



Plain Township Newsletter

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Fire Department Announce Service Awards

In a ceremony and holiday gathering at the end of 2009, Chief John Hoovler and Assistant Fire Chief Jack Rupp announced achievement awards for the department.



FT Firefighter of the Year
David Lloyd



PT Firefighter of the Year:
Steve Fagen



Chief's Award:
Lt. Jim Carney

Perfect Attendance Award:

Chief Hoovler, Lt. Jim Carney, Lt. Greg Myers, Fire Marshal Terry Guthrie, Jason Bates, Matt Bergum, Greg Haynes, Jason Moore, Colby Reynolds, Mike Tocci, and Brian West.

1 Year Service Award:

Jason Bates, Steve Fagen, Joe Herren, Steve Koslow, Robert Moore, Bob Nichols, Andrew Shop, and Mike Wanat.

5-Year Service Award:
John Cabus, Chip Kinder, John Hodges, Jason Moore, Dan Sovchik, and Mike Tocci



15-Year Service Award:
Chief John Hoovler



The Citizens Award
Trustee Don Shoemaker



A surprise gathering was held for Trustee Shoemaker at his last official Trustee meeting. He was honored by his friends and family for 16 yrs. of community service.



Updated Apparatus for Fire Department

In mid-February, the Fire Department took possession of a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe (4WD) to replace Chief Rupp's 2003 Chevrolet Impala. The new Tahoe will allow transportation of emergency rescue equipment and personnel. The vehicle was purchased through the State's Co-operative Purchasing Program. The 2003 Chevrolet Impala will be implemented for use by fire prevention.



In 2009, a new Ford F-350 (4WD) pick up truck was purchased. The truck will be used to transport the Fire Safety Education trailer to community events, transportation of emergency rescue equipment/personnel, and as needed for utility use.



Maplewood Cemetery

Please remove all old wreaths, blankets, flowers and other objects from gravesites by April 15.

Lawn care and trimming will start in early Spring and efforts will continue to prepare the cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend.



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Words of Wisdom

- ✂ If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.
- ✂ A man who makes no mistakes usually makes nothing.
- ✂ Do not handicap your children by making their life easy.
- ✂ We live in an age when a pizza can get to your home before the police can get there.
- ✂ Losers quit when they're tired, winners quit when they've won.
- ✂ Health is not valued until illness comes.
- ✂ A loyal friend is worth more than 100 relatives.
- ✂ Life is hard, even harder if you are stupid.

Meet Newly Elected Trustee Olmstead



David C. Olmstead

Dave Olmstead was elected to the Board of Trustees in November 2009. Prior to serving as a Trustee, Dave was a member of the New Albany Village Council for 4 years. He was a member of the New Albany Village Planning Commission from 2004 through 2010, and the Rocky Fork/Blacklick Accord Implementation Panel from 2001 to 2003.

Dave is committed to find-

ing more ways for our community to work together to preserve and enhance the quality of life we enjoy. He has been involved for years in efforts to balance the pace and style of residential and commercial growth to maintain open space and be respectful of the environment.

He grew up in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and graduated from The Ohio State University

with a degree in Accounting. He returned to Central Ohio in 1994, and has been a resident of Plain Township since then.

You can reach Dave by phone at (614) 855-2283, or email DaveOlmsted@plaintownship.org

PTFD Provides Ongoing Firefighter Training

Ten firefighters will be attending a seminar sponsored by Violet Township regarding "Structural Stability of Engineered Lumber in Fire Conditions".

Firefighter Myers, Gilmore, Lloyd and Reasoner will be attending a class in May sponsored by Howell Rescue Systems, regarding "Advanced Extraction Training" involving the newer cars and hybrids, air hammer, side impact, on roof extraction techniques, rapid patient removal, etc.

Classes were taken at Columbus State involving EMS training for Thoracic Trauma, Rapid Sequence Intubation, Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Trauma & Seizures.

Chief John Hoovler and Assistant Fire Chief Jack Rupp attended the 2010 Winter Symposium sponsored by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. It will cover important legislative updates and meetings with state representatives and senators and provide updates on issues affecting our fire department.

Chief Hoovler and Debbie Bessler attended a 15-hour CE credit for a program regarding large animal rescue through the Ohio Fire Academy at Otterbein College.



Child Passenger Safety

♥ **When should I turn my baby forward-facing?**

Parents/caregivers often struggle with deciding when the appropriate time is to turn a child forward-facing in their child safety seat. They have a hard time letting go of earlier information that stated children should ride in a rear-facing seat up to 1 year of age and 20 pounds. The challenge now is to encourage parents/caregivers to embrace the new and current medical and statistical information for best practice, which is for children to ride in a rear-facing seat to the highest weight/height allowed for use rear-facing by the manufacturer of the seat. This means that by using your convertible child safety seat rear-facing to its full capacity of 30 – 35 pounds a child can stay rear facing until they are about two years old. (Always follow manufacturer's direction, weight and height vary by manufacturer and models) **Children are 5 times safer traveling rear facing than forward facing into their second year of life.**

In 2008, an article published by Pediatrics Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an analysis shows that "the protection provided in rear-facing compared with forward-facing car

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Stormwater & Erosion Control Expo

Township Administrator, J.B. Bowe attended the Central Ohio Stormwater & Erosion Control Expo hosted by Franklin and Union County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Programs included rain gardens, integrating stormwater infiltration, and land development code and permeable pavements..

Child Passenger Safety

safety seats has revealed **that children under the age of 2 years are 75% less likely to die or sustain serious injury when they are in a rear-facing seat....** rear-facing car safety seats were more effective than forward facing car safety seats for both infants under 1 year and children aged 12 to 23 months.

The odds of severe injury for forward-facing infants under 12 months of age were 1.79 times higher than for rear-facing infants; for children 12 to 23 months old, the odds are 5.32 times higher."

The most common comments we hear from parents/caregivers for their *reluctance* to leave a child rear facing until they are two are:

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Township Staff Attends Workshops

Zoning Officer, Ben Collins recently attended the 2010 Ohio Storm Water Management and Drainage Conference in March sponsored by the County Engineers Association of Ohio. Covered topics: Illicit discharge detection elimination-strategies for compliance; herbicide spraying for plants and noxious weeds in ditches, detention ponds and storm water infrastructure.

In February, Mr. Collins along with Fiscal Officer John Brandt and Administrator J. B. Bowe, attended the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference at the Columbus Convention Center. Some of the workshops offered were: Ohio Ethics Law, State's Cooperative Purchasing Program, Health Care, Zoning Updates, Annexing, Safety Service Grants for Townships, and Competitive Bidding.

Eileen Hull & Bonnie Reife attended a RecTrac Users Group Training Seminar in Tallmadge, Ohio. RecTrac is the software program used at the Aquatic Center to track memberships, lessons, rentals & swim lessons.

Barb Gentile, Ben Collins and Fiscal Officer, John Brandt will attend the Annual Local Government Officials Conference in early April sponsored by State Auditor Mary Taylor's office.

3 Steps to Healthier Streams

1. **Establish a Streamside Buffer**
2. **Don't Dump Yard Waste in Streams**
3. **Limit the Use of Fertilizer and Pesticides**

1). A stream buffer is an area adjacent to the stream where vegetation is allowed to grow naturally. **Native plants** that are allowed to grow naturally will establish a vigorous root system that holds soil in place. A buffer zone will reduce stream bank erosion and maintain healthy flood plains. This buffer zone will also filter surface runoff and reduce the impact of pollutants on the stream.



2). Don't place **yard waste** in the stream or on the stream bank. Yard waste reduces available oxygen for aquatic life as the yard waste decays. Yard waste reduces water quality and can lead to stream bank erosion. Yard waste also reduces stream capacity, which contributes to flooding.

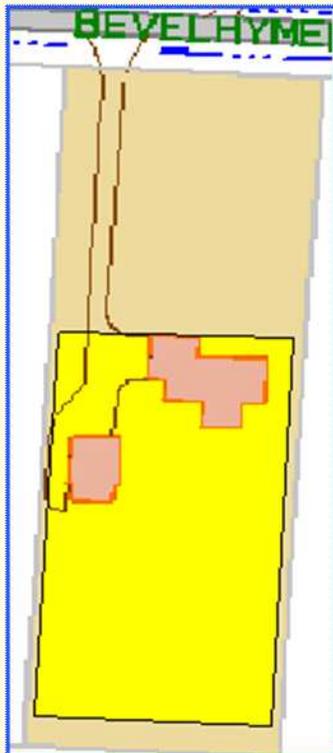
3). Using **fertilizers and pesticides** near streams reduces water quality. Avoid using these products near the stream. Creating a stream buffer will help avoid the use of fertilizer adjacent to the stream. By not placing yard waste in the stream, you will keep the fertilizer out of the stream.

Help & advice are available from Franklin County Soil & Water - <http://www.franklinswcd.org>

Recreational Vehicle Parking

Recreational vehicles, including boats, camping trailers, boat and utility trailers, may only be parked in select areas of residential lots.

- (1) Only one recreational vehicle can be parked on each lot.
- (2) No recreational vehicles can be parked in front of the principal structure on the lot..
- (3) Recreational vehicles must be parked in accordance with the location requirements of accessory structures, i.e. not in any required side-yard or rear-yard setback.
- (4) The picture below shows a typical township lot. The area in yellow shows where a recreational vehicle can legally be parked.



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

Child Passenger Safety (Con't from Pg. 2)

His legs are to long: Pediatric surgeons tell us they can repair a broken leg, but they cannot repair a spinal cord. In a forward-facing position the body is held back by the straps, but the head is not. The head is thrust forward, stretching the neck and the easily injured spinal cord. Older children in forward-facing safety seats or safety belts may end up with temporary neck injuries or fractures that will heal, but a baby's neck bones actually separate during a crash. When the spinal cord is torn apart, it is called internal decapitation causing death or paralysis.

He is a big baby - he must be strong enough to turn forward-facing:

Parents/caregivers need to keep in mind that if their child is at the top of the charts for percentages, age/height/weight, that does not mean the spinal cord is. Protect the spinal cord and prevent brain injuries by leaving a child rear-facing to the maximum height and weight of the convertible seat.

I feel better seeing him: Cherish seeing a healthy baby riding rear-facing as long as possible to protect his fragile spinal cord and brain. Why risk life-altering and life-threatening injuries that can be prevented.

If you are still having difficulties deciding whether to leave your child rear-facing to the maximum height/weight of their convertible seat, take a moment to view the following website, www.joelsjourney.org and watch the video.



Joel's Grandfather Jim works endlessly to share his families' first-hand knowledge of the importance of rear facing longer.

Rumpke Policy For Recyclable Materials

Below is a list of what you CAN set out in the **red** Rumpke bins.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- ☞ Aluminum Cans
- ☞ Bi-metal Cans
- ☞ Steel Food/aerosol cans
- ☞ PET #1 plastic bottles
- ☞ HDPE #2 plastic bottles
- ☞ All color of glass bottles & jars
- ☞ Gable-top cartons
- ☞ Aseptic Packaging (sterile)
- ☞ Corrugates cardboard
- ☞ Magazines/telephone books
- ☞ Brown paper grocery bags
- ☞ Newsprint



REMINDER:

1. Please remove all inserts and food scraps and particles from containers.
2. Please flatten cardboard and paper board.
3. Please rinse all bottles, jars and cartons and remove all container lids.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- ☞ Dishware
- ☞ Drinking glasses
- ☞ Light bulbs
- ☞ Mirrors
- ☞ Windows
- ☞ Broken glass
- ☞ Diapers
- ☞ Plastic containers (#3-7)
- ☞ Plastic grocery bags
- ☞ Plastic hangers
- ☞ Plastic container lids
- ☞ Polystyrene food containers
- ☞ Styrofoam
- ☞ Tissues
- ☞ Animal Waste
- ☞ Liquid Cleaner containers
- ☞ Hazardous material containers

NOTE: The green commercial SWACO recycling dumpsters (around town) are for paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and glass bottles and jars ONLY. Do not place household trash in or outside of recycle dumpster.

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Plain Township Aquatic Center

2010 Pool Information Update

We have made several “**changes**” to the pool operations for this summer: Youth pass, swim lessons, pool management and concession management.

Memberships:

We will still offer the “early-bird” rate if your registration is received **in our office by March 31, 2010**. The benefits have changed however, for the Youth pass.

- If you join by March 31, you will receive one FREE guest card per household with 10 visits.
- If you were a member in 2009 and re-new by March 31, you will receive one FREE guest card per household with 15 visits.
- **YOUTH** registrations received by March 31, will receive one FREE guest card with **5 visits** per household.

THE DEADLINE IS DURING SPRING BREAK - SEND YOUR PAYMENT EARLY!

Fees:

Membership - there will be **NO** increase in membership fees for the 8th straight year

Swim Lessons - there is a **slight increase** in swim lesson fees. The rate structure is now \$60 per child for members and \$70 per child for non-members. Members will have first choice on classes and times. Non-members may sign up starting Sunday, May 30.



Sunday, May 23rd from Noon-3 p.m. is for MEMBERS ONLY to sign up for lessons, pool rentals, swim team and new memberships. We ask that you purchase your child's membership **PRIOR** to May 23rd, so you're on the active 2010 Member List for lessons.

The Swim Team officials will be there to take swim team registrations and the vendor will be on site for swim wear and accessories.

Hastings Water Works from Brecksville, Ohio, will be managing our facility this summer and we look forward to their professional expertise and cooperation with the Township to manage our first-class aquatic center.

Cardinal Vending Services will be managing the concession this summer featuring Papa John's pizza and some new items on the menu.

Visit our website and click on Aquatic Center for “**Job Opportunities**”.

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.

April 7 and 21
 May 5 and 19
 June 2 and 16
 July 7 and 21

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
 J. B. Bowe

Zoning Officer and Assistant Administrator
 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
 Bud Zappitelli
 (614) 855-4620 (Home)

David Ferguson
 (614) 570-9196 (Cell)

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.



Plain Township Hazardous Waste Collection Date

July 11 - At Jefferson Twp. Service Dept., 6620 Havens Corners Road.

