



# Plain Township Newsletter

Plain Township  
Board of Trustees

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## Fire Department Announces 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House



The Plain Township Fire Department and the Firefighter's Local #3850 invites you to our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House.

**Date: October 10, 2010**  
**Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Place: PT Fire Station**  
**9500 Johnstown Rd.**



### Activities will include:

- ✦ Medflight Helicopter Landing
- ✦ Auto Extrication Demonstration
- ✦ Aerial Ladder Truck Operating

### We will also have:



- ✦ Antique Fire and EMS Equipment Show
- ✦ Fire Safety House and Education Center
- ✦ Interactive Tours of the Fire Station
- ✦ Residential Fire Sprinkler Demonstration
- ✦ Firefighter's Lunch

**Please come and join us to kick off  
Fire Prevention Week!**

## PTFD hosts "National Take Back Day" for Medications

On Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10 am - 2 pm, the Plain Township Fire Department will host a **Medication Disposal Day** sponsored by: the Village of New Albany Police Department, Plain Township Fire Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Kroger Pharmacy.



⇒ Four out of the top five drugs abused by **12<sup>th</sup> graders** are prescription or non-prescription medications.

⇒ Unintentional drug/medication poisoning has been the largest driving force in the overall increase in unintentional injury death rates from 1999—2008.

⇒ Unintentional poisoning surpassed motor vehicle traffic and suicide as the overall leading cause of injury death in Ohio.

⇒ Unintentional drug poisoning is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of accidental death in the U.S.

**HAVE NO REGRETS** - drop off unused and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications.



## Township Officials Experience PTFD Training Fire

PT Fire Department recently held a planned "training fire" for a building on Schleppi Road. Trustee Bud Zapitelli and Plain Township Administrator, Ben Collins, were there to see first-hand the procedures and maneuvers executed by the firefighters.

Our department was the lead crew with Mifflin and Harlem Township's firefighters also taking part in the training exercise.



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## Words of Wisdom

- People rise to the challenge, when it is their challenge.
- Make a living from what you get, make a life from what you give.
- He who angers you, controls you.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- He who learns that enough is enough, will always have enough.
- If you must borrow, borrow from a pessimist, they don't expect it back.
- Be courageous, it's the only place left that's not crowded.
- Kind words are short and easy to speak, but echoes endlessly.

## Meet One Of Our New Staff Members



Cindy Powell

In August 2010, Cindy Powell was hired by the Plain Township Board of Trustees to assist Ben Collins, Plain Township Administrator and Zoning Officer, with zoning matters and other Township office projects.

Cindy previously worked at Plain Township from 1990 to 1994 as the Zoning Clerk/ Administrative Assistant while earning her Bachelor of Business Operations degree. She has worked in Software Development,

R & D Operations, and Financial/ Resource Management.

Cindy states she is happy to be back at Plain Township where she can utilize her past experience.

Cindy and her husband, Matthew, live in Johnstown, Ohio. In her free time, Cindy enjoys spending time with her husband and their two German Shepherd dogs named Gunny and Ranger, helping out at Black Forest Pines - the family tree farm, and spending time with family and friends.

## Fire Department Continues Training for Firefighters

Below is a list of classes taken by a number of firefighters this summer as part of on-going training:

- Medical Emergencies
- 12-Lead EKG
- Pediatric Airway
- Toxic Tricks for EMS
- Pediatric Toxic Traps
- Another Mass Casualty



PTFD has received final reimbursement from a Training and Equipment Grant provided by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Div. of Emergency Medical Services here in Columbus.



Capt. Kevin Sponaugle recently attended a 5-day Fire-Rescue International Global Forum for Leadership in Chicago, Illinois.

Over 14,000 of the most prominent fire and emergency service leaders from across North America and around the globe came together to learn, network and collaborate on issues such as; emergency service, political environment, managing change, ethical leadership, EMS issues, career development and more.

More than 600 exhibitors showcased the latest innovations on apparatus, technology, equipment and gear.

## PTFD Hosted Summer Fire Station Tours

The Plain Township Fire Department offered their first annual *Summer Time Station Tours* led by Debbie Bessler. The tours were held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Visitors of all ages joined the firefighter/paramedics for a tour of the station and an assortment of educational activities.

The station tours gave the community an opportunity to meet their firefighter/ paramedics in a relaxed and non-stressful environment. During the station tour, adults and children were encouraged to climb inside the engine, ladder, and medic. In addition, the firefighter/paramedics enjoyed spending time educating visitors about fire safety.



The firefighters used this time to demonstrate what they look like with their firefighting turnout gear on. This allowed the audience, especially the children, to see the transformation from a person in a uniform to a bulky figure with an air pack and

## Fire Station Tours

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mask. This short, but critical demonstration, is a vital tool in building a relationship with the children so they do not hide in an emergency.

Visitors were also able to have fun with Sparky, the stations costume mascot, and

Patches, the robotic fire dog. Thanks to our friends from the Columbus Metropolitan Library who provided us with great safety stories to share!



## Township Completes Project To Better Manage Board Meeting Minutes

Ben Collins, Plain Township Administrator, initiated a project to convert the Board minutes, going back decades, to a computerized format that facilitates searching past resolutions, important documents and decisions. The computer program has already proven to be helpful in the short time since it was developed.



## Maplewood Cemetery Receiving Facelift

In addition to the recent construction of the brick columns and lighting at the entrances to the Maplewood Cemetery, the Board of Trustees approved the installation of black wrought iron fencing to be built between the columns this fall along Route 605 by Fortin Ironworks. This is the first phase of approved improve-



ments. In the future, the Board plans to make repairs to the main roadway surfaces through the cemetery and back to the Maintenance Department.

## Smoke Detectors & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Do you remember the last time you replaced the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm?

"Every year in the U.S., about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. They occur in fires that happen at night while the victims are asleep.

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are considered one of the least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire. Smoke alarms save lives, prevent injuries, and minimize property damage. **The risk of dying from fires in homes without smoke alarms is twice as high as in homes that have working smoke alarms.**

When you replace your smoke alarm batteries, replace them in your Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced when any fuel is incompletely burned. About 150 people die each year from non-fire, carbon monoxide poisoning associated with home fuel-burning heating equipment. For more information on CO, see CPSC Publication #466." - **U.S. CPSC**

If you have questions, please contact the Plain Township Fire Department - (614) 855-7370.

## Aquatic Center Facts and Statistics

### Summer of 2010

- ☆ Number of visits: 51,249
- ☆ Days over 1,000: 10
- ☆ Days under 100: 5
- ☆ Daily average: 565
- ☆ Number of members: 2,115
- ☆ Female: 68.5%
- ☆ Male: 31.5%
- ☆ Average Age: 6, 7 and 8
- ☆ Number of households: 679
- ☆ Swim lessons: 248
- ☆ Pool rentals: 12
- ☆ Members under 3: 85
- ☆ Members over 70: 6
- ☆ Members Resident: & PLSD: 499
- ☆ Members Non-Resident: 180

While we had a good year on the revenue side, we have to remember the pool is in its 8th year of operations.

### Major expenses this year includes:

- ☆ Pool management contract,
- ☆ Mechanical repairs to chemical pumps, valves, flow meter and pool heater,
- ☆ Equipment replacement (chairs, umbrellas, lifeguard safety equipment., computers, printers, copier,
- ☆ Pool supplies and print materials,
- ☆ Labor expense to mow and weed the pool landscape & parking areas,
- ☆ Mailing and newspaper advertising,
- ☆ Electric and gas expense to operate pool features and heat the pool,
- ☆ Cost of water to fill the pool and to keep water levels up to the 271,247 gallons it takes to fill the pools.



## PTAC Lifeguard Receives Highest Award



Justin Reife, a Plain Township Aquatic Center lifeguard with Hastings Water Works, received the 2010 **Golden Guard** award for his all around knowledge of being a competent lifeguard. This award has been given to only a select few in the nation as determined by an unannounced visit and audit from a Jeff Ellis & Associates representative.

## Plain Township Aquatic Center Ends on High Note

Pool season ends with record visits, temperatures and revenue - all good.

Our new partnerships with Hastings Water Works of Brecksville, Ohio and Cardinal Vending Services had been one of open communication as we worked together for the first time.

We received many compliments regarding the attentiveness and competency of the lifeguards and positive comments about the pool in general. A number of staff had worked at PTAC previously.

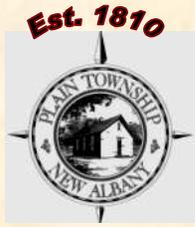
Cardinal Vending provided a more efficient operation and a smaller menu in an effort to speed up prep time for orders.

We will be gathering information and feedback from Hastings and Cardinal about this summer's operation and will look at specific areas to improve upon to best serve our pool guests.

If you have comments or suggestions, please email: [briefer@plaintownship.org](mailto:briefer@plaintownship.org).



**Plain Township  
Board of Trustees**



**Bicentennial - 200 Years**

**Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Phone: (614) 855-7770  
Fax: (614) 855-7761**



**Cemetery Fees Changed:** Maplewood Cemetery burial lot increases went into effect September 1, 2010. Resident rates are **\$600** per lot and non-resident rates are **\$1300** per lot. Opening and closing costs and all other fees remain the same.



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**Upcoming Events**

- ⇒ SEPTEMBER 25th (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - "National Take Back Day" at the Plain Township Fire Department - drop off all your unused & outdated prescription, non-prescription and over-the-counter medicines.
- ⇒ OCTOBER 10th (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - "Plain Township 13th Annual Open House" to kick off Fire Prevention Week.
- ⇒ DECEMBER 5th (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.) - Plain Township Fire Station along with the New Albany Chamber, will host **A Holiday Celebration**. Santa will arrive on the fire truck; New Albany Choir will be singing; boy scouts will provide hot chocolate; and girl scouts will be decorating cookies. Please plan to join us at the fire station and bring a toy for **"Firefighter for Kids"**. Un-wrapped toys are needed for kids 0 to 14 years old. Money donations accepted.



**Important Dates**

**Board of Trustee Meetings**  
Plain Twp. Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany  
Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
  
September 1 and 15  
October 6 and 20  
November 3 and 17  
December 1 and 15

**Zoning Commission**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month

**\*\* Meeting changes will be posted on our website.**

**Important Names**

**Board of Trustees**  
David Ferguson, Chairman  
Bud Zappitelli  
David Olmstead  
  
**Fiscal Officer**  
John A. Brandt  
  
**Township Administrator**  
Ben Collins  
  
**Zoning Officer**  
Ben Collins  
  
**Fire Chiefs**  
Chief John Hoovler  
Asst. Chief Jack Rupp  
  
**Maintenance Supervisor**  
Bobby Pharris  
  
**NAPL Parks District Rep**  
Tim Sokol & Ted Coss  
  
**Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Rep.**  
Don Ballard  
Gary Stelluti

**Phone Numbers**

**Plain Township Office**  
614-855-7770 (Phone)  
614-855-7761 or 855-2087 (Fax)  
  
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614-855-7370 (Non-Emergency)  
  
**Plain Township Maintenance Department**  
614-855-9015  
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**Plain Township Aquatic Center**  
614-775-9430 (Seasonal)  
  
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David Ferguson  
(614) 570-9196 (Cell)  
  
Bud Zappitelli  
(614) 855-4620 (Home)  
  
David Olmstead  
(614) 855-2283 (Home)

**Trash Collection**

Trash collection and recycling is provided by **RUMPKE**. To set up service or for information, call **800-828-8171** or visit their website: [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

**Weekly collection is scheduled for Thursdays. Seniors receive a 10% discount.**

**Curbside recycling includes:**

- Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books
- Mail, computer paper, brown bags
- Paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes)
- Cardboard boxes (broken down into 3 feet by 3 feet sections)
- Plastic and glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans, siding and gutters
- Steel soup, food and aerosol cans

