Plain Township Fire Department 16th Annual Open House

The Plain Township Fire Department and the Firefighters Local 3850 invite you to the Fire Department’s 16th Annual Open House on October 6th from 10am to 4pm. Meet firefighters, explore emergency equipment and learn about fire safety.

It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from October 6-12 the Plain Township Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to ‘Prevent Kitchen Fires’. During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires, most of which result from unattended cooking, and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire related injuries. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home.

"Often when we’re called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes,” said Chief John Hoovler. "Sadly, that’s all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help us reach folks in the community before they’ve suffered a damaging lesson."

Firefighters and safety advocates emphasize the following safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove’s back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep oven mitts, towels, and paper away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Plain Township Website – 1 year

www.plaintownship.org

In its first year, the new township website had 66,000 page views and 14,700 unique visitors. The most visited pages were the aquatic center, home page, fire department, zoning and government. You can sign up to receive the newsletter by e-mail, make a service request or file a complaint.

Website activity peaked on June 23, 2013, with 347 visits and 1,000 page views. During summer months, 50% of all visits are by mobile devices. During this time, 76% of mobile visits are by an Apple device. And not surprisingly, a lot of that traffic is directed towards the aquatic center.

Check the homepage for township news and events, including meeting dates and road closures. You can also follow Plain Township on Twitter and Facebook, with links on the upper right corner of the website.

You can also find information on the National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) on the drop-down menu under Maintenance. Find information on rain gardens, drainage and landscaping. There is also a kid's page with activities and games.
Stream Preservation

With an abundance of streams and watercourses meandering through Plain Township, stream preservation is a key component of environmental protection. Any alteration to an existing stream channel requires the approval of governing bodies including Plain Township, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. Before beginning any stream alteration, please contact the appropriate agency.

Operation Street Smart is an Adult Drug Education program that educates parents and community partners about current drug trends, terminology and paraphernalia.

The Sheriff’s Office also provides programs designed specifically for women's safety. The Rape Aggression Defense program begins with risk reduction, awareness, and prevention. The program includes realistic, hands-on self-defense training. The Women’s Empowerment Safety Seminar covers vehicle and home security as well as personal safety and security.

For additional information, visit the Franklin County Sheriff website at sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov.

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.

a) No political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public property upon posting or removal.

b) No political sign shall be posted in a public right-of-way nor shall any such sign be posted on a utility pole.

c) 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.

Maplewood Cemetery Online Burial Search

Plain Township launched a new online burial search service that enables visitors to search for and view burial information from any internet-connected computer worldwide. Plain Township undertook this effort to preserve precious vital records and serve the general public's growing interest in genealogy research.

Visitors can contribute additional family member 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, visit the township website at www.plaintownship.org and select from the cemetery dropdown menu.
LUCAS Compression System

The Plain Township Fire Department was able to purchase a LUCAS device with the generous donation of Discover Card Financial Services. Plain Township appreciates the continued support of our community partners to improve fire and emergency response to protect our community.

The LUCAS Chest Compression System is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions at a consistent rate and depth to facilitate ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation). It delivers automated compressions from first response in the field to ambulance transport and throughout the hospital. It improves patient outcomes and increases survivability.

LUCAS system facilitates consistent blood flow from the moment it is turned on, helping to improve a patient’s chance for a successful outcome. With LUCAS, defibrillation can occur during ongoing compressions that can prime the heart for a successful shock. Also continuous compressions help maintain coronary perfusion pressure needed to facilitate ROSC. The LUCAS device also provides:

- Continuous, effective compressions, helping to maintain good circulation in the patient while medics remain seat-belted for better safety in a mobile environment Increasing operational effectiveness

- Simple and easy to use with minimal training, keeping the cost of ownership low

- Improved personnel safety during CPR

Fire Department Fall Events

- October 6, 2013 - American Red Cross Mobile Blood Drive from 10am-4pm, call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.
- October 7, 2013 - American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30-7:30pm, call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.
- October 26, 2013 - Community CPR from 10am-12pm, check the township website to download the registration form.
- October 31, 2013 – Plain Township Fire Department Halloween. Warm up with cider and donuts! 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- November 2, 2013 - Car Seat Check Event, Travel safe for the holidays, call 855-7370 to schedule an appointment.
- November: Firefighters for Kids! The PTFD Local 3850 will begin collecting new unwrapped toys, gift cards and monetary donations for the Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive. The program distributes food and toys to Central Ohio’s neediest families and provides a happier holiday for several thousand children. Thank you for your generous contributions to help families in need.
- December 8, 2013 - New Albany Holiday Event, Join the Plain Township Firefighters to welcome Santa from 2pm-4pm. Firefighters will be accepting new unwrapped toys for the Firefighter for Kids Toy Drive.

Home Heating Safety

Cool weather is just around the corner. It’s time to check the heating mechanics in your home!

In 2010, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 57,100 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 490 civilian deaths, 1,540 civilian injuries, and $1.1 billion in direct property damage. These fires accounted for 16% of all reported home fires.

Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (32%) of home heating fires and four out of five (79%) of home heating fire deaths.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Week has been observed since 1922, and has its roots in the historic Chicago fire of 1871. This annual event marks a time to focus on fire prevention and safety.

Including children in fire prevention is an important role of Plain Township’s fire safety education program. Fire Department staff work with teachers and students every year to ensure that students know the basics of fire prevention and safety.

With a basic floor plan, help your children map out escape routes. Be sure to include a meeting place on your map. Ask the children in your family about fire safety and review your family’s emergency escape plan.
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

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 October 12, from 8 am to 2 pm, at Grove City Service Center 3262 Ventura Blvd., Grove City, 43123.

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