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Spring Cleaning with SWACO June 18, 2011

SWACO will Help You Clean Out Your Garage & Basement

With spring cleaning just around the corner, SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) is offering clean up help for Franklin County residents. To lend a hand in ridding Central Ohio basements and garages of unwanted and potentially dangerous chemicals, SWACO will provide residents of Franklin County with four mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in 2011. These collections are in addition to the permanent collection center available to residents at 1249 Essex Avenue in Columbus.

The 2011 mobile collection season will begin in partnership with the City of Dublin on Saturday, April 30th. That collection will be held at Ashland Chemical, 5200 Blazer Parkway.

On Saturday, June 18th, SWACO will work with the City of Columbus to provide Franklin County residents with a collection at the Morse Road Transfer Station at 4260 Morse Road.

Fall collections will kick off on Saturday, September 3rd with an event in partnership with the City of Westerville. That collection will take place at the Westerville Service Department, 350 Park Meadows Drive. The final mobile collection of the year will be on Saturday, October 15th in Grove City at TOSOH SMD Inc. at 3600 Gantz Road.

All SWACO mobile HHW collections take place from 8 AM until 2 PM.

A reminder, SWACO does not accept latex paint at HHW collections. Latex paint is not hazardous and once dried can be thrown in the trash.

SWACO's permanent residential HHW collection center, 1249 Essex Avenue, is available Wednesdays & Fridays 12 pm - 6 pm and Thursdays 9 am - 5 pm. Visit their website (www.swaco.org) for more information.



Plain Township Aquatic Center Opens Saturday, May 28th

Plain Township staff, Hastings Water Works and Cardinal Vending are busy preparing the pool for its 9th summer, which involves landscaping, mowing, cleaning furniture and equipment, painting, pressure washing pools and decks, testing systems (heater and features), filling the pool, adding chemicals, and training the lifeguards, instructors and front desk staff.

The membership fees have *remained the same* since we opened in 2003, but a moderate increase to the daily fee of \$1.00 has been made to adult rate going from \$7 to \$8 this year. The child rate and all other fees *remains the same*. If you will be attending the pool more than 20 days of the 101 days of the summer, you might consider purchasing a pool membership to save money.



We've added a **Junior Lifeguard Program** to our pool activities this summer. With this program, your child will experience all the skills necessary to become tomorrow's lifeguard. The fee for the 5-day, 10-hour course is \$80 and will include swimming instruction, first-aid and CPR.

Pool rentals are offered on Saturday nights if you have a company or family event coming up this summer. Call the pool for details or visit the website: www.plaintownship.org and click on "Aquatic Center".

Special Events - July 4th

Watch the New Albany fireworks from a lounge chair or from a raft in the heated pool. The pool re-opens from 9 pm - 11 pm. Avoid the traffic and enjoy night swimming in the heated pool. Parking lot is reserved for pool guests only.



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Did You Know.....

- ~ 'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.
- ~ The first public television pictures were transmitted in 1926.
- ~ A 'jiffy' is an actual a unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- ~ Bulova paid \$9 for the first TV spot in 1941.
- ~ An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- ~ February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- ~ Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- ~ The elbow is the strongest point of the body.
- ~ The first e-mail was sent by Ray Tomlinson in 1971 and his idea to use "@" between the name and computer.

Meet Our Staff



Mary Fee

Mary Fee has been with Plain Township since August 2010. She replaced Cora Lee Clark who retired after 13 years of service. Prior to coming to Plain Township, Ms. Fee worked together with her husband in the real estate business, as owners of Fee Appraisal Group and Bullard Realty.

Ms. Fee handles our front desk duties in addition to many other administrative projects that include preparing board packets, new hire insurance and personnel paperwork, worker's compensation claims, office supplies, mail, and entering

database information from the Maplewood Cemetery records, which will make those records more accessible.

Mary studied at Ohio State in the field of athletic trainer/sports medicine.

Mary and her husband, Mike are residents of New Albany, along with their two children, a daughter, Morgan, a sophomore at New Albany High School who plays lacrosse and ice hockey, and a son, Jared, an 8th grader at New Albany Middle School, who also plays lacrosse, ice hockey and golf.

Continued Training for Fire Department Staff

Capt. Joe Brown, Shawn Stauffer, Mike Tocci and Scott Dozier attended the EMS Today 2011 Conference & Exposition, the largest EMS program in Baltimore. The conference offered numerous programs and workshops along with new products displayed by vendors.

Debbie Bessler, PTFD's Child Car Seat Safety Technician, will be attending the 'Ohio Youth Occupant Conference' at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark this month, presented by "Safe Kids Ohio".

FF Beau Zierk attended a two-day training session, "Leadership, Legacy and Tactical Firefighting" hosted by the Truro Township Fire Fighters, that included presentations by B/C Dan Noonan, FDNY, Capt. Bill Gustin, Miami Dade, and B/C Jerry Tracy, FDNY, on hidden dangers-deadly consequences and identifying those close call scenarios.

Children Dying From Vehicular Heat Stroke

Last year according to Kids and Cars website, (www.kidsandcars.org) 49 children in the U.S. died from vehicular heat stroke.

The **Plain Township Fire Department** encourages everyone to visit this website. Google Gene Weingarten's article "**Fatal Distraction**" and forward the link to your love ones.

The Kids and Cars site also provides priceless information on other dangers to children and vehicles including: back-overs, front-overs, power windows, (thousands of children are killed or seriously injured every year) and vehicles set in motion.

National EMS Services Week May 15 - 21, 2011

National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day life-saving services of medicine's "front line."



Medical Identification:

People should carry an emergency medical identification card or wear medical identification for: medical conditions, allergy or implanted device, or medications that could be life-threatening in an emergency situation.

- Individuals taking multiple medications
- Individuals being treated for hidden disorders
- Individuals allergic to certain medications or latex
- Individuals with special concerns
- Disabled individuals
- Individuals who are developmentally disabled or impaired
- Hearing impaired and/or those with limited command of English



Home Swimming Pools - A Common Site for Drowning

Children ages 4 and under have the highest drowning death rate (two times greater than other age groups) and accounts for **80% of home drownings**.

- ☞ This often occurs when the preschooler wanders away from the house and into the pool without parents being aware of the child's absence.
- ☞ Male children have a drowning rate twice that of female children.
- ☞ Yearly, more than 830 children ages 14 and under die as a result of unintentional drowning.
- ☞ On average, an annual 3,600 injuries occur to children due to a near-drowning incident.
- ☞ Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4 years and children 10 to 14 years. For infants under 1 year, drowning ranks third.
- ☞ According to a national study of drowning-related incidents involving children, a parent or caregiver **claimed** to be supervising the child in nearly 9 out of 10 child drowning-related deaths.
- ☞ Approximately 75 percent of pool submersion *deaths* and 60 percent of pool submersion *injuries* occur at a home.

(Facts collected from Safe Kids, Children's Hospital, Philadelphia)

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Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local creeks.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals in the storm drain or in your trash.



Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies.

REMEMBER: Only rain down the drain!

Lights & Sirens Station Tours

The Plain Township Fire Department will again offer station tours.



The summer schedule will be posted on the website at: www.plaintownship.org once it is finalized. Check the "NEWS" box on the home page.

Recreational Vehicle and Trailer Parking Requirements

- ✓ Recreational vehicles, including boats, camping trailers, utility and boat trailers, may only be parked in select areas of residential lots. Only one recreational vehicle can be parked on each lot.
- ✓ Recreational vehicles must be parked behind the building line of the house. Recreational vehicles may not be parked in required side-yard or rear-yard setbacks.



If you have any questions about storing your recreational vehicle, please call the Zoning Office at 855-2085.

Home Swimming Pools ~ Give Your Kids a Voice

Children can easily slip into swimming pools without a sound or splash.

Pool Alarms—give a drowning victim a voice. It will give anyone over 8 pounds a chance of being heard.



Isolation Fence—installed around the pool.

- A fence around your pool not only protects your child, but other children in the area as well.
- Fencing around pools should adhere to the following specification to maximize your child's safety.
- The fence should separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard.
- Fences around pools should have four sides and not include the wall of the house as one side.

Home Swimming Pools ~ Give Your Kids a Voice

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- Fencing must be at least 48 inches tall.
- Spacing between the fence slats should be no more than 4 inches. For chain-link fences, the diamond shapes should not be bigger than 1-3/4 inches.
- The fence should have a self-closing and self-latching gate, with latches that are above a child's reach. The gate should also open away from the pool, so that if a toddler leans against an unlatched gate, it will close.



POOL INTERVENTIONS



GATE ALARM

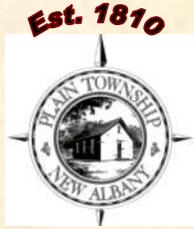


POOL COVERS SAVES LIVES

- Four-sided isolation fencing around home pools could prevent 50 percent to 90 percent of childhood drownings and near-drownings. When used properly, door alarms, pool alarms and automatic pool covers, add an extra layer of protection.
- From 1999 to 2003, it is estimated that 85 percent of boating-related drownings could have been prevented if the victim had been wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). In 2003, 62 percent of children ages 14 and under who drowned in reported recreational boating accidents were not wearing PFDs or life jackets.



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ May 17 - 21 National Emergency Medical Services Week
- ⇒ May 21 Founder's Day & Parade
- ⇒ May 22 Pool Members Only - Early-sign up for lessons, passes, swim team, Jr. Lifeguard Program, Pool Rentals
- ⇒ May 28 Aquatic Center Opens at 11 a.m.
- ⇒ May 30 Maplewood Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony
- ⇒ June 04 The Plain Township Fire Department is very excited to be invited back again this year to help kick off the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metro Library's Summer Reading Club Kickoff Carnival! The theme this year is **Be A Hero-Read!** The kickoff will be from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- ⇒ June 18 SWACO Hazardous Waste Collection

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.

May 4 and 18
 June 1 and 15
 July 6 and 20
 August 3 and 17

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
 Tom Rybski

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)

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.**

**Weekly collection is scheduled
 for Thursdays. Seniors (age
 62+) 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

