

Kingston Township

June 2010

News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Hello again. Spring is off to a beautiful start! Last month, I asked for opinions on the proposed Wilson Road work. Boy, did I get an earful! Thanks to all who took the time to respond. I have spoken with our Delaware County roads liaison. I have been told that we can get another traffic and engineering study and the Trustees are in the process of requesting that. We will see how this one comes out. Again, no action is in the near future.

I would also like to remind you that school will be out soon. The kids will be looking forward to a summer of fun and adventure. And, if they are anything like I was, safety isn't their first concern. As a matter of fact, I don't think I ever thought of it. Please keep an eye out for kids, bikers, walkers and everybody else enjoying the summer.

I want to thank Dewey Akers for covering the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) update meeting for the township. It sounds like ODOT still has no final solutions for the 36/37 interchange issues. I was pleasantly surprised to hear that there is a State Route 521 interchange under consideration. But that would be at least 10 years out. A point of concern is that it seems ODOT is counting heavily on "Stimulus Dollars". I don't consider that prudent thinking, but let's use it if we have it.

You still have time to apply for the position as Alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your Township. Please contact Bob Talbott or Dave Stites, our zoning pros, for information.

And just a reminder, there will be some road work in the township this summer. Please watch the newsletter for the schedules. Your patience is appreciated.

Until next time, take care. And get out and enjoy life.

Zoning News

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The appointment will fill the Alternate vacancy. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on an as needed basis hearing variance requests, appeal of orders issued by the Zoning Inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office. This vacancy notice will remain posted until the position is filled. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by e-mail to zoning@kingstontwp.org or by mail to: Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

April 2010 Zoning Office Report Zoning Update:

- Three permits were issued this month for: an accessory

building on Kilbourne Rd.; a pool deck on Todd Street Rd.; and, a pole barn on SR 521.

- A variance hearing was held on April 20th for property at Todd Street Rd. The owner requested a variance for a side yard setback of 19' vs. 25' for an accessory building. The variance was granted by the BZA.
- One lot split review was conducted for property on Blue Church Rd.
- One agriculture exemption was issued for a building on Todd Street Rd.

Complaints/Letters

- Complaint was received about junk vehicles on Wilson Rd.
- Written complaint regarding abandoned home on Kilbourne Rd. and Township signs missing/disrepair was forwarded to Trustees.

Miscellaneous:

- Zoning Commission continues to make good progress on updating the Zoning Code with RPC.

Roads

The following township road projects are planned for chip and seal improvements in 2010 as part of the township's multi-year maintenance program:

- Clark Road, from Kilbourne Rd. north to the township line;
- Blue Church Rd. from St. Rt. 521 north to the dead end; and,
- Todd Street Rd. from N. Galena Rd. to Clark Rd.

Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton Ed Moore has resigned his position with the township. We thank Ed for his many years of service to the township.

The township will be advertising for applicants to fill this part-time position. Duties include maintaining township ditches, roads, and right-of-ways; equipment maintenance; snow plowing and salting; and, cemetery sexton duties.

Spring Fire Safety Tips

From the Division of State Fire Marshal courtesy of the Porter-Kingston Fire District

Spring is here once again. Here are some tips that will help keep your family and home safe this season:

- Clear leaves, debris and other yard waste from around the home, garage and storage sheds.
- Have a qualified professional perform proper maintenance on lawn equipment such as mowers, weed trimmers and leaf blowers.
- Responsibly store flammable liquids and home chemicals; properly discard old containers of paint and solvents.
- Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, tools and vehicles should only be stored in approved containers.
- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires, and have them repaired by a qualified professional.
- Air conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked.
- Barbeque gas grills, including gas hoses, gas grill lines, and propane tanks, should be inspected prior to use.
- Remove any combustibles from around hot water tanks,

- clothes dryers and vents and any heating equipment.
- Remove any lint buildup from clothes dryers.
- Take stacks of newspapers and magazines to recycling centers.
- Get rid of oily rags and cloths used to wipe up fuel spills.
- Clean up work areas by putting away dangerous tools, adhesives, matches and other items that should not be accessible to children.
- Have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for the approaching storm season.
- Windows should be checked to make sure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.
- Review your family's Fire Escape Plan.
- Smoke detector batteries should be checked, and replaced if necessary.

Kingston Voting Results

The following are unofficial results from the May 4 Primary Election. Greg Roy and Larry Roof were elected to the County Central Committee. Big Walnut Local School District's 7.5 Mill, five-year emergency operating levy was defeated 3,299 (51%) against to 3,170 (49%) in favor for a total of 6,469 votes.

Local Events

The 2010 Sunbury Farmers' Markets on the Square begins May 22 and runs through October 16. Local produce, products and homegoods are available Saturday mornings, 9 a.m.-Noon, on the Sunbury Square. Visit the Sunbury Square Farmers Market on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sunbury-Ohio/Sunbury-Farmers-Market/145157757239>. If you are interested in being a 2010 vendor, contact megan.everitt@gmail.com for vendor registration form, rules and waiver.

Local Memorial Day events will occur Monday, May 31. A ceremony is usually held at J.R. Smith Park at 10 a.m. followed by a parade to the cemetery to lay flowers on veterans' graves. A flea market will be held on the Sunbury Square, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., sponsored by the Big Walnut Music and Marching Boosters, as well as at St. John Neumann Catholic Church at routes 36/7 and Carter's Corner Rd. The Village of Galena will hold ceremonies on their Village Square at 1 p.m. followed by a walk to the Galena Cemetery to honor veterans.

Sunbury's Independence Day activities include a parade, flea market, kids games, and fireworks. All activities are planned for Monday, July 5th.

Household Hazardous Waste Days

The following events are sponsored by the Delaware General Health District and the Delaware Knox Marion Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District:

June 12: Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Drop Off Days at Whirlpool Corporation, 1300 Marion-Agosta Rd., Marion, OH, 43302, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

August 7: Medication Disposal Day at Grady Hospital, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 25: Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Drop Off Days at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, 195 S. Main St. (Rt. 42), Mt. Gilead, OH 43338, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

October 23: Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Drop Off Days at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware, OH 43015, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

No paint is accepted at any of these disposal days. Please dry it and dispose of it in your trash.

FREE Senior Citizen Appliance Pick Up—For Delaware

County residents 60 years and older (while funding lasts). Sponsored by the Council For Older Adults and the Delaware General Health District. Call (740) 368-1700.

Call Before You Dig

As you begin your spring and summer projects outdoors, remember to stay safe. The following information is from the Consolidated Electric Cooperative web site at www.consolidatedelectric.coop.

If you're planning a project that requires digging or excavation work, make sure you know where your underground utility lines are located. Accidentally hitting utility lines can be costly and dangerous.

Before you dig, call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS). Underground gas lines, power lines, communication cables, water lines, and other utilities can lie at various depths below the surface of the area marked for excavation.

To request assistance in locating underground electric lines call OUPS at (800) 362-2764 or 8-1-1 at least two business days before you plan on digging.

Newsletter By E-mail

To receive an e-mailed version, contact kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise. Trash pick up days are Thursdays except during holiday weeks.

Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) June 1, 7:30 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) June 4*
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) . June 10 (until full)
Trash Day (Thursdays) June 10
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) June 16, 7 PM
Trash Days (Thursdays) June 17, 24

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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