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Newsletter**

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Plain Township Aquatic Center Opens May 26th



An early sign-up day has been scheduled for Sunday, May 20 from 11 am - 2 pm, for those who would like to buy their pool membership before the pool opens.

May 20th is also reserved for pool members to sign up for swim lessons. Non-members may sign up for swim lessons beginning on Sunday, May 27th.

The Plain Township Swim and Dive Team directors will also be processing registrations for swim team on May 20. The Greater Columbus Swim League requires that swimmers and divers be a member of the Aquatic Center before they can join the swim team.

Every year we try to prevent pool closures for unforeseen fecal or vomit incidents. Swim diapers will be sold at the Front Desk this summer and a "Swim Diaper Notice" will be handed to all families entering the facility with children in diapers.

There will be 3 "Float & Flick" outdoor movies this summer - one in June, July and August. The movie will be shown on Friday evenings beginning at dusk. Watch for information posted at the pool for dates, times and movie to be shown. We hope you will enjoy this new program.

We hope for another perfect summer of warm sunny weather. Please check the weather forecast before visiting the pool as there are no refunds for weather conditions.

See you at the pool. 😎

CodeRED Notification System

Plain Township has partnered with the city of New Albany to include the unincorporated township. CodeRED allows residents and businesses to be notified of a community emergency, important public notices and alerts for severe weather.

Residents can sign up to receive alerts on their home or mobile phone. The direct link for the online enrollment form is located on the township website at www.plaintownship.org.

Township Land Use Plan Update

The Plain Township Zoning Commission is considering an update to the Land Use Plan that would provide commercial overlays to control and direct future commercial growth in the township. Overlays would provide standards on size, scale, screening, setbacks, lighting, density, and similar issues.

The concept plan can be found on the home page of the Plain Township website at www.plaintownship.org. The concept will be posted for public comment period before going to the board of trustees at the scheduled May 16th meeting for further review.

Pool Safety Asst. Chief Jack Rupp—PTFD

The most important safety tip is to make your pool secure so young children cannot gain access without proper supervision.

City codes require all pool owners have a fence around the pool with a self-closing and self-latching gate. Gates should be checked regularly for proper operation.

All pool cleaning chemicals should be properly stored and not accessible to children.

Pools are fun and relaxing, but it takes common sense and an awareness of official safety codes to be proactive to prevent a pool accident involving children.

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Did You Know.....

- 11% of people are left-handed.
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- Unless food is mixed with saliva, you can't taste it.
- Enamel is the hardest substance in the human body.
- The average person spends 25 years asleep.
- The tongue is the fastest healing part of the body.
- The strawberry is the only fruit that grows its seeds on the outside.
- Your brain contains 78% water, uses 20-25% of the oxygen you breathe, uses 15% of the body's blood supply.
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.

Maplewood Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

May 28, 2012 9:45 a.m.

A Memorial March followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion Knights of Columbus. The New Albany High School Band will be performing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful". The ceremony will end with a Rifle Salute and Taps.

Board of Trustees Appoints New Fiscal Officer

The Plain Township Board of Trustees appointed Bud Zappitelli to fill the vacancy in the office of the Township Fiscal Officer.



Mr. Zappitelli was first elected as a township trustee in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. He was the longest serving current trustee and is familiar with the financial challenges facing the township. Mr. Zappitelli is a licensed financial

advisor, living and working in Plain Township since 1998. He has three children in the New Albany schools and is active in local sports leagues as a parent and coach.

Mr. Zappitelli was sworn in during the Trustees meeting on April 4th. He will be required to stand for election at the 2013 general election to fill the unexpired term ending March 31, 2016.

Carpooling & Booster Seats (4+ Years and 40+ pounds)

Are you driving carpool this year and wondering how you are going to fit 3 boosters across the back of your vehicle? It can be a challenge!

The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to use a belt positioning booster seat until a child reaches 57 inches, the height at which proper fit in an adult seat is expected. A booster seat reduces risk of injury by 50% compared with seat belts. A poorly positioned seat belt puts children at greater risk of injuries to abdominal organs, spine bones and the spine itself.

A recent study by the University of Michigan revealed concerning statistics disclosing that while parents are diligent about using child safety seats for their own children, in a car pool situation, they may not use an age appropriate restraint for passengers.

Check out this product. The Bubble Bum is the narrowest booster seat on the market, portable, foldable, lightweight and storable. (Meets FMVSS 213). The Bubble Bum is designed for children 4+years AND 40-100 pounds. It has received numerous awards including the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Best Bet Booster for 2011. All booster seats require the use of a lap and shoulder belt. For more information visit: www.bubblebum.co/us and www.thecarseatlady.com.



FD Hydrant Flushing Program

The Plain Township Fire Department will conduct its annual spring hydrant flushing program. 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. This program will begin April 23rd and last through the end of May. Any questions can be directed to Lt. Myers at the Plain Township Fire Department (614) 855-7370.

PT Fire Department

National Health Care Decisions Day was celebrated on April 16, 2012 to spotlight the importance of advance directives.

Advance directives are documents that patients complete to direct their **medical care** when they are unable to communicate their own wishes due to a medical condition.



In Ohio, do not resuscitate orders, living wills, organ donation and durable powers of attorney are advance directives that are authorized by state law.

Advance directive booklets can be downloaded at: <http://associationdatabase.com/aws/MCA/pt/sp/livingwills> or for more information go to National Healthcare Decisions Day <http://www.nhdd.org/>

Plain Township Firefighter- Paramedics Use New Technology to Save Lives



Plain Township Firefighter Medics are using new technology to manage patient's airways.

The King Vision Video Laryngoscope is a tool that allows paramedics to view important airway structures, like the vocal cords and trachea (windpipe) through a high definition video screen to place a breathing tube in people who are not breathing adequately.

Prior to the King Vision, paramedics would use a metal handle and blade to look in the mouth to perform this advanced airway procedure. The King Vision will make this procedure faster and safer.

Three devices were purchased, one for each Advanced Life Support transport vehicle at a price of \$3,200.

Grant money from the Ohio Department of Public Safety will cover the cost.

Cemetery Regulations



Below is a **general** list of Maplewood Cemetery regulations, however, a complete list of rules, regulations and information about plantings, burials, fees, and monument restrictions can be found on our website: www.plaintownship.org

- Cemetery personnel must install all foundations.
- Any resident of Plain Township may purchase lots at the resident price for members of his or her immediate family.
- Immediate family is defined as (1) husband or wife, (2) children (3) adopted or foster children, (4) parents of husband or wife, (5) any other blood relatives residing in the family home.
- Lots purchased for any person other than the immediate family of a Plain Township resident (as defined above) shall be purchased at non-resident price.
- The owner of a lot may, during his or her lifetime, designate in writing to the cemetery caretaker a notarized list the names of those family members whom he or she wishes to have interred therein.
- As the deed to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein, the Township retains control and supervision of all lots that have been sold. It shall be the duty of the caretaker to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any structure or object on the lot that may have been placed thereon in violation of the rules, or which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the lot, adjoining lots or the general appearance of the cemetery.
- Sale of lots by owners cannot be permitted except by the consent of two trustees. Parties desiring to dispose of

their lots may do so by selling them back to the cemetery for the same price paid for them.

- No Plain Township resident may buy lots at resident price to bury a non-resident of Plain Township.
- Cemetery lots will be sold in two (2) grave plots, four (4) grave plots, etc. Only lots designated will be sold on a single lot basis.
- The Township is not responsible for damage to monuments, vases, eternal candles, flowerbeds, etc. as a result of vandalism and/or theft, or for decorations and flag holders left by lot owners.

You Can Help Prevent Storm Water Runoff Pollution



1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

Maintenance Department Takes Delivery of New Truck

The Maintenance Department recently took possession of the new Ford F550 truck with dump body, Swenson stainless steel salt spreader and 9 foot snow plow.

The new versatile vehicle will be used for regular road maintenance including ditch and culvert repairs, snow and ice removal, salt spreading, cemetery, pool and fire department projects and will provide the Township with many years of service.



Yard Maintenance



Did you know that Plain Township has a requirement that your yard be maintained?

This includes mowing grass and keeping your yard in a neat and orderly state. We appreciate your help in keeping Plain Township a great place to live.

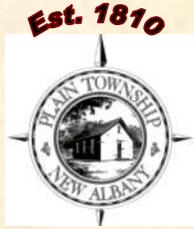
Plain Township Zoning Resolution 403.03 - Yards Maintained.

All yard space shall be maintained in accordance with one or more of the following provisions:

1. Fenced as permitted or required.
2. Landscaped by lawns, shrubbery, trees and other plantings, maintained in a neat and orderly natural state, or used for permitted accessory or ancillary use.
3. Paved for parking as permitted.

If you have questions please call the Zoning Office at 855-2085.

**Plain Township
Board of Trustees**



Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Phone: (614) 855-7770
Fax: (614) 855-7761
www.plaintownship.org



**Pool opens
Saturday, May
26th.**

**Join now and
enjoy lazy
days of sum-
mer at PTAC!**

**Plain Township
P.O. Box 273
45 Second Street
New Albany, OH 43054**

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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ May 13 - Mother's Day
- ⇒ May 20 - Early Sign-up for Pool Members (Lessons & Swim Team)
- ⇒ May 26 - Aquatic Center Opens for the Summer
- ⇒ May 28 - Maplewood Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony.*
- ⇒ June 9 - Plain Township Fire Dept. will help kick off the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metro Library's Summer Reading Kick-Off Carnival (Program runs June 9th—August 4th)
- ⇒ June 17 - Father's Day
- ⇒ July 4 - Independence Day*

* Plain Township offices will be closed in observance of above listed Federal Holidays

To receive news and updates by email, please send a request to:
e-news@plaintownship.org

Important Dates

Board of Trustee Meetings
 Location: Plain Twp. Fire Station,
 9500 Johnstown Road
 Meetings held the 1st & 3rd
 Wednesday of each month
 Time: 7 p.m.

May 2, 2012
 May 16, 2012
 June 6, 2012
 June 20, 2012
 July, 2012 (to be announced)
 July 18, 2012

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
 David Olmstead
 Vacant

Fiscal Officer
 Bud Zappitelli

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
 Email: bpharris@plaintownship.org

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

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

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 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 feet by 3 feet sections)
- Plastic and glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans, siding and gutters
- Steel soup, food and aerosol cans

