Movie Night at the Pool ~ July 17th

Movie Night at PTAC is always a fun evening, for young and old. The Plain Township Aquatic Center is excited to present “Dolphin Tale 2” as its second movie for the 2015 summer season. Dolphin Tale 2 is the sequel to the 2011 hit, Dolphin Tale. A group of sympathetic caretakers helps a dolphin with a damaged tail.

Come follow the adventures of Winter and Hope; float in our heated pool or relax in one of our lounge chairs. The movie is rated PG and stars Harry Connick Jr., Kris Kristofferson, Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. The movie will be shown in closed caption and guests will be allowed to bring their own floatation devices, for this event.

The movie will begin around 9 pm on July 17th and the concession stand will be open for the beginning of the movie. Admission is $5.00 at the door for non-members. Members are free with their membership cards. The rain date will be on Sunday, July 19th. You can also check the Township website for information. (Movies are screened and marketed under license from Swank Motion Pictures, Inc.)

Float and Fireworks

The Plain Township Aquatic Center will re-open the pool from 9 pm – 11 pm in conjunction with the Fireworks display by the New Albany Community Events Board. Watch the fireworks from a lounge chair or float in the pool. Relax and enjoy the evening after the event and not have to worry about the traffic. Guests are allowed to bring their own floatation devices, for this event.

Pool Rental / Birthday Parties

The Plain Township Aquatic Center will be open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Aquatic Center 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 lights. Rental includes the slide tower and the kid’s interactive pool. Corporate parties, client appreciation, reunions and graduation parties are popular events. Contact Bonnie Reife at 614-855-7770 for more information.
Lawn Maintenance

Did you know that Plain Township has a zoning requirement that your yard be maintained? This includes mowing your grass and keeping your yard in a neat and orderly state. We appreciate your help in keeping Plain Township a great place to live.

Yard Maintenance – Plain Township
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.

Trash Storage – Plain Township
The storage of trash or waste materials, including discarded household goods, discarded commercial products, industrial by-products and other similar materials shall not be visible from the property line. All such materials shall be housed in an appropriate container or enclosure, except trash placed at an assigned location for regularly scheduled pickup.

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

What is Storm Water Runoff?

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is Runoff a Problem?

Storm water runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

Reduce Storm water Runoff at Home

There are many things that you can do to reduce storm water runoff at home. Here are a few things that you can do:

- Minimize impervious surfaces on your property like concrete.
- Use the water that drains off your roof for watering flowers and gardens by using a cistern, rain barrels, or rain collectors.
- Replace lawn areas with native plants, conservation landscapes, and rain gardens.
- Do not leave soil exposed – cover stockpiles from rain.
- Plant trees and preserve existing trees.
- Use flooding tolerant species of trees, shrubs, ground covers, and perennials in areas that flood or have poor drainage.

To learn more, visit the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District at www.franklinswcd.org and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.ohio.gov.

Plain Township Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli initiated Plain Township’s first Popular Annual Financial Report this year. It is believed that Plain Township is the first township in Ohio to issue a PAFR report. The 10 page PAFR is an easy way to review the township’s financial information and to learn more about how Plain Township serves the community. Mr. Zappitelli says, “This is just another step in increasing the township’s public transparency and making the township finances accessible.”

This year, Mr. Zappitelli has also collaborated with State Treasurer Josh Mandel to publish the township’s spending on OhioCheckbook.com, which will be available later this year. OhioCheckbook.com is widely regarded by the Public Interest Research Group as an excellent transparency tool. “Plain Township is excited to be one of the first local governments to partner with the Treasurer’s Office to make our spending accessible to residents online. We support transparency in local government and are pleased to offer this online access to our residents,” says Mr. Zappitelli. The township’s annual financial reports are currently available under the Fiscal Office page at www.plaintownship.org.

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.

Visit our website for all your zoning needs! All of our Applications are available under the zoning page at www.plaintownship.org.
**Never Leave a Child Alone in a Car**

It only takes a few minutes for a car to heat up and become deadly to a child inside. According to www.safecar.gov, a child’s body temperature rises 3-5 times faster than an adult. Even with the windows partially down, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 125 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows opened slightly does NOT significantly slow the heating process or decrease the maximum temperature attained.

**In 2013, there were 44 child fatalities due to heat stroke because a child was left alone in a car. In 2014, that number dropped to 30.**

Vehicular heat stroke is generally misunderstood by the public. Children are at risk even if it is cloudy or only 70 degrees. Develop a safety check routine to prevent leaving your child alone in a car. Stop and look before you lock.

The most dangerous mistake a parent or caregiver can make is to think it cannot happen to them or their family. Take Action! If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. Have the business page the owner. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately. For more information on preventative tips visit kidsandcars.org or safekids.org

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**Vacation House Watch**

Be cautious of home security when you go on vacation. Vacation house watch service is provided for unincorporated residents by calling the Franklin County Sheriff at 525-3365 or for New Albany residents by calling the New Albany Police at 855-1234 or for Columbus residents by calling 645-4545. Review your insurance policy to make sure you have coverage for personal belongings and replacement value. Only tell trusted family and friends about your plans.

**Prescription Drugs and Children**

**Every 8 Minutes a Child visits an Emergency Room for Medication Poisoning**

According to Safe Kids.org, kids access medicine nearly 500,000 times per year. Every minute of every day, a poison control center receives a phone call about a potential medicine poisoning for a child age five and under. And 64,000 times each year, or every eight minutes, a young child goes to the emergency room for medicine poisoning.

In 41% of those visits, a child accessed medicine belonging to a parent. In 38% of those visits, a child accessed medicine belonging to a grandparent. Even if you are tempted to keep it handy in between doses, put medicine **out of reach after every use.** Keep all medicine up and away when young children are around, even medicine you take every day. Nationwide Poison Help line is 1-800-222-1222.

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**Emergency Calls**

2015 has been a busy year for the Fire Department. Through May 30, more than 1,300 emergency calls have been received. Plain Township, along with five other communities, relies on the MECC Center (Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium) to receive and dispatch emergency calls to Plain Township.

Cell phone calls do not always route to the MECC and could end up with a Columbus dispatcher. Because of that possibility, it is valuable to state that you are located in New Albany. If calling 911 from a cell phone, please give your location in New Albany. Due to the duplicity of some common street names, a given location of High Street at Main Street could exist in more than one community.

**Road Projects**

Plain Township has approved funding for 2015 township road repair projects including the replacement of one mile of Bevelhymer Road beginning at State Route 605 and heading east toward Bevelhymer Park. This project will be completed in cooperation with Harlem Township and the Franklin and Delaware County Engineers. Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding was obtained for $323,419 - equaling 65% of the total project cost of $498,000. Anticipated completion is late summer.

Plain Township will also repair and resurface one mile of Bevelhymer Road beginning at Walnut Street and heading north to meet the road replacement project. This section of road repair will cost approximately $150,000 and will be completed as part of Franklin County’s pavement maintenance bid that was awarded to Kokosing Construction. Anticipated completion is late summer.
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off
Saturday, July 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 July 25, from 8 am to 2 pm, at Ohio 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:

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

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