



Kingston Township

News

August 2009

Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

I hope everyone had a safe Independence Day. Even though we got some sprinkles in the evening we were fortunate it cleared enough to allow for the firework display in Sunbury.

How about the weather for the end of June and first week of July? Warm summer days and those cool almost like fall evenings – great sleeping weather. It seems to be great for the vegetable gardens, too. My wife and I have been picking beans and cucumbers – love those bread & butter pickles!

We're still working to get broadband technology to the entire township. Brad McMillen with Connect Ohio attended our July trustees meeting to inform us of their efforts to get Delaware County wired using Federal stimulus funds to offset companies' expenses to run cable. He will be hosting a meeting July 15th at the Hayes Building in Delaware. They will also be holding one more meeting sometime in August. Meetings are also accessible through the internet; check the Kingston Township website for information. We will try to get it posted as soon as we have it.

We are also still gathering residents' views on a paperless newsletter. We want to hear especially from those who do not have internet connectivity as this will impact you the most. You may have an idea for getting the newsletter to you that we've not considered. To date, the overwhelming majority is in favor of the paperless idea. I personally have heard from only four residents with reservations. Please contact the trustees and let us know your position on this subject. Be sure to let us know your name and address if you have no internet access. You can e-mail or call me at 524-0283. If I'm not there, leave a message. I do return phone calls usually the same day.

Roads

The trustees voted in April to spend \$75,700 to improve five township roads. The Delaware County Engineer's Office included this work in

their county-wide bidding and awarded the work to Kokosing Construction Company. The work began on Wilson Road in July and no schedule was provided. Kokosing will work on the following roads:

- Stockwell Road – repair, chip and seal, and centerline striping;
- Blaney Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping;
- Rosecrans Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping;
- Wildwood Lane – crack sealing, and chip and seal; and,
- Wilson Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping.

The County Engineer bid out the construction of the Carter's Corner Bridge in July.

Delaware County also will pave and microsurface N. Galena Rd. from Rte. 36 to Wilson Road this summer.

Mid-Ohio Paving will resurface Beacom Rd. Problems have occurred since it was too cold when the paving was initially completed.

Zoning News

Doug Harsany was reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a five-year term from August 2009-2014. Harsany currently serves as the commission chairman.

The Zoning Commission will review the following chapters at their July and August meetings: General Development Standards, Sign and Billboard Regulations, Telecommunication Towers, Proposed Landscaping and Lighting Standards, Farm Residence District (FR1), and Planned Residential District (PRD).

The Zoning Commission bids farewell to Delaware County Regional Planning staff member Paul Deel who retired at the end of June. Deel was instrumental in working with the township in developing its initial zoning code; in setting initial office policies and procedures; in answering questions and providing information over the years; in drafting its first master plan; and, in the initial stages of rewriting the current zoning code. We thank him for his many years of service and expertise to the township!

The Zoning staff is following up on zoning complaints and violations and processed three June zoning permits.

NorthStar

The Administrative Review of the NorthStar Final Development Plan is complete but has not been finalized. The developer gave the township access for an environmental study on the land to be donated to the township. The study showed dilapidated buildings, potential asbestos, garbage, tractor tires, oil drums, etc. The township is investigating options to clean up the property.

Arson Awareness

Arson for profit, or economic arson, is when businesses or individuals set fires to reduce financial loss, recoup initial investments, or dispose of depreciated assets usually for a payout from insurance companies.

"Each year firefighters and innocent civilians are needlessly put in danger, injured and killed as a result of arson fires," said Glenn A. Gaines, acting United States fire administrator.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2005 an estimated 323,900 intentional fires reported to U.S. fire departments resulted in 490 civilian fire deaths, 3 firefighter on-duty deaths, 1,500 civilian fire injuries, 7,600 firefighter on-duty injuries and \$1.102 billion in direct property damage.

Kingston Calendar

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

Trustees Meet 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 PM

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays

(except during holiday weeks*)

Trustees Meeting Aug. 4, 7:30 PM

Trash Day Aug. 6

Fire Board Mtg. Aug. 10, 7:30 PM

Health Clinic, SUMC Aug. 11, 1:30-3:30 PM

Recycling Bin Arrives Aug. 13 (until full)

Trash Day Aug. 13

Zoning Commission Aug. 19, 7 PM

Trash Days Aug. 20, 27

“Arson is a costly crime that’s being fanned by the flames of recession. Firefighters and innocent families are endangered when desperate people illegally torch their homes, businesses and cars for insurance bailouts,” according to Dennis Jay, executive director, Coalition Against Insurance Fraud. “Arson also is raising insurance premiums at a time of great stress on honest people’s pocketbooks. All Americans are victims of arson, and we all must work to ensure fewer arson matches are ever lit.”

“Arson is one of the most heinous crimes imaginable. When the arsonist unleashes fire, he does so with a callous disregard for what the outcome will be. He cares not a whit about the firefighters that will risk their lives responding to the fire, the innocent victims that may be disfigured or killed, the neighboring residents or businesses that may suffer damage or destruction, the blight his deeds will leave on a community or the financial costs that burned property imposes on society,” said Ken Finley, IAAI-CFI, president, International Association of Arson Investigators. “Please join us in our never ending fight against those who use fire as a vicious tool for their own gain.”

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) states the two leading causes of civilian deaths are arson, at 28 percent, and smoking, at 18 percent. Arson is, by far, the leading cause of property loss, at 26 percent. Arson is an enormous problem in the United States, especially to outside and nonresidential structure properties. For information, go to <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/aaw/>.

Connect the Nation

Connect Ohio Northwest Regional Field Director Brad McMillen addressed the audience at the July trustees meeting. He is working to develop a plan for Delaware County to improve technology infrastructure and make broadband internet access available to everyone by using \$7.2 billion in federal stimulus funds in the Connect the Nation effort. If you would like to participate, contact him at 614-220-0190, 866-881-9424 or at bmcmillen@connectohio.org. You can also visit www.connectohio.org.

Recycling

Thanks again to all who are so conscientious about recycling. We regularly fill our recycling bin and the Abitibi paper bins. We are still seeing large boxes that are not broken down in the cardboard bin. This prevents others from recycling. Please remember to break down your big boxes. It’s as easy as stomping them down before you put them in the bin. If the recycling bin is full, contact Dewey Akers at 740-803-1529 so he can contact DKMM to have the bin emptied. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember, you can call Rumpke to pick up one large item each week.

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