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## FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Plain Township Offers Full Concert Series at Legacy Park in 2024

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is pleased to offer a full 2024 Concert Series of ten exciting shows at the Legacy Park Amphitheater on Thursdays between June and August. The series will begin on June 13th with Michael Cavanaugh and the music of Billy Joel. On June 20th, The Motown Sounds of Touch will pay tribute to some of the best songs of Motown. June 27th will bring 10-6, a Bad Company Tribute to close out the month. On July 11th, the concert series will return with Brian Duprey and his Frank Sinatra Tribute Show. On July 18th, Boston Tribute - Rock 'N Roll Band will play the stage. July 25th will close out the month with Northeast Ohio favorite, The Vindy's playing an original catalogue of music. On August 8th, Plain Township welcomes Uncaged, a Zac Brown Tribute Band. August 15th will bring Boy Band Review: A Tribute to Boy Bands that will sure get everyone dancing! Elton Rohn, A Tribute to Elton John will play the Legacy Park Amphitheater on August 15th. Closing out our 2024 Concert Series on August 29th will be E5c4P3- A Journey Tribute. Make plans now and purchase tickets early! They are going fast! All concerts begin at 7 pm.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com](http://www.plaintownshipamphitheater.com). There are plenty of ticket options available. A \$10.00 general admission ticket per concert is available for purchase up to 7 days prior to each show. Within 7 days of each show date, general admission tickets will be \$15.00 per ticket. Front-of-stage seating is available for \$20.00 per ticket. Fire pits, which include 6 Adirondack chairs are on sale for each concert for \$150.00. There is a limited inventory of 4 firepits for each concert. A season pass is available for \$90.00 per pass. This is the best value as a pass holder gets to see all 10 shows for the price of 9. Service fees are applied to all ticket purchases.

The amphitheater will offer 3 free children's programs. On Friday June 14th at 10 am, children and their families can enjoy Outback Ray and his amazing animals. Outback Ray's show is fun, exciting and educational. This hands-on show is extremely entertaining for kids of ALL ages. Mad Science Kids Show will have everyone oohing and ahing as they watch over-the-top science demonstrations on stage on Tuesday July 16th at 10 am. Tuesday August 6th at 3 pm, Jungle Terry's Wild Animal Adventure Show will return to the Legacy Park Amphitheater featuring over 15 reptiles and animals along with hands on interaction.

Join us on Thursday, September 5th for a free concert in partnership with Stark Parks, Visit Canton, and the



Mary Renkert Wendling Foundation featuring the Canton Symphony Orchestra for the Summer Serenades at 6:30 pm. This is a family-friendly event featuring instrumental ensembles. The Legacy Park Amphitheater will continue to host free programming for all ages in partnership with the 720 Sidestreet Market, North Canton YMCA, Revival Dance Studio, Plain Local Schools, and more.

VIP and handicap accessible parking will be located at the Plain Township Hall. Free parking is also located at 2855 Easton St. NE at the John A. Sabo Service Complex. Parking will open at 5:00 pm with a free shuttle service available from an hour before each show until an hour after each show concludes. All concerts begin at 7:00 pm. DORA drinks are permitted in the amphitheater as are food and beverages purchased in the Oakwood Square Plaza.

**Would you like to be an amphitheater sponsor?** Plain Township is offering sponsorship opportunities for all events. Sponsorship packages can be found on [plaintownshipamphitheater.com](http://plaintownshipamphitheater.com) or by contacting Parks Director, Rob Steinberg by phone at 330-244-8473 or via email at [rsteinberg@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](mailto:rsteinberg@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov).

*Keep checking [plaintownshipamphitheater.com](http://plaintownshipamphitheater.com) for calendar updates and make plans to join us at the Legacy Park Amphitheater this season!*

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# Parks Department

Rob Steinberg, Director  
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## Splash Pad at Veterans Park

With the end of the winter rapidly approaching, it is time to start getting outside and enjoying all of what your Plain Township Parks offer. The Splash Pad at Veterans Park, located across from GlenOak High School at 1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton, 44721, is scheduled to open Friday, May 24, 2024.



The splash pad will be operational daily from 10am - 7pm. It is open to the public at large. It displays several water features for people of all ages and abilities. All children not completely potty trained are required to wear swim diapers for the health and safety of all users. The shelter at Veterans Park is available for reservation. The reservation of the shelter does not include exclusive use of the splash pad, but does include the pavilion, tables, grill, and trash cans within its structure. All other park amenities remain open to the public at large.

The Splash Pad at Veterans Park will remain open through Labor Day weekend before shutting down for the season. We encourage you to spend your day at the park and enjoy the splash pad, playground, disc golf course, walking trail, dog park and the Veterans Memorial Hillside monuments dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces. *We look forward to seeing you and your family at the park!*

## Want to Rent a Shelter? Here's How...

Shelters are one of the most popular amenities in your Plain Township Parks System. People of all ages and abilities take advantage of a beautiful park setting for their birthday and graduation parties, family reunions, wedding and baby showers and other special occasions. The shelters are a great place to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the unique amenities of each park.

All our shelters can be rented online at your convenience 24 hours a day from the comfort of your home. Visit [apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/Home](http://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/Home) or go to [plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) and click the hyperlink on the homepage. You must create an account, select your desired park and shelter, along with the date, and time of your event. After you complete your online payment, you should print and review your reservation permit. Your permit serves as your documentation that the shelter is booked during your selected date and time. Bring that permit with you to your reservation. Please include setup and tear down time into your reservation window as we allow multiple reservations per day. Your rented space needs to be cleaned and vacated by the end of your reservation time and ready for the next rental. Shelters are \$10 per hour with a \$10 nonrefundable administrative fee for residents and \$30 per hour with a \$10 nonrefundable administrative fee for nonresidents.



We have 3 beautiful outdoor shelters to select from. Al Leno Park off of Alpine Street is home to the North and South outdoor shelters. The South shelter is closest to the indoor restroom. At Veterans Park, the outdoor shelter is located near the playground and splash pad. Diamond Community Park hosts an indoor community room inside of the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex.

After renting the Diamond Park Community Room, be on the lookout for an email from someone with a township email address with instructions on how to access the room.

If you have a question about your rental during normal business hours, please contact (330) 492-4689 and we will happily assist you.

## SidestreetMKTS 2024 is Around the Corner

Celebrate second Saturdays with SidestreetMKTS at Oakwood Square! Over 65 tents and trucks, curated and managed by the 720 Market team, feature local and traveling vendors showcasing their handmade, homemade, and happily-made goods. Enjoy live music at the Plain Township Amphitheater, shop local, and explore Oakwood Square plaza with its retail, restaurants, and breweries. SidestreetMKTS invites you each month for a unique and vibrant experience.



### SIDESTREETMKTS 2024 SCHEDULE:

- Sat May 11 - "HEY MAMA" MKT
  - Sat June 8 - SUMMER MKT
  - Sat July 13 - RED, WHITE + BLUES
  - Sat Sept 14 - BOUTIQUE MKT
  - Sat Oct 12 - HARVEST MKT
- Hours are 10am-3pm (no market in August)

### Introducing HOLIDAY MARKET at Oakwood Square

Exciting news for November 2024! 720's HOLIDAY MARKET, an enchanting European-style Christmas Market, is planned for Plain Township Amphitheater and Oakwood Square Plaza. Make plans to join us November 22 through Dec 14 and immerse yourself in the magic of the Holiday Market at Oakwood Square! For more information, vendor and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.eventsby720.com](http://www.eventsby720.com).

## Annual Dog Park Maintenance

Just a reminder that the dog park closes each spring for maintenance. The exact date is dependent on weather conditions. This allows time for turf/grass renewal and allows new grass to get established.

Look for the re-opening date on our website or call us at 330-492-4689.



# eWaste Recycling Program



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- ❖ Telephones & Phone Systems
- ❖ Modems, Routers & Servers
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- ❖ Game Consoles & Radios
- ❖ Cables, Wires & Power Adapters
- ❖ Ink & Toner Cartridges
- ❖ Anything that plugs in or uses batteries
- ❖ Computer Monitors
- ❖ Televisions

\*There will be a charge for each CRT "Tube" TV dropped off. \$10 for 12" and smaller and \$20 for anything over 12". Screens are measured diagonally. All forms of payment are accepted, but we ask that you have exact change ready to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

### HARDDRIVE SHREDDING

We will have our mobile hard drive shredder on-site. Ask our attendants on arrival where to park so you can bring your desktop or laptop computer to our shredding station and have the hard drive removed and witness it being destroyed.



# Plain Township Historical Society

www.preservingplaintwp.org  
facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety  
email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

## History on the Move

Spring is here and we are getting ready for a fun filled year with new adventures and planning for the future. We are excited to announce a partnership with the First Ladies National Library and Museum where we will be providing artifacts to support their 2024-25 Featured Exhibit: "Leaders in Literacy: First Ladies as Teachers, Educators, and Librarians," which is generously supported in full by their presenting sponsor, Huntington Bank. The exhibit will feature over 13 of our nation's First Ladies who have led the way in advancing the cause of education and literacy in America. From one-room schoolhouse teachers such as Abigail Fillmore and Lucretia Garfield, to Eleanor Roosevelt's Arthurdale experiment, to Barbara and Laura Bush's literacy and reading initiatives, to current First Lady Dr. Jill Biden's college professorship, these powerful women have provided opportunities for empowering the youth of our country to learn, grow, and thrive through reading and education." This exhibit is slated to open May 1, 2024 and run through April 2025. What a great opportunity to experience this local treasure.

We will be back at the 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square this year in June and September. Both of our displays will feature topics around education. We hope to see you there. Stay tuned to our website, newsletter and Facebook pages with information about our other adventures in 2024.

## A Snapshot of History

During the transformation of the property at 7831 Cleveland Ave NW to Maisano's Little Italian Kitchen, a log cabin structure was found. This log cabin dates from around the 1850s and is typical of German/Swiss construction which is consistent with the demographics of the area at that time. Over the years, additions were added to include a living room, bedrooms and a porch. This is typical of how homestead structures were modified as the families' needs evolved.



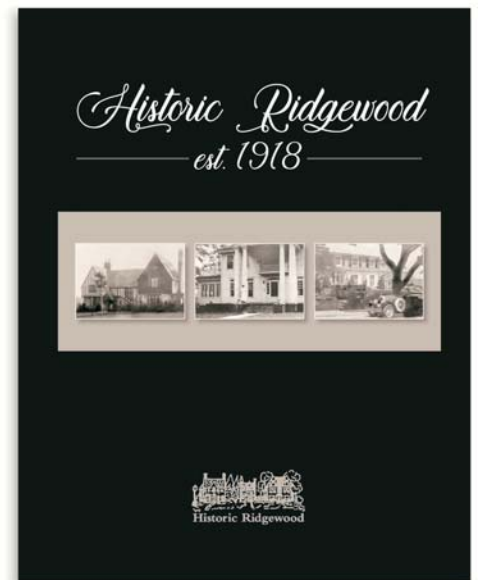
This land was originally purchased in 1806 by John Bosert, is referred to as Section 6 Southeast Quarter and comprised approximately 180 acres (this was the smallest land tract you could purchase at the time.) From there the land was passed on to: Isaac Kearn – 1813; Leonard Allerman – 1831; Christian Balmer – 1832; Samuel Schrantz – 1835; Jacob Schlott – 1851; Hiram Schick – 1867; Fred and Peter Slusser – 1875 (first indication on maps of a house on this property); Abraham Stoner – 1881; Enos Holl – 1905; Ervin Shutt – 1915; C. C. Hartong – 1923; Maud Dewell – 1933; Rev. John Williams – 1959; John Bontrager – 1967; and Little Italian Kitchen – 2021.

Over the years, this area housed a fruit farm, Faulkner Auto Sales, CCC Trucking Company, the Barrel Room and storage units. An interesting note about one of the owners Rev. John Williams and his wife Geraldine Osborne, is that Geraldine was the granddaughter of Walter Malone who started the Cleveland Bible College. In 1957, the Cleveland Bible College moved to Canton and changed their name to Malone College.

If you have any additional information on this area, please let us know. Also, we are always on the lookout for photos of houses across the years so we can track how the area has changed.

## Copies are still available

Our new publication is still available on a limited basis. This project has been in development for over three years and is a collaboration between Historic Ridgewood, McKinley Presidential Library and Museum and the Plain Township Historical Society. This book is an updated and fresh look at the efforts to preserve and share the history of the Ridgewood Neighborhood. The neighborhood was originally in Plain Township before being annexed into the City of Canton in 1919. Ridgewood is over 100 years old and showcases houses built from 1919 thru 1990s. Even the original farmhouse from the 1860s is still standing. There are many treasures in this neighborhood from the architects and builders to the home owners who reflect the history of our area. If you are interested in buying a copy contact either the Plain Township Historical Society or Historic Ridgewood. The price is \$20 per copy available at the Plain Township Hall.



## PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 FREE MEETING SCHEDULE

**Location: Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted**

### March 18th

How to Make Your Home Safe -  
Plain Township Fire Dept

### April 15th

Woman's Suffrage Movement in Ohio -  
Dr. Jamie Capuzzi

### May 20th

Avondale One Room School & Vogelgesang Orchard -  
Dr. George Vogelgesang

### June 17th

Annual Covered Dish Picnic 6PM  
NEW LOCATION: Al Leno Park on Pinecrest St NE

### July 15th

Demise of the William McKinley Home -  
Richard Haldi and Judith Pocock

### August 19th

Scams - Sheriff's Department

### September 16th

Life of R. G. Drage - Darlane Drage

### October 21st

Show and Tell - Bring an item that has a story or something you are not sure what it is.

### November 18th

History of the Stark County Library -  
Stephanie Houck



# Zoning Department

330-492-4686



## Welcome to Plain Township!

We value our growing business community! Here are a couple that we have been fortunate enough to welcome into the Township so far this year...



**Elevate Chiropractic and Wellness**  
2646 Easton St NE  
Canton, OH 44721



**Keller Williams Legacy Group - The Ginger Kuhn Team**  
7385 Middlebranch Ave NE  
Canton, OH 44721

## Complaint Procedure

With the spring-summer season upon us, the Zoning Department will receive numerous complaints; for the most part, due to high grass and/or weeds. Last year alone, our department investigated 344 complaints. Due to the number of complaints, it is important to have the address of the property when you report the nuisance. We cannot accept the nuisance complaint without an address.

Please remember the following points 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.
- Anonymous complaints will be taken but are not prioritized and will only be investigated when all regularly scheduled work has been completed and there is additional time available within the Department.

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 and other debris constitutes a nuisance.

## Zoning Permits Required

Before you begin ANY construction project, your first step should be 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 of your property is required to illustrate the new construction's size and location on the property. **Permits must be issued before work begins.**

If you are hiring a contractor, the Zoning Department recommends that you discuss who will be responsible for obtaining permits with your contractor. Remember that ultimately, the property owner is responsible for compliance of his or her property with all Township zoning requirements.

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

You can access a permit application at [www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) under the Zoning Department or scan the QR code.



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- Family Conflict

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Massillon, Ohio 44646

[www.rrcounselingcenter.org](http://www.rrcounselingcenter.org)

Phone: 330-880-0115

Email: [info@rrcounselingcenter.org](mailto:info@rrcounselingcenter.org)



# Fire Department

330-492-4089



## Safety City is fast approaching

The 2024 Plain Township Safety City hosted in collaboration with Plain Township Fire, Stark County Sheriff Department and Plain Local Schools will take place Monday, June 10 - Wednesday, June 12, from 9am. until 12pm. Registration is open until Monday June 3, 2024.

Contact the Fire Department at (330) 492-4089 with questions.

Registration forms can be obtained online at [www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov)



## 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 form below 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

## The 2024 Fire Dept. Scholarship Award



The Plain Township Fire Dept. is offering \$500 scholarships to high school seniors that live in Plain Township. Applications can be found online at [plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) on the Fire & Rescue page. Applications can also be picked up at the Central Fire Station, 1742 Schneider Street NE., Monday-Friday from 8am-430pm.

The submittal deadline is April 15, 2024.

### House Number Order Form

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Never** disable the smoke alarm.
- Replace any smoke alarm that is older than **10 years**. That is the service life of the smoke alarm.

Fire is Everyone's Fight. Here are some tips that can keep you and your family safe.

### Escape Plan

Have a family fire escape plan with a designated meeting place. Regularly practice your plan.

### Get Out, Stay Out

If there is a fire, **get out and stay out!** Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Never go back into the home.

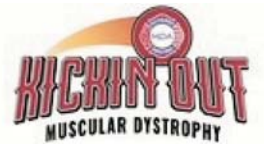
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Plain Township Fire & Rescue  
1742 Schneider St NE  
Canton, Ohio 44721  
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# Fiscal Officer

330-493-1366

Tom W. Wolf, CPA  
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## What is a Township Fiscal Officer

The Township Fiscal Officer is an elected official and is independent of the Township Trustees, yet by law, the Township Fiscal Officer must work closely with the Trustees. While the Trustees have the legislative authority in the township (ORC 505.01), the Township Fiscal Officer must keep an accurate record of all township accounts and transactions (ORC 507.04). It is the responsibility of the Township Fiscal Officer to strictly comply with the legal requirements set for the Township Fiscal Officer's duties, to establish and practice rules for efficient management of the Township Fiscal Officer's office, and to follow good accounting practices in maintaining records and accounts.

The Township Fiscal Officer has designated duties that are specified in the Ohio Revised Code, such as recording accurately the proceedings of the Board of Township Trustees, i.e., keeping the Minutes (ORC 507.04), plus numerous other duties, including keeping the township records and being responsible for them; overseeing and safeguarding the township funds; working with the trustees to see that monies are spent wisely and in the best interest of the residents. It is a checks and balance system that generally works very well.

## Self-service Recycling



Self-service recycling is open seven days a week, dawn to dusk, at the following locations:

- Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE (West parking lot)
- John A Sabo Service Complex, 2855 Easton St NE
- Saint Michael Church, 3430 St. Michael Drive, NW

Recyclables should be separated as follows:

- Paper
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Metal/Aluminum Cans
- Flat Corrugated Cardboard



Cans are also collected at all Plain Township Fire Stations to benefit the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Program.

For questions, or more information on disposal of items not included in this program, please contact the Joint Solid Waste Management District at 1-800-678-9839

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## Stark County Sheriff



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As we begin 2024, I wanted to take some time to inform the Plain Township community of a program that I recently implemented at the Stark County Sheriff's Office through the SPIDR Tech Company. As your Sheriff, continuous improvement and transparency are significant priorities for me. The SPIDR Tech company helps us all in both of those areas. For those residents that have called us over the past couple of months, you may have experienced some of what this program is about. Most people who place a call for service with the Stark County Sheriff's Office will receive a communication from our office that is generated by the SPIDR Tech program in the form of a text message. Residents can expect to get updates that their call was received and further updates when a deputy is dispatched to address their issue. We know that your time is valuable and this communication is important. Out of safety concerns for both residents and deputies, there are a few types of serious calls that do not receive these messages. Sometimes, the element of surprise is important in our line of work.

An additional valuable tool associated with this new program is the ability to send a survey to evaluate our deputies' service. About twenty-four hours after the call for service is completed, residents can expect to receive an additional message with a link to complete a brief survey. The goal of the survey is to help us assess the performance and professionalism of our deputies and communication technicians. While only a few short questions, we take the results seriously and carefully review all of the responses. The information gathered is valuable and fits within the goals of greater transparency and continuous improvement. The community input has already helped us identify areas that we can do better. So far, the results have helped us provide better information to the public with our response and also helped us address ways we can improve communication with our residents. I have the utmost confidence in the professionalism, integrity and courage of the men and women who work at the Stark County Sheriff's Office to serve your community. SPIDR Tech has validated that opinion but also given us additional tools to better serve you. This technology has additional features that we hope to roll out in the future that will benefit the Plain Township community. Below is a recent report generated by the SPIDR Tech program to show where your Sheriff's Office is trending.



Also noteworthy is my appointment by the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association as their President in 2024. This is an esteemed position appointed by the other 87 sheriffs in the state of Ohio. The association is an organization of the Ohio Sheriffs and assists in the prompt exchange of information pertaining to duties, methods and official practice of its members in the enforcement and execution of state law. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity with my colleagues and help mold the direction of the association for the next year.

*Be safe... George T. Maier*

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# Road Department

JP Neff, Highway Superintendent  
330-492-3423

## 2023 Year End Report

During 2023, the Road crew completed 6,728 work order requests for services such as paving, street sweeping, catch basin repairs, curb & gutter repair/replacement, drainage, vactoring, snowplowing, and deicing of township roads. The Road Department completed the following work:

### Road Paving

- Paved 10 miles of road

### In-House Paving

- 382.93 tons of 448 Asphalt & 206.74 tons of 301 Base Asphalt.

### Pothole Patching

- 90.16 tons of 448 Asphalt
- 19.09 tons of HPM mix

### Sign Replacement

- 231 New Street Signs
- 206 Various Speed Limit Signs
- 86 No Parking signs
- 68 Stop Signs
- 48 No Outlet Signs
- 36 Various School Signs
- 29 All Way Signs
- 16 Curve Signs
- 7 No trucks Signs
- 5 Stop Ahead Signs



### Curb & Gutter Replacement

- Replaced/repared a total of 4,928 feet of concrete curb & gutter

### 2023 Culvert Replacement

- Installed, replaced, or repaired 3,284 feet of culvert pipe
- Installed or repaired 119 catch basins
- Reconstructed 1,100 feet of roadside ditches

### Pavement Marking

- Striped 17.22 miles of center line and 32.45 miles of edge line

### Vactor & Street Sweeping

- Flushed/cleaned 4,416 ft. pipe
- Cleaned 788 catch basins
- Swept 425 curb miles of road.

## Spring Maintenance

### STREET SWEEPING

The Road Department will begin its annual street sweeping program in late March or early April, weather permitting. Both road sweepers take 5-8 weeks to sweep all 350 lane miles and cul-de-sacs throughout Plain Township. In 2023, the road crew removed 255.25 tons of debris off the roadway and hauled it to an approved dumpsite.

### PLOW DAMAGE

The Road Department crews will begin yard repairs in March. Our repairs consist of screened topsoil, seed & starter fertilizer. If your lawn was damaged during a plow event and needs repaired, please contact the Road Department at 330-492-3423.

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits can be obtained and paid for on the Plain Township website under the Road Department section or at the Road Department office, located at 6300 Heminger Ct. N.E.

- Right-of-Way, Road Cut- Any excavation in the township right-of-way: \$75.00 fee
- New construction or any other improvements to existing driveway: \$20.00 fee

### PREVENT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

You can help prevent drainage problems by not blowing or raking leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the storm sewers, ditches, or streets. Also, by helping keep catch basins clean, we can work together to reduce drainage and flooding issues during heavy rain events.



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.

### Spring showers bring May flowers and overgrown trees and bushes!

Please trim back your trees, bushes and hedges that may cause sight obstructions for drivers. The township is NOT held responsible for trees in the right-of-way!

### HOOPS

Portable and permanent basketball hoops are very popular throughout Plain Township. Please remember that no basketball hoops are permitted to be placed in the right-of-way. The Plain Township Road Department asks that these hoops be moved immediately.

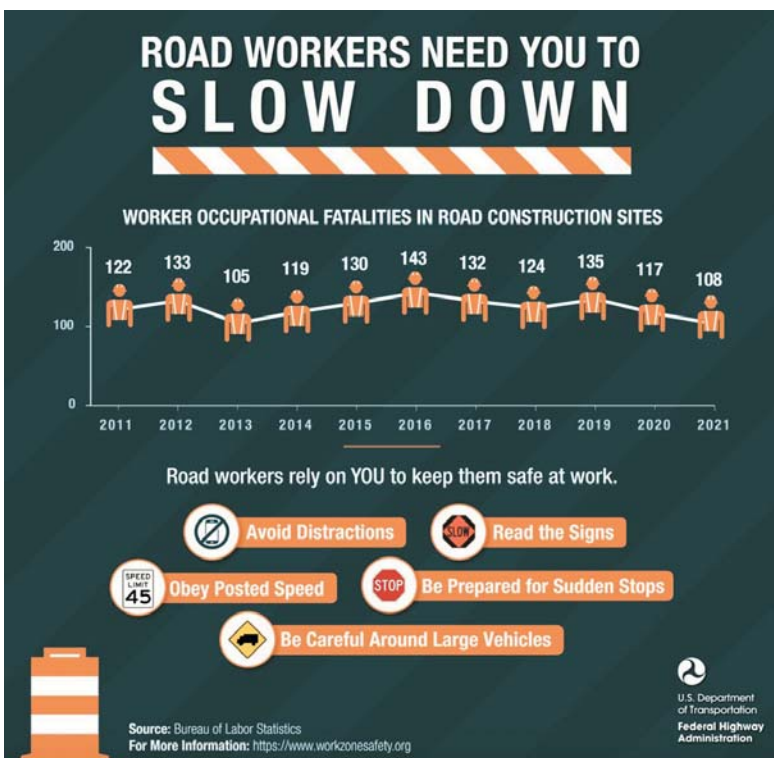
### EQUIPMENT UPGRADE



Last fall we had the opportunity to make a much-needed upgrade to our fleet. Our 1999 Tandem Dump Truck was replaced with a 2011 International Tandem Dump Truck with 41,000 miles. It was purchased from Pike Township for \$75,000. A new Tandem would cost well over \$300,000 and have a 3-year lead time.

## NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK IS APRIL 15-19

"Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever!"



## Yard Waste Recycling

The Plain Township Yard Waste drop-off site opens for the season on Friday, March 1st, 2024. The site is open from 8am until 8pm every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This amenity is for residents only. You must be a resident of Plain Township regardless of the school district you reside in.

The site requires a key card issued by the Township. Only one key card per residential household in the unincorporated area of the Township will be issued. To obtain a key card, residents may register on-line by going to [www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) and click on the Yard Waste Link on the home page. A credit card and email address are required to complete registration successfully.

The key card expires one year from the date of purchase. If you registered on-line using your credit card and that credit card is still active, it will automatically renew on that date. **NOTHING FURTHER IS REQUIRED.**

If your credit card information has changed, please call (330) 492-4689 to update your information. **DO NOT** register again as this creates a duplicate record in our system. If you registered in person and paid by cash or check, you will need to come in to renew your card on or before your expiration date. **Do not dispose of your key card. You will keep the same card regardless of how you registered.**

Residents who do not have access to a computer may register at the Plain Township Administrative Office between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. If registering at the Plain Township Administrative Office, please bring a check or exact cash payment as we do not have change available.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is happy to provide this service to our residents and grateful for the partnership with Earth-n-Wood who pick up the yard waste!



## Remember, only rain should go down the storm drain!

Plain Township is part of the P.I.P.E committee. P.I.P.E. stands for Public Involvement/Public Education. This committee consists of representatives from the cities, villages, townships, and county. This committee meets 3-4 times a year to review and coordinate the stormwater program. We share ideas, themes, activities, and costs to promote a consistent message throughout the county regarding stormwater. This year's stormwater theme is "It's Not Too Hard to Clean Up Your Yard." Storm drains lead directly to local waters. They are not filtered or treated and pollutants that enter our storm drains end up in the water we drink, fish, and swim in. Lawn care chemicals often end up washing into our local waters. You can make your lawn care stormwater friendly by following these tips:

- Fertilize sparingly. If you fertilize more than once, don't fertilize in the spring until you have mowed the lawn three times.
- More is not better. Skip the "step programs" and apply fertilizers and pesticides as directed. No more than one to two pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet.
- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides within 75 feet of waterways.
- Mow high and leave grass clippings on the lawn. It improves your lawn's health and quality.
- Sweep up any chemicals and yard debris on the sidewalk or driveway back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing into our storm drains. Grass clippings and excess leaves don't belong in our streams and rivers.
- Skip the hose and sweep your driveway.



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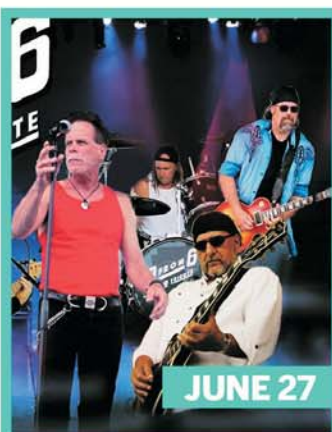
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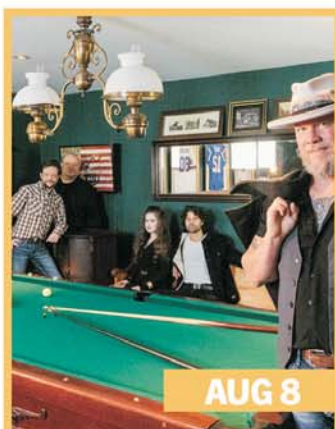
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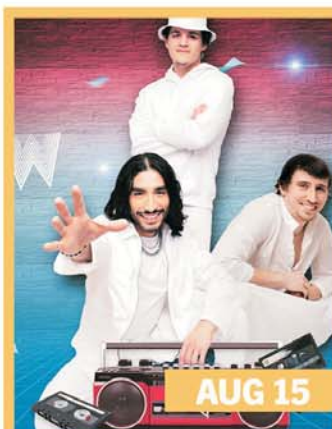
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