



# Kingston Township

## News

June 2006

### Comments from Chairman John Fink

Spring has arrived and I'm sure everyone has begun their spring cleanup, gardening, and started into the yard mowing mode. My wife and I were able to get our vegetable garden in and she is busy with her flower beds.

The County Prosecutor's office is working on a Standard Service Agreement and Bid Specification Package for the township that we are hoping to have shortly. This should be very helpful in making future bidding processes simpler and more streamlined.

I have had discussions with several acquaintances in the information technology field. They shared several ideas and possible trouble areas to be aware of when designing a web site. They strongly recommended that we spend a lot of time deciding what content we want included on the web site prior to going out for bids. I distributed a list of possible subjects and links to Bill and Dan for review. E-mail me if you would like a copy. I ask each of you to make your own list and submit it to the trustees. I anticipate the web site going out to bid by mid-summer.

We are looking for someone to clean the township hall once a month. Contact me if you are interested in the job.

Keep in mind while you're on the roads that we share them with the farming community. Slow down and be courteous to our farmers while they move their equipment on the roads. There is plenty a time to get where you're going, so take some time to enjoy the view.

### Kingston Welcomes New Fire Chief

Kingston Township welcomes new Fire Chief Michael Thompson. Thompson is a 21-year veteran of the Porter Kingston Fire District. He began volunteering with the district in 1985. He was appointed Fire Chief in October 2005 and worked alongside Fire Chief Larry Caudy until his retirement when Thompson officially took the reins January 1.

Thompson's goals include providing better service and doing everything he can to serve the district. This includes upgrading equipment and increased training for the district staff.

The district board is working on goals for a new five-year plan. The board is comprised of a Porter Kingston Firefighter's Association appointed representative, an at-large member from Porter Township, an at-large member from Kingston Township (Robin Morgan), one Porter Township trustee, and one Kingston Township Trustee (Bill Shively).

The district includes 27 staff members and volunteers. The chief is full-time paid staff. There is one full-time paid fireman who works 40 hours per week. There are 25 volunteers. And, there is one part-time paid staff position made up of those who sign up for 8-hour shifts. The Delaware County Emergency Medical Services also has three staff on site 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Thompson said the district always welcomes volunteers. They are required to complete a 36-hour basic firefighting course and have a physical conducted.

A district-wide levy supports the district which covers 50 square miles. The district owns two engines, one tanker, one grass truck, one hose truck, one rescue vehicle, and one hazardous materials trailer.

Fire District Board meetings are open to the public on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station in Olive Green.

### Ohio's Open Burning Law

When you burn trash outdoors, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors, and your environment far exceeds the price of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your neighbors, and your wallet by knowing the rules – what you can burn and where.

You are open burning any time you light an outdoor fire. In the past, many materials – including leaves, tree trimmings, tires, and construction debris – were routinely burned outdoors. Some materials can release many kinds of toxic fumes. The pollutants released by open burning also make it difficult to attain, or maintain, health-based air quality standards.

Some materials may not be burned anywhere in the state at any time. These include materials containing rubber, grease, and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics, or plastic-coated wire; garbage – any wastes created in the

### Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.  
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &  
Carter's Corner Rd.

### Trustees

First Mondays  
7:30 pm

June 5

July 9

Aug. 7

### Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

June 21

July 19

No August  
meeting

process of handling, preparing, cooking, or consumption of food; and, dead animals.

Recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range, or wildlife management practices involving burning, are allowed with prior Ohio EPA written permission.

The following types of wastes generated on the premises can be burned: agricultural wastes (material generated by crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices including fence posts and scrap lumber but not buildings); landscape wastes (plant matter such as tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, yard trimmings, and crop residues); land-clearing wastes (plant matter which is removed when land is cleared for development) only under certain circumstances and with prior Ohio EPA written permission; and, residential wastes such as wood or paper products. Garbage may **not** be open burned.

No open burning can occur within 1,000 feet of an inhabited building located off the property where the fire is set. Nor can the fire obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks, or air fields.

No wastes generated off the premises may be burned.

Open burning is prohibited when air pollution warnings, alerts, or emergencies are in effect.

For a complete copy of Ohio's open burning regulations, contact: Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, 614-644-

2270 or visit [www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/3745-19/3745\\_19.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/3745-19/3745_19.html).

## Clean-up Day

The township clean-up day will be June 24. Buckeye Valley Waste will provide dumpsters at the township maintenance building. Volunteers are needed to help residents unload items. More details are coming next month.

## Zoning News

Zoning Commission member Doug Harsany brought Conservation Subdivision research to the April meeting. Commissioners will review the Conservation Subdivision Model Code as well as individual codes and will discuss those in May. Developer Robert Weiler will also be at the May meeting to discuss the proposed Fairways at Blue Church development.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in May and granted a side yard setback variance for Chalaco Clark on St. Rt. 521.

Anyone interested in serving on the BZA, should submit a letter to the clerk. Interviews will be held at the June 5 trustees meeting.

## Post Office News

If you need stamps, call the Kilbourne Post Office at 740-524-4831. The Postmaster will send you stamps in the mail with a free paid return mail envelope to send in your payment. You can mail your packages at the Kilbourne office also to avoid long lines.

## E-mail Newsletter

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