZ	LAKESIDE	31	783	28	1.50
AVONDALE	MIDVALE	WHIPPLE	31	1739	30	1.50
DEMINGTON	SOUTH TERM	FULTON	31	3044	21	1.50
EATON	WISE	26TH ST NW	31	3525	24	1.50
HOMEDALE	SOUTH TERM	22ND ST NW	31	1480	24	1.50
LAKE HEIGHTS	20TH ST NW	CRESTLAND	31	1116	23	1.50
WERTZ	25TH ST NW	FULTON	31	1088	29	1.50
21 ST ST NW	LAKESIDE	BROAD	32	1315	28	1.50
22ND ST NW	CLARENDON	WEST TERM	32	250	14	1.50
25 TH ST NW	LAKESIDE	BROAD	32	1485	25	1.50
CLEARVIEW	CANTON LIMITS	FULTON	32	2550	27	1.50

### 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.

For more information about preventing drainage problems or other stormwater issues, please visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) today. Fun activities for children and information for teachers are also available online.

## 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, Canton. Seminars are only \$10, and all senior citizens are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Carlone at **(330) 494-9645** today!

### July 23, 12:00 PM - Coin Collecting - Allen Barben, Hartville Coin & Jewelry

**Lunch:** Breaded Perch with Fries OR Chicken Kabob with Rice  
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

### August 27, 12:00 PM - Library Services for Seniors - Megan Johnson, Stark County District Library

**Lunch:** Broiled Tilapia with Garlic Mayonnaise OR City Chicken with Mashed Potatoes  
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

### September 24, 12:00 PM - Comedy Magic Show - Mike Oddo

**Lunch:** Country Fried Steak OR Scrod  
Includes: Salad, Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, and Dessert!



## QuickStart Tennis

Here children ages 10 and under will learn and play the exciting game of tennis. This sizes of the courts, equipment, and even the net heights have been decreased to make learning easier for children. The \$55 fee includes a Junior Tennis t-shirt, Junior Tennis racquet, 3 practice balls for home, 1-year Junior USTA Membership, subscription to Midwest Tennis News, and 4 issues of SMASH Magazine. To register, visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) or call Plain Township Parks at (330) 499-0000.

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays; July 21 - August 13  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for ages 7 and under; 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for ages 8 and up

**Where:** Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE

**Fee:** \$55.00 per child

**QuickStart Tennis:** Lessons missed due to poor weather will be made up on Fridays.

## Camp Re-Use It

The Parks Department and the Joint Solid Waste Management District are very eager to invite children in 1st - 9th grades to attend our FREE camp! Camp Re-Use It will feature fun games and activities geared to promote and encourage children to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Log on to [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) or call us at (330) 499-0000 to find out how to join us for recycling fun!

**When:** July 20 - July 24; 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Diamond Community Room, 2782 Diamond Street NE

**Fee:** FREE!

**Camp Re-Use It:** Learn how you can make a difference in our world!

## Family Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt is brought to you by the Plain Township Parks Department and the Plain Community Branch of the Stark County Library District. Join us at the South Shelter of Alpine Community Park to search for hidden treasures using clues from some of your favorite storybook characters. After the hunt, enjoy snacks and make a nature collage out of the items you've found!

**When:** Wednesday, July 22, 2009; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE

**Fee:** FREE

**Free Family Scavenger Hunt:** All ages are welcome to participate for FREE!

**That's not all! Visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) to learn about all of our exciting programs and workshops!**

## Contact List

### Elected Officials

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

### Fire and Rescue

Fire Administration	330-492-4089
Emergency Calls	911

### History

Historical Society	330-494-6187
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### Parks/Recreation

Township Parks	330-499-0000
Diamond Comm. Rm.	330-492-4689
Shelters (Alpine Park)	330-492-4689
Community Soccer	330-499-2222
www.communitysoccerclub.com	
Holly Hills Baseball	330-312-2913
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  
<http://users.ameritech.net/gscasl/index.html>

### 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

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

**Administration:** (330) 492-4689  
**Finance:** (330) 493-1366  
**Fire/Rescue:** (330) 492-4089  
**Parks/Rec:** (330) 499-0000

**Road:** (330) 492-3423  
**Sheriff:** (330) 430-3800  
**Zoning:** (330) 492-4686

## Township Meetings

### Plain Township Board of Trustees

2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
 of the month - 7:00 PM

### Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday  
 of the month - 6:00 PM

### Zoning Commission

Wednesday in  
 2nd full week of  
 the month - 6:00 PM

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

The regular schedule will resume as follows:

- \* Mondays, Thursdays, & Saturdays  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW

The regular schedule will resume as follows:

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

