



# Kingston Township

# News

September 2008

## Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

Hello again. I hope everyone is enjoying the good weather. The gardens are starting to produce and it's really nice to have fresh vegetables. The Farmers' Market at the Kilbourne Methodist Church has a pretty good selection and there is usually someone there each Saturday.

I attended the meeting at the Sunbury Methodist Church covering identity theft and protecting your children on the internet. It was a very informative meeting put on by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. If you were unable to attend, the Sheriff's Office has some very useful pamphlets on both topics.

At the last Trustees' meeting we passed a resolution, which goes into effect November 1, 2008, to aid in the removal of junk vehicles.

The Trustees will take comments concerning a noise resolution at the Sept. meeting. The resolution is available on the Kingston Township website, at the Township Hall on Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon, and at the Sunbury library and post office.

More screws were dumped at two locations on Blue Church Road. The trustees sincerely appreciate the efforts of several local residents who picked up the screws!

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at 740/803-1529 or [dvakers@verizon.net](mailto:dvakers@verizon.net).

## Zoning Revisions

The Zoning Commission has begun working on revisions to the Zoning Resolution. At their June meeting, Assistant Zoning Inspector/Secretary Dave Stites presented volumes of material he researched. The commission reviewed previous Zoning Inspector Dave LaValle's research and recommendations on changes needed based on his experience working with the code. They also reviewed zoning amendments made by other townships in Delaware County from 2006 to 2008.

The commission decided not to conduct a page-by-page review but rather review the research and prioritize areas needing revision. At their July meeting, they prioritized items to

be researched. They include the following:

- Lighting Standards;
- Sign Standards;
- Document Consistency With PRD Changes;
- General Development Standards; Stream (Natural Resources) Protection Overlays;
- Communication Towers/Wind Turbines;
- Curbs/Gutters In PRD Developments; and,
- Nuisance/Grass.

Each commission member will research a specific, high priority zoning text amendment topic, and come to the September meeting prepared to present research findings and recommendations for consideration.

Commission members also determined that the document review must include all of the Farm Residence District and Definitions chapters.

Your zoning commission welcomes your input on these issues. Input is especially helpful in the beginning when documents are being drafted and reviewed rather than at the end when most of the work is complete. All zoning commission meetings are open to the public.

## Zoning Opening

The Trustees will appoint one member to the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission meets monthly, and the position term runs from August 2008 through 2013.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Sept. 19. Applicants will be interviewed by the Trustees during their Oct. 6 meeting at the township hall. Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions. You may submit your application/resume by mail or e-mail to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, OH 43074 or [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org).

## Noise Resolution

At their August meeting, the trustees discussed enacting the Delaware County Prosecutor's model noise resolution. Numerous townships have adopted versions of this resolution.

The text is available for review on the township's web site. Interested residents can offer their input at the September meeting prior to a trustees vote on the issue.

## Junk Cars

Recent changes in Ohio law provide the trustees with authority to remove junk motor vehicles. The trustees adopted a resolution that will go into effect November 1, 2008.

Junk cars are defined as vehicles three model years old or older, apparently inoperable, and extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission. If a vehicle meets these requirements, the trustees may pass a resolution declaring it a junk vehicle and directing its removal.

Residents with such vehicles are encouraged to remove them during the grace period prior to November. When the resolution goes into effect, the trustees will be able to respond to complaints and have such cars removed at the owner's expense.

## Portable Electric Generators

Perhaps you've lost power to your home several times in the past year and ended up spending hours or days without electricity to keep the lights on and the heat running. You decide to invest in a portable generator to temporarily power your home when the next power outage occurs. It's a

## 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	Sept. 8, 7:30 pm
Fire Board Mtg.	Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Trash Days	Sept. 5*, 11
Recycling Bin Arrives	Sept. 11 (until full)
Zoning Commission	Sept. 17
Trash Days	Sept. 18, 25

practical idea. In an emergency, portable electric generators are useful when temporary power is needed. But be aware that they can be very hazardous if safety precautions are not followed.

The most common dangers involving generators are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen. Generators were associated with six CO deaths in 1999. That number rose to approximately 75 CO deaths a year in 2005-2006. An estimated 34 percent of the 1999-2006 deaths occurred during the winter months.

To help keep you and your neighbors' safe, NFPA and Porter Kingston Fire District recommend that you follow these guidelines:

- Generators should be operated in well ventilated locations outdoors away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- The generator should be located so that exhaust fumes cannot enter the home through windows, doors or other building openings.
- Battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with a battery back-up should be installed in the home, according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. If CO enters the home and poses a risk, an alarm will sound.
- The generator must not be refueled while it is running. It should be turned off and allowed to cool down before refueling is performed.
- Fuel for the generator should never be stored in the home. Gasoline and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled safety containers. They should be stored away from

any fuel-burning appliance such as a gas hot water heater.

- Appliances should be plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cord should be checked for cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. The house wiring should not be powered by plugging the generator into a wall outlet.
- If the generator must be connected to the house wiring to power appliances, a qualified electrician should install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes. Use these precautions to help us decrease the number of portable generator accidents in our community.

## Health District

The following programs are offered locally by the Delaware General Health District:

- Tues., Sept. 9 (second Tues. of each month) – Child Immunization Clinic and Neighborhood Health Center, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St., Sunbury.
- Tues., Sept. 23 – Car Seat Check, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Genoa Township Fire Station, 7049 Big Walnut Road, Galena. Appointments are required; phone 740-368-1700.

Additional information about these and other services of the Health District is available online at [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org).

## 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).

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