Early-Bird Rate Ends March 29

Submit your family membership by March 29 and receive a $20 discount and a free guest card of 10 visits, valued at up to $80.

The membership form was mailed to Plain Township and New Albany residents in February and e-mailed to all existing members in January. This form is also available in the township offices at 45 Second Street and at our website www.plaintownship.org.

Membership rates are either Resident or Non-Resident, depending on whether you pay taxes to Plain Township. Make sure you send the correct fee so your membership is processed in a timely manner. Please call the township office at 855-2085 if you are not sure which category applies.

We will be showing two movies this summer on Friday, June 21 and on Friday, July 19. We will also have Float-n-Fireworks, which we will coordinate with the date of New Albany’s fireworks. Come enjoy a family friendly evening while you float in our heated pool.

Member appreciation days are back on Tuesday’s June 26, July 23 and August 13. EACH member may bring one guest, FREE! You can also enjoy Family Night on Thursday evenings, starting at 5 pm. The concessions stand will be running specials so you and your family can enjoy dinner at the pool.

Don’t forget, early sign-up for swim lessons, for members only are on Sunday, May 19 (11-2 pm). Memberships must be processed PRIOR to May 17th to be included on the “Member List” for lesson registration. And registration must be made in person by parent or legal guardian. Saturday, May 25 (opening day) will be for members & residents. Open registration begins on Sunday, May 26. Forms are available on our website.

Summer job opportunities at the pool can be found on Plain Township’s website by clicking on “Aquatic Center – Employment”.

Fire Department Facebook Page

Follow the Plain Township Fire Department on Facebook! It’s a great way to stay informed, up-to-date on events, education, prevention and share a bit of nostalgia. PTFD members are looking forward to this opportunity to share the many activities the fire department participates in!

In addition to following local activity, the department’s Facebook monitor, FFPM Dan Gilmore, will post links to agencies that provide planning and preparedness to keep your family and business safe. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptfd121

You can find Plain Township on Twitter @PlainTownshipOH and on Facebook at facebook.com/plaintownship1810.

Online Survey

Please visit Plain Township’s website www.plaintownship.org for an online survey of township communications. Are you active on Facebook, Twitter or other social media? Do you prefer electronic or printed communications? Do you visit the township website for information?

Please help us improve township communications by taking this short survey.
**Watershed Protection**

**What is a Watershed?**
A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point, such as a nearby creek, stream, river or lake. Every small watershed drains to a larger watershed that eventually flows to the ocean. Watersheds in Plain Township include Blacklick and Rocky Fork Creeks as well as Rose Run and Sugar Run.

Watersheds support a wide variety of plants and wildlife and provide many outdoor recreation opportunities. By protecting the health of our watersheds we can preserve and enhance the quality of life for Plain Township residents.

**What is storm water runoff?**
Storm water is water from rain or melting snow. It flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks and parking lots, across bare soil, and through lawns and storm drains. As it flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, litter and other pollutants. This water drains directly into nearby creeks, streams and rivers, without receiving treatment at sewage plants.

**Finance Officer**

Becky Rousseau was appointed as Finance Officer on May 16th, 2012, after serving as a consultant to the township for about a month. She served as Fiscal Officer of Plain Township from February 1997 through March 2004. Ms. Rousseau has worked in various financial positions at different companies including JP Morgan/Chase, Bank of New York Mellon, Limited Express and Cardinal Industries.

Ms. Rousseau earned her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Accounting at Southern Illinois University and has been a CPA since 1996. She has lived in New Albany since 1986. She and her husband James have 3 sons that graduated from New Albany Schools.

**Maplewood Cemetery Records & Rules**

Plain Township recently completed the digitization of its burial records for Maplewood Cemetery and will launch a new online burial search service that enables visitors to search for and view burial information from the internet. Plain Township is undertaking this effort to preserve precious vital records and serve the general public’s growing interest in genealogy research.

Visitors can also contribute additional information to Maplewood Cemetery’s online database, which will aid others who are researching local history or their family’s roots. There is no charge to use or view the site. To visit the Maplewood Cemetery new online burial search service, please visit the township website at plaintownship.org and click on cemetery.

Beginning March 1st through November 30th, no artificial flowers, grave blankets or wreaths will be allowed on the ground. Items left on the ground after March 15th will be removed by the cemetery caretaker. Artificial flowers may be placed in vases permanently attached to monuments. No shrubs may be planted on any lot. The cemetery caretaker reserves the right to remove any shrubbery, flowers or trees that are deemed to be overgrown, diseased, or infringes on another lot. Cemetery personnel are not responsible for damage to monuments, vases, eternal candles, flag holders, flowerbeds, etc. as a result of vandalism, theft or items left by lot owners.

**Inoperable Vehicles**

Did you know that Plain Township has a regulation concerning Inoperable Motor Vehicles?

Residents are allowed not more than one Inoperable Motor Vehicle. Such a vehicle must be appropriately stored. It can be stored inside an approved garage/accessory structure or screened by a fence so it is not visible from an adjacent property or street. It cannot be stored in the side or rear yard setback or in the front yard.

Plain Township Zoning Resolution 412.05.4 - Inoperable Automobiles and/or Other Inoperable Motor Vehicles.

Not more than one (1) wrecked or otherwise inoperable automobile or other motor vehicle shall be allowed per one (1) dwelling unit. An inoperable automobile or other inoperable motor vehicle shall be parked or stored by completely enclosing the same within a permitted or accessory structure or fence in such a manner so as not to be visible from any adjacent lot or street, and no such vehicle shall be parked or stored within a required side, rear or front yard.
Emergency Services And Social Media

National and local government agencies have developed numerous strategic plans to educate and inform the public on the resources available for emergency preparedness. Social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, blogs and Pinterest, allow individuals, businesses, and non-profits affordable and efficient access to emergency preparedness information.

Emergency services across the country are learning to utilize the impact of social media. According to the Child Injury Prevention Alliance (CIPA) the Boston Fire Department had more than 10,000 Facebook fans in less than six months; Los Angeles Fire Department uses twitter for news alert and direct communications between citizens and the fire department. CIPA reports Geauga County, Ohio utilizes both Twitter and Facebook. Their Sheriff department’s Facebook page has nearly 3,000 subscribers and the Twitter account has almost 500 followers. The sheriff can use these accounts to inform residents of emergency situations, provide instructions or request assistance.

Websites, Facebook, Twitter, and public service announcement are resources available to address actions that should be taken before, during, and after an event that leads to an emergency. Explore your options to prepare and protect your family and business. Take a few minutes and explore state and county websites such as: Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness www.weathersafety.ohio.gov and Franklin County Emergency Management www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs. You can also visit national websites such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.noaa.gov, Federal Emergency Management Agency www.fema.gov, American Red Cross www.redcross.org, and www.ready.gov.

Community CPR Training

The Plain Township Fire Department will offer a CPR class for residents of Plain Township and New Albany. This class is intended for the layperson who wants to obtain lifesaving CPR skills. The class will focus on administering chest compressions, use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and adult and infant choking. The class is free to residents of Plain Township and New Albany and intended to provide basic CPR skills for use in the event of an emergency at the workplace or at home.

Preregistration is required. The class will be offered Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Plain Township Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany.

Registration forms are available online at www.plaintownship.org. Click on Fire & EMS: Education. Return the registration form to Plain Township by faxing to 614.855.9972 or emailing to firedept@plaintownship.org. Include CPR Registration in the subject line. Registration deadline is March 15, 2013.

Studies have shown that being trained in hands-only CPR can make the lifesaving difference when someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest. Unable to attend the live training, then visit the American Red Cross website for simple, hands only CPR instructions: www.redcross.org/prepare/hands-only-cpr.

Tornado Warning!

- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Stay away from windows.
- Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners, as they tend to attract debris.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table or desk, and hold on to it.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you are outdoors, in a car or in a mobile home, find shelter in the lowest level of a nearby sturdy building. If there is none, lie flat in a low spot. Do not go under highway bridges.

Hydrant Flushing

The Plain Township Fire Department will begin its annual spring hydrant flushing program at the end of April.

The spring check process includes inspecting and flushing each individual hydrant located in the City of New Albany. Residents may notice a slight discoloration in their water.

Any questions can be directed to Captain Myers at the Plain Township Fire Department (614) 855-7370.

Kids Connection

Check out the American College of Emergency Physician’s (ACEP) new Disaster Hero learning game for kids. Disaster Hero is a free online game designed to teach children (grades 1-8), parents, teachers, and caregivers how to prepare for disasters.

The overall goals are to ensure that players know what to do before, during, and after a disaster. Parents and teachers are included so that the family and school are familiar with the main concepts of disaster preparedness. Emphasis is placed on three steps: make a plan, get a kit, and be informed.

The games is free to play online at: www.disasterhero.com
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Saturday, April 20

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio collects household hazardous waste. Regular HHW drop-offs can be made at 645 E. 8th Avenue, Columbus, 43201. Visit www.swaco.org for operation hours and a complete list of accepted items.

SWACO holds mobile collections around Franklin County each quarter. The next mobile collection is on April 20, from 8 am to 2 pm, at Ashland Inc., 5200 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin, 43017.

Used Oil • Antifreeze • Paint Thinners • Turpentine • Polishes
Drain Cleaners • Adhesives • Kerosene • Propane • Bleach
Insecticides • Vehicle Batteries • Pool Chemicals • Old Gasoline

Trash collection and recycling is provided by RUMPKE.

To set up service or for information, call 800-828-8171 or visit: www.rumpke.com.

Weekly collection is scheduled for Thursdays. Seniors receive a 10% discount at age 60+

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