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Upcoming Events

October 4	Board of Trustees	November 14	Zoning Appeals
October 10	Zoning Appeals	November 15	Board of Trustees
October 12	Zoning Commission	November 16	Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord
October 18	Board of Trustees	November 23	Thanksgiving Day
October 19	Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord	November 24	Offices Closed-Thanksgiving
October 31	Halloween	December 6	Board of Trustees
November 1	Board of Trustees	December 12	Zoning Appeals
November 7	Election Day	December 14	Zoning Commission
November 9	Zoning Commission	December 20	Board of Trustees
November 10	Offices Closed-Veterans Day	December 25	Christmas – Offices Closed

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) provides **free** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal services for all Franklin County residents.

Regular HHW drop-offs can be made at 645 E. 8th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Visit www.swaco.org for hours and a complete list of accepted items.

SWACO holds mobile collections around Franklin County each quarter. Dates for the mobile collection drives can be found by visiting www.swaco.org.

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



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NEW ALBANY, OHIO

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Plain Township Fire Department 20th Annual Open House

Join the Plain Township Fire Department and the Firefighters Local 3850 to celebrate the 20th annual fire department open house Sunday, October 8th from 10:00 to 4:00.

- The firefighters have a great event planned this year in recognition of fire prevention week.
- The newly remodeled kitchen will be put to the test as the department's firefighter cooks compete for the best fire house chili award. Come prepared to taste-test and vote for your favorite recipe!
- This year the fire department welcomes back the New Albany Police Department with their Distracted Driving Simulator. Participants can experience the effects of texting and driving and driving while intoxicated. The simulator is designed to encourage safety, prevent crashes and save lives.
- Back by popular demand, fun-in-the-bubbles. Weather permitting the field behind the fire department will be filled with a mountain of soap bubbles. Bring towels and dry clothes. Be sure to ask the firefighters how soap bubbles help them fight a fire.
- Meet the Med Flight air transport team and view to the state-of-the-art helicopter.
- Firefighters will demonstrate the equipment used in a mock motor vehicle extrication.
- Visit our CPR station. A 60 second lesson on how to start a heart may save the life of your loved one.
- The Franklin Count Sherriff's Swat Team demonstration.
- Make sure to visit with your Plain Township Firefighters! They will be on hand to show you the fire trucks. Say hello to the owners of the antique fire trucks and equipment. They love to talk about their fire trucks!



Johnstown Road Traffic Safety

Following a series of serious traffic accidents, Plain Township convened a meeting between local, county and state partners to review traffic safety on Johnstown Road between Clouse Road and Tippet Road. A safety campaign including digital signs, increased patrols and social media began the effort.

Scheduled safety improvements include edge line and centerline rumble strips, improved signage, safety chevrons, and enhanced pavement to improve traction within the curved sections of road.

We continue to urge caution when navigating this section of roadway, and as always, please drive safely.

Outdoor Gun Safety

While the discharge of firearms is permitted in unincorporated Plain Township, please practice gun safety. You are liable, both civilly and criminally, for any rounds that leaves your property.

As a minimum safety practice, use a suitable backstop to prevent any rounds from leaving your property. If you believe someone is discharging a firearm in an unsafe manor, call the Franklin County Sheriff's Office at (614) 525-333; in the event of an emergency please call 9-1-1.



Fall Storm Water Tips

Though it is easy to get distracted by the beautiful Fall foliage and the excitement of a new school year, it is important to learn, implement and share tips and tricks to mitigate storm water! Practices to prevent storm water from negatively impacting your house and yard:

Pruning trees, shrubs and perennials - Fall is the best time to prune trees, shrubs and other perennials in your yard. Pruning allows your plants to jump start their Spring growth & helps them to utilize more storm water.

Monitoring for erosion - As the leaves fall and as our plants enter their fall and winter dormancy continue to check your property for soil erosion caused by storm water.

Clearing leaves and debris from gutters & installing a rain barrel - Fall, for many of us, signifies gutter cleaning season! After clearing debris from your gutters install a rain barrel at the end of your downspout. Use the free rain water from your rain barrel to wash your car or water your gardens!

Protecting storm water drains nearby your property - Help protect the storm water that is not funneled into your rain barrel by clearing leaves and debris which collect around nearby storm water drains. These drains flow directly into local streams. Only water should enter storm drains!

Join the Fight Against Prescription Drug Abuse!

Did you know that 70% of people age 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs say they get them from a friend or relative. You can help fight prescription drug abuse by monitoring your medications, and disposing of expired and out dated medications today.

The New Albany Police Department (NAPD) offers a quick, free and easy to use drop box in the lobby of the police department at 50 Village Hall Road. The NAPD accepts prescription pills, over the counter pills and FDA pills for animals. They cannot accept liquid drugs, syringes or illegal drugs.



Plain Township Fire Department Teaches School Staff Life-Saving Skill: Hemorrhage Control

Community partnerships are key to creating a safe learning environment for students and staff at New Albany - Plain Local Schools. We are grateful to the Plain Township Fire Department for recommending and providing Hemorrhage Control Kit training for our 300 staff members to date. This life-saving skill teaches staff members how to address a severe cut or wound during an emergency.

The fire department designed an affordable easy-to-use kit with instructions that the district has purchased for every classroom and related spaces across our school campus. These kits are just one more measure of the proactive planning and training to help keep students, staff, and community safe on the school campus. The New Albany-Plain Local Schools are grateful to the Plain Township Fire Department for this important partnership and all that the fire department does for our community.

Assistant Fire Chief Rupp also worked with the school communications department to create a video that the district can use as a training refresher for staff or for new staff to reinforce the administration of the control kits. This life saving skill is valid for everyone and may be used beyond the school campus at home. For more information, please contact the Plain Township Fire Department.

Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

The theme for fire prevention week this year is, Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out! The Plain Township Fire Department encourages every resident to plan and practice a home fire escape plan. "Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory," said Fire Chief John Hoovler of the Plain Township Fire Department.

Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety, and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

For more information on making a home fire escape plan visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org, public education, basic fire escape planning. If you have questions about your home fire escape plan contact the Plain Township Fire Department, prevention department at 614.855.7370.

Stop the Bleed

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. The greater the number of people who know how to control bleeding in an injured patient, the greater the chances of surviving that injury.

You can help save a life by knowing how to stop bleeding if someone, including yourself, is injured. Visit www.bleedingcontrol.org for more information. If you are interested in training for your organization contact Assistant Chief Jack Rupp at 614-855-7370.

How to Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home.
- Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room.
- Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily.
- You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms.
- Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside.
- It should be in front of your home.
- Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire escape drill!



Election Day will be here soon



Below are some guidelines to ensure that political signs comply with township zoning regulations. No permits are required.

Plain Township Zoning Resolution

Section 425.03.9 Political Signs

- No political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public property upon posting or removal.
- No political sign shall be posted in a public right-of-way nor shall any such sign be posted on a utility pole.
- Candidates for public office, their campaign committees, or other persons responsible for the posting of campaign material on public property are responsible for removing those campaign materials following the election.

Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive

The Plain Township Fire Department and the Firefighter's Local 3850 invite the community to participate in the annual Firefighter's for Kids toy drive. The Firefighters for Kids program accepts new unwrapped gifts, gift cards, and monetary donations. The program serves families of Plain Township and central Ohio.

Donations may be dropped off at the fire station up until December 24, 2017. Visit www.firefighters4kids.com to apply for assistance.

