

Kingston Township News

May 2006

Comments from Chairman John Fink

The first of April brought us some nice weather and I took the opportunity at one of our local self service car washes to wash away the remnants of this past winter from my wife's vehicle and my truck. It didn't take long for me to realize what comes along with the warmer weather. On the drive back home the little buggers splattered on my windshield. Well, at least I got the salt off. Next week I'll work on the bugs, if the grass doesn't need mowed first!

The Trustees are entertaining the possibility of a Township Cleanup Day in June. Acceptable items will include general household items, yard toys, car batteries, all types of metal, and all appliances including those containing Freon that have been tagged by a certified technician verifying that all Freon has been removed. No tires, yard waste or appliances containing Freon will be accepted. Watch for future announcements.

The American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" fund-raiser will take place June 9th and 10th at the Big Walnut High School football stadium. Events begin at 6 p.m. Friday the 9th. To participate in this event, or for more information, contact Belinda Jackson at 965-1823. I think we all know someone who has battled this terrible disease.

I want to welcome our new zoning inspector Bob Talbott. He brings substantial engineering and project management experience to the zoning office.

Shively Chairs Council

Trustee Bill Shively was elected chairman of the Delaware General Health District Advisory Council. He had previously served as Council secretary.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission met March 15 to discuss outstanding issues on the Planned Residence District. They developed a prioritized list of conservation features and applied a weighted scale to the features.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met March 27 to consider a side yard setback variance for Chalaco Clark on St. Rt. 521. The issue was tabled due to lack of a zoning inspector.

Three candidates were interviewed for the zoning inspector position at the April 3 Trustees meeting. The trustees hired Robert Talbott as our new zoning inspector.

Knox-Box Rapid Entry Systems

The Porter Kingston Fire District is implementing the Knox-Box Rapid Entry System. The fire district would like residents to consider installing the boxes which allow the fire department to gain entry to residences without damaging property. The boxes include building entrance keys, electronic access cards, and vital emergency information. A master key is kept locked in each Fire District emergency vehicle.

The boxes are recommended for residents' who have gated driveways or medic alert buttons. You might also consider a box in case you are unconscious.

The Fire Department will make every effort not to damage property, but for residents' safety they will forcibly enter a residence if necessary.

Boxes are available starting at \$139. For literature, contact the Fire Department at 740-524-5050 or visit www.knoxbox.com.

Flu Pandemic Response

At the April Trustees meeting, Jesse Carter and Joan Bowe R.N. from the Delaware General Health District discussed plans in case of a major avian flu (bird flu) outbreak.

The H5N1 strain of bird flu has been found in birds in 48 countries. It is spreading via migratory bird flyways, and is expected to reach Alaska soon and then spread south into the Americas. Humans have caught the disease in eight countries, and more than half of them have died. Most of the infected humans probably caught the disease from having close con-

Kingston Township Meetings

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

Trustees

First Mondays
7:30 pm

May 1

June 5

July 9

Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

May 17

June 21

July 19

tact with birds. The disease is not spreading easily from person to person, which is what could cause a pandemic, but that could change. This virus is of particular concern because humans have no immunity to it and no human vaccine has been developed yet.

In the event of an outbreak, the Health District would advise everyone to stay home if they are sick, and would ask employers not to penalize ill employees for being absent. The Health District has legal authority to close schools, cancel public gatherings, and enforce isolation and quarantine orders to prevent the spread of disease.

If vaccine or medication is available, the Health District plans mass clinics to serve the entire Delaware County population in 48 hours, an unprecedented challenge.

The Health District is encouraging local government officials, businesses, and organizations to make plans to operate with up to 40 percent of employees absent. Households are asked to set aside an emergency supply of food, water, and other vital items in case of market closures or community quarantines. Planning checklists and additional information are available online at www.pandemicflu.gov.

Roads Projects

The amounts reported in the last newsletter were reversed. It will cost \$16,300 to pave Blue Church

Road north of Kilbourne Road and patch several soft areas on Wilson Road. Sealing cracks and striping roads is estimated at \$48,100.

May Meeting

May 1 Trustees meeting agenda items include maintenance building insurance, costs and dates for a township clean-up day, PDG Impact Study proposal, township pandemic plan, mowing bids, and right-of-way research.

Appliance & Computer Drop-off

Delaware County Beautiful's 2006 Appliance and Computer Drop-off will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, in Delaware at the former Delaware Recyclers facility on Cherry Street. Call 740-368-1700 for details.

Library Events

The Sunbury Community Library is hosting a monthly knit and crochet group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month.

The Community Library Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m., April 25.

A monthly beading club will meet 7-8:30 p.m., April 27.

Learn about identity theft 7-8 p.m., May 11. The class costs \$3.

Dr. Alan Murnane, of Westar OB/GYN, will talk about fitness during pregnancy at 7-8 p.m., May 4.

A display about the upcoming Ohio Chatauqua will be at the library April 22-May 6.

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