

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Township Meetings

Board of Trustees

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
of the month - 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Zoning Commission

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

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A Message from the Board of Trustees

The Plain Township Board of Trustees continually strives to improve services to our residents and businesses. A primary goal of the Board of Trustees is to improve communication and to provide residents with information and points of contact within their township. In an age when people need more information and have less time to make a personal visit or call, we would like to offer a cutting-edge township website to deliver information to our residents 24 hours a day, every day.

Board of Trustees meeting minutes are posted online for your review. A person may read about the history of the township, review our Bicentennial page, check out recycling info, view Home Rule resolutions and see all upcoming programs. Each department has its own link with specific information relevant to that department. The Zoning page has the Zoning Book, Zoning Board meetings, schedules and all downloadable applications. The Fire page is full of safety tips, services and our Open Burning Regulations. The Road page has downloadable permits, paving lists, and information complete with phone numbers for which public entity is responsible for maintaining each road. The Parks Department has a parks reserva-

tion page and upcoming program information for everyone from small children to seniors.

Residents may now follow Plain Township on Facebook. Facebook is recognized as the internet's largest social networking website. Daily posts are made so that people may get the latest information and happenings in Plain Township. Be sure to become a "Fan" of Plain Township.

It takes about 122,000 pieces of paper to distribute the newsletter. This is why we are encouraging Plain's citizens and businesses to GO GREEN and take advantage of our online newsletter and newsletter emailing list. To request a paperless version, email us at general@plaintownship.com with your name, mailing address, and email address.

These are just a few of the ways Plain Township is utilizing technology to provide services at the highest degree of efficiency and economy, while providing a government that is responsive to its citizens.

**For all this and more, visit
www.plaintownship.com
today!**

Louis P. Giavasis
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**Stark Health Department
2010 Environmental
Health Expo**

The Stark County Health Department is very excited to announce their third annual Environmental Health Expo: *Stark County is Going Green*, hosted by Jackson High School. The expo will take place on August 21, 2010 at Jackson High School from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This FREE indoor/outdoor, family-oriented event will be filled with fun, education, prizes and giveaways. The expo will have something for everyone: bouncy houses and activities for the kids, exhibitors of GREEN products, community organizations and free recycling opportunities. They will offer free recycling for your computers, cell phones and unused prescription drugs, along with personal document shredding.

Exhibitors will include the Waste Management's Green Garbage Truck, All For Fun Inflatables, Community Harvest, Waikem's Hybrid Cars, and Live Well Stark County, just to name a few! For a complete list of exhibitors and recycling opportunities, log on to www.starkhealth.org today!

Rain Barrels

Rain barrels collect and store rain water from your rooftop, which you can later use to water your lawn or garden or to wash your car. Rain barrels should be used in conjunction with other water management practices, such as rain gardens, green roofs, storm water trees and porous pavement. However, using a rain barrel is a great first step to better water quality.

To order a rain barrel for your yard, fill out the order from below and return it with your payment to:

*Stark Soil & Water Conservation District
2650 Richville Drive SE, Suite 103
Massillon, Ohio 44646*

Rain Barrel Order Form

| Name: _____ | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Address: _____ | | | |
| City: _____ | | State: _____ | Zip Code: _____ |
| Contact Phone Number: _____ | | | |
| Item | Price | Qty | Total |
| Primary Rain Barrel | \$90.00 ea. | | |
| Linking Barrel | \$30.00 ea. | | |
| TOTAL | | | |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | | | \$ |

Stormwater Stenciling

Plain Township is currently seeking volunteers for the Storm Water Curb-Marking program. We need groups of four or more such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups or anyone else who may be interested. Please contact Sean Moriarty at the Plain Township Road Department, (330) 492-3423 or smoriarty@plaintownship.com. Don't forget to visit www.plaintownship.com/stormwater/ today!





FREE! **FOR CHILDREN** **ENTERING** **KINDERGARTEN** **IN FALL 2010**

What is Safety City?

Safety City is an educational program designed to introduce your pre-kindergarten child to safety issues. It is designed to educate young children in a non-threatening manner, while offering information that is easy to use.

What is taught in Safety City?

The first day will be a general introduction to the program. This will allow the children to explore the program and to become comfortable with their surroundings.

- Day 1: Introduction
- Day 2: Gun Safety & Stranger Danger
- Day 3: Pedestrian Safety & Bus/Seatbelt Safety
- Day 4: Fire Safety
- Day 5: Bike Safety, Pet Safety, & Nutrition/Wellness

Parents are invited to the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, August 20, 2010 from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

What else do we need to know?

- STOP** Safety City is FREE!
- STOP** This program is for children entering Kindergarten in 2010.
- STOP** Transportation is the parent's responsibility.
- STOP** Prompt pick-up and drop-off is vital.
- STOP** You will need to arrive a half-hour early on the first day.
- STOP** Play clothes should be worn.
- STOP** A snack will be provided.

How do we register for Safety City?

Forms can be downloaded at www.plaintownship.com or are available for pick-up at the Plain Township Fire Administration Office. Completed forms should be mailed to:

*Plain Township Fire Administration
2600 Easton Street NE
Canton, Ohio 44721*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2010
REGISTER EARLY, SPACE MAY BE LIMITED!

For more information, call the Plain Township Fire Department at (330) 492-4089 or visit www.plaintownship.com today!

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 from the revenue earned from recycling aluminum cans. Your contribution of aluminum cans at the following Plain Township Fire Stations is very appreciated!

- Station #1** 3625 Middlebranch NE
- Station #3** 2625 25th NW
- Station #4** 2855 Easton NE
- Station #5** 7858 Market N

ATTENTION ALL TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES—COMING SOON!

Plain Township is in the process of putting together a list of ALL township businesses. Please make sure you are a registered business in the township so your information may be displayed on our website.

In order to have the most accurate list available, please email the following information to smetzger@plaintownship.com with "Plain Township Business" in the subject line.

- ♦ Business Name
- ♦ Business Address
- ♦ Business Phone Number
- ♦ Business Website
- ♦ Business Email Address

Certificate of Conformance

This is to all property owners and 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 pick up an application at the Plain Township Zoning Department at 2600 Easton Street NE.

Complaint Procedure

The Zoning Department receives many nuisance complaints regarding high grass and/or weeds, trash and/or debris, and junk/inoperable/unlicensed vehicles. These complaints will be taken in person, in writing, or by telephone.

Please note that complaints regarding high grass and/or weeds must meet the following conditions:

- ♦ Grass and/or weeds must be over eight inches.
- ♦ Grass that is eight inches or taller must cover 50% of the land or more.

Zoning Permits Required

Please contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property *before* beginning a new construction project. In addition to a permit application, a site plan drawn to scale of your property is required to illustrate the new construction's size and location on the property. Permits must be issued before the work begins. If you are hiring a contractor, we recommend that you discuss who will be responsible for obtaining permits with your contractor. Remember that the property owner is responsible for compliance of his/her property with all of the Township zoning requirements. For general info regarding requirements, application procedures and fees, please call us at (330) 492-4686.

Sign Permits

Almost any temporary sign requires a sign permit, so before you put out that next banner or portable sign, make sure you have obtained your sign permit from the Zoning Department.

A temporary sign permit is good for 30 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. Please check with the Zoning Department for size regulations.

2010 Plain Township Road Paving List

| STREET | FROM | TO | SECT | FEET | WIDTH | DEPTH 404 (IN) |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| HOLL | HYACINTH | NC LIMITS | 8 | 145 | 24 | 1.50 |
| HYACINTH | NC LIMITS | W.TERM | 8 | 875 | 22 | 1.50 |
| WOODHURST | S.TERM | N.TERM | 8 | 275 | 20 | 1.50 |
| FENWICK | WINDHAM | N.TERM | 10 | 2900 | 24 | 1.50 |
| BELLVIEW | E.TERM | MARKET | 10 | 2275 | 24 | 1.50 |
| WOODCREST | BELLVIEW | EASTON | 10 | 430 | 20 | 1.50 |
| MARELIS | EASTON | STONE CROSSING | 10 | 1625 | 22 | 1.50 |
| ASPEN | BIG SPRING | E.TERM | 11 | 490 | 24 | 1.50 |
| BIG SPRING | FIRESTONE | S.TERM | 11 | 1825 | 24 | 1.50 |
| COLD STREAM | BIG SPRING | W.TERM | 11 | 325 | 24 | 1.50 |
| BOETTLER | BENTLER | DONEGAL | 12 | 2131 | 20 | 1.50 |
| DONEGAL | BOETTLER | CAPRICIO | 12 | 1537 | 26 | 1.50 |
| CAPRICIO | N.TERM | STONECREEK | 12 | 820 | 26 | 1.50 |
| KIRBY | SCENICVIEW | CAPRICIO | 12 | 916 | 26 | 1.50 |
| PINETREE | EASTON | NORTHVIEW | 12 | 3035 | 28 | 1.50 |
| NORTHERN | WOODCELL | BENTLER | 12 | 2600 | 26 | 1.50 |
| ROLLING RIDGE | KIRBY | STONECREEK | 12 | 738 | 22 | 1.50 |
| STONECREEK | EASTON | CAPRICIO | 12 | 2891 | 24 | 1.50 |
| 55TH | MIDDLEBRANCH | CANTON LIMITS | 14 | 2603 | 26 | 1.50 |
| 57TH | MIDDLEBRANCH | SANDALWOOD | 14 | 1089 | 28 | 1.50 |
| ASPEN VALLEY | 55TH | SANDALWOOD | 14 | 1692 | 31 | 1.50 |
| GLENHILL | 55TH | ASPEN VALLEY | 14 | 1055 | 31 | 1.50 |
| MELODY | EASTON | FIRESTONE | 14 | 2122 | 27 | 1.50 |
| CRESTLAND | EASTON | S.TERM | 16 | 1306 | 24 | 1.50 |
| 46TH NW | BETHEL | WHIPPLE | 19 | 391 | 23 | 1.50 |
| 47TH NW | E.TERM | WHIPPLE | 19 | 1118 | 20 | 1.50 |
| BETHEL | 46TH | 47TH | 19 | 483 | 19 | 1.50 |
| DARLINGTON | 50TH | S.TERM | 19 | 1114 | 26 | 1.50 |
| SHARONWOOD | 50TH | 47TH | 19 | 1235 | 24 | 1.50 |
| KIRBY | RTE. 62 | COLUMBUS | 24 | 3608 | 20 | 1.50 |
| EBY | KIRBY | COLUMBUS | 24 | 618 | 22 | 1.50 |
| WOLVERINE | HARMONT | E.TERM | 24 | 734 | 24 | 1.50 |
| REGENT | RTE. 62 | COLUMBUS | 26 | 382 | 24 | 1.50 |
| ARBORETUM | E.TERM | GUILFORD | 30 | 365 | 28 | 1.50 |
| DARLINGTON | FULTON | OVERHILL | 30 | 854 | 19 | 1.50 |
| OVERHILL | WESTMORELAND | BLACKBURN | 30 | 1748 | 20 | 1.50 |
| 22ND NW | LAKESIDE | DEMINGTON | 31 | 1140 | 24 | 1.50 |
| 23RD NW | LAKESIDE | DEMINGTON | 31 | 1137 | 20 | 1.50 |
| SHERIDAN | EATON | FULTON | 31 | 590 | 21 | 1.50 |
| 21ST NW | CANTON LIMITS | BROAD | 32 | 1315 | 25 | 1.50 |
| BLAKE | CANTON LIMITS | FULTON | 32 | 2438 | 26 | 1.50 |
| CLARENDON | 17TH ST | FULTON | 32 | 3215 | 26 | 1.50 |
| TOTAL | | | | 58,185 | | |

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 reduce drainage problems. Please also note that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts, or catch basins. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Health Department at (330) 493-9904.

QuickStart Tennis

Here children ages 12 and under will learn and play the exciting game of tennis. The sizes of the courts, equipment, and even the net heights have been decreased to make learning easier for children. The \$55 fee includes a t-shirt, racquet, three practice balls and an Ace Kids Club package with more cool stuff. To register, visit www.plaintownship.com or call Plain Township Parks at (330) 499-0000 today!

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 13 - August 5, 2010

Ages 8 and under from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ages 9 and up from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$55 per child

Tennis Lessons for Teens

This structured, four-week program is good for beginners and those that are familiar with the game. The same fantastic instructors from the QuickStart Tennis program will be teaching the fundamentals of the serve, volley, game strategy and practice exercises you can do on your own. Save money and learn at your local park! Each student must bring his/her own racquet. To register, visit www.plaintownship.com or call Plain Township Parks at (330) 499-0000 today!

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 13 - August 5, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$40 per student

Tennis Lessons for Individuals

These lessons are for people of any age, even adults, who would like one-on-one training. This is perfect for those who want to schedule a lesson that fits best into his/her personal schedule. Our helpful and friendly instructors will get you hitting the ball better in just a few lessons! Each student must bring his/her own racquet. To register, visit www.plaintownship.com or call the Parks Department at (330) 499-0000.

When: On Your Schedule!

Where: Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$25 per hour

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do provides great exercise and training while instilling perseverance, confidence and self-control. Students will learn the traditional martial arts techniques such as kicking, blocking, punching and self-defense. In order to enhance and develop focus, students will learn *poomse* (forms) and a board break. Those who successfully complete the class will have earned their yellow belt, which will be awarded to them in a belt graduation ceremony and demonstration, to which family and friends are invited. To register or learn more about Tae Kwon Do, please contact us at (330) 499-0000 or www.plaintownship.com today!

When: Tuesdays, June 29 - September 14, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$85 per child

Quest Soccer Camp

This skill-building program is to help both beginners and experienced players become fundamentally sound and confident with their soccer skills. Participants in this program will learn basic and advanced combination foot skills and turns, proper passing, collecting and shooting techniques and more. For kids ages 6-13.

When: July 5 - 9, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$80 per child

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

July 22, 12:00 p.m. - Antique Appraisals - William H. Gill Junior

Do you have an old family heirloom, valuable trinket, or just an old antique that you found at a garage sale? Bring your precious items with you and William H. Gill Junior, licensed auctioneer with Kiko Associates, will tell you how much it's worth!

Lunch: Beer-Battered Perch and French Fries OR Chicken-Kabob with Rice
Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

August 26, 12:00 p.m. - Irish Dancing

Come and enjoy the exciting entertainment of Irish dancing. This half-hour long show will have you begging for more!

Lunch: Meatloaf OR Breaded Pork
Includes: Salad, Roll, Mashed Potatoes and Dessert!



September 23, 12:00 p.m. - Finances for Seniors - Scott Heather

Scott Heather has been in the insurance industry for nineteen years and is a Certified Senior Advisor. He will explain financial planning in a manner that is easy to understand. Plan for your future with us!

Lunch: Country Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes OR Broiled Scrod with Baked Potatoes
Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

Pets That Have Style (PTHS)

It's time to celebrate YOUR furry friend in one or more of the unique contests! All proceeds go to help less fortunate animals at the Stark County Humane Society. This year's event will return to the beautiful Alpine Community Park. Noah's Bark will be presenting a demonstration on agility and jumps and will offer the Puppy Playground for your dog to run and play in the shade. All dogs brought to Pets That Have Style must be on a leash. Please do not bring sick, unvaccinated, or overly aggressive pets. Call us at (330) 499-0000 or visit www.plaintownship.com to sign up your dog! Don't want to enter your pet in a contest? Come for free and enjoy the day!

When: Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Alpine Community Park, 3059 Alpine Street NE, Plain Township

Fee: \$10 plus a can of dog food for each contest entered
FREE to come and enjoy the day!

Even More Opportunities This Summer at www.plaintownship.com

Don't forget to visit us online at www.plaintownship.com to see all of our summer opportunities like:

- ⚙ Adult/Child Stamping Classes
- ⚙ Big Dog Lacrosse
- ⚙ Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays! Card Class
- ⚙ Bubble-Ology
- ⚙ Camp Re-Use It
- ⚙ Camp Wanna-Stamp Summer Fun Class
- ⚙ Doggy First Aid
- ⚙ Golf Lessons
- ⚙ Open Stamp & Scrap Nights
- ⚙ Puppy Agility Training
- ⚙ Speed Training
- ⚙ Technique Tuesdays Stampin' Class

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

Parks & Recreation

Plain Township Parks (330) 499-0000
 Diamond Comm. Room (330) 492-4689
 Alpine Park Shelters (330) 492-4689

Plain Local Sports

Community Soccer Club (330) 499-2222
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) 919-2255
 Plain Local Softball (330) 418-9104
 Plain Midget Football (330) 966-2475
www.plainlocalfootball.org

Police

Stark County Sheriff (330) 430-3800

Real Estate Records

Stark County Auditor (330) 451-7334

Recycling

Solid Waste District 1-800-678-9839

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

Voter Registration

Board of Elections (330) 451-8683

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

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

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 CANTON, OH

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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

Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at three 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 Street NE

☼ Open on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

☼ Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

☼ Open Saturday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Rice's Nursery, 1651 55th Street NE

☼ Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

☼ Open Saturday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM