Swim Lessons & Job Opportunities

Those of you looking to sign up for swim lessons & swim team, mark your calendars! Early sign-up for members only is on Sunday, May 15 (11-2 pm). Memberships must be processed prior to May 13th to be included on the “Member List” for lesson and swim team registration. All registrations must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian. Opening day, Saturday May 28 will be for members and residents. Open registration will begin on Sunday May 29. Swim lesson forms are available on our website.

Summer job opportunities at the pool can be found on the Township website by clicking “Aquatic Center – Employment.” Columbus Pool Management will be running our pool this summer. Contact CPM for lifeguard and front desk staff positions. Call Scott Nail at: 1-800-931-8721 for information.

HOME SEWAGE SYSTEMS

Questions or concerns about home sewage systems can be directed to Franklin County Public Health at (614) 525-3160.

- Investigate nuisances created by failing sewage systems.
- Issue permits for installation, alteration and abandonment of sewage systems.
- Conduct operation/maintenance programs which include annual inspections of off-lot discharging systems.

Plain Township Aquatic Center Early Bird Rate Ends on April 30 This Year

The Early-Bird rate usually ends just after spring break and the Township has extended the date again this year, until April 30th. Memberships must be in the Township office by April 30th for you to receive a $20 discount and a free guest card of 10 visits (15 visits for renewing members).

The membership form was mailed to Plain Township and New Albany residents the middle of February and e-mailed to all existing members, in January. The form can also be picked up at the Township offices located at 45 Second Street, as well as downloaded from our website www.plaintownship.org.

Membership rates are either Resident or Non-Resident, depending on your taxing district. Please make sure to send in the correct fee so your membership can be processed in a timely manner. Membership rates for 2016 remain the same as last year. You can always call the Township to verify residency.

Our daily admission fees will remain the same for 2016. Adults (age 18 and over) are $9.00, Youth (Age 3 – 17) are $7.00, Seniors (Age 60+) are $5.00 as are our after 4 p.m. rates. Children 2 and under are still free and must be in swim diapers. The Patron 12 pass has also increased to $70.00, still $38.00 in savings.

Movie night is back for 2016! We will be showing two movies, on Friday, June 17 we will show “Minions” and the second on Friday, July 22 will be “The Good Dinosaur.” We will also coordinate our Float n’ Fireworks with the date of New Albany’s fireworks. Come relax in our heated pool and watch the fireworks. The pool will remain open until 11 pm (weather permitting).

Member Only Hours were well received the last two year, we have decided to continue with it for 2016. Saturdays in June from 11 am – 12 pm, members only will be allowed to enter the pool, as long as they swipe their cards. Members without their cards and paying guests will be allowed in after 12 pm.

Member appreciation days will be back on Tuesdays June 21, July 19 and August 16. EACH member may bring one guest, for FREE! Family Night will also continue on Thursday evenings, starting at 5 pm. The concession stand will be running specials so you and your family can enjoy dinner at the pool.

PTAC will now accept credit cards at the front desk.
Springtime and Storm Water

Every time it rains, water runs off your roof, across your drive, and down the street into a catch basin where it travels to the nearest stream, pond or wetland. With spring on the way, here are some tips to minimize the pollution coming from your home:

**Compost** – Leaves, grass, and other yard debris make excellent compost. Composting helps protect water quality, saves money, and is great for your lawn and garden.

**Cover Bald Spots** – Mulch bare spots on your property or plant grass seed to reduce runoff.

**Reduce Fertilizer** – Over application is a significant source of pollution.

**Mow Longer** – Allow your grass to grow at least 3 inches tall. This results in deeper roots, a better lawn, and less runoff.

**Leave the Clippings** – When you mow the lawn, leave the clippings. They retain moisture and provide a natural fertilizer.

**Plant a Tree** – Trees can help slow down rainwater and allow it to soak into the ground.

**Use a Rain Barrel** – Place a rain barrel beneath the downspout on your gutters to collect rainwater. This reduces runoff, helps plants thrive, and saves money on your water bill.

Junk Car Regulations

The Plain Township Junk Motor Vehicle Resolution is intended to prevent public and private nuisances. The resolution prohibits the storage on property, whether public or private, of a junk motor vehicle in such a manner as to make it visible to passersby.

The resolution defines a junk motor vehicle to be a motor vehicle that meets all of the following criteria:
1. Three years old, or older; and
2. Apparently inoperable; and
3. Extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, motor, or transmission

If you believe there is a junk motor vehicle in unincorporated Plain Township creating a nuisance, please contact our office at 614-855-2087.

Hydrant Flushing

The Plain Township Fire Department will begin spring hydrant inspections on April 20. Firefighters will flush and pump out each of the 1000+ hydrants located in New Albany and Plain Township.

Residents may notice a slight discoloration in their water during inspections, which run through the end of May. Any questions can be directed to Captain Greg Myers at the Plain Township Fire Department, (614) 855-7370.

FCSO Hosts R.A.D. Instructors Training Class

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Community Relations Unit offers many free programs to the Residents of Franklin County. One of those programs is the Rape Aggression Defense Systems class. The RAD class is a 12-hour comprehensive course offered to females only. All RAD instructors are nationally certified. The RAD system is the only self-defense program ever endorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

The course focuses on risk awareness, risk reduction, risk recognition, and risk avoidance. Being aware of the four risks of personal safety is 90 percent of self-defense education. Participants will learn physical defense skills that will help identify, avoid and defend against possible threats.

If interested in joining a scheduled RAD class, or to schedule a RAD class for a group of 20 or more women, please visit their website at:

http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/rape-aggression-defense-system.cfm
One Text or Call Could Wreck It All

Unfortunately, distracted driving is not a passing fad. It has become a trend with deadly consequences. The Plain Township Fire Department urges all community members to join The U.S Department of Transportation’s “One Text or Call Could Wreck it All” campaign. Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration page at www.DISTRACTION.gov for videos and messages to post on your personal social media sites.

- In 2013, 3,154 people were killed and approximately 424,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. (NHTSA)
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to be involved in a serious crash. (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
- In 2013, ten percent of fatal crashes, 18 percent of injury crashes, and 16 percent of all motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2013 were reported as distraction-affected crashes. (NHTSA)
- In 2013, ten percent of all drivers 15-19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.

While those numbers may sound like just statistics, they’re anything but. They could be parents, children, neighbors and friends from right here in New Albany and Plain Township. There are too many deaths and injuries that could have been prevented had drivers been paying attention to the road instead of someone or something else.

Emergency Preparedness

Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to think about the following situations and plan just in case. Consider the following questions when making a plan:

- How will my family/household get emergency alerts and warnings?
- How will my family/household get to safe locations for relevant emergencies?
- How will my family/household get in touch if cell phone, internet, or landline doesn’t work?
- How will I let loved ones know I am safe?
- How will family/household get to a meeting place after the emergency?

Take the time to start a conversation at home, school, church and work to review or make an emergency preparedness plan. There are numerous resources, such as, Ready.gov and the American Red Cross, that offer individual and business emergency planning tools.

When you are creating your emergency plan build an emergency supply kit. A basic supply kit should contain: food, water, medications, a battery powered radio, flashlight, batteries, first aid kit, whistle, baby formula, diapers, garbage bags and towelltes for sanitation, dust mask to filter the air, plastic sheeting/duct tape to shelter in place, can opener, and wrench or pliers to turn off utilities. The items in your supply kit should care for each family member for the next 72 hours?

Visit READY.gov for more information and tools for Emergency Preparedness.

Symptoms of A Stroke

FAST is an easy way to remember and identify the most common symptoms of a stroke. Recognition of stroke and calling 9-1-1 will determine how quickly someone will receive help and treatment. Getting to a hospital rapidly will more likely lead to a better recovery.

**FACE:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

**ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?

**TIME:** If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Note the time of the first symptom. This information is important and can affect treatment decisions.

Fire Department Services

The Plain Township Fire Department is committed to serving our community. Plain Township provides emergency medical services, rescue and extraction, fire suppression and water rescue. We are there when you need us the most. We also teach fire safety to students, install car seats, service fire hydrants, provide home safety inspections, provide CPR training and conduct commercial fire inspections.
Plain Township
P.O. Box 273
45 Second Street
New Albany, OH 43054

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6  Board of Trustees  May 21  New Albany Founder's Day
April 12  Zoning Appeals  May 28  PTAC Opening Day
April 14  Zoning Commission  May 30  Memorial Day - Offices Closed
April 20  Board of Trustees  June 1  Board of Trustees
April 21  Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord  June 9  Zoning Commission
May 4  Board of Trustees  June 14  Zoning Appeals
May 10  Zoning Appeals  June 15  Board of Trustees
May 12  Zoning Commission  June 16  Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord
May 18  Board of Trustees  July 4  Fourth of July - Offices Closed
May 19  Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord  July 6  Board of Trustees

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off
Saturday, June 25

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 June 25, from 8 am to 2 pm, at History Center, 800 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211.

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

DEPARTMENTS

Fire & EMS
614-855-7370 (Non-Emergency)

Maintenance
614-855-9015

Administration & Zoning
614-855-2085

Aquatic Center
614-775-9430 (Seasonal)