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	(330) 280-2501
www.PLBSA.com	
Plain Midget Football	(330) 966-2475
www.plainlocalfootball.org	
Big Dog Lacrosse	(330) 685-6199
www.bigdoglacrosse.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

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

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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, Christmas trees and other yard waste is accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. *Please, no plastic bags.*

2855 Easton Street NE

- **Starting December 6th — January 9th: Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 am—6:00 pm.**
- **CLOSED HOLIDAYS: December 25th, 31st, 2015 & January 1st, 2016.**
- **Closed for the winter on January 10, 2016.**

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- **Open seven days per week, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.**
- **Open Monday-Friday 8:00 am—4:00 pm, Dec. 6th—Jan. 8th.**
- **Closed for the winter on January 10, 2016.**

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

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Winter 2015

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An Invitation From Your Trustees,

Mark your calendar and plan on joining all of us for Plain Township's ***Seventh Annual Winter Fest*** event at Diamond Community Park on Friday, December 4th, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Plain Township is excited to continue this growing community tradition which offers fun for families and attendees of all ages. The Park's 42 acres will be aglow in the luminosity of new lighting displays. Residents will gather warmly by small bonfires and sip hot chocolate from our concession area, while enjoying festive holiday music. The gathered crowd will be dazzled by amazing ice carvings created on site by Elegant Ice Creations, wood carvings by Lumber Jack Chainsaw Artists, and the Big Man in Red, Santa Claus, will make an appearance to personally hear children's gift requests. Crafts will be created by our children, stories will be told, memories of past holidays will be evoked and most importantly, new memories will be made. The capstone of this special evening will be the ceremonial township tree lighting.

Partnering with Plain Township to present this community celebration will be our good friends from the Plain Township Historical Society. The ice carver, wood carver and Santa will again be outside on the grounds. Plain Township will offer donation drop off areas onsite for "Coats for Kids", "The SAM Center Stocking Stuffer" program will have bins on hand accepting full sized toiletries and cards made out to "My American Hero" as well. Finally we will have information on how you can donate to the Canton/Akron Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers whose support goes directly to US military troops. If you are attending and can spare a little extra, we encourage you to make a donation of your time, effort or goodwill to these fine organizations which faithfully serve our community.

Stop by and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit and join us for a wonderfully seasonal celebration of community, camaraderie and festive fun for the whole family at Plain Township's Seventh Annual Winter Fest at Diamond Community Park.

It is our privilege to offer unique opportunities for our residents to come together and celebrate the spirit of the season and the pride we take in our township and its people.

Scott M. Haws John A. Sabo Albert P. Leno II

UPCOMING PARKS PROGRAMMING and COMMUNITY EVENTS!

INDOOR SOCCER SESSION 2! Plain Township's Indoor Soccer Session 2 Leagues will begin on Friday, February 5, 2016 for Open Coed, Saturday, January 30 for the K-8 Grade Rec League, Sunday, January 31 for Open Men's and Thursday, February 4 for the Coed High School League. We encourage all to sign up early! There will be no change in registration fees for the 2015/2016 indoor season and leagues will fill fast on a first come first serve basis.

MESSY HANDS! Program offered for Pre-K children to come with parents to a five class session on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am at Diamond Community Park's Community Room at a cost of $37 per child. Activities and materials will be on hand for a an Arts and Crafts class that allows parents and children to bond while being in a classroom setting to prepare for their future academic careers. Session 3 is currently open for registration and will begin on Monday December 7, 2015! Classes fill fast so sign up now!

WINTER FEST! The seventh annual Plain Township Winter Fest will be held on Friday, December 4 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Diamond Community Park. The event is free to the public and concessions, crafts and novelties will be available to the public. We encourage attendees to park in both the east and west lots to accommodate this event's significant growth. Soccer leagues will also be going on in the indoor facility.

COAT DRIVE Plain Township has a Coat Drop-off site set up in our lobby at Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721. Donations are accepted now through December 4, 2015, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Your donations will help local children and adults, and nursing home residents in our community. Please take a moment to help by cleaning out your coat closet and Spread the Warmth!

SAM STOCKING STUFFER PROGRAM Plain Township will be partnering with the Stark County Sam Center for a Stocking Stuffer Program. Please drop off unused toiletries, regular sized to either Diamond Community Park located at 2782 Diamond Street NE or Plain Township Hall located at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton. The drive will run through December 16, 2015.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC. Plain Township is also partnering with the Chapter 2 Canton/Akron chapter of Blue Star Mothers, Inc for a donation drive. All proceeds go directly to the men and women serving in the armed services in the form of gifts, Christmas Trees, Toiletries, Books, Stationary, etc. so soldiers and enlisted can have a comfortable reminder of home regardless of where they may be stationed at home and abroad. Donations can be made out to "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc" and sent via post carrier to PO Box 2375, North Canton, Ohio 44721.

Thank you for your support.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees would like to thank our residents for the overwhelming support of the Fire Levy. This percentage of passage keeps us focused on our ability to continue to offer efficient, competent emergency services. We will continue to make Plain Township the best place to live, work, worship and play. We truly understand that in today's economic climate that finances dictate the level of services the taxpayers expect and we are confident that the leadership and all personnel within our Fire Department are dedicated and committed to that task. The Board of Trustees, Fire Chief, members of the Fire Department and staff of Plain Township are truly proud to serve our residents and community!

Welcome

John A. Sabo was appointed by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on October 21st, 2015 to fulfill Louis P. Giavasis' unexpired term. He is pictured to the left being sworn in by Trustees Albert P. Leno and Scott Haws. His wife Marilyn holds the bible that he was sworn in upon, that belonged to his late father, Paul J. Sabo, Jr.. John A. Sabo is a lifelong resident of Plain Township having been born and raised here, graduated from Glenwood High School in 1968 and was employed by the Plain Township Fire Department for 44 years including 17 years as Fire Chief. He retired in January of 2012. John has been married to Marilyn, a 1969 Glenwood graduate, for 44 years. They have a son, Brian, a 1992 GlenOak graduate and a daughter, Lindsay, a 2000 GlenOak graduate who are both teachers. John attended Kent State University and Stark State College where he is an instructor in the Fire Science Degree and Certification programs and has been for 32 years. He has attended the National Fire Academy four times, three of which were courses specific to Incident Command and Incident Management. In addition to being a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, John also became a fellow of the Ohio Fire Chief's Foundation at the Association's 2011 Annual Conference. In 2012, John was inducted into the Plain Local Hall of Distinction for community involvement. He has been involved with the Stark County Developmentally Disabled Great Pumpkin Race and the Heros Flagpole Project in the GlenOak stadium at Bob Commings Field.

Advertise With Us!

We are now allowing businesses to advertise in the Plain Township Newsletter. Our publication currently circulates to approximately 15,000 households in Plain Township. This program will defray publishing and postage costs from our tax dollars and give new opportunities to local businesses.

Advertisement space is reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis with payment. The Plain Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement for publication. One ad per business per issue is permitted. No political advertisements or endorsements will be accepted.

YOUR AD HERE!

Business Card Size — $150.00
Quarter Page — $250.00
Half Page — $500.00
Full Page — $1,000.00

Only retail ads will be published. No classified ads. The minimum ad size is a business card size. The maximum ad size is a full page. Artwork should be camera-ready and with payment. Rates are determined by the Board of Trustees. For more information, please contact the Plain Township Board of Trustees Administration Office at (330)492-4689.

Open House 2015

The Plain Township Fire Department hosted an "Open House" on October 4th at the Central Fire Station. The Fire Department demonstrated high angle rope rescue, vehicle extrication and fire extinguishers along with numerous static displays with fire trucks, EMS vehicles, Children Safety Trailer and Fire & EMS Equipment. Approximately 400 people attended the "Open House". We again would like to thank you for your support.

During Fire Prevention Week (the first full week in October) the Plain Township Fire Department held a coloring contest for second graders as well as an essay contest for fourth graders at the six elementary schools. Each school picked one winner for each grade level. Those winners were: Tessa Joy and Mari Lyke from Avondale Elementary; Layla Riley and Rylan Vaugh from Barr Elementary; Dominick Wagner and Jake Price from Frazer Elementary; Will Harris and Emma Pooley from Middlebranch Elementary; Avery Kyle and Reese Spears from Taft Elementary and Damere McClellan and Alexandrea Javins from Warstler Elementary School. Congratulations to all and thank you for participating.

Thank you, Trustee Giavasis

Louis P. Giavasis served the Plain Township community for 23 years as a Township Trustee. He resigned his position as Township Trustee as of October 30, 2015 to serve the citizens of Stark County as the Clerk of Courts. There is no doubt that Lou's leadership, commitment and passion for serving Plain Township will be felt into the future. On behalf of Plain Township, thank you Lou!

Pictured left to right: Trustee Leno, Trustee Giavasis, Trustees Haws, Fiscal Officer Flex

Township Emergency Alert System

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has a community notification service available to all residents, businesses, schools and organizations within Plain Township. This service is called "Nixle." It is a way for our safety forces to communicate quickly and effectively in case of a township emergency. Those who have already signed up have been receiving notices regarding road closures, accidents and detours. With the snow and bad weather upon us, notifications will go out notifying residents of snow bans. The Nixle service lets us reach out to residents using email, texting or voice messages. Register at www.nixle.com to be connected to emergency messages from the Plain Township Division of the Sheriff's Office. To register, simply go to https://local.nixle.com/register/ and sign up today!

Prescription Drug Drop Off

Now you can get rid of your unwanted and/or unneeded drugs, conveniently at the Plain Township Administrative offices, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. We now have a secure Drug Drop Collection Box in our administrative offices. This location has 24/7 surveillance with security cameras. The box is for pharmaceutical drugs in the form of pills, liquids and creams only. Please do not deposit needles or syringes. Regularly, the contents will be emptied and incinerated due to the generosity of Republic Steel. Disposing of drugs in this manner is the most eco-friendly way.

Lieutenant Springer's Corner

Deputy Konic and Lieutenant Springer attended an Avondale Homeowners Association meeting and a Saratoga Hills HOA meeting. If your neighborhood has a meeting that you would like representation from the Stark County Sheriff's Office, please contact Lieutenant Springer at (330) 430-3800 and press 0. A dispatcher will contact him of leave him a message to contact you. Chief Snyder is also willing to make Fire Department staff available as well.

With the holiday season starting, Lieutenant Springer found that WKYC has posted some safety tips at http://www.wkyc.com/story.lifeholiday/black-friday/2013/11/26/holiday-shopping-safety-tips/3758403/ We wish everyone a happy holiday season and remember that if you see something, say something!

Stormwater Awareness

Be the solution to stormwater pollution this Winter! Practicing these simple solutions during the winter will help to prevent stormwater pollution which is a major cause of pollution in our rivers, streams and lakes. Shovel Snow first to remove it from driveway or sidewalks before applying snow melt and deicing products. Shovel snow onto your lawn and vegetated areas so melting snow can soak into the ground. Use environmentally friendly alternatives like clean clay cat litter, sand or fireplace/stove ash to avoid deicing products that can damage our environment. Sweep up after the snow melts. Sweep and dispose of leftover sand, grit and deicing product to help prevent accumulation in the streets and ditches. Join the team! We're all downstream!

PLAIN TOWNSHIP
MAILBOX DAMAGE COMPLAINT/REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Policy effective on April 15th, 2015:

Plain Township Policy
Mailboxes/Obstacles Damaged Within Township Right of Way

A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. Please install your mailboxes in accordance with applicable postal regulations, but keep them as far from the edge of the road as possible. To find out what the proper location of your mailbox is along the roadway, contact your local postmaster. Mailboxes should be designed and installed to withstand the impact of thrown or pushed snow, but massive posts, barricades, or supports that represent a danger to vehicular traffic or personal safety are not permitted.

We operate on the assumption that individual mailboxes have been installed and maintained by the owner and are capable of withstanding the impact of thrown snow. This is your responsibility. Repairs will not be made to mailboxes that are improperly installed or maintained. Boxes down from snow plow throwing snow will be refastened if possible. Boxes down due to deteriorated materials will be the responsibility of the owner. Improperly installed boxes will be the responsibility of the owner. If improperly placed (the front face of the mailbox extends past the back of the curb edge or edge of pavement into the road/street) a mailbox could be hit by the plow. Snow being thrown by the plow can significantly impact a mailbox and cause damage. There is nothing that can be done from snow being thrown from the plow blade. Mailboxes must be securely fastened to a sturdy post anchored in the ground to resist the impact of thrown snow. No mailbox or post will be considered for replacement if the post shows dry rot, rusted metal or there is evidence of loose or missing hinges, bolts, screws or is otherwise unstable or was placed too close to the travel way.

IN THE EVENT YOUR PROPERLY PLACED MAILBOX IS DOWN, A REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (IN WRITING OR BY PHONE) WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF THE MISHAP, unless there are extenuating circumstances prohibiting notification within the 3-day period.

THE DAMAGED MAILBOX MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR INSPECTION. If upon inspection it is determined, by the Road Superintendent or his representative, the damaged mailbox/post is eligible it will be limited to repair of the existing mailbox, replacement with a generic mailbox or as close to the existing mailbox as possible, or reimbursement of the established cost of the materials for the U.S. postal mailbox and post materials. Replacements will be with a standard U.S. postal mailbox or the same, or as close to the existing mailbox as possible, and 4"x4" wood post if necessary. Plain Township reserves the right to refuse to replace or repair any damaged mailbox when, in the Township's opinion, it does not appear the snow plow was operated in a negligent manner or it appears that the mailboxes were improperly installed or maintained. Although decorative or expensive mailboxes are permitted within the Township and may be required by individual homeowner associations, they are not required by the Township. Our policy in the case of damage to any mailbox by our plow trucks is limited to repair of the existing mailbox, replacement with a generic mailbox or as close to the existing mailbox as possible, or submission of a receipt for reimbursement of the established cost of the materials for the U.S. postal mailbox and post materials. Regardless, in either circumstance, the Township will limit the payment not to exceed $75.00 per eligible mailbox repair/replacement.

Mailbox repairs will not take place until current snow operations are finished. In the event the mailbox is so severely damaged as to make mail delivery impossible, the Township will install a temporary mailbox to be used during the inspection and review of each mailbox damage complaint, to assure uninterrupted mail service to the residence. If owner chooses to replace his mailbox before the snow removal is completed or the owner does not make the damaged mailbox/post available to the Township for inspection, the Township will reimburse him for the box and post only, based on a **standard U.S. Postal Mailbox**. Future snow event could delay repairs. Sprinkler system, landscaping, basketball hoops and dog fences are not permitted in the right-of-way. The Township does not repair or replace non-permitted items in the right-of-way. Please note: Plastic mailboxes are more prone to damage due to the oversized dimensions and the brittle nature of the plastic in extreme cold temperatures. Please consider before purchasing a mailbox.

Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that "No Parking" is allowed on the paved surface of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several Plain Township roadways will be posted this year with "No Parking" signs. The ban will be strongly enforced! We also request that residents on non-posted streets be courteous in moving their cars so that plowing can be done in a timely manner. Thank you.

Winter Reminders...

Please note the following Winter Reminders:

Please do not put trash cans in the roadway when it snows. Stay at least 50 feet back from salt trucks to avoid damage to your vehicle by salt spreaders. If you are too close, your vehicle may not be visible to the driver through the mirrors. We apologize for snow blocking driveways and cul-de-sacs; however, at times this is unavoidable. If SNOW PLOWS knock down your mailbox, please call us. After the snow fall has ended, repairs of mailboxes will be evaluated in the order they are received. Repairs, if caused by SNOW PLOWS, will be done as time allows. Main roads throughout the Township are salted and plowed first, then the secondary roads. Trucks are assigned to specific areas and no area has priority over any other. If your yard or driveway apron is damaged from snowplows, please call us and your name will be placed on a list for repairs in the spring.

Many roads within Plain Township are maintained by other public entities. This can cause some confusion for Township residents as to who maintains the road. Listed below are the roads that seem to cause the most confusion with contact and telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for their maintenance.

Road	Contact	Telephone
44th St NE (Plain Center to Market Ave)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
44th St NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
44th St NW (Cleveland to Harrison St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
55th St NE (Harmont Ave to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
55th St NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
55th St NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
Applegrove St (Market St to N Canton City Lts)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Applegrove St (Middlebranch to Market Ave)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	330- 875-3511
Bentler Ave NE (Easton St to Diamond St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Columbus Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Bentler Rd)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Market St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Easton St	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Harmont Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Martindale Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Middlebranch Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Market St (SR 43) (Canton City Limit to Mt. Pleasant St)	Ohio Dept. of Trans.	330-452-0365
Mt. Pleasant St NE (Market St to Middlebranch Ave)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Mt. Pleasant St NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	330-877-9479
Warner Church Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781