Movie Night at PTAC ~ July 22nd

Movie Night at the Plain Township Aquatic Center is a fun evening, for young and old. PTAC is excited to present “The Good Dinosaur” as its second movie for the 2016 summer season.

Follow the adventures of Arlo and Spot; float in our heated pool or relax in one of our lounge chairs. The movie is rated PG and stars Frances McDormand, Sam Elliot, Raymond Ochoa, and Anna Paquin.

Doors open at 8:30 pm, the movie will begin around 9:00 on July 22nd and the concession stand will be open for the beginning of the movie. You are allowed to bring tubes and inflatables for this special event (nothing too large). Admission is $5.00 at the door for non-members or included with paid admission. Members are free with their card.

The rain date is Sunday, July 24th at the same time. You can also check the Township website www.plaintownship.org and Facebook Page for information. (Movies are screened and marketed under license from Swank Motion Pictures, Inc.)

Pool Rental/Birthday Parties

The Plain Township Aquatic Center will be open through Labor Day. PTAC is available for rent on Saturday evenings throughout the summer beginning at 7:30 pm. The pool is heated and has underwater lights and stadium lighting. The rental includes the slide tower and the interactive pool. It’s a great idea for client/patient appreciation, corporate parties, reunions, graduation parties and even weddings. Contact Bonnie Reife at 614-855-7770 for information. Some July dates remain.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR ZONING BOARDS

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is seeking to appoint a member to the Plain Township Board of Zoning Appeals and two members to the Zoning Commission.

Interested residents are encouraged to submit a resume and letter of interest to the Board of Trustees at 45 Second Street, P.O. Box 273, New Albany, Ohio, 43054. Applicants must reside within the unincorporated territory of Plain Township.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is a five member board that is responsible for hearing and deciding zoning appeals, Variances and Conditional Uses. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The Zoning Commission is a five member commission that reviews rezoning requests and development plans. The Zoning Commissions meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The appointments are for a 5 year term. Members serve on a voluntary basis.

www.plaintownship.org
The Plain Township Zoning Department receives complaints regarding the condition of residential properties. The most frequent complaints involve high grass and weeds, the parking of junk motor vehicles, the storage of trash and debris in an exposed manner; and the lack of basic maintenance on dwellings, garages, sheds and fences.

You can help maintain the integrity of your neighborhood by keeping the following in mind:

- Mow your grass on a regular basis.
- Do not park wrecked, dismantled and/or unlicensed vehicles on your property unless stored within a garage.
- Maintain the exterior walls, windows, doors, roofs, gutters and downspouts of your home, garages and sheds.
- Keep your exterior property clean of trash and debris.
- For the benefit of police and fire safety services, clearly identify and mark your house number on the front of your home.

Zoning Permits

Before you begin any construction project, your first step should be to contact the Zoning Department to discuss the minimum setbacks and maximum size requirements that apply to your property.

In addition to a permit application, a site plan drawn to scale of your property is required to illustrate the new construction’s size and location on the property.

Permits must be issued before work begins.

If you are hiring a contractor, it is recommended that you discuss with your contractor who will be responsible for obtaining permits. Remember that, ultimately, the property owner is responsible for compliance of his or her property with all requirements.

All applications can be found on the township website at www.plaintownship.org.

Report Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of household or commercial trash, tires, and other industrial waste is a growing problem in Franklin County. Referred to as open dumping, this form of waste “disposal” is often found along secondary roads, utility right-of-ways, ditches, on abandoned lots, in open fields, near construction sites, and along railroad tracks. Besides being illegal, open dumping is ugly and poses health threats to all living things.

Because of the places and time of day they dump, it is difficult to catch these criminals in the act. That’s why law enforcement needs residents to report what they see, even if it’s after the fact. Every case is investigated and can result in prosecution, a feat that would not be possible without funding from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and support from Franklin County Public Health, Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Columbus Division of Refuse.

To report open dumping in Franklin County, go to www.itsacrime.org or call 614-871-5322.
Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of death among children. Even great parents can forget a child in the back seat. Other risk factors include caregivers who are not used to driving kids or whose routine suddenly changes.

Whether you’re a parent, caregiver or bystander of a child left in a car, it’s vitally important to understand children are more vulnerable to heatstroke than adults. Temperatures below 75° can still pose a risk to children left in a car. Always check the back seats of your vehicle before you lock it and walk away. If someone else is driving your child, or your daily routine has been altered, always check to make sure your child has arrived safely.

Fire Escape Planning and Practice

In a fire, every second counts. Having a plan can save your life. Talk with your family about what to do if there is a fire. Know two ways out from each room. Visit www.ready.gov and review the Fire Escape Checklist:

- Ask yourself if these statements are true in your home.
- You have a fire escape plan for your home.
- You know two ways out of every room.
- You know the best way to take your baby outside if there is a fire.
- You practice the plan with everyone who lives in your home at least twice a year.
- You have a meeting place outside.
- Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 from outside to report a fire.
- You know not to go back inside until the firefighters tell you it’s safe.

50% of Teens will be in a Car Accident Before Graduating

According to the National Safety Council, half of all teens will be involved in a car crash before graduating from high school. In Ohio and across the country, motor vehicle crashes kill more teens than any other cause of death.

Inexperience behind the wheel and immaturity put young drivers at increased risk of a crash. Young drivers tend to overestimate their own driving abilities and, at the same time, underestimate the dangers on the road. A single young passenger, even a sibling, increases the chance of a deadly crash by 44%. New teen drivers often fail to drive the appropriate speed for conditions and about half of teens killed in crashes were not wearing a seat belt.

The fatal crash rate of 16-year-olds is nearly twice as high at night, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Most of these tragic crashes happen relatively early – between 9 pm and midnight. According to NHTSA, more than 5,000 people die every year in teen-related car crashes.

What can you do?

- Review the Graduated Driver Licensing Laws with your teen.
- Prohibit teens from using a cell phone while driving.
- Require teens to be off the roads when it gets dark. Most fatal teen crashes occur after 9 pm.
- Continue to ride with your teen.

For more info visit: www.teensafedriving.org, or www.teendriving.aaa.com.

Vacation Watch

Be cautious of home security when on vacation. Residential vacation watch service is provided for unincorporated residents by calling the Franklin County Sheriff at 614-525-3365 or for New Albany residents by calling the New Albany Police at 614-855-1234 or for Columbus residents by calling the Columbus Police at 614-645-4545. Only tell trusted family and friends about your plans.

Our Smallest Rescue!

2 Unit Duty Crew found an unresponsive hummingbird on the floor of the bay during the morning equipment check. Firefighter Paramedic Adam Noble and Captain Jim Carney adopted this petite patient. The duty crew affectionately named her Ralph and made a makeshift nest in a box for her.

Ralph rested while the crew responded to emergency calls. When the crew returned they found that Ralph was not in her nest, but had decided to investigate the kitchen.

FFPM Adam Noble and Captain Jim Carney moved Ralph outside and fed her. In a brief moment, Ralph fluttered and took flight!

In the United States over one hundred emergency responders are lost to suicide each year. Witnessing trauma every day is a hard job. We all need Ralph moments in our day. Good job guys!

Smoke Alarm Checklist

All of these should be true in your home:

- You have smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- You have smoke alarms inside and outside of all the sleeping areas.
- All of your smoke alarms work.
- You test your smoke alarms each month.
- Your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- Everyone know the sound of the smoke alarm.

Useful Websites for families

www.poolsafely.gov Pool Safety
www.cpsc.gov Safety Recalls
### RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off**

**Saturday, Sept 10, 2016**

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 drive is on September 10, from 8 am to 2 pm, at Westerville Service Garage, 350 Park Meadow Road, Westerville, OH 43017.

Used Oil • Antifreeze • Paint Thinners • Turpentine • Polishes Drain Cleaners • Adhesives Kerosene • Propane • Bleach Insecticides • Vehicle Batteries Pool Chemicals • Old Gasoline • Drain Cleaners

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**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