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PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



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A Note From Your Board of Trustees

The Plain Township Board of Trustees and the Plain Township Parks Department sincerely thanks the Plain Township community for your support of the Plain Parks Levy, on the May 4, 2021 ballot. The community support as reflected by the passage of the levy is both overwhelming and greatly appreciated. This levy will allow the Parks Department to continue operations and services at the high-level Plain Township residents have come to expect. We will take great care of our facilities and maintain and replace equipment as needed. We will continue to offer quality programming and make it available to all age groups, as well as maintain operational staffing at our current levels in order to keep our parks in top-notch shape.

Even with the passage of the levy, we will continue to seek outside dollars to minimize costs to our taxpayers. Plain Township will work to secure grants, donations, and partnerships to grow services at each of our parks and to stretch our levy dollars as far as possible. We believe the financial support from the levy, grants, donations, and community partnerships along with consistent and growing programming numbers will help us continue to provide one of the best parks system in Stark County. The Plain Township Parks Department is honored to serve Plain Township's residents and will work tirelessly to keep the trust placed in this department with the quality service our residents have come to expect.

Plain Township Parks are open for business and there is truly something for everyone. Bring your four-legged fur baby to the Veterans Park Dog Park to make friends and enjoy off-leash play or head on over to the Splash Pad which opened on June 2nd. Hours for the Splash Pad are from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Pickleball is now being played at Al Leno park and you can enjoy a pickup game of soccer or baseball at Diamond Community Park. Remember, all of our shelters are open to reserve for a picnic or event! To reserve a shelter, simply go to www.plaintownship.com and click on the park shelter reservation link.

Join us for the 720 Sidestreet Markets at the Oakwood Square Plaza on the first Saturday of each month through October! You can shop with families and friends at over 50 local vendors and food trucks while listening to live music and enjoying the outdoor market event! Then head on over to one of the many amazing restaurants that the plaza has to offer to kick back and relax.

Plain Township Parks are crucial to our health and well being, so head on over to Diamond, Veterans or Al Leno Park and enjoy all that your park system has to offer!

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Yard Waste Recycling Information

The yard waste site at 2855 Easton Street is open for drop off for Plain Township residents only! Your original yard waste card issued at registration will continue to be the card you will utilize. **A new card will not be issued for renewal.**

If you already have a key card, please note the expiration date of your card. If you registered on-line using your credit card and that credit card is still active, it will automatically renew on that date. **NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED.** If your credit card information has changed, please call (330) 492-4689 to update this information. Do not register online again, as this creates a duplicate record in our system.

If you registered in-person at Township Hall and paid by CASH or CHECK, you will need to come in to renew your card either on or before your expiration date.

Replacement Cards:

Only one key card will be issued per address. In the case of a misplaced key card, there will be a \$15 replacement fee, paid in exact cash or check, for a new card. Residents must come into the office to have the new card issued. Once again, please do not reapply online.

The Yard Waste Site is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 8 am until 8 pm. Note the extended hours for your convenience.

Please remember that the yard waste site is under 24-hour surveillance for your safety. Please follow all posted rules for the yard waste drop off. Illegal dumping or using the yard waste card in a manner not consistent with the rules will result in a fine and revocation of your card.

We appreciate your help and following of the rules so we can continue to offer this popular amenity.



Eyeglass Donations

Have a pair of old eyeglasses? Donate them to someone in need by dropping them off at the

Plain Township Hall

Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30 pm.



Prescription Drug Drop Off

You can drop off your prescription drugs, in their original container at the Plain Township Administrative Offices. The drop off box is located in the lobby and can be accessed Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. No liquids, inhalers or syringes. This is a free service for residential use only.





Fiscal Office

(330) 493-1366



A Note From Your Fiscal Officer

“A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure.”

Abraham Lincoln

Heroes Honored Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded by Plain Township Fiscal Officer, Tom Wolf. Heroes Honored is currently conducting fundraising activities to install a **Purple Heart Memorial** located at Veterans Park.

On January 9, 2018, Plain Township was officially recognized by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 699 as a **Purple Heart Township**. August 7th is officially Plain Township Purple Heart Day in congruence with National Purple Heart Day. The Order of the Purple Heart of Military Merit, established by General George Washington during the American Revolution, is the oldest military decoration for military merit in the world. The Purple Heart Medal is presented in the name of the President of the United States of America, to members of the military wounded in combat with an instrument of war by enemy forces, and subsequently to the next of kin for members of the military killed in combat. Our Veterans Park displays a beautiful keystone monument, blue and gold star memorials, an eagle and a battlefield cross. A Purple Heart Memorial is the next piece slated for our majestic hillside.

If you would like to learn more about Heroes Honored Inc. or donate to the Purple Heart Memorial, please visit www.HeroesHonoredInc.com. Heroes Honored Inc. is a non-profit public benefit 501(c)(3) corporation and is operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



24-Hour Mobile Response Team

The Stark County Mobile Response Team is available 24-hours a day at 330-452-6000. At times, children, young people, adults and their families need help restoring calm. The Mobile Response Team of professionals trained in crisis intervention, information referral will provide behavioral health services right where you are, anytime of day or night.

Services are available **24 hours every day**, including weekends and holidays and available to anyone regardless of ability to pay!

SAM Center Collection

The Plain Township Administrative Offices hosts a drop off collection for the SAM Center (Serving Area Military and Veterans) Please drop off donations Monday-Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm.

- Pasta
- Breakfast Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Boxed Meals
- Ramen
- Granola Bars
- Pudding Cups
- Canned Vegetables/Fruit
- Canned tuna/chicken/salmon
- Soup/Canned Meals





PARKS DEPARTMENT

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Fall Youth Outdoor Soccer Leagues



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

U8	<p>AUG: 15,22, 29 SEPT: 3,12,19,26 OCT: 3</p>	<p>Registration Opens: 6/1/21 Registration deadline: 7/18/21 Roster Submission Deadline: 8/8/21</p>	<p>Cost is \$230 per team Referee fee: \$10 per game</p>
U10	<p>AUG: 15,22,29 SEPT: 3,12,19,26 OCT: 3 Tournament: October 9-10</p>	<p>Registration Opens: 6/1/21 Registration deadline: 7/18/21 Roster Submission Deadline: 8/8/21</p>	<p>Cost is \$325 per team Referee fee: \$15 per game</p>
U12	<p>AUG: 15,22,29 SEPT: 3,12,19,26 OCT: 3 Tournament: October 9-10</p>	<p>Registration Opens: 6/1/21 Registration deadline: 7/18/21 Roster Submission Deadline: 8/8/21</p>	<p>Cost is \$325 per team Referee fee: \$20 per game</p>
U14	<p>AUG: 15,22,29 SEPT: 3,12,19,26 OCT: 3 Tournament: October 9-10</p>	<p>Registration Opens: 6/1/21 Registration deadline: 7/18/21 Roster Submission Deadline: 8/8/21</p>	<p>Cost is \$325 per team Referee fee: \$30 per game</p>

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

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





PARKS DEPARTMENT

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HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD SQUARE SUMMER 2021

720 MARKET PRESENTS: **SIDE STREET MKTS** **SHOP LOCAL VENDORS**

FIRST SATURDAYS
10am-3pm
May through Oct
SIDESTREET MKTS

EVERY MONDAY
5pm-8pm
Through Sept 27
CLASSIC CRUISE-IN

Summer
classic cruise-in

AM1310
 WDPN RADIO

SAVE THE DATE:
WED, AUGUST 4
"HOF PARKING LOT PARTY" RETURNS!

Oakwood Square | Middlebranch & Easton | @oakwoodsquare



FIRE DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-4089



Fire Department News

On May 11th, the **Plain Township Fire Department** along with **Local 2967** presented their annual scholarship awards of \$500.00 each to two Plain Township Students to help towards tuition costs of attending an Ohio college to continue their education in health care or emergency medicine. They received the scholarships after an application process and demonstrating excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. The funds for the scholarships were made possible by the fundraising efforts of our Plain Township Fire Personnel and Local 2967, including our Fly the Flag Program. **Well done Taylor and Darby!**



If you have recently utilized the services of the Plain Township Fire Department please take a moment to complete the brief survey below. We value your feedback as we uphold the commitment to provide the best possible service to the community.

What type of Service did you request?

- Fire EMS Non-Er Assist Other.

How would you rate the response time of the service that you received?

- Excellent Very Good Satisfactory Poor Very Poor

How knowledgeable and professional were the PTFD crew members?

- Excellent Very Good Satisfactory Poor Very Poor

Did you feel that the PTFD crew treated you with respect and a caring attitude?

- Excellent Very Good Satisfactory Poor Very Poor

How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the service you received from the Plain Township Fire Department?

- Excellent Very Good Satisfactory Poor Very Poor

Please feel free to contact us with any additional comments, questions, or concerns (330-492-4089). You may return this survey back by email (firedept@plaintownship.com), mail or fax (330-493-1368).





FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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
Flytheflag@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 44721

A Note about Fireworks

According to the State Fire Marshal's Office: You may buy consumer or 1.4g fireworks from a licensed wholesaler or manufacturer; however, you cannot discharge any consumer or 1.4g fireworks in the State of Ohio.

You must transport all fireworks purchased in Ohio out of state within 48 hours of the purchase.

The only items that can be used in Ohio are designated "trick or novelty" which smoke, pop, and/or sparkle. In Ohio, use of 1.4g fireworks (fire crackers, bottle rockets, etc.) is illegal. The laws that regulate fireworks are set out in the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3743 and in the Ohio Fire Code



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 attached Form 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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A Letter from Sheriff George T. Maier



Dear Friends,

It seems the weather forecast has finally turned the corner and we are settling in to some nicer weather. As we transition to summer, we also see more people out and about along with increased traffic. The summer of 2020 tended to buck all of the normal trends due to the COVID pandemic as we saw a lower number of traffic crashes and vehicles on the roadway. Effective June 2, Governor DeWine lifted most COVID related restrictions. We anticipate that will lead to increased traffic on the roadways. Just over the past couple months, our office has handled significantly more crashes in Plain Township than in 2020.

As we return to normal routines and many of us start venturing out more, I strongly encourage everyone to be more cautious on the roadways. With increased traffic comes increased danger of accidents. Please give yourself plenty of time to travel to your destinations and be patient while waiting in heavier traffic. During the pandemic, some who still had to leave home may have gotten spoiled by less traffic and quicker commute times. This will be an adjustment for many, but together we must all do our part to maintain safety. It is also helpful if everyone would use their turn signals, avoid tailgating and use headlights during inclement weather. Also, during the pandemic, I read statistics and saw for myself that many people were driving much faster. The State of Ohio saw the number of drivers being cited for driving over 100 m.p.h. more than double from 2019. An accident at speeds that high are always catastrophic. Please slow down and arrive alive!

I am pleased to announce that the Stark County Sheriff's Office has now launched its very own mobile app. It is available for both Android and Apple products. The app has many features designed to help you get information and answers quicker than ever before. Using the app, you can easily access the current jail roster, view sex offenders in your area, schedule an appointment for your concealed handgun license or get important notifications such as for endangered missing persons. This app has many valuable features designed to help save you time. You can download the app for free by searching 'Stark Sheriff Ohio' in the Apple App Store or Google Play. You can also scan this QR code:



Please have a great summer and stay safe!

George T. Maier



ZONING DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-4686



Be a Good Neighbor

The Plain Township Zoning Department receives numerous complaints regarding residential, commercial, and industrial properties. The most frequent residential zoning violations involve high grass and weeds, the parking of junk motor vehicles, the storage of trash and debris on a property and the lack of basic maintenance on dwellings, garages, and sheds. Please keep the following in mind!

- Mow your grass on a regular basis.
- Do not park wrecked, dismantled and/or unregistered vehicles on your property unless stored within a garage.
- Keep your exterior property clean of trash and debris.
- Do not park commercial vehicles on your property. For the benefit of police and fire safety services, clearly identify and mark your house number on the front of your home.

Thank you for being a good neighbor from the Plain Township Zoning Department!



Homeowner Associations

Plain Township does not enforce Homeowner Association rules, nor do we enforce deed restrictions.

If a shed, fence, or a pool permit is requested, and they meet the Plain Township zoning standards, a permit will be issued regardless of the HOA rules that are in place.

We strongly advise that the homeowner check with their HOA rules and regulations prior to erecting anything on their property.



Online Information

Check out our website at www.plaintownship.com for your zoning needs. We have all our applications available, upcoming zoning meetings, zoning classifications, transient vendor permit applications and more!



PROPERTY LINE DISPUTES

Property line disputes are strictly a civil matter. There are times when neighbors will have a dispute over the location of their property lines, and turn to zoning for clarification. This matter is especially prevalent when one of the neighbors is planning to put a fence on their property and there is a dispute over the placement of the fence. Unfortunately, this issue does not fall within the Township Zoning Department's authority. Property line disputes are strictly a civil matter between you and your neighbor, and for a definitive answer to where the property line is located, you might think about contacting a surveyor.

Question: is a permit required for a fence?

The answer is "No." A permit is not required for a fence. However, there are regulations for the height of a fence that must be adhered to. If you are planning to put up a fence in your yard, please contact the Plain Township Zoning Department for details. They can be reached at 330-492-4686.





ROAD DEPARTMENT

(330) 492-3423



2021 PAVING AND ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

Reminder- When the roads are posted for temporary no parking for the paving process, please DO NOT park on them, as it slows down the paving process and it is also possible that your vehicle will be towed at your expense. The following roads are expected to be paved this year.

STREET	FROM	TO
MT PLEASANT	MIDDLEBRANCH	E TERM
SAPPHIRE	DIAMOND	N.TERM
EMERALD	ZIRCON	N.TERM
TURQUOISE	EMERALD	N.TERM
GARNET	ZIRCON	OLD ELM
ZIRCON	GARNET	EMERALD
CARNELIAN	SAPPHIRE	E.TERM
BEVERLY	DIAMOND	S. TERM
LANNER	MARKET	W. TERM
STAMBAUGH	MARKET	NORTHLAND
NORTHLAND	STAMBAUGH	IVY
DONCASTER	MARKET	ASHBURTON
ASHBURTON	DONCASTER	DONCASTER
ELMHURST	MT. PLEASANT	APPLEGROVE
ELMCREEK CIR.	ELMHURST	E.TERM
PINECONE	ELMHURST	W. TERM
WINDCREST	ELMHURST	W. TERM
BUTTONSHOE	MT. PLEASANT	S. TERM
ORCHID	CARMEN	W. TERM
CARMEN	ORCHID	PEACHMONT
OAKWAY	CARMEN	STARCLIFF
CHESTNUT HILL	PEACHMONT	W. TERM
HUME	E.TERM	W. TERM
FOXWAY CIR.	W.TERM	STARCLIFF
ANGEL	SHEFFIELD	COTTINGTON
PURDUE CIR.	ANGEL	W. TERM
DEVON	MARQUARDT	ROCHELLE
ROCHELLE	MARQUARDT	DEVON
HARVEST RIDGE	STONE CROSSING	S. TERM
HARNES CIR.	N.TERM	S. TERM
STONE CROSSING	NEW PAVEMENT	HARVEST RIDGE
55TH ST NE	MIDDLEBRANCH	CANTON LIMITS
FIRESTONE	55TH ST	SCHNEIDER
GLESSNER	N.TERM	SCHNEIDER
ACCESS RD.	SCHNEIDER	W. TERM

STREET	FROM	TO
HUNTING VALLEY	MARKET	RED COACH
RED COACH	FRAZER	HUNTING VALLEY
FRAZER	SCHNEIDER	RED COACH
BANBURY CIR	RED COACH	E.TERM
PHILZER	MARKET	W. TERM
GRESSEL	RED COACH	CUL-DE- SAC
PICKWICK CIR.	RED COACH	RED COACH
CRESTLAND	NC LIMITS	E MAPLE
KINGMAN	41ST	45TH
WINTON	KINGMAN	PAIGE
44TH ST NW	HARRISON	KINGMAN
43RD ST NW	HARRISON	KINGMAN
42ND ST NW	HARRISON	KINGMAN
41ST ST NW	HARRISON	KINGMAN
45TH ST NW	PAIGE	KINGMAN
WISE	HILLS & DALES	S. TERM
AVONDALE LANE	WHIPPLE	MIDVALE
MARLIN	EATON	AVONDALE LANE
SHARONWOOD	HILLS & DALES	AVONDALE LANE
18TH ST NW	BROAD	HOMEDALE
21ST ST NW	BROAD	LAKESIDE
22ND ST NW	DEMINGTON	LAKESIDE
23RD ST NW	DEMINGTON	LAKESIDE
HOMEDALE	18TH ST	22ND ST
DEMINGTON	18TH ST	25TH ST
DEMINGTON	FULTON	25TH ST
WERTZ	FULTON	25TH ST
HOMEDALE	FULTON	27TH ST
26TH ST NW	WERTZ	LAKESIDE
27TH ST NW	WERTZ	LAKESIDE



ROAD DEPARTMENT

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Stormwater

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer or water body. Anything that enters a storm sewer flows untreated into the water-bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. **Only 1% of our water is usable, drinkable water.** We can not afford to pollute and contaminate it.

How can you help to keep our water healthy?

Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Hosing dirt and pet waste into storm drains sends it directly to the creeks and rivers where we swim, canoe and fish.



Use pesticides sparingly. Fertilize only as needed using natural, organic, or other slow release fertilizers. Do not apply them if it is supposed to rain. Sweep grass clippings, leaves, and dirt back into the yard.



Sewers and storm drains are not the same thing. Waste water from sinks, showers, and washing machines will travel through the sanitary sewer system to a waste water treatment plant where it is extensively treated before being discharged. However, the water entering storm drains flows untreated to lakes, streams, and rivers. Please dispose of all trash in the proper place. Do NOT litter!



Look for stormwater educational materials at www.plaintownship.com

Did You Know?

Grass clippings and leaf litter are stormwater pollutants. Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution.

When you blow your lawn waste into the street it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, rivers. **Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful?** As this waste breaks down in our local waterways, it adds excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus to the water. This leads to unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and native and non-native aquatic weeds. **What is so bad about algae?** Algae will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to high levels of algae growth. Apart from looking unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block out sunlight and deplete the oxygen level in the water, which can lead to fish kills.

What can you do to protect water quality while keeping your yard maintained? Mow your lawn often enough so no more than one-third the length of the grass is removed. Taller grass has deeper roots - that prevents soil loss & helps the rain soak into the ground. Leave the clippings on the lawn or compost them. **Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.**



CONTACTS

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Emergency Calls	911
History Historical Society preservingplaintwp@gmail.com	(330)492-3566
Parks & Recreation Plain Township Parks	(330)492-4689
Plain Township Comm. Sports Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	(330)499-2222
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)604-0110
Holly Hills Baseball https://hollyhillsbaseball.com/	(903)934-0112
Plain Local Youth Football www.plainlocalyouthfootball.org	(330)451-6480
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)309-5669
GlenOak Mat Club 3 Levels - ONE Family Facebool.com	(330)705-8166
Powerline Issues AEP	1-800-672-2231
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 Stark County Sewer State of Ohio Roads Township Roads	(330)477-6781 (330)451-2303 (330)452-0365 (330)492-3423
Schools Canton City North Canton Plain Schools Admin. Plain Bus Garage	(330)438-2500 (330)497-5600 (330)492-3500 (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 North Canton Water Aqua Water	(330)489-3315 (330)499-4801 1-877-987-2782
Zoning Permits Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686

Have an existing Flag Pole? No Problem! We have 3 x 5 American Flags made in the USA that can be delivered right to your home. Whether you are replacing an old flag or would like a new flag to keep on hand, your Plain Township Firefighters will respond to your flag needs for a \$30.00 donation. All proceeds benefit charitable funds and scholarships. Payable by check to:

Plain Township Local 2967 and mailed to 1742 Schneider St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.



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