



# Kingston Township

# News

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## Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! Winter is just a few weeks away. I hope it goes fast! The Palmer Drought Index shows that the Delaware County drought has officially ended. The recent rainfall has been very beneficial in recharging the subsoil and ground water reserves. The states to our south are a different story.

At the November regular meeting, the trustees awarded the residential waste contract to Rumpke. They were the lowest bidder and met all of our requirements. For more information on Rumpke's services, please call 1-888-Rumpke 1 or on the web at [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

I would like to thank Trustee Dan Basham for his eight years of service to Kingston Township. I would also like to welcome Trustee-elect Dewey Akers who will start his first term on January 1, 2008. Greg Roy was re-elected as fiscal officer. We congratulate both Greg and Dewey.

If you have a question or concern please call 740-524-2612.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

## Basham Farewell

By Dan Basham

After eight years serving you as your township trustee, I opted not to run for re-election. My employment with the AFL-CIO has changed constantly during my tenure as trustee. At this point in time, I am regularly working out-of-state.

We have accomplished a great deal and I'm proud to have been a part of it. We have instituted our own zoning and have worked hard on developing a master plan. I have enforced the zoning you voted into place. I want to especially thank all the people on the Kingston Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the

Master Plan Steering Committee for all their very hard work.

I am very proud of having worked with Jeanna Burrell to found the township's newsletter. It was a campaign promise I made to improve communications with you. The result has been more of you becoming involved in your township government.

We have cleaned up and repaired our cemeteries. We have upgraded our maintenance equipment. We have explored grants to pave and maintain our roads. We saved you money and saved wear and tear on our township roads by instituting a township trash contract.

It has been an honor to serve you these past years. I thank my fellow trustees for their cooperation and wish them well in their future endeavors.

## Zoning Openings

Two positions are open on the zoning boards. A position is open on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and Dewey Akers' position will be open on the Zoning Commission.

Any residents interested in these positions should forward resumes to Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. The trustees will interview applicants for these positions at their Dec. 3 meeting.

The zoning commission meets monthly and the BZA meets on an as needed basis to hear variance and conditional use applications and appeals.

## Zoning News

The Zoning Commission is reviewing the master plan document to determine if any final changes need to be made. Due to the holiday, the November Zoning Commission meeting was cancelled.

The Zoning Office is working with EMH&T and Del-Co Water on the NorthStar Final Plan review.

The trustees continued their Nov. 5 meeting to Nov. 9 in order to meet

with our attorneys and those named in the suit regarding the Robert Weiler Company lawsuit against the township.

The Zoning Office thanks township resident Michael Hajdin for volunteering to set up the computers and networking them.

Three zoning permits were issued in October. The BZA met Oct. 15 and approved a rear setback variance for 8002 Kilbourne Rd.

A draft report of the Infrastructure Study is expected in November.

## Trash Service

Rumpke of Ohio Inc. was selected to provide the township's trash service for the next three years. Trash service will cost residents \$12.74 per month. The contract begins Dec. 1.

Pickup days will continue to be on Thursdays unless there is a holiday during that week. Then the pickup day moves back to Friday.

Waste wheelers are available for \$2 each per month or \$75 plus tax to purchase.

One large or bulky item can be collected along with your regular trash on a weekly basis at no additional charge. Acceptable items include all normal household items such as couches, stoves, mattresses, water heaters, etc. Appliances with refrigerants removed, and properly documented as such, will also be collected.

## Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted otherwise.

**Trustees Meet First Mondays, 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoning Commission Meets Third Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**

**Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays** (except during holiday weeks\*)

Trustees Meeting Dec. 3, 7:30 pm

Trash Days Dec. 6, 13

Zoning Commission Dec. 19, 7 pm

Trash Day Dec. 20

Trash Day (Friday) Dec. 28\*

Items Rumpke does not collect include tires, lead acid batteries, appliances containing refrigerants, construction material, hazardous waste, liquids, and other items prohibited by federal, state, county, or local laws and/or regulations.

If your trash is not collected, contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171. A driver will be sent to pick up your trash within 24 hours.

## Recycling

Rumpke will not offer curbside recycling services since only 38 customers in the township were participating in the service.

A recycling bin will be at the township maintenance building (corner of Rt. 521 and Blue Church Rd.) on the second Thursday of the month and will stay there until it is full.

## Cooking Can Be Dangerous

Cooking is the number one cause of fires in our homes. Most residential fires happen between the hours of 4-8 p.m. What are you doing at this time?

Each year in Ohio, 12 people lose their lives due to cooking related fires. Nearly 300 civilian injuries are reported and there is an estimated \$18,000,000 worth of property loss.

Please don't let your family or yourself become one of these victims by following these safety tips:

- Don't leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave, turn off all cooking appliances.

- Don't put any combustible materials such as towels, potholders, papers, etc. near any heating appliances.
- Don't attempt to move a pan of grease that is on fire. Put a lid on the pan and turn off the heat or use an ABC Fire Extinguisher. Alert your family so evacuation can begin.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing. It is more likely to come into contact with a heating source and become ignited. (Wear tight fitting clothing around arms and waist.
- Don't leave small appliances (toasters, can opener, etc.) plugged into outlets. Always unplug after each use.
- Don't leave pot handles sticking out for children or adults to knock over. Be sure to turn handles towards the back of stove.
- Don't use any electrical appliance if it appears to be malfunctioning. Please have it checked, repaired, or replaced.

### Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

We thank Porter Kingston Fire Chief Michael Thompson for submitting monthly newsletter articles to inform you of ways to keep your family safer.

## Newsletter By E-mail

If you'd prefer an e-mailed newsletter in .pdf format, just send an e-mail with your name and mailing address to [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com).

## Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

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