

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee  
Scott M. Haws, Trustee  
Albert P. Leno II, Trustee

## Township Meetings

### Board of Trustees

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month  
at 6:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

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

### Zoning Commission

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

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## Thank You To Our Plain Township Residents!

On behalf of the Plain Township Board of Trustees, we offer our sincere appreciation to our residents for the passage of the Police Replacement Levy. This levy will allow the Township to maintain the level of service that our residents and community have come to both expect and deserve. By replacing this levy, Plain Township will continue to contract with the Stark County Sheriff's Department to provide fifteen deputies and one detective assigned exclusively to Plain Township. They will continue to patrol our streets and neighborhoods, conduct investigations and keep our township safe. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to own all of the equipment used to provide police services, including police cruisers.

We will also be able to replace many cruisers with well over one-hundred thousand miles.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees recognizes that we could not offer our police services without the support of our residents and community, and for that we are grateful. Safe streets and neighborhoods are vital to making Plain Township a great place to live, work and worship.

Scott M. Haws

Albert P. Leno II

## Continuing to Support Your Plain Township

On March 6, 2012, the Plain Township Board of Trustees will be seeking a 1.5 mill road levy renewal. ***This will NOT be an increase in taxes.*** The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home just \$45.91 per year, which is the same amount it currently costs. The Trustees understand the economic burdens township taxpayers are facing, but the passage of this levy is a critical component to maintaining safe streets that are in good condition for our residents.

The Road Department maintains 172 miles of roadway. Thirteen to fifteen miles of road are paved each year, which allows us to pave roads on a ten to fourteen

year rotation.

The Road Department's cost of doing business and maintaining its fleet has been continuously rising. This is due to inflation and the skyrocketing costs of gasoline, crude oil, paving materials and road salt.

Well-maintained roads mean safe travel for Police, Fire and EMS vehicles and citizens. They also increase property values for citizens and businesses.

Plain Township should be very proud of our Road Department. Supporting this renewal levy will allow our community to keep the excellent service we currently have, without any additional costs to our residents.



June 15-17, 2012, the Canton Marathon will be stretching its legs and officially making Stark County its home!

The schedule for the weekend is an ambitious but very achievable one. The Fitness & Health Expo will be open Friday and Saturday at the Canton Memorial Civic Center and serve both as check-in for event participants and a vendor show dedicated to the efforts of promoting health and wellness as a lifestyle. Friday night the Canton Marathon is partnering to promote the Jackson Township Night Glow 5k Race as the kick-off to a Father's Day weekend full of events.

On Saturday, as the Expo comes into the finish line, the Gran Fondo Italian-Themed Bicycle Ride will take place in Western Stark County. The Father's Day Family Fun Run & Walk will also take place on Saturday at Fawcett Stadium. On Sunday, the Canton Marathon culminates with its namesake, including distances of 10k, half marathon, five-person team relays and full marathon races. The races will start at Stadium Park and end at Fawcett Stadium. The Finish Line Celebration will take place on the Pro Football Hall of Fame grounds.

The established routes impact portions of Plain Township, Canton City, North Canton City, Jackson Township and Perry Township as it weaves through neighborhoods, corporate communities, campuses, parks and portions of major travel arteries. As such, the Canton Marathon is fully aware it will impact in some way many of the religious institutions, neighborhoods and businesses along the route. Bearing that in mind, with a start time for the Sunday races beginning at 6:00 a.m., some worship services and businesses may be affected by both road closings and the subsequent re-opening of the route(s).

Please check to see if and how your area may be affected, by visiting us online at [www.cantonmarathon.com](http://www.cantonmarathon.com) and clicking on the *See Course Maps* link.

If you have any questions or concerns, we want to work with you to be as *minimally invasive* as the event allows. Canton Marathon invites all of its community affiliates to partner in some way... whether by participating in one of the races, cheering along the course, volunteering or even being on a committee! The Canton Marathon would like to work with you to address any concerns that may arise prior to the event.

Please visit our website at [www.cantonmarathon.com](http://www.cantonmarathon.com) or call **(330) 456-9811**.



## Electric Aggregate Opt-In

Residents recently received a mailing announcing a new electric discount program with First Energy solutions that voters passed on November 8, 2011.

The Township is working to implement an opt-out program in the spring, however, a rate plan proposed by AEP Ohio could limit the number of customers that could take advantage of an electric aggregation program in 2012.

To help ensure that residents of Plain Township can take advantage of the savings offered through the program, we are encouraging residents to sign up now in this first-come, first-serve process and start receiving savings now.

Residents who sign up now will receive a 9% discount off the Price To Compare (PTC). And when the opt-out program is available in the spring, customers joining now will automatically be transferred into that program.

Residents can enroll by calling First Energy Solutions at 1-877-635-0494, by visiting [www.fes.com/plain](http://www.fes.com/plain) or by returning the reply card that came with the letter in the mail.

Plain Township is pleased to have made this program possible but asks that you do not call the township offices, as we are not equipped to handle a large volume of calls.

Visit us online at [www.cantonmarathon.com](http://www.cantonmarathon.com) and click on *See Course Maps* to see if and how your neighborhood or business may be affected.

## Congratulations & Farewell

The Plain Township Board of Trustees and the Plain Township Fire Department would like to congratulate Chief John Sabo, Captain Thomas McCallin and Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Meers on their retirements. These men have served the citizens of Plain Township with a combined total of 124 years of outstanding service. They have set an example to be followed in the future and cherished by those of us that have worked with them. There is no doubt that their leadership, commitment and passion in the performance of their duties have saved lives, homes and treasured belongings. As they retire, we pray that they experience all the joy and contentment that retirement will bring them. May God bless them with good health and fill their lives with happiness.

### 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 NE

Fire Station #3 - 2625 25th Street NE

Fire Station #4 - 2855 Easton Street NE

Fire Station #5 - 7858 Market Avenue N



### 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

## ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES!

Every business in Plain Township *must* register with the Zoning Department, whether new or old. Please do this as soon as possible. We must have current records in our files, or your business is in violation of the Plain Township Zoning Resolution.

A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required for *every* business in Plain Township. It is also required *prior* to anyone occupying a building in a Business, Office or Industrial District.

If you are a business in Plain Township, please check to make sure that you have a current Certificate of Conformance. The Zoning Department will be reviewing our records this season to make sure every business has a current and up-to-date Certificate of Conformance. A new permit is required for any change in business use, ownership or tenant.

Applications can be picked up and filled out in our office, Monday through Friday, during our hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Once the application is filled out, the Plain Township Fire Department will inspect the property. A permit will not be issued until the appropriate inspection has been finalized.

A Certificate of Conformance Permit costs \$40 and is valid for the life of the business, as long as there is no change in business use, owner or tenant.

## 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 thirty days. You may display 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.

## COMING SOON IN 2012

We are extremely excited to announce our newest website additions arriving in 2012!

### Plain Township Businesses

This is the most current list of all businesses in Plain Township that have obtained a Certificate of Conformance Permit from the Zoning Department. This list will be updated monthly. If your business name is on the list and you wish to have your website and/or email address listed, please contact Stephanie at [smetzger@plaintownship.com](mailto:smetzger@plaintownship.com). If your name is not on the list, please email us the following information:

- ♦ Business name
- ♦ Business address
- ♦ Business phone number
- ♦ Business website
- ♦ Business email

### Zoning Classifications of Properties

This is a Zoning Classification list of all township properties that you can search either by address or parcel number to find out how a particular property is zoned. This list will be updated monthly.

### Zoning Map

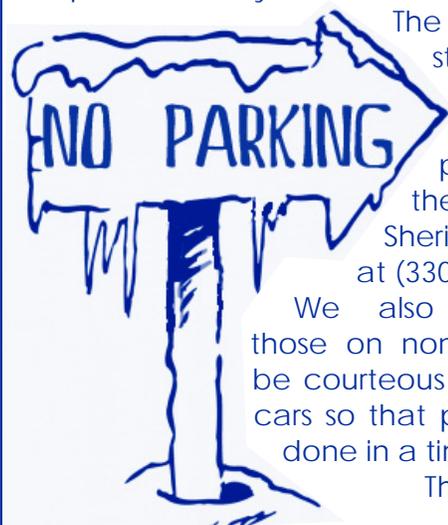
This is our current Zoning map from September 2011. The map is subject to change, but all changes will be listed on the website as they occur.



Visit us online at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) for more!

## Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that no parking is allowed on the paved surface of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several Plain Township roadways will be posted this year with *No Parking* signs.



The ban will be strictly enforced!

If you see any illegal parking, please contact the Stark County Sheriff's Department at (330) 430-3800.

We also request that those on non-posted streets be courteous in moving their cars so that plowing can be done in a timely manner.

Thank you!

## Winter Reminders

- ♦ Please do not place trash cans in the roadway when it snows.
- ♦ Remember to stay at least fifty feet back from salt trucks so that your vehicle is not damaged by salt spreaders.
- ♦ We apologize for snow blocking driveways and cul-de-sacs, however sometimes this is unavoidable.
- ♦ If snow plows knock down your mailbox, please call us. After the snowfall has ended, repairs of mailboxes will be evaluated in the order in which they are received.
- ♦ Main roads throughout the township are salted and plowed first, then the secondary roads. Trucks are assigned to specific areas and no area has priority over any other.
- ♦ If your yard or driveway is damaged by snow plows please call us.

## Who Maintains My Street?

Many roads within Plain Township are maintained by other public entities. This can cause some confusion for Township residents as to who maintains their street. Listed below are the roads that seem to cause the most confusion, along with the telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for their maintenance.

Road	Contact	Telephone
44th Street NE (Plain Center to Market Avenue)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
44th Street NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
44th Street NW (Cleveland to Harrison Street)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
55th Street NE (Harmont Avenue to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
55th Street NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
55th Street NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	(330) 489-3030
Applegrove Street (Market Street to North Canton City Limits)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Applegrove Street (Middlebranch to Market Avenue)	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Bentler Avenue NE (Columbus Road to Easton Street)	Nimishillen Township	(330) 875-3511
Bentler Avenue NE (Easton Street to Diamond Street)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Columbus Road	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Diamond Street (Middlebranch to Bentler Road)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Diamond Street (Middlebranch to Market Street)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Easton Street	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Harmont Avenue	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Martindale Road	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Middlebranch Avenue	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781
Market Street (SR 43) (Canton City Limit to Mt. Pleasant Street)	Ohio Department of Transportation	(330) 452-0365
Mt. Pleasant Street NE (Market Street to Middlebranch Avenue)	Plain Township	(330) 492-3423
Mt. Pleasant Street NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	(330) 877-9479
Werner Church Road	Stark County Engineer	(330) 477-6781

## Winter Indoor Golf Lessons for All Ages

Keep swinging and improving throughout the cold winter months at the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex. This training will give you the tools to shoot your handicap the first round this spring. This is also a great time for those students hoping to play in high school or compete in the U.S. Kids Golf Tour. To schedule your lesson, contact Doug Lemons, PGA Professional, at (330) 412-2320.

**When:** Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** Call for details!

**Senior Special!**  
\$2 per minute or  
40 minutes for \$45



*Let Us Help You Enjoy  
The Game Again!*

## Junior-High Golf Club

Boys and girls who are interested in competing in golf this spring are encouraged to come to weekly practices at the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex. One-hour practices are for students in grades 6-8. We will focus on all aspects of golf: putting, chipping, pitching, full-swing, etiquette, rules and strategy. To schedule your lesson, contact Doug Lemons, PGA Professional, at (330) 412-2320.

**When:** Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$50 per month

## Soccer 101

This class is for beginners ages four to six years who want to get involved in the game of soccer. Coach Frank Gagliardi will teach your child the basics of shooting, passing and dribbling the soccer ball. Each week your child will play in a scrimmage at the end of class. The registration form for this program can be found at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) under the Parks Department Programs page.

**When:** Tuesdays, January 31 - March 20, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$60 per child

## Footskills

This skill-building program is designed to help both beginners and experienced players ages seven through thirteen years. Participants in this program will learn basic and advanced skills. Please download the registration form at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) under the Parks Department Programs page.

**When:** Tuesdays, January 31 - March 20, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$75 per child

## Plain Township Indoor Soccer

Both Recreational and Competitive Indoor Soccer leagues are offered at the Diamond Community Sports Complex. Please call us at (330) 499-0000 or visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) for more information.

### Competitive Indoor Soccer

This league begins January 23, 2012 for skilled players in the U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, Adult Coed, Open Men's, High School Boys and High School Girls Divisions. Registration deadline is January 18, 2012.

### Recreational Indoor Soccer

This league will begin on January 28, 2012. Players in kindergarten through eighth grade are permitted to participate for the fee of \$75. Parents/guardians who would like to volunteer to coach a soccer team will receive one child's registration at a discounted rate of \$50. For more information or to download a registration form, visit us at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com).

## NFL Youth Flag Football with GameTime SportZ

This spring, the Plain Township Parks Department will be offering NFL Youth Flag Football for boys and girls through GameTime SportZ, a non-profit youth sports organization that specializes in Youth Flag Football. With over 3,000 kids each year, their *Kids F.I.R.S.T.* programs have revitalized the youth sports atmosphere. There are no try-outs, as all kids play for an NFL Team play equally and together with friends and will also receive an NFL Team Jersey and trophy! All practices and games are on the same day at the same time each week. Best of all, all GameTime SportZ kids can play in the Ohio State Stadium, The Horseshoe, in June! Please register before March 19, 2012 by visiting us online at [www.nflohio.com](http://www.nflohio.com) or calling (330) 754-1470.

**When:** Sundays, April through June, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township

**Fee:** \$79.99 per child (ages 3-4)

\$89.99 per child (ages 5-14)

*\*\$6 additional processing fee per registrant*

## 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. Reservations must be made prior to attending. For more information, contact Marge McClelland at (330) 497-0184.

### January 26, 12:00 p.m. - Accordion Musical - Al Zimmerman

Back by popular demand, Al Zimmerman will be playing the accordion. His music will include the most popular polkas, waltzes and sing-along-songs.

**Lunch:** Shells OR Chateau Chicken

Includes: Salad, Roll, Baked Potato and Dessert!



### February 23, 12:00 p.m. - History of Plain Township - Plain Township Historical Society

Mr. Smith from the Plain Township Historical society will talk about the organization and the rich history of our very own Plain Township.

**Lunch:** Teriyaki Chicken with Rice OR Stuffed Cabbage with Mashed Potatoes

Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

### March 22, 12:00 p.m. - Civil War Stories - Christopher Craft

Christopher Craft will talk about the unique stories of the Civil War. The stories told will be specific to the Stark County area.

**Lunch:** Swiss Steak with Mashed Potatoes

Includes: Salad, Roll and Dessert!

## That's Not All!

Your Plain Township Parks Department offers many recreational programs all year long! We offer arts and crafts, reading, and fitness programs for toddlers and preschoolers, a walking club for adults, and stamping/scrapbooking workshops for all ages! Visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) today and check under the Parks Department Programs page for details of all recreational programs, free family events, and to download registration forms.

## 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	<b>911</b>

### History

Historical Society	(330) 494-6187
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### Parks & Recreation

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

### Plain Local Sports

Community Soccer Club	(330) 499-2222	<a href="http://www.communitysoccerclub.com">www.communitysoccerclub.com</a>
Holly Hills Baseball	(330) 495-6333	<a href="http://www.hollyhillsbaseball.com">www.hollyhillsbaseball.com</a>
Greater Stark Co. Amateur Soccer League		<a href="http://www.greaterstarkasl.org">www.greaterstarkasl.org</a>
Plain Local Baseball	(330) 919-2255	
Plain Local Softball	(330) 280-2501	<a href="http://www.plbsa.com">www.plbsa.com</a>
Plain 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

Stark County Auditor	(330) 451-7334
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### Recycling

Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
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### 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
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### Voter Registration

Board of Elections	(330) 451-8683
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### 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
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## PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

PRSRT 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

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)

## YARD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITIES

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, Christmas trees, branches, small tree limbs and other yard waste is accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. Please, no plastic bags.

### Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton Street NE

- ♦ Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ We will be closed for winter from January 15 to March 26, 2012.

### Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- ♦ Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Open Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ We will close for the winter on January 8, 2012.