PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

Spring 2015

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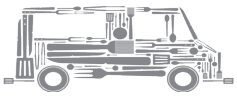
A Letter From Your Trustees,

As snow, ice, frigid temperatures and winter give way to the bloom of flowers, leaves, green grass, sunshine and warmer temperatures of the spring season, Plain Township is ready to cure your cabin fever and winter blues by offering some fun filled community events for all ages!

We invite all to join us on Saturday, March 28, 2015 when Plain Township Parks will host the 8th anniversary of the Plain Township *Easter Egg Hunt* from 12:00 - 2:30 pm at Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Canton 44721, with the actual hunt starting promptly at 1:00 pm!

The township will be celebrating the season in style. This event is geared for age groups 0-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 years old. Free snacks and drinks will be provided to all participants, courtesy of the NEW McDonald's on Market Avenue in Plain Township. The Easter Bunny will hop over for pictures and meet with children and families! The Stark County Sheriff's Office will be on site in the Community Room of the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex offering the "Compukids" identification program, free of charge!



Bring your appetite to Schneider Community Park!! Based on its enormous popularity from last fall, Plain Township is excited to announce the return of *Supper Market*, with its season opening and ending *Food Truck Round Up*! The Supper Market will take place on the first and third Monday of June, July and August from 5:00—7:30 pm. Gourmet food trucks from all over Northeast Ohio serve up different cuisines offering flavor filled, mouth watering food ranging from $3-$10 per plate!

Starting Saturday, May 9th, from 2:00-7:00 pm at Schneider Community Park, Plain Township will host its first ever "Mother of All Food Truck Round Ups!" 10 to 12 trucks will be offering plates from $3-$10! Celebrate Mother's Day weekend with the whole family and enjoy the incredible surroundings of Plain Township's newest park. Food Truck Round Up will return September 5th, from 2:00-7:00 pm to close the season in conjunction with the second anniversary of *Bark-A-PAW-looza*, a fund raiser for our dog park! Families, pets and foodies alike are invited to experience this incredible 2 fold event!

These community events continue to exemplify why Plain Township is a wonderful place to live, work and play! Get up! Get out! Enjoy your Plain Township Parks today!

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Visit us at www.plaintownship.com today!

Welcome Lieutenant Springer

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is delighted to announce Lieutenant Ron Springer, the Plain Township Section Commander, is now located at Plain Township Hall Administration, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton 44721.

Lieutenant Springer, as the Plain Township Section Commander, oversees operations of the Plain Township road patrol and provides a single point of contact with the Sheriff's Office and Plain Township's Administration. He reviews current trends within our community to make recommendations on how to improve the policing function, ensuring collaboration and utilizing outside resources from the Stark County policing community. It is his job to evaluate and commit resources, working inside the policing contract, to make Plain Township a safer community.

Lieutenant Ron Springer has been employed by the Stark County Sheriff's Office since 1996. He worked the Jail Division where he received training in the psychiatric/discipline housing area as well as booking and receiving. He was then transferred to the Civil Division and road patrol. He served as a field training officer (FTO) on the road patrol and was promoted to Sergeant in 2001, then Lieutenant in 2012. He was the 2005 Stark County Sheriff's Office Deputy of the year and received the Knight's of Columbus Blue Coats award for bravery and heroism.

Ron Springer is a state certified instructor through the Ohio police Officer Training Academy, a firearms instructor, American Heart CPR and First Aid Instructor and has received specialized training in several areas.

Ron previously worked at a boot camp for juvenile offenders, served in the United States Army Reserves with 11th Special Forces Group and then in the Ohio Army National Guard with the 112th Combat Engineers. He completed his Bachelors of Arts Degree at Kent State University in 1993 with a major in Criminal Justice and concentrations in Military Science and Electrical Technology. He married his college sweetheart in 1994 and currently lives in Stark County with their two lovely children.

"I am pleased to have been appointed by Sheriff Maier to this new position in Plain Township. I have been working closely with township officials for the past two years and truly believe that the partnership between the Stark County Sheriff's Office and Plain Township is a value added win for both entities. I look forward to continuing the work with the township and to assisting the township with its police operations."

Report It!

Plain Township has partnered with the Stark County Sheriff's Office to use an online investigation tool, LeadsOnline, which helps police to instantly track and recover stolen property no matter where it is stolen or sold. The system equips criminal investigators with the ability to instantly solve crimes and return goods to their rightful owners. Property can be searched using serial numbers, suspect name, item descriptions, or other information. Most searches are completed within seconds! Stark County businesses that accept merchandise from the public throughout the area are now reporting electronically via LeadsOnline.

Residents are encouraged to use the citizen portion of the website to document their valuables in the event that they were to fall victim to a crime. Each resident can document up to 100 items without charge. The link to the website is:

https://reportit.leadsonline.com/

Meet the Deputies of the Plain Township Road Patrol

Deputy Shane Burns U-60
7 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Chad Carruthers U-105
8 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Lawrence Gardiner U-100
4 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Rebecca Greene U-93
Assigned 3/15

Deputy Richard Gurlea U-28
6 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Jack Hewitt U-94
9 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Timothy Hostetler U-41
1.5 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Mark Lyons U-50
4 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Bryan Manser U-64
8 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Jeffrey McCollister U-78
1 Yr. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Steve Miller U-11
15 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Chris Newman U-150
2 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy Douglas Wedman U-119
18 Yrs. in Plain Twp.

Deputy William White U-145
1 Yr. in Plain Twp.

Pictured from left to right: Tom Jones, Chuck Shalenberger, Don Snyder and Bill Kovacs

Smoke Detectors

The Plain Township Fire Department gave out smoke detectors to township residents during the holiday season. The Fire Department received a contribution made possible by the Elks National Foundation as an expression of the Ohio Elks Association and Massillon/North Canton Elks Lodge commitment to serving communities in our state.

New Business Inspection Program

Plain Township Fire and Rescue has implemented a new "Company Inspection" program, where our Fire Department will be conducting fire safety inspections of businesses within our jurisdiction. This program has been designed to extend and increase the number of Fire and Life inspections of businesses. The intention of the program is to increase enforcement of the Ohio Fire Code in order to reduce fires in buildings and reduce the number of injuries and deaths of building occupants due to fire. Additionally, it allows our Firefighters to become more familiar with building layouts, construction and hazards within the Township.

This Fire inspection program has been implemented as an extended community service program to assist all parties involved (business owners and occupants, the public and the firefighters themselves). Please be aware that this program will begin in early spring. The Firefighter's conducting the inspection will make you aware when they enter a business for an inspection.

We look forward to working together with the businesses in Plain Township in a joint effort to make our community a safer community.

Spring Clean Up & Open Burning

Our below zero winter weather will soon give way to spring temperatures. We are all looking forward to finally getting outdoors to begin yard clean-up after the long, hard winter. As we do so, let us all remember to practice safety. Let's work together as a community to eliminate tragedy as you work outdoors.

Please also keep in mind that applicable laws are effective all year—there is no reduction in laws during the spring. Our winter hazards may soon be over, but our spring hazards will just be starting. For example, agricultural yard waste (leaves, limbs, etc.) may not be burned in an effort to clean up your yard. In fact, no open burning of any kind is permitted between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm during the months of March, April and May.

As a reminder, the Township does offer yard waste drop off sites (see back page of this newsletter) to haul your yard waste materials to.

Spring Maintenance

The road crew will be sweeping all township streets beginning the second week of March, (weather permitting).

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.

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.

Permits Required

Permits can be obtained by coming to the Road Department which is located at 6300 Heminger Ave. NE, Canton 44721. ***Road Opening permits*** are required for any excavation in the township right-of-way for a fee of $50.00. ***Driveway permits*** are 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 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 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.

Hoops & Garbage Cans

Portable and permanent basketball hoops are very popular throughout the 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.

2014 Year-End Road Report

During 2014, the road crew completed 3,728 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.

- √ Paved 8.31 miles of road
- √ Repaired and Power Boxed Township roads to prolong their life using 651 tons of asphalt
- √ Repaired/Replaced 233 feet of concrete curb and gutter
- √ Installed/Repaired 553 feet of asphalt curb
- √ Striped 17.24 miles of center line and 32.30 of edge line
- √ Crack Sealed 7.91 miles of roadway
- √ Vactored 11,125 feet of ditch line
- √ Flushed/Cleaned 1,264 feet of pipe
- √ Cleaned 74 Catch Basins
- √ Installed/Repaired 181 Catch Basins
- √ Reconstructed 4,500 feet of roadside ditches
- √ Swept 354 curb miles of road
- √ 740 Catch Basins Stenciled through our Storm Water Marking Program

Solicitation in Residential Neighborhoods

Entities exempted from taxation under Section 5709.04 of the Ohio Revised Code may solicit for donations within the residential neighborhoods of Plain Township, provided they have received a permit from the township. Anyone, representing such entity must be able to provide an identification letter on Plain Township letterhead having a raised Plain Township Seal and stating both the entities and individuals names.

If someone knocks on your door and is not able to produce an official identification letter from Plain Township, please immediately contact the Stark County Sheriff's Department at 330-430-3800 to report this activity. Children collecting for school programs, boy scouts, girls scouts, etc. are not required to obtain a permit or letter of identification.

Please check our website for a list of Current Transient Vendors.

Complaint Procedure

With the spring season upon us, the birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and grass is starting to grow. Plain Township has the following policy regarding the filing of complaints for high grass and/or weeds:

- Address of property must be provided
- Grass and/or weeds must be over 8 inches
- Grass that is 8 inches or taller must cover 50% of land or more

Zoning Permit Required

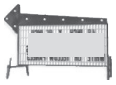
Before you begin any construction project, your first step should be to contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property.

In addition to a permit application, a site plan 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 work begins.

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

Sign Permits



Temporary signs, such as a banner or portable sign, require a sign permit. A permit is good for 30 days and you may have a temporary sign 4 months in a calendar year. You must apply and obtain your Temporary Sign Permit **before** placing it on your property.

All permanent signs require permits. Please check with the Zoning Department for size regulations.

Note that signs are **not** permitted in the road right-of-way. No sign may be attached to trees, telephone poles, street light or street sign poles (Section 801.3). These signs will be removed immediately with no contact to the sign owner. Any sign for summer help, garage/yard sales, etc. must be located on private property only with permission from the property owner.

Online Zoning Information!

Check out our website at www.plaintownship.com for all your zoning needs! We have all of our Applications available for downloading, upcoming Zoning meetings, Zoning Classifications, Transient Vendor permits and more! Look on the Zoning Department pages for all of this important information!

GET ACTIVE WITH US

Plain Township's Easter Egg Hunt!

Count your eggs—not your chickens—at Plain Township's Eighth Annual Easter Egg Hunt. An egg-cellent time is promised for all children up to the age of ten. Hop on over at 12:30 pm to find the best hunting spots. The hunt will begin for all age groups at **1:00 pm SHARP**, rain or shine! The Stark County Sheriff's Department will be offering the **CompuKid** Program, free of charge, which provides parents with a disk of your child's complete identity information. A free snack and beverage will be provided to each child, courtesy of the Plain Township Parks Department and our local McDonald's.

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
Where: Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township
Fee: **FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

Adult Coed Outdoor Soccer

Get into the game with Plain Township Parks Department's outdoor soccer. Adult Coed (age 18+) teams this spring have the opportunity to play every weekend! Coed divisions play 7 v 7 on a small sided field and No Offside penalty! For more information, contact us at (330) 492-4689 or info@plaintownship.com.

When: Coed Divisions, Sundays, April 26th through June 7, 2015, starting at 4 pm
Where: Diamond Community Park, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Plain Township
(May 17th & 31st games will be at Alpine Community Park)
Fee: $180/team; Referee fee of $15/team is paid by teams at each game.

ROUND UP DAYS!

Weather Dependent **MAY 9 & SEPTEMBER 5 2 - 7:00 PM**

JOIN US FOR A FOOD FUN TIME!

Supper Market

**May 18, June 1 & 15,
July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17,
5 - 7:30 pm**

**Schneider Community Park
1714 Schneider St NE
Plain Township**

A LARGE VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

Community Yard Sale!

Join us for Plain Township Parks Department's Third Annual Community Yard Sale at Diamond Community Park on August 15th, 2015 starting at 10 am to 2 pm! Numbered sale areas are 10' x 10' for only $15 each! Set up is between 8 to 10 am that day. Call us at (330)492-4689 or email info@plaintownship.com for more information.

But wait, there's more!

The Plain Township Parks Department offers several active and passive recreational activities for all ages, including Instructional Summer Youth Soccer, Quickstart Tennis, programs for preschoolers, seminars for senior citizens, as well as several free family events throughout the year. There is always something fun to do in Plain Township! For more information about any of these programs, workshops or seminars, please visit us online at www.plaintownship.com today!

Contact List

Elected Officials	
Trustees	(330) 492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	(330) 493-1366
County Commissioners	(330) 451-7371
Fire & Rescue	
Fire Administration	(330) 492-4089
Emergency Calls	**911**
History	
Historical Society	(330) 494-6187
Parks Department	
Parks Programming	(330) 492-4689
Park Reservations	(330) 492-4689
Email: info@plaintownship.com	
Plain Local Sports	
Holly Hills Baseball	(330) 495-6333
www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	
Community Soccer Club	
www.communitysoccerclub.com	
Plain Local Baseball & Softball	(330) 605-6841
www.PLBSA.com President@plbsa.com	
Plain Midget Football	(330) 966-2475
www.plainlocalfootball.org	
Challenger Baseball	(330) 417-1939
www.cantonchallenger.com	
Police	
Stark County Sheriff	(330) 430-3800
Real Estate Records	
Stark County Auditor	(330) 451-7334
Recycling	
Solid Waste District	1-800-678-9839
Road/Storm Sewer	
Stark County Roads	(330) 477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330) 451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330) 452-0365
Plain Township Roads	(330) 492-3423
Schools	
Canton City	(330) 438-2500
North Canton	(330) 497-5600
Plain Schools Admin.	(330) 492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	(330) 492-1918
Septic Systems	
Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330) 493-9904
Voter Registration	
Board of Elections	(330) 451-8683
Water Service	
Canton City Water	(330) 489-3315
North Canton Water	(330) 499-4801
Aqua Water	1-877-987-2782
Zoning Permits	
Plain Township Zoning	(330) 492-4686

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Finance:	(330) 493-1366	**Sheriff:**	(330) 430-3800
Fire/Rescue:	(330) 492-4089	**Zoning:**	(330) 492-4686
Parks:	(330) 492-4689		

YARD WASTE

RECYCLING FACILITIES

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

2855 Easton Street NE

- **OPEN March 16, 2015**
- **Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 am—6:00 pm**
- **CLOSED HOLIDAYS: May 25, 2015**

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- **Open seven days per week, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**
- **CLOSED: September 5—7, 2015**

Note: Please be respectful of the times of operation as those are the only hours drop off is permitted.