



2023 Year in Review

Parks, Grounds & Facilities

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Al Leno Community Park

3059 Alpine Street NE

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Diamond Park & Community Room

2782 Diamond Street NE

Canton, Ohio 44721

Veterans Memorial Park

1714 Schneider Street NE

Canton, Ohio 44721

Legacy Park

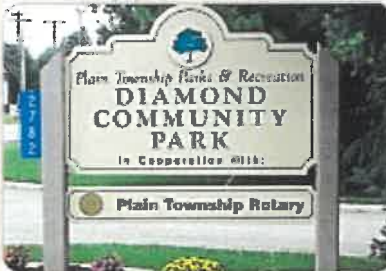
2604 Easton St. NE

Canton, Ohio 44721

John A. Sabo Service Complex

2855 Easton St. NE

Canton, Ohio 44721



“Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results.”

Vince Lombardi

Letter From The Parks Director

Reflecting on 2023, The Plain Township Parks saw continued growth in all areas of operation and made significant improvements and progress in all facets. Growth was a key word and common theme as two new parks, Legacy Park and the John A. Sabo Service Complex came online offering new amenities, services and opportunities for all. New equipment was added to continue to provide the results and level of service residents have come accustomed to enjoying. Training again was an area of focus for equipment, policy and best practices. The Plain Township Parks Department staff completed Master Gardener Certification through Stark Soil & Water. I completed the OTALA 2.0 Leadership course. My technology skills continued to expand with implementation of WhenIWork for multiple departments, the launch pad technology used to operate the electronic sign and I've begun delving into the Eventbrite software to bring online for the Legacy Park Amphitheater events.

Programming again continued to reach new heights with registrations across all leagues both indoor and outdoor and the trend looks to continue into the new year. Community Events also saw significant growth and attendance with Paws in The Park, Salute To Veterans and the newly branded Light Up At Legacy Park rounding out 2023 in spectacular fashion. The year also saw the opening of Legacy Park and its amphitheater with 6 concerts including a soft open with The Shootouts, then Brass Transit, 70's Rock Parade, AM Gold Yacht Rock, the GlenOak High School Strings, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. Children's programming in the form of Jungle Terry, free youth dance classes with Revival Dance Studio. Adult programming also opened at Legacy Park with North Canton YMCA hosting Zumba and Pilates classes on Saturday. Residents also were treated to the 720 Sidestreet Markets at the park in September and October.

With growth also comes cost. Partnerships, sponsorships and grants again played major roles in providing for that growth. The ODNR NatureWorks Grant saw the Al Leno Park Pickleball Courts/Tennis Court renovation come to fruition. The State Capital Budget Grant allowed for a new roof and other infrastructure to be done with the historic barn at Diamond Park. NRAC and Muskingum Watershed and Stark Community Foundation grants also provided for the acquisition of the Monarch Meadows property to become part of Veterans Park. The Visit Canton Destination Enhancement Grant provided for the playground at Legacy Park. The MORE Grant provided for mulch in playgrounds. ARP funds provided for water connection at Al Leno Park. Private donations and fund raising produced the POW/MIA and Purple Heart monuments at Veterans Park. ARP Funds were responsible for the construction and completion of Legacy Park and its amphitheater. Donations also provided for the POW/MIA Honor chair and even the butterfly garden at Veterans Park. Donations from the Fire Department provided for the flags and poles in the honor garden. A donation from the Tisevich Family provided for playground equipment replacement at Veteran Park. The Ohio Realtors provided for and installed a butterfly garden at Veterans Park. Sponsorships from local businesses provided for hospitality and entertainment costs for concerts at the amphitheater, as well as Paws in The Park, Light up At Legacy Park, and Salute To Veterans. Partnerships with Oakwood Square and the 720 Market, North Canton YMCA, and Revival Dance Studio provided free programming to the public.

As we move into 2024, growth continues to be on the horizon with a full slate of events at the amphitheater, programming continuing to see significant growth, grants being solicited for capital improvements, and partnerships and sponsorships, and donations continuing to help amenity, service, and programming grow. The Plain Township Parks continues to train with a focus on best practices in all facets of operation to offer the very highest level of service to our residents, clients, registrants, reservations, and partners. We continue to make Plain Township a great place to live, work and play.

Al Leno Community Park

The North Shelter was reserved for:

- 22 days
- 94.5 hours
- 965 in attendance



The South Shelter was reserved for :

- 64 days
- 283 hours
- 2617 in attendance



Improvements at the park:

- Connected to city water
- Opened up new Pickleball Courts
- Installed heating in restrooms



Diamond Community Park

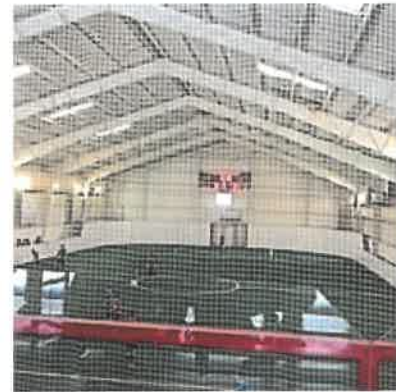
Diamond Community Room was reserved for:

- 132 days
- 944.75 hours
- 4617 in attendance



Diamond Park held:

- 936 soccer games
- 93 baseball games



Improvements in the park:

- Connected to city water for indoor facility
- Finished striping west parking lot
- Installed a new barn roof



Veterans Park

The Veterans Shelter was reserved for:

- 85 days
- 551 hours
- 4638 in attendance



Improvements at the park:

- Installed a Butterfly Garden
- POW/MIA monument installed
- Installed Honor Chair
- Installed Memorial Benches
- Added playground piece from the Tisevich family



Special Events:

- POW/MIA Memorial Dedication
- Honor Chair Dedication
- Paws in the Park
- Salute to Veterans



Legacy Park/Plain Township Amphitheater

Legacy Park/Plain Township Amphitheater had a grand opening on 8/10/23

Legacy Park Amphitheater has the following amenities:

- Seating for 2500
- Fire Pits
- Adirondack Chairs
- Sun Shades
- Playground
- Restroom Facilities



Legacy Park Amphitheater held 4 Concerts:

- The Shootouts on 8/3/23
- Brass Transit on 8/10/23
- 70's Rock Parade on 9/14/23
- AM Gold Yacht Rock on 9/28/23



Legacy Park Amphitheater hosted the following special events:

- Jungle Terry
- PLS Convocation
- Dance Classes
- Zumba and Pilates Classes
- 720 Sidestreet Markets
- Fit and Fabulous Classes
- GlenOak Marching Band Concert
- GlenOak Strings Concert
- Light Up at Legacy Park



John A. Sabo Service Complex

The fire station formerly known as Old 4 was renamed John A. Sabo Service Complex. The complex houses the yard waste facility, recycling center, a fire training building, a 4.18 acre parcel for use as a park, and the Parks Department headquarters.

The park is also utilized in the summer months as a parking lot for events at the amphitheater.



Maintenance

Eby Cemetery Maintenance:

- 1 acre mowed per week
- Total of 31 acres mowed in 2023



Right of Ways Maintenance :

- 1 acre mowed per week
- Total of 31 acres mowed in 2023

Fire Stations Maintenance:

- 1 acre mowed per week
- Total of 31 acres mowed in 2023
- 100 pounds of Snap Shot for weed control spread
- 91.6 ounces of concentrate weed killer spread



Township Hall Maintenance:

- 1 acre mowed each week
- Total of 31 acres mowed in 2023
- 45 pounds of Snap Shot for weed control spread
- 1.2 ounces of concentrate weed killer spread
- Removed hedges
- Added electronic Sign

John A. Sabo Service Complex Park:

- 3 acres mowed per week
- Total of 60 acres mowed in 2023

Legacy Park:

- 200 lbs. grass seed
- 1/2 acre mowed per week
- Total of 10 acres mowed in 2023



Maintenance (continued)

Al Leno Community Park Maintenance:

- 1,116 acres mowed seasonally
- 115 lbs. of Snap Shot for weed control spread
- 6 oz of concentrate weed killer spread



Veterans Park Maintenance:

- 1,302 acres mowed seasonally
- 80 lbs. of Snap Shot for weed control spread
- 4.8 oz of concentrate weed killer spread



Diamond Community Park Maintenance:

- 3,906 acres mowed seasonally
- 90 lbs. of Snap Shot for weed control spread
- 10.8 oz of concentrate weed killer spread
- 5400 lbs. of granular fertilizer spread over 1,600,000 sq ft



Grants and Funding Opportunities

- Completed pickleball and tennis courts at Al Leno Park funded by an ODNR Natureworks Grant
- Awarded More Grant for playground mulch
- Installed new barn roof at Diamond Community Park funded by State Capital Budget money
- ARP funding used for water projects at Al Leno Park and Diamond Community Park and for construction of Legacy Park Amphitheater
- The playground at the amphitheater funded by Visit Canton grant
- NRAC and Muskingum Watershed and Stark Community Foundation grants provided for the acquisition of Monarch Meadows



Events



Legacy Park

at Oakwood Square

www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com

For more information call

330.492.4689



You and your dogs are invited to Paws in the Park! This event is proudly sponsored by Plain Township Parks, and Denise Evans, Realtor with Cutler Real Estate.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, grab a bite to eat while you are here, and enjoy the festivities! Come dressed in your best for the Pet Parade and Dog/Family Costume Contest! Dress up your pooch, or come dressed up all together too!

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded, courtesy of Citi Co., Cross Country Mortgage! Also, many door prizes courtesy of all the participating groups!

Fill up at the Doanville Food Truck, Completely Cooked cookie caboose, and doggies can enjoy free ice cream treats from Hundtals and their very own dog food truck, Fur Mama Factory!

Meet dog groomer Hippie Hounds Grooming, nail trimmer Maddie's Paw Spa, dog walker Renee's Walking Paws, Dogtopia day care & boarding, Pet Stop Pet containment, dog trainers, and more!

Stop by the FREE photo booth and get your family picture taken, take home a free dog water bowl, and pick out a free bandana! Grab your free doggie bag so you can fill up with freebies to take home. Courtesy of Denise Evans, Cutler Real Estate.

Get your face painted with a doggie design, and some free treats, offered by the Rotary Club of Plain Township.

Shop for the latest must haves in dog essentials by Hawks Crest Pets, and say hello to our friends from Pet Supplies Plus.

Meet the Therapy Volunteer Group from Summa Health, Metropolitan Vets, Dog Trainers, Harvill Group Pet Insurance, and Dog Rescue Groups too.

We promise you'll have a doggone good time! So grab your leashes and get your tails wagging for this awesome event.

For additional info, contact Denise Evans at (330) 575-1832, devans@cutlerhomes.com




UNITED WE STAND
PLAIN TOWNSHIP SALUTE TO VETERANS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
10 AM
CENTRAL FIRE STATION - 1742 SCHNEIDER ST. NE CANTON, OHIO 44721

Brunch provided by Plain Township
Performance by Majestic Voices
Guest Speaker- Buck Wilford, Hear his firsthand account of the Black Hawk Incident.

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

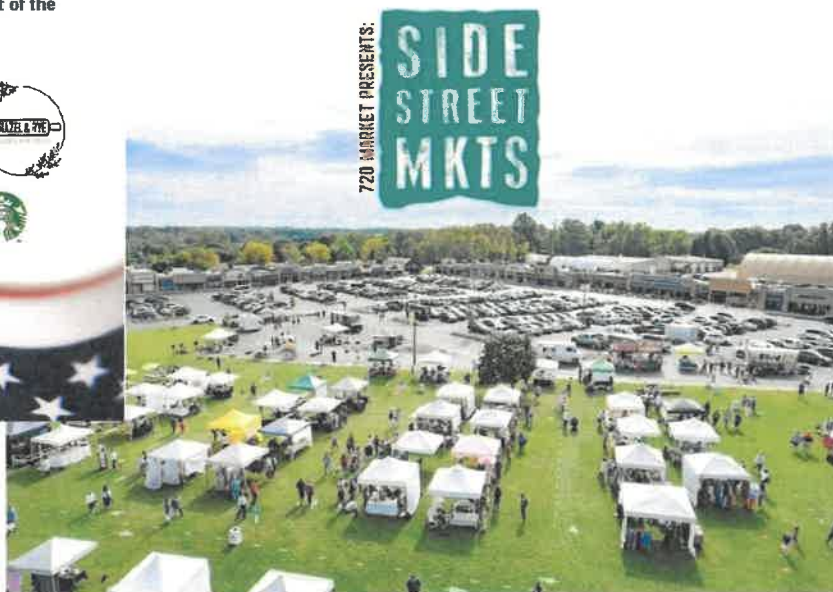








— FINE FOOD & MEATS —



SECOND SATURDAYS AT OAKWOOD SQUARE

Training

In-House Training:

Tool Box Talks (Bi-Monthly)
John Deere Mower Operation
Dual Axle Ventrac Mower Operation
Mower Maintenance
Salt Truck Operation
Vehicle Inspection (DVIR)
Plow Hook-up/Operation
Baseball Field Maintenance
Robo-Paint Machine Operation/Maintenance
Bucket Truck Operation/Safety
Bobcat Operation
Loader Operation
Plow Routes/Winter Operations
New Employee Drug Free Workplace (Rob)
CPR/AED Training (FD)
Ventrac Flail
Ventrac Cab
Ventrac Snow Blower
John Deere Stand Up
Truck Craft Salt Spreader
Rain Garden Certification (Stark Soil and Water)
iWorks Training
When I Work Training
Team Sideline Training (new soccer supervisors)
LaunchPad Training (Electronic Sign)
Eventbrite Training (Tickets-Rob)

Out-Of-House Training:

CPRP Accreditation (Rob)
OUPS
Stark Soil and Water
Drug Free Workplace
Completed OTALA 2.0

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

2015)

Athletic/Fitness Partners:

Community Soccer Club
Holly Hills Baseball
Ohio Pilots Baseball
Lake Storm Baseball
Kings United Soccer Club
Defiance Soccer Club
Ohio Aces Baseball
Plain Eagles Baseball
Spikes Baseball
Eagles Select Soccer Club
Canton Lightning Soccer Club
Diamond Select Soccer Club
Barrow Fitness
North Canton YMCA
Limeys Soccer Club
North Canton Soccer Club
Challenger Baseball
NEO Venom Baseball
Canton Soccer Referees Association

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community/Event Partners

720 Sidestreet Market
Boy Scout Troop 42
Plain Local Schools
Stark Parks
Child and Adolescent Behavioral Services
Denise Evans, Cutler Real Estate
IAFF Local 2967
Oakwood Square Plaza
Drug Mart at Oakwood Square
Starbucks at Washington Square
Operation Flags of Freedom
Unified Insulation Systems, LLC
Design Restoration and Reconstruction
Heroes Honored Inc
Wolf Financial Group
Redmonds Parts and Supply, Inc
Justin and Tara Tisevich
Stark County Deputies Association
SAM.Center
Dominion Ohio/First Energy
Edward Murray, Esq
Tolin Designs
Revival Dance Studio
The Mucci Team
My Splash Pad
Leslie Kuntz
Chad, Emily, Liam Palmer
St. Clair/Pavlis Group

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community/Event Partners (continued):

Plain Township Rotary
Plain Township Historical Society
Postiy's Fine Meats
Hazel and Rye Boutique
Uptown Cheapskate
Stark County Humane Society
Stark County Deputies Association
American Legion Charities
Elite Sports
Kimble Companies
Hammontree & Associates
Hartville Hardware
Pfund Superior Sales
Royal Docks Brewing
John's Bar & Grille
Spider Monkey/OSI
Elevate Chiropractic & Wellness
A Cut Above Tree Service
SoL Harris/Day Architecture
OMH Advisors
Gledhill Road Machinery Inc.
The Rotary Club of Plain Township
Almost Heaven Ice Cream, Inc.
M Tech Company
General RV/MWCD
McIntosh Oil
Charles and Stephanie Shalenberger