

Kingston Township News

November 2007

Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had the time to go see the beautiful fall colors and enjoy the great weather we have had this past month! The long-range weather forecast for November and December is calling for above normal temperatures and normal precipitation for Ohio.

The trustees received three bids for the township's trash pickup service. We will award the contract at the November trustees meeting. Rumpke, Republic, and Waste Management are the companies who submitted bids. The company who is selected to be the township's new trash pickup service will notify all residents by mail.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and please remember to change the batteries in all your smoke detectors.

If you have a question or concern please call. My phone number is 740-524-2612

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission is reviewing the master plan document to determine if any final changes need to be made.

The Zoning Office staff has installed two new computers in the office.

Trash Service

Three bids were received for the next three-year trash hauling contract. The bids were opened and are being reviewed.

Rumpke of Ohio Inc. and Republic Waste Services met all the requirements of the Request For Proposal. Waste Management's bid did not.

Bids range from \$12.74 per month to \$17.80 per month. All three responded that curbside recycling services for the township are not cost effective.

A decision on the contract will be made at the November 5 trustees meeting. The current contract ends October 31.

Please remember, if your account is not paid current, your trash will **not** be picked up. Please keep your payments up-to-date.

Road Work



The intersection of Blue Church and Wilson roads reopened in early October. The western-most intersection of Blue Church was realigned to meet the eastern leg of Blue Church. The curve of Wilson was straightened a bit and turn lanes were added on Wilson and on the southern leg of Blue Church Road.

In other road news, the township has a received its new berming box.

The County Engineer's Office gave the township research information from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The research showed which methods of roadway maintenance yielded the best results.

ODOT recently held a public input session in the Sunbury area on proposed roadway safety improvements including access management strategy for the .45 miles on U.S. Route 36/ State Route 37 in the area of the Interstate 71 interchange.

This section of road was ranked eighth on ODOT's statewide list of top 200 non-freeway, high crash locations. The cause of the majority of crashes is attributed to the number of driveways and congestion.

Proposed improvements include:

- Construct dual left and right turn lanes on northbound and southbound

- exit ramp approaches to Rts. 36/7;
 - Add an eastbound right turn lane on Rts. 36/7 at the southbound I-71 ramp intersection;
 - Add a westbound right turn lane on Rts. 36/7 at the northbound I-71 ramp intersection;
 - Re-stripe the existing bridge deck to accommodate a six-lane section with side-by-side single left turn lanes;
 - Extend the single, left turn lane on Rts. 36/7 at the ramp intersections across the adjacent ramp (east and westbound directions);
 - Construct a raised median from the access road (Shell/BP drives) to the I-71 northbound ramps and also from the I-71 southbound ramps to Wilson Rd.;
 - Construct an access road west from the new Wilson Rd. for I-71 traffic destined for the Flying J site; and,
 - Construct an access road opposite the new Wilson Rd./Rts. 36/7 intersection to maintain access for the Pilot and adjacent business sites.
- Currently, ODOT is in the Safety Study phase of this project. After this study is completed, preliminary plans are developed including funding plans, environmental studies, and additional public input. Then final, detailed construction and right-of-way plans are developed. Then real estate acquisition and construction occur.

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*)

Trash Day	Nov. 1
Trustees Meeting	Nov. 5, 7:30 pm
Election Day	Nov. 6
Trash Days	Nov. 8, 15
Zoning Commission	Nov. 21, 7 pm
Trash Day (Friday)	Nov. 23*
Trash Day	Nov. 29

If you would like to input on these plans, contact Mandy Kisling at ODOT at 740-833-8048.

Stop Arson

You can play an important role in protecting yourself and your property from the crime of arson.

Every year in Ohio, deliberately set fires cause millions of dollars worth of damage. The National Fire Protection Association indicates that more than 12,000 vacant structure fires are reported each year across the nation and more than 70 percent of those are intentionally set or suspicious.

The State Fire Marshal recommends owners of vacant structures take these preventive measures:

- Clear refuse, trees and brush away from structures;
- All structures on a property should be illuminated with exterior lights;
- Disconnect utilities at the street, have meters capped, and remove any fuel tanks from the property;
- Remove any combustible items, including furniture and trash;
- Properly secure or remove copper wiring from the home; and,
- Remove doors and storm windows and securely board up the structure using plywood, lumber, and bolts.

The U.S. Fire Administration also provides tips on how to properly board up a vacant structure at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/napi4.pdf>

If you know or suspect an arson crime has been committed, contact your local fire department, or the Division of State Fire Marshal's Fire

& Explosion Investigation Bureau at 1-800-589-2728.

Flu Shots

The Delaware General Health District will offer flu shots at their downtown Delaware clinic, 3 W. Winter St., on Tuesdays, Nov. 6, 13, and 20, 4:30-6 p.m., and Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:30-4 p.m.

Ample flu vaccine supplies are anticipated this season. Flu shots are recommended for persons at high risk for complications from flu: everyone aged 50 or older, children aged 6-59 months, pregnant women, and anyone with chronic diseases such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, or asthma.

FluMist, the nasal spray flu vaccine, also will be available at all of the Health District's flu shot clinics.

Pneumonia shots, recommended for persons 65 and older, also will be available at all flu shot clinics.

New Sewage Rules

The Delaware General Health District has proposed new sewage disposal system rules. They'll have public hearings on those rules at 7 p.m., Oct. 30 and Dec. 4 at the Health District Offices, 1 W. Winter St., third floor. For additional information, contact Environmental Health Director Stephan Ruckman at 740-203-2063.

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