



Plain Township Newsletter

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Plain Township Celebrates Bicentennial (200 Years) 1810 - 2010

First organized in 1810, Plain Township is an original surveyed township, being six miles by six miles square. Since 1810, the township has provided local schools, roads, cemeteries, police and fire, welfare and health services. And although its duties and functions have changed over time, the township government continues to serve the remaining Township.

Recognizing the Bicentennial of Plain Township is an opportunity to reflect on the history and community of Plain Township. While touring the 1860 Ealy House, one will find pictures of the Plain Township community picnics. These annual gatherings began in 1900 and brought together the whole community. That sense of community is still found here in the schools, parks, neighborhoods and community organizations.



Plain Township maintains several historic cemeteries that provide insight into the township's past. The oldest cemetery is the Smith burying grounds, dating to 1814, with the oldest existing headstone dated 1827. Plain Township's cemeteries hold members of many founding families, such as the Smiths, Straits, Dorans, Kitzmillers, Taylors, Bevelhymers and Clouses. Preserving these historic cemeteries is an important function that connects the present with the past and provides a tangible community history.

Plain Township's Bicentennial is really a celebration of 200 years of community.

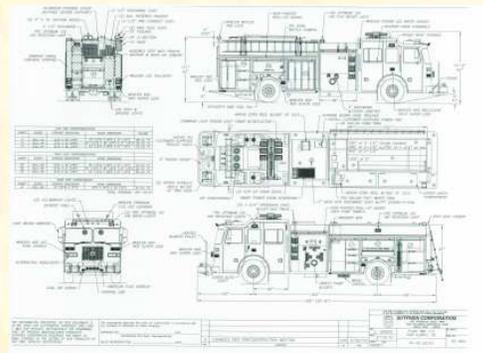
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PTFD New Sutphen Fire Truck Currently in Production

Plain Township Fire Department is currently awaiting the completion of a new Sutphen Engine Rescue. The new truck will replace our current 2001 HME/Central States vehicle, which will still be used as a second engine.

The new truck will have some new items for us compared to any of our other apparatus. The new engine will have a 1500 GPM Darley water pump with Compressed Air Foam System or CAFS. This makes the hoses lighter for the firefighters to carry around, helps with quicker fire suppression and uses less water for the suppression.

The new truck will have a larger generator and a light tower for lighting up scenes for better visibility. The Jaws of Life (rescue tools) will also be powered by an electric/hydraulic power plant and will be pre-connected to hose reels in the front bumper to save us time on the scene of an accident. This new truck should be in-service for up to 20 years.



Sutphen is estimating the delivery time on this apparatus to be sometime in October or November 2010.

This apparatus will be a nice addition to the fleet at Plain Township Fire Department and will help to keep the firefighters safer as well as the residents of Plain Township and New Albany.

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Back 100 Years - 1910

- ✧ William Taft - President
- ✧ Boy Scouts & Campfire Girls are founded.
- ✧ Radon is discovered.
- ✧ U.S. Census questions—
Are you literate? Are you deaf, dumb and blind? Do you live on a farm or in a house?
- ✧ Population in 1910 was 92,228,496 up 21% over 1900.
- ✧ Titanic & Olympic ocean liners nearing completion.
- ✧ Automobiles had electric lights.
- ✧ Alice Wells - first U.S. Policewoman.
- ✧ Passage of earth through Halley's Comet tail causes near-panic.

Meet One of the Plain Township Firefighters



Lieutenant Travis Dudley

In February 1995, Lieutenant Travis Dudley started as a part-time firefighter with the Plain Township Fire Department.

In January 1996, he was offered an open full-time position with the department and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2005.

During the 15 years with the PTFD, he has been able to take numerous classes including Fire Inspector, Fire Safety Officer, Fire Officer 1 and 2, Rescue Technician, Fire Instructor, and several Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technician classes.

One of my responsibilities is to maintain and service the fleet of apparatus to keep them ready for the next call.

On his time off, he enjoys restoring and repairing old farm tractors and vehicles. He is currently restoring a 1953 CJ3B Willy's.

He loves to spend time with his family and watch his 3 daughters play basketball in the winter. As a family, they love to camp and spend time at church.

Board Supports Booster Club Initiative for Turf Project

In a Spring Board meeting, the Trustees unanimously gave their support to the efforts of the N.A.H.S. Athletic Boosters in their efforts to raise funds to replace the football field with turf.

Installing the turf will save the school approximately \$71,500 per year and will be beneficial to the environment.

- ♥ Chemicals/Pesticides cost - "0".
- ♥ Savings on paint costs for lines.
- ♥ Water - minimum cost.
- ♥ Aerating, slicing, rolling & irrigation repairs - "0".
- ♥ Staffing—Savings on ground crew maintenance of mowing, snow removal, landscaping, etc.



The Boosters are asking the community for their help to raise the funds (\$825,000) from private tax-deductible donations. You can help by donating, spreading the word, and participating in planned events.

Visit the "**Eagle Stadium Turf Project**" website for updates and events:
www.firstclassfield.org

Don Shoemaker and Glyde Marsh - "Hometown Heroes"

Honored for their dedication to Plain Township and New Albany, Former Trustee Don Shoemaker and Village Council Member Glyde Marsh were recently named, "Hometown Heroes" during a live broadcast by B104.3 FM radio at the PT Fire Department.



Plain Township Bicentennial

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The Plain Township Board of Trustees will continue to serve all township residents, and as we recognize Plain Township's Bicentennial, we hope our residents will reflect on the history of this community that makes Plain Township a great place to live.



Biggest Drug Problem Isn't On The Streets

It's In Our Medicine Cabinets!

The Plain Township Fire Department has recently joined **Safe Kids of Central Ohio**, which is part of a national coalition of public and private organizations working together to prevent injuries to children.

At a recent meeting, Erika Malis of Nationwide Children's Hospital presented information from the Central Ohio Poison Center on poisonings due to prescription medications.

- ♥ **Unintentional drug poisoning** is now the 2nd leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. and has surpassed motor vehicle traffic and suicide as the overall leading cause of injury death in Ohio.
- ♥ **On average**, more than 3 people die each day in Ohio due to drug-related poisoning.
- ♥ **Everyday**, approximately 2,500 young people between ages 12 and 17 abuse a prescription painkiller for the first time.
- ♥ **Four out of the top five** drugs abused by 12th graders are prescription or non-prescription medications.
- ♥ **Majority of teens** report that prescription drugs are easier to get than illegal drugs.
- ♥ **Many believe** that abusing prescription drugs is much safer than illegal "street drugs".

Plain Township Launches a Community Garden

The Plain Township community test garden was installed on land adjacent to the Plain Township Fire Station. Community leaders and local residents teamed up to create and plant a 10'x20' garden. The garden was planted on land that could potentially accommodate fifty or more garden plots for community use.



The test garden provides an opportunity to answer questions regarding soil conditions, growing conditions, access to water, parking, and other issues. We planted a variety of seeds and plants including tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe, carrots, beans, zucchini, and corn.

Planning meetings will take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the fire station. Your input is important to planning these community gardens. We are working toward providing community garden plots in 2011 that would be available to interested residents. Township and village residents could reserve garden plots for a nominal fee. If you're interested, come to a planning meeting and learn more.

J. B. Bowe - Retires after 13 Years

Township Administrator, JB Bowe, recently retired having served the Township for many years. He was honored at a reception of his friends, family and co-workers. He will be missed. We wish him well and many years of good health.



PT Firefighters Complete Training Programs

Plain Township firefighters recently completed specialized training programs to improve and enhance their abilities during emergencies.

In April, PTFD firefighters Chris Pabst and Todd Moore attended the **Fire Department Instructors Conference** in Indianapolis. According to Captain Greg Eccleberry (PTFD Training Officer) the FDIC conference is the best fire service conference in the World. "Only the best fire service instructors from all over the world teach at FDIC". The training programs included truck company operations, teaching the firefighters advanced techniques in ventilation of commercial and residential roofs during structure fires using the latest tools and techniques. Additional training included new techniques to rescue firefighters who become injured or trapped while fighting a fire. Firefighters attended a large fire equipment exhibit that demonstrated the latest technologies in fire equipment and apparatus.

Upon their return, the firefighters who attended the conference are able to share and teach what they learned with the rest of the department's firefighters. "These guys are certified fire instructors, so when they attend the conference and learn new skills and techniques, they can teach "the rest of us" what they learned.

In May, Lieutenant Greg Myers and firefighters Dan Gilmore, Brian Reasoner and Dave Lloyd attended **Howell Rescue Advanced Auto Extrication Course** in Dayton. This two-day course teaches firefighters advanced skills in removing people who are trapped in a car as the result of a crash. The firefighters learn advanced techniques while using the "Jaws of Life" extrication tools. PTFD sends 4 firefighters to the annual training course to keep them on top of their game.



Because PTFD firefighters perform numerous rescues from automobiles each year, PTFD is dedicated to having our firefighters trained at the highest levels of fire, EMS, and rescue training is no exception."

Biggest Drug Problem

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- ♥ **1 in 5 teens** has abused Rx drugs.
- ♥ **1 in 3 teens** reports there is nothing wrong when using Rx drugs "every once in awhile."
- ♥ **1 in 3 teens** reports knowing someone who abuses drugs.
- ♥ **Rx drugs** are abused more than cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and methamphetamine combined.
- ♥ **Between 6 and 7 million** Americans have abused prescription medications in the past month.
- ♥ **Nearly 7,000 Americans** initiate medication misuse or abuse every day.



What Can You Do?

1. Store (and lock up if necessary) prescription drugs safely and dispose of them properly.
2. Keep medications in their original container. This identifies what the medication is and the dosage.
3. Poison Control's recommendation for disposal: Dispose expired or unused medication by putting them in a plastic bag, add a little water and some cat litter or coffee grounds, seal, and throw it in the trash. Make sure there is no personal information left on the bottle.
4. Participate in a medication disposal day in your community.

Educate yourself:

www.talkaboutrx.org , "What You Can Do To Help Teen Prescription Drug Abuse"
www.theantidrug.com, Parent education, spread the word.
www.drugfree.org, Partnership for a Drug-Free America



*Data compiled from the OSU College of Pharmacy and Central Ohio Poison Control.

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 be YOU!

Aquatic Center and Fire Department Teams up to Help the Mid-Ohio Food Bank

Plain Township has accepted a challenge to help provide food and donations for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

There will be a donation box at the pool this summer. Food donations include peanut butter, canned goods (soups and vegetables), dry goods, etc.

There is a "Feed the Hungry" banner located on the wall at the Front Desk. When you bring in a food item, you will get a "goldfish sticker" on which to write your name and add to our fish stream as a donor. We want to fill the stream with lots of schools of fish showing our "pool patron's" support.



The Plain Township Fire Department will also be accepting food donations. If you wish to help with our goal, visit our website (www.plaintownship.org) to make a cash contribution by clicking on "Operation Feed"

We hope you will consider participating in this community effort.



"Float & Fireworks" event at the pool, **July 4th** at dusk-come watch fireworks from a lounge chair or a raft from the heated pool.

Consider renting the pool for family reunions, block party, anniversary or birthday party. Pool is available on Saturday evenings.

There are new faces at the pool this summer as Hastings Water Works is managing the Aquatic Center and Cardinal Vending Services is managing the concession. We invite you to visit the Aquatic Center and enjoy this wonderful community amenity. For more information on rates, pool parties or swim team, visit our website and click on "[Aquatic Center](#)".

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.

June 2 and 16
 July 7 and 21
 August 4 and 18
 September 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)

Plain Township Fire Dept.
 614-855-7370 (Non-Emergency)

Plain Township Maintenance Department
 614-855-9015
www.maplewoodcemetery@att.net

Plain Township Aquatic Center
 614-775-9430 (Seasonal)

Board of Trustees
 David Ferguson
 (614) 570-9196 (Cell)

Bud Zappitelli
 (614) 855-4620 (Home)

David Olmstead
 (614) 855-2283 (Home)

Hazardous Waste

SWACO Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Location: 1249 Essex Avenue, 43201 (Wednesday's & Thursday's)

Summer Schedule - Residents Only

April - October
 Wednesdays, 2 - 7 p.m.
 Thursdays, 9 - 5 p.m.



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www.swaco.org
 for the 4 mobile collection sites for 2010 or visit their permanent HW location.

