

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

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FALL 2006



Pamela S. Bossart, Trustee
Louis P. Giavasis, Trustee
Albert P. Leno II, Trustee
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Fiscal Officer

Trick or Treat
October 29
3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is seeking a 0.5 mill increase in the current 1.5 mill road levy, which expires at the end of 2006. Under the current levy, the owner of a property with a market value for tax purposes of \$100,000.00 pays \$41.02 per year. Under the proposed 2.0 mill levy, the owner of the same property would pay \$61.25 a year, **an increase of only \$20.23 per year, or \$1.69 per month.**

The Plain Township Road Department maintains 168 miles of roadway. Thirteen to fifteen miles of road are paved each year, which allows us to repave roads on a ten to twelve year rotation. The Road Department replaces damaged concrete curb and gutters, crack seals our roads, and stripes many of these roads for the safety of our residents.

The Road Department has completed numerous storm sewer projects to alleviate flooding problems within the township. In the winter, it is the responsibility of our Road Department to plow and salt roads. The Road Department is also available 24 hours a day for emergencies.

Over the past five years, Plain Township has experienced many storm-related events that have brought to our attention the need to

upgrade our township infrastructure. It is critical that we continue to alleviate flooding problems and concerns for our residents. Revenue from this levy will allow us to begin these projects. We have also recently compiled a list of much needed equipment that will enable us to better service our township roads. These equipment costs will be covered by this levy.

The costs of many of the products used to maintain safe roads throughout the township have skyrocketed. Paving and gutter costs alone have increased 94% since the passage of this levy in 2001. Fuel has increased 130% since 2001. With these skyrocketing costs, many of our services will be negatively impacted without the passage of this levy. The road levy is a critical component to Plain Township maintaining safe streets that are in good repair for our residents.

Please contact the Stark County Auditor's Office at 330-451-7357 if you have any questions in regards to the market value for tax purposes of your property.

Pamela S. Bossart

Louis P. Giavasis

Albert P. Leno II

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC)

ACBC helps child burn victims and their families by providing the following:

- › special protective clothing not covered by insurance
 - › non-medical items such as pets and toys lost in fires
 - › bicycles that help children exercise their injured bodies
 - › transportation to outpatient treatments
- Many special events for child



burn victims are also funded by ACBC. Your contribution of aluminum cans at the Fire Stations is greatly appreciated.

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 NE, Canton, OH 44705. Please call 330-492-4089 with any 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

New Community Center Under Construction

The new 22,000 square foot **Edgewood Community Center** at 6852 Market Ave. North is under construction with plans to be completed and **open to the public** in late February 2007. A new non-profit organization called The Edgewood Community Project will operate the facility. The creation of this community asset was made possible through the generosity of First Christian Church, who provided the land, combined with a \$1,000,000 donation from a local resident and a \$750,000 grant from HUD. The goal is to provide Plain Township and the surrounding area with a family-oriented community center everyone can enjoy. The Edgewood Community Center will provide everything from fitness and sports to recreation, wellness and performing arts in a brand new beautiful setting. Watch for our upcoming program and event schedule later this year.

The New Community Center will provide:

- ☑ 1 college size gymnasium with a total of 6 basketball goals
- ☑ Men's & women's locker rooms & showers
- ☑ Indoor walking track around the gym
- ☑ 2 volleyball courts
- ☑ Mobile seating for 150+ spectators in the gymnasium
- ☑ 1400 sq ft fitness area for strength, aerobics, and free weights
- ☑ 2200 sq ft mezzanine level with cardio fitness equipment, etc.
- ☑ 300 sq ft baby sitting area
- ☑ 5000 sq ft Auditorium with state of the art sound light and video
- ☑ Removable seating for 200 people in the auditorium
- ☑ 3 large meeting rooms
- ☑ An 800 sq ft student/member cafe area with tables, chairs, sofas, and Internet.
- ☑ A concession area
- ☑ Access to the Edgewood Golf Course and driving range.



Please contact Tim Roshong, Executive Director, at 330-575-1151 or trosdong1@neo.rr.com with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Indoor Soccer

Indoor Soccer begins November 6. Team registration deadline for U-10, U-12, U-14, High School Boys, Adult Coed, and Senior Men's will be October 23. The Parks Department will also offer a Recreational Indoor Soccer division for children 1st through 6th grade. Registration will be on October 7 and October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For forms, contact the Parks Department or download from the Township's website:

www.plaintownship.com

Community Soccer Club will have their sign-up for Spring 2007 Soccer on October 7 and October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call 330-499-2222 or go to:

www.communitysoccerclub.com



New Parks Director

Plain Township would like to welcome Todd A. Alexander as our new Parks and Recreation Director. He is a 1990 graduate of Lakewood High School. While at Lakewood, he played varsity ice hockey for four years. His senior year, Todd represented his team and participated in the city and state all-star games. Todd continued his education at The Ohio State University. In 1995, he obtained a B.S. degree from the School of Natural Resources, in Parks and Recreation, Administration and Tourism.

Prior to coming to Plain Township, Todd worked nearly ten years for Metro Parks, serving Summit County. He worked as a Crew Leader and Reserve Park Ranger.

The Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for the

overall administration and operations of all park land and buildings. The already existing sport teams, which play at Diamond Community Park, as well as current programs that are already in place, fund the Parks and Recreation Department. As Director, Todd will be creating balance between the already existing sport leagues, creating new and exciting programs and the development of additional park land. Todd is an outdoor and recreational enthusiast and is looking forward to serving the residents of Plain Township.



New Programs & Survey

We are happy to announce several new recreation programs for Fall. Please see pages 4 and 5 for information. Seniors, please help us out by completing and returning the survey on page 5!

Park Reservations

Reservations for the Diamond Community Room and Alpine park shelters are currently being taken for the rest of 2006. Reservations for 2007 will be taken beginning January 2.

Diamond Community Room is located at the indoor soccer building at 2782 Diamond St. NE. It has a maximum capacity of 46 people. There are six round tables with chairs, a microwave, refrigerator, and sink. There is a refundable \$25.00 deposit for using the room.

Call 330-492-4689 and press 2 for reservations.



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 - (west parking lot)
- ▶ Taft & Day School grounds (on Salway NW)
- ▶ K-Mart 3801 Harmont NE

Separate recyclables as follows; bins are provided for each:

- ▶ Newspapers/ magazines
- ▶ Plastics (#1 & #2)/ glass
- ▶ Food boxes
- ▶ Aluminum/steel
- ▶ Flat corrugated cardboard

Please call Stark County Recycling at 330-451-7808 for more detailed information or with any questions about this recycling program.

For information on disposal of any other items, please call the Solid Waste Management District at 1-800-678-9839.

To register for any of the fall programs on pages 4 and 5, please call 330-499-0000.

Pre-School/Family Programs

Squeaky Sneakers

Back by request, our open gym program is for the active preschooler. We have balls, blocks, hula hoops, mats and parachutes, plus new equipment. This is a great time to run off all that extra energy, meet other families, and play with your child. This fall, look forward to some structured group activities to be held throughout the hour. Parent or guardian must accompany and interact with their little ones. Sneakers are required.

Day	Time	Date	Location
Wednesday	10:00—11:00 am	Sept. 6-Oct. 4	Diamond Indoor Field
Wednesday	10:00—11:00 am	Oct. 18-Nov. 15	Diamond Indoor Field
Fee: \$20 each session or \$5 per class		Ages 2-5	No class limit



Messy Hands

“Messy Hands” is a craft class designed to get children and adults creating together using clay, paint and common household items. Create fun works of art, while spending quality time with your youngster. All art projects will be new! Please dress children in old clothes, we promise to get messy.

Day	Time	Date	Location
Friday	10:00—11:00 am	Sept. 8-Oct. 6	Diamond Comm. Room
Friday	10:00—11:00 am	Oct. 13-Nov. 17	Diamond Comm. Room
Fee: \$20 each session or \$5 per class		Ages 2-5	Class limit 15

Mini Mozarts

Make Mondays a musical day of singing, dancing, and playing instruments. You and your child will have the opportunity to participate in musically fun activities that will further your child’s understanding and development. Enjoy teachable moments, laughter, and bonding.

Day	Time	Date	Location
Monday	10:00—10:45 am	Sept. 11-Oct. 2	Diamond Comm. Room
Monday	10:00—10:45am	Oct. 16-Nov. 6	Diamond Comm. Room
Fee: \$20 each session or \$5 per class		Ages 2-5	Class limit 8



Nature Class

The natural world is filled with small wonders, big changes, and many lessons. Bring in your young nature lover and go at your own pace for a fun filled morning of nature crafts and theme related activities. Stations will be designed to incorporate literature, math and science skills.

Day	Time	Date	Location
2 nd Tues. of month	10:00 -11:00 am	Sept. 19-Dec. 19	Diamond Comm. Ctr.
Fee: \$16 each session or \$5 per class		Ages 2-5	No class limit

Wee Science Sampler

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and learning with your child. We will do simple science projects through famous nursery rhymes. Discover what Jack and Jill took up the hill, or what ingredients go into a “Patty Cake.” Don’t miss out, call and reserve your spot today, space will be limited.

Day	Time	Date	Location
2 nd Tuesday of month	6:00 -7:00 pm	Sept. 14-Nov. 9	Diamond Comm. Ctr.
Fee: \$10 per family		Ages 2-5	Class limit 20



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Free Family Events

October Boo-nanza



Enjoy ghouling music, bewitchingly fun games, pumpkin carving and oozy goozy desserts? Then this program is for you! Come dressed for the party in your best costume.

Day	Time	Date	Location
Saturday	5:00 pm-7:00 pm	Oct. 14	Diamond Comm. Center

Diamond in the Snow

Make ornaments for the tree at Diamond Sports Complex and/or for your home. Weather permitting, we will have a snowman making contest. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa and some tasty morsels.

Day	Time	Date	Location
Sunday	12:00 pm-3:00 pm	Dec. 10	Diamond Comm. Center



Free Adult CPR Class

The Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Plain Township Fire Department, is offering Adult Community CPR to any resident ages 18 and older. You will learn the basic skills necessary to perform CPR, assist a choking victim and proper use of an Automatic External Defibrillator or AED. This class will be taught by a member of the Plain Township Fire Department. The class will be conducted upstairs at Diamond Sports Complex on **Sunday, October 22, 2006 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Diamond Sports Complex is located at 2782 Diamond St. N.E., Canton, Ohio 44721. There is no cost for this class. To ensure a successful class, we are requiring a minimum of 10 participants.

Senior Programming Survey

Seniors, we want your ideas and suggestions for programming opportunities. Please complete the following survey and send it to: **Todd A. Alexander, Director of Parks and Recreation, Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St. NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.** If you have any questions please call Todd A. Alexander at **330-499-0000**. Thank you for your help!



KEY - 1 means not interested 5 means extremely interested

A walking club?	1 2 3 4 5	Programs such as fraud protection?	1 2 3 4 5
Craft classes?	1 2 3 4 5	Social and/or community service with area youth?	1 2 3 4 5
Card parties?	1 2 3 4 5	History programs focusing on Plain Township?	1 2 3 4 5
Community service programs?	1 2 3 4 5		
Jazzercise/Aerobics?	1 2 3 4 5		

What other programs would you be interested in?

Plain Township Paving 2006

Our 2006 Plain Township Paving and Road Repair Project and gutter replacement program are now complete. Approximately 13.5 miles of roadway were repaved. We would like to thank the residents who were affected during this time for their patience with any inconvenience that may have occurred.



Schneider Widening Project

Recently the Schneider St. widening project was completed. With the start of the new school year and the new Glen Oak High School, this will help alleviate traffic problems at the new facility.

Prevent Drainage Problems

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into storm sewers, ditches

or streets. Keeping storm sewers and ditches clean will help reduce drainage problems. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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 at 330-493-9904.

Sight Obstructions

Please trim back your trees, bushes, hedges, etc. that can cause a sight problem for drivers as 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.



Right-of-Way Obstructions

Please remember that trash cans, and portable or permanent basketball hoops cannot be placed in the road right-of-way. According to ORC Section 3767.15, no obstruction can be placed in the right-of-way.



Parking Snow Ban

Several Township roadways will be posted this year with "no parking" signs. No parking is allowed on the paved surface of a Township road when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. This allows the road crews to be able to plow the roads during heavy snow storms. The no parking ban will be **strongly enforced**.

Stormwater Solutions — Properly Disposing of Pet Waste

A simple solution to water pollution is picking up after your dog whether you are walking your dog in a park, in your neighborhood or even in your own backyard. Pet waste is a major source of bacteria that ends up in our streams. When it rains, your pet's "business" left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas is washed down into the street and storm drain and into the nearest waterway. When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams the waste decays, using up oxygen and often times releasing ammonia. This combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage algae growth making water become cloudy and green, discouraging recreation activities. From mutt to Westminster champion, all pet waste may contain as many as 75 diseases and viruses that may make our rivers, lakes and streams unsafe for recreation.



Cleaning up after your dog may not be your favorite activity, but it will help prevent water pollution. There are several options to keeping your pet's waste from being washed into rivers, lakes, and streams. The most common option for pet clean-up includes carrying a plastic grocery bag or one designed for pet waste pickup. Then, just place the waste in a garbage can.

Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog- it's your doodie.

Historical Society

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Plain Township Hall, at 2600 Easton St. N.E. Meetings are open to the public. To join our society, please complete the Membership Application provided below.



For more information, call:

- Tom 330-494-6187
- Judy 330-492-3566
- Dawn 330-493-1731

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Private:

- Student to age 18 \$5
- Individual \$10
- Family \$20
- Patron \$50
- Sustaining \$100
- Contributing \$250
- Donor \$500
- Life Time \$1000 (one payment)

Business:

- Non-Profit \$25
- Bus/Patron \$50
- Bus/Sustaining \$100
- Bus/Contributing \$250
- Bus/Donor \$500

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Class of Membership: _____

Make check payable to:
Plain Township
Historical Society

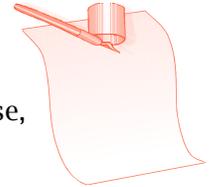
Please remit to:
Ruby Bair, Treasurer
1525 Applegate St. NE
Canton, OH 44721



Zoning News

Board Positions Available

The Plain Township Trustees are accepting letters of intent from persons interested in filling expiring terms for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. One position to each Board will be appointed for a five (5) year term beginning January 2007. Interested persons must be legal residents of Plain Township and must be able to devote up to three (3) evenings per month to hear variance, conditional use, or rezoning requests. Zoning knowledge is preferred but not required.



Letters of intent should be accompanied by a resume and may be mailed to the **Zoning Department, Attn: Zoning Director, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721** or dropped off in person between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Letters of intent will be accepted until Friday, December 1, 2006.

Fall Yard Debris

With the Fall season upon us, the Zoning Department has begun receiving phone calls regarding leaves. Please be advised that there are **no** zoning regulations regarding leaves and/or leaf clean up.

Plain Township provides two yard waste recycling drop-off sites (*locations, dates and times for these sites are provided on page 8 of this newsletter*).

If you know of a Plain Township resident needing assistance, why not lend a helping hand or call a local church or charitable organization for volunteers?



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
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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	
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	

Police

Stark County Sheriff	330-430-3800
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Real Estate Records

County Auditor	330-451-7334
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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
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Septic Systems/Water Wells

County Health Dept.	330-493-9904
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Voter Registration/Information

Board of Elections	330-451-8683
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Water Service

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

Zoning/Building Permits

Township Zoning	330-492-4686
County Building	330-451-2370

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-2655

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 or
visit our website for an e-mail directory
Website: www.plaintownship.com

Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, branches 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

- Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through Oct. 14.

- Open seven days a week Oct. 16 through Dec. 2

- Closed for Thanksgiving November 23 through 26

- Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays after Dec. 2

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Ave. NW

- Summer hours will continue throughout the fall season
- Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Open Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Closed for Thanksgiving November 23 through 26