

Kingston Township

August 2012

News

Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello everyone. I hope this heat wave doesn't last much longer. On July 4th, the entire nation was in the 90s or above. We are more fortunate than many people who still do not have electricity.

On the up side of the heat wave, the weather has allowed the road repairs to be ahead of schedule. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by repairs on Blayne and Rosecrans roads. Notice was not given to Doug Crawl in time for us to respond. There will be minor repairs on Todd Street Road and culvert replacements on Wilson Road in the near future. Todd Street will remain open during repairs, but unfortunately Wilson Road will be closed for the culvert replacement. Signs will be posted to indicate closure dates and the duration of repairs.

The work on the 36-37/71 interchange is moving along quickly. It should be a great improvement.

Please feel free to call me at 740-803-1529 if you have any questions or concerns about the operation of the township.

ODOT Updates I-71/US 36 Safety Project

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation's web site, ODOT's I-71/US 36 project is designed to improve safety and reduce congestion. The improvements are expected to address the short-term frequency and length of queues extending from the interchange ramps onto mainline I-71.

The first two phases of the project are expected to be complete at the beginning of August. The next phase on the north side of US 36 westbound and the I-71 northbound ramps are expected to be complete in November. Two lanes of US 36 will be maintained in each direction. Instead of fewer lanes, the lanes will be shifted over.

Any lane restrictions at I-71/US 36 will be during off-peak or overnight hours and prior notification will be provided. If you would like to receive email notifications and project updates, please email d06.pio@dot.state.oh.us.

Morrow County - SR 61 Bridge Reconstruction

The \$5 million dollar interchange improvement to widen and raise the SR 61 bridge over I-71 is expected to be complete in October. Ramps are open with one lane of northbound traffic maintained while SR 61 south is closed across the bridge.

Township Roads Update

The trustees discussed concerns about safety at the Rosecrans Rd./SR 61 intersection. They will send a letter to ODOT requesting them to improve this dangerous intersection.

The Shelly Company is handling county and township road construction this year. Check this link for updates: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/engineer/projects/2012RIP.htm>.

Delaware County has completed repairs on Rosecrans Road and chip seal and fog seal on Rosecrans and Blayne roads.

The Wilson Rd. culvert (near Wilson Hills Farm on the State

Route 61 end) is scheduled for July/August replacement. Wilson Road will be closed for three weeks. While the road is closed the township will also replace another smaller culvert and keep one lane open for local traffic. A culvert will be widened near Taylor Tree Farm as well.

The township will submit a Request for Engineering Assistance to the Delaware County Engineer to improve drainage along Berkshire Road. This is in conjunction with Berkshire Township for the road reconstruction project planned for 2013.

Delaware County will do a full depth repair and chip seal on a deteriorating section of Todd Street Rd. The township will contribute to the project and will also repair a damaged sign.

Two Zoning Vacancies

There are two Kingston Township Zoning Commission vacancies. A full Member position is open with a five-year term that expires in August 2017. An alternate position is available on the Zoning Commission through August 2015. This position has voting rights in the absence of a member.

The Zoning Commission meets on a quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the Zoning Resolution, Comprehensive Plan, Zoning District Map, and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit letters of interest along with resumes to the Kingston Township Zoning Office. These postings will remain open until such time that the positions are filled.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Trustees during their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Letters of interest may be submitted to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit www.kingstontwp.org and look under the Special Notices page.

Zoning Report

- On June 19th, the BZA approved a side yard setback variance for a residence on SR 521. An approval letter was sent.
- The Delaware County Data Processing Department has agreed to host and update the Kingston Township Website at no charge after July 31st when the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs terminates all historic website hosting activity for the township.

Permits

- Accessory building on Wilson Road;
- Room addition on Clark Road;
- 2 decks on Kilbourne Road;
- Accessory building on 3 Bs & K Road; and,
- Agriculture exemption pole building on Kilbourne Road.

Complaints:

- Despite conflicting reports, all junk vehicles on Carter's

- Corners Road appear to have been removed by the owner.
- An anonymous telephone complaint was received regarding an unpermitted construction on Blayne Road. A letter was sent regarding the need to obtain a permit and the county building department was notified. The resident contacted the Zoning Office on 07-06-12. The shed is less than 200 square feet, so no Zoning Permit is required from Kingston Township. The issue is resolved.
- A foreclosed home on Blue Church Road where nuisance grass has been a problem for two years has been purchased with a transfer date of 06-21-12. The owners have cut grass and painted the north end of the house. A New Resident Letter has been sent.
- A letter has been received from Lamar Outdoor Advertising advising that the controversial billboard off Kilbourne Road will not be rebuilt.

Miscellaneous:

- No applications have been received for the vacant Zoning Commission Alternate Position during March, April, May or June.
- Tom Filbert’s first term on the Zoning Commission expires at the end of August. The position will be posted.

Special Election August 7

Buckeye Valley Local School District Only

The Buckeye Valley Local School District will have a combined income tax and bond issue on the ballot August 7. The \$30 million 3.5 mill bond issue will increase a \$100,000 home’s monthly property tax by \$8.94 per month. The ¼% income tax will cost a family making \$40,000 per year an additional \$1.92 per week. For more information, visit <http://www.buckeyevalley.k12.oh.us>.

You can vote early either by mail or in person. To vote by mail, please visit www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe or call 740-833-2080. The In-Person Absentee Vote Center is located at the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities Building at 149 E. Orange Rd., Lewis Center, OH. Voting begins July 3 through Friday, August 3, Monday through Friday, 8 AM-4 PM. The last day to vote early is Friday, August 3 at 6 PM.

Box Fan Donations for People In Need of Delaware County

With the heat of the summer upon us, the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in coordination with People In Need of Delaware County, are asking for donations of NEW box fans. The organization’s supply has been reduced to single digits and with the high temperatures, the need is great. Think of how FAN-tastic you will feel by helping others! Thanks to the following departments and organizations for coordinating their efforts with People In Need and participating as drop off locations:

- **BST&G Fire District**, 350 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, Ohio
- **Delaware County EMS Station #2**, 283 W. Granville St., Sunbury, Ohio 43074
- **Porter/Kingston Fire District & Delaware County EMS Station #6**, 12844 Olive Green Rd., Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

For more information on donating a new box fan, contact the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security at (740) 833-2180 or People in Need at (740) 363-6284.

Summerfest and Sizzle Aug. 25

Once again Galena will host its Summerfest in conjunction with Sunbury’s Sizzle and Sounds festival on Saturday, August 25th, 11 AM-11PM.

Galena’s event is free and will feature food, arts, and vendors and a beer garden around the square with great music on the main stage. Bands include Ray Fuller & the Bluesrockers, Miss Lissa & Company, Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront, and the Sean Carney Band. There will be a stage with children’s programming this year in the Ruffner Park KidZone. Check out www.discovergalenaohio.com for more information.

Extra air conditioned shuttles have been added as well as the trolley running between Summerfest and Sizzle and Sounds.

Sunbury’s Sizzle and Sounds Festival will feature several new singers and bands and local “Fifteen Minutes of Fame” contest winners! Sunbury’s very own Ryan Notes will fly in from New York City and our own hometown hero, Joel Heitman, will fly in from Las Vegas, Nevada to perform! There will be a stage in the kid’s area for local kids performances and an awesome kid’s only band: Endless Recess! For more information on the festival, visit <http://sunburysizzleandsounds.intuitwebsites.com/>.

Sign Up For the Newsletter

Be sure you now what’s going on in your local township government! Sign up today at kingstonnews@embarqmail.com to get your newsletter emailed each month.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise, at 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter’s Corner Rd.).
 Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.
 Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) Aug. 3
 Trustees Meeting Aug. 7, 7 PM
 Trash & Recycling Day Aug. 10
 Zoning Commission Meeting Aug. 15, 7 PM
 Trash & Recycling Days Aug. 17, 24, 31

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

Dewey Akers, Ch.: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
 Steve Volpe, V-Ch: 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org
 Bill Shively, 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833-2190
<http://www.delcoems.org>

NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>
 Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914
 e-mail: kingstonnews@embarqmail.com

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050
PKFD@rrohio.com; <http://www.PKFD.org>

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Big-O Refuse: 1- 888-924-BIGO (2446)
 e-mail: service@bigorefuse.com
 web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

ZONING

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