

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



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**Pamela S. Bossart, Trustee**  
**Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee**  
**Albert P. Leno II, Trustee**  
**Claude W. Shriver II, Fiscal Officer**

## Township Meetings:

### Board of Trustees

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

### Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday  
of the month - 7:00 pm

### Zoning Commission

Wednesday in 2nd full week  
of the month - 7:00 pm

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## A Message from the Board of Trustees

### Bicentennial Celebration

Plain Township will be celebrating it's 200th anniversary on March 16, 2009. In the spirit of building community pride and unity, the Plain Township Board of Trustees is actively seeking volunteers from all over the community to help discuss, develop, and plan projects, events, and programs for this truly significant occasion. This is a chance to reflect on our rich history and heritage, and to showcase our Township by focusing on our citizens, schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations. This is also an opportunity to create a permanent, visible memorial or commemoration of the bicentennial that will serve as a legacy to future generations.

We have so many reasons to be proud of Plain Township. The Board of Trustees strongly encourages and welcomes anyone who is interested to volunteer for this historic milestone. An organizational meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street, on April 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. If you or your organization would be willing to help, please contact the Plain Township Trustees at 330-492-4689. Many people are needed to help shape this celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

*Pamela S. Bossart*  
*Louis P. Giavasis*  
*Albert P. Leno II*

### Plain Township Historical Society

The Historical Society meetings and programs are held on the third Monday of each month at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street, at 7:00 p.m.

The Plain Township Historical Society is working with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to locate century-old family farms, historic buildings, and buildings with unusual architectural designs. For more information, please call Dawn Firestone Pegg at 330-493-1731.

**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 \$14 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

**Be Prepared!**

In a disaster, local officials and relief workers may not be able to reach everyone right away. Help may not arrive for hours or even days! You and your family need to be prepared before a disaster strikes.

Most disasters are natural disasters, the result of some force of nature such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. Some disasters are caused by human actions, and may be intentional or unintentional. Having a disaster plan can help your family feel secure.

Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare. Contact your local Red Cross Chapter or do some online

research to make sure that you are aware of the types of disasters that could strike where you live. Create a family disaster plan that can apply to any type of disaster.



Discuss what to do in an evacuation. When instructed by officials, go immediately to a shelter or to the home of a friend or relative who lives out of the area. Find out about local shelters before disaster strikes.

Sometimes family members become separated during an emergency. Be

prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Make sure the children learn their phone numbers and addresses, and fully understand all of the emergency plans.

Quiz your children frequently so that they will easily remember what to do, where to go, and whom to call.

Decide how you will take care of pets, since not all shelters welcome animals.

Post emergency telephone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by the phone for easy access.

Assemble a family disaster supplies kit and keep a smaller one in the trunk of your vehicle.

**Glenoak Stadium Hero's Flagpole**

The Plain Township Fire Department is currently collecting donations to purchase and install a flagpole and flag in the new Glenoak Stadium. This pole and flag will be dedicated to current residents and alumni of Plain Local Schools who have served in law enforcement, the fire service, or the United States Military. Donations will be accepted in the name of the **Plain Township Professional Firefighters Local #2967 (Flagpole Account)** at the following locations: Charter One Bank branches; selected Plain Local School events; Plain Township Fire Department Administrative Office, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton. There will no door-to-door or individual solicitation!

**Project Cost Projection**

Installation of 50 ft. Flagpole:	\$4,800.00	Landscaping:	\$1,000.00
10x15 ft. Nylon American Flag:	\$350.00	Electric Supplies and Labor:	\$2,500.00
Granite Dedication Plaque:	\$700.00	Misc. Construction Fees:	\$110.00
		*Option #2: Two 25 ft. Poles:	\$2,200.00

# STORMWATER WORDSEARCH

L J A W W B T G F E B A D A H  
 I W A T E R S H E D O Z P Q P  
 T Q T H P O F I R L A W R U E  
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 R Q S T E N C I L H N O E I I  
 P O V S W I M M I N G N N C C  
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 C P E T W A S T E K B E R I D  
 V O L U N T E E R T U R J F E  
 E F L J A M I E B R P V G E S  
 N I M I S H I L L E N E S T K  
 U M B R S O I L E R O S I O N  
 F I S H I N G Z O I L R E A H  
 K J R A I N G A R D E N M G T

**DIRECTIONS:** Find the following words in the STORMWATER WORDSEARCH. Then, share your Stormwater knowledge with friends and family! Together, we can make a difference!

**TYPES OF STORMWATER POLLUTION:**

FERTILIZER	PESTICIDES
LITTER	PET WASTE
OIL	SOIL EROSION

**THINGS AFFECTED BY STORMWATER POLLUTION:**

AQUATIC LIFE	NIMISHILLEN
BOATING	SWIMMING
FISHING	WATERSHED

**THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP:**

CONSERVE	RECYCLE
PREVENT	STENCIL
RAIN GARDEN	VOLUNTEER

**Reduce, Reuse, RECYCLE!**

Self-service recycling is available for Stark County residents every day from dawn to dusk at the following three Plain Township sites:

- Diamond Park, 2782 Diamond NE (W. parking lot)
- Middlebranch Elementary, 7500 Middlebranch NE
- Taft & Day School grounds (on Salway NW)

**Bins Are Provided For Each of the Following:**

- Newspapers/Magazines
- Plastics (#1 & #2)/Glass
- Food Boxes
- Aluminum/Steel
- Flat, Corrugated Cardboard

For more information on this program or on how to dispose of other items, please call **1-800-678-9839**.



**Oil Recycling**

Did you know that if you recycle just two gallons of used oil, it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost twenty-four hours! The following drop-off sites are available:

**Advanced Auto Parts**

2314 Columbus Rd.  
 Canton, OH 44705  
 330-588-8813

**Auto Zone**

4213 Cleveland Ave.  
 Canton, OH 44709  
 330-492-8850

**Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Centers**

3200 Atlantic Blvd.  
 Canton, OH 44705  
 330-489-9185

4572 Mega St.  
 Canton, OH 44720  
 330-305-0238

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

STARK COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
 1-800-678-9839

PLAIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT  
 330-492-3423

STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
 330-493-9904

[www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org)  
 OR

[www.plaintownship.com/stormwater/volunteer/html](http://www.plaintownship.com/stormwater/volunteer/html)

With the sounds of Spring knocking at our door, the Plain Township Zoning Department would like to pass along a few friendly reminders to all property owners, both residential and commercial:

## Permits Required

Before you begin any construction project, you will need to contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property. 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 any work begins!

If you are hiring a contractor, we recommend that you discuss who will be responsible for the permits. Remember that, ultimately, the property owner is responsible for compliance of his/her property with all Plain Township zoning requirements.

For general information regarding the minimum requirements, application procedures, and fees required for your project, please contact the Zoning Department at 330-492-4686.

## Certificate of Conformance

This is to all commercial property owners and potential 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 changes in:

- \* Business Use
- \* Ownership
- \* Tenant(s)

## Complaint Procedure

With the spring and summer seasons 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 in a timely manner;
- \* A response will be forwarded to identifiable complainants regarding the conditions found and intended course of action following initial investigation of the complaint.
- \* Anonymous complaints will be taken, but are not prioritized and will be investigated when there is time available for such.

ORC Section 505.87 authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the Township, if the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse, or debris constitutes a nuisance.

## Sign Permits

Almost any temporary sign will require a Sign Permit, so before you put out that next banner or portable sign, make sure you have obtained your Sign Permit from the Plain Township Zoning Department.

A Temporary Sign Permit is active for 30 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!**

## Home Rule Resolutions

In 1991, Plain Township became a home rule township. The home rule designation allows the Township to exercise limited powers of self-government and limited police powers.

Plain Township has several home rule resolutions on various subjects, including animal regulations, park rules, and obstructions in the right-of-way.

All of these home rule resolutions can be read in their entirety on our website:

**www.plaintownship.com** under the heading **Our Township and Home Rule.**

All home rule resolutions are enforced by the Stark County Sheriff's Office, **330-430-3800.**



## Spring Maintenance

The road crew will be sweeping all Township streets beginning the second week of March, if weather allows. Yard repairs from snow plow damage will begin in early April (weather permitting) in the order that the requests were received. Asphalt curb repair will be done during the summer. If you see a pot hole on a Township road, please call the Plain Township Road Department at 330-492-3423. Repairs will be made as soon as we are aware of the obstruction.

## Permits Required

Permits can be obtained by coming to the Road Department which is located at 6300 Heminger Avenue.

### Road Opening Permits:

A permit is required for any excavation in the Township right-of-way. The fee for this permit is \$50.00.

### Driveway Permits:

A permit is required for new construction or any other improvements you make to your existing driveway. This permit gives you instructions for paving and apron requirements. The fee for this permit is \$10.00.

## Prevent Drainage Problems

You can help prevent drainage problems by remembering not to blow or rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the storm sewers, ditches, or streets, as this is not only in violation of ORC 3767.17, but it will also help to reduce many drainage and flooding problems during heavy rain falls!

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 by calling 330-493-9904.

## Trees, Bushes, & Hedges

Please trim back your trees, bushes, hedges, etc. that cause sight problems for drivers. The courts have determined that there may be a joint liability between the owner and the governmental agency for hazards in the right-of-way. The Township is NOT held responsible for trees in the right-of-way!

## Hoops & Garbage Cans

Portable and permanent basketball hoops are very popular throughout Plain Township. Please remember that no basketball hoops or garbage cans are permitted to be placed in the right-of-way. The Plain Township Trustees ask that these hoops be moved immediately.

## Micro Surfacing

In 2007, the Township used a new method called *micro surfacing* to help reduce the cost of paving roads. This new pavement resurfacing procedure extends the life of a road up to eight years! The Township micro surfaced and crack sealed 0.65 miles of road in the northwest end of the Township on 39th Street, 40th Street, and Brookdale.

## 2008 Paving List

The 2008 Paving list was not yet completed at the time of printing of this publication. The list will be posted on our website at [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) when it has been finalized.

## 2007 Year-End Road Report

During 2007, the road crew completed 4,537 work order requests for services such as patching, street sweeping, catch basin repairs, curb repairs, drainage, roadside mowing, snow plowing, and deicing of Township roads.

The Plain Township Road Department also completed the following:

- \* Paved 10.16 miles of road;
- \* Repaired and power boxed with 313.5 tons of asphalt;
- \* Repaired/replaced 4,752 feet of concrete curb and gutter;
- \* Installed/repaired 1,466 feet of asphalt curb;
- \* Striped 22,860 miles of center line and 39.32 of edge;
- \* Crack sealed a total of 5.23 miles of roadway;
- \* Vactored 44,600 feet ditch line;
- \* Flushed/cleaned 11,319 feet pipe;
- \* Cleaned 99 catch basins;
- \* Installed/repaired 6,946 ft. of culvert pipe;
- \* Reconstructed 2,200 feet of ditches;
- \* Swept 338 miles of road.

**THANK YOU, PLAIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT, FOR YOUR HARD WORK LAST YEAR!**

## Spring Tune-Up For Kids

The Plain Township Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Stark County Bicycle Club (SCBC) and Ernie's Bike Shop, proudly present our first annual SPRING TUNE-UP FOR KIDS. Staff from Ernie's Bike Shop and official SCBC members will be present to offer an inspection of your child's bike and make simple adjustments such as handlebar height and tightness, air pressure, seat adjustment, and chain condition. We ask each youngster to wear proper head protection if they wish to ride their bike through our exciting obstacle course, which will be set up inside the Diamond Sports Complex. Your child will receive a Certificate of Completion for their attendance. This FREE event will take place rain or shine for children ages 5-10 years. Contact the Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department at 330-499-0000 or [general@plaintownship.com](mailto:general@plaintownship.com) for registration. (Pre-registration is necessary by May 20!)

**When:** Saturday, May 24, 2008; 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

**Where:** Diamond Community Park

**Fee:** FREE!

## ABC Music & Me

Children ages 3-4 years are invited to attend weekly lessons with exciting monthly themes! Your children can enjoy dancing, singing, literature, and assorted instruments. Music is not only entertaining for the brain, but good for the soul. We want to help you introduce your child to the joy of music and explore new talents and possibilities. For more information, please call the Plain Township Parks & Recreation Department.

**Where:** Diamond Community Room

**When:** Wednesdays; 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Session 1: April 9 - April 30, 2008

Session 2: May 14 - June 11, 2008

**Fee:** \$40.00 per Session



## Tiny Toes Play Time

Come engage your infant or toddler in this open-ended play session. Each session will have new, interactive, age-appropriate toys for your child to explore. Some sessions will feature small group activities to encourage social interests. This is a great way to bond with your children, explore new things, and make new friends for the both of you! *Parents are required to stay with children during entire session!* Contact the Plain Township Parks Department for more information or visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com).

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex

**When:** Fridays; 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Session 1: April 25 - May 16, 2008

Session 2: June 6 - June 27, 2008

**Fee:** \$30.00 per Session



## Indoor Soccer Session III

The Plain Township Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Indoor Soccer Session III for *adults only*. The divisions will include Open Co-Ed, Senior Co-Ed, Open Men's, and Senior Men's.

**Where:** Diamond Indoor Sports Complex

**When:** Sunday Afternoons beginning April 13, 2008 (call for more information)

**Fee:** \$360 - \$378 per Team.



**That's Not All! Visit [www.plaintownship.com](http://www.plaintownship.com) to Learn About All The Programs We Offer!**

Senior Programs

The Plain Township Park and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, present a series of seminars to bring together the senior citizens of Plain Township. 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. This is a great opportunity to get out there and make some new friends, so what are you waiting for? For more information, contact Linda Carlone at **330-494-9645** today!

April 24, 12:00 PM - Identity Theft - Greg Hockenberry

Instructor, Greg Hockenberry, received the Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist Certificate from the Institute of Fraud Risk Management, one of the first and best Identity Theft courses available in the United States. Attend and learn how to protect yourself—you can't afford to miss this seminar!

**Lunch:** Sautéed Francois and Rice **OR** Swiss Steak and Mashed Potatoes  
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

May 22, 12:00 PM - Gardening - Cindy Petitti

Cindy Petitti of the Anthony Petitti Garden Center will be present to share her gardening knowledge with senior citizens. Those who may not be able to do the traditional outdoor, hands-and-knees gardening will find great alternatives with tips on (both veggie and flower) gardening in pots, hanging baskets, and more!

**Lunch:** Broccoli Cheese Quiche **OR** Chicken Salad Croissant  
Includes: Salad, Roll, and Dessert!

June 26, 12:00 PM - Mosquitoes & West Nile Disease

Phil Revlock from the Stark County Health Department would like everyone to be informed about mosquitoes and the West Nile disease concerns. He will speak about Plain Township's Catch Basin Treatment Program, how you can help, and ways to protect you and your family from certain diseases.

**Lunch:** Grilled Sirloin **OR** Chicken Breast  
Includes: Salad, Roll, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, and Dessert!

Park Reservations**Alpine Park Shelters**

It's time to start thinking about those springtime picnics and family reunions, and we're ready for you! The Parks Department is taking reservations for the outdoor shelters at Alpine Park up to one year in advance. There is no fee for Plain Township residents, and a small \$25 fee for non-residents. Summertime spots are filling up quickly, call Plain Township Administration today!

**Diamond Community Room**

Birthday parties, baby showers, professional meetings, and more! Complete with a refrigerator, microwave, sink, coffee machine, eight tables, and plenty of chairs, the climate-controlled Diamond Community Room is *perfect* for all of your party needs! We are now taking reservations for the year 2008, and spaces are filling up quickly! A \$25.00 deposit is required and will be refunded to you after your party. Non-residency fees may apply for those residing outside of Plain Township. Call today!

Diamond Concession Stand

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department has opened a concession stand inside the Diamond Sports Complex for YOUR enjoyment! Come down for a hot and tasty Coney dog, fresh cup of coffee, or a refreshingly cool soda after a soccer game. All proceeds go directly to the Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department to help us create programs and events to bring together our community, and keep up on the maintenance of our beautiful local parks!

**WE OFFER:**

Hot Dogs/Coney Dogs  
Sloppy Joe's  
Nachos (Cheese/Supreme)  
Popcorn  
Assorted Potato Chips  
Assorted Candy Bars  
Coca-Cola Brand Soda  
Sports Drinks  
Fruit  
Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea

## 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

### 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](http://www.communitysoccerclub.com)  
 Holly Hills Baseball 330-493-6010  
 Plain Local Baseball 330-218-3234  
 Plain Local Softball 330-244-0862  
 Midget Football 330-966-2475  
[www.plainlocalfootball.org](http://www.plainlocalfootball.org)

### Police

Stark County Sheriff 330-430-3800

### Real Estate Records

County Auditor 330-451-7334

### Recycling

Stark Co. Recycling 330-451-7808  
 Solid Waste District 1-800-678-9839

### 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

### Septic Systems/Water Wells

County Health Dept. 330-493-9904

### Voter Registration/Information

Board of Elections 330-451-8683

### Water Service

Canton Water 330-489-3315  
 North Canton Water 330-499-4801

### Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning 330-492-4686  
 County Building 330-451-1770

## PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

**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

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 U.S. POSTAGE  
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 PERMIT #277  
 CANTON, OH

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

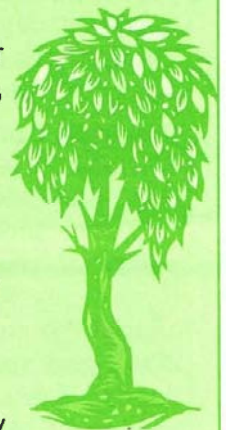
Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, branches, brush, and other yard waste are accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. **Please, no plastic bags.**

#### **Fire Station #4, 2855 Easton St. NE**

Will reopen on March 17, 2008. The regular schedule will resume as follows: Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

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

★ Open Monday through Friday; 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.  
 ★ Open Saturday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



Please e-mail [general@plaintownship.com](mailto:general@plaintownship.com) with any questions or concerns.