

Kingston Township June 2012 News

Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. With all the rain, it seems that all I get done is mow the grass.

I hope that everyone received our newsletter last month in the mail. If you want to continue to receive the newsletter and be informed of events happening in the township, please email Jeanna Burrell at kingstonnews@embarqmail.com or phone the township office at 740-524-0290 and leave a message.

I encourage everyone to respond to our survey. Your comments will give the trustees a better understanding of the type of facility that would best accommodate the needs of Kingston Township residents and your preferences for funding such a project. We want to keep the project moving forward. I will keep you informed of the survey results. So far, we've had a really good response rate.

Road work should start a little earlier this summer than last year. We will be working on Blaney and Rosecrans roads this summer. I have been working with Berkshire Township Trustee Rod Meyers in an effort to do an in-depth repair and resurface of Berkshire Road in 2013. The heavy rains and poor drainage have caused the road to deteriorate rather quickly. I will keep you informed as we move forward with this project.

Again, please take a few minutes to respond to the survey. Your input is important for a well planned future for Kingston Township.

As always, please call or email me with any questions or concerns you may have about the township.

We Want Your Input!

The Kingston Township Trustees are interested in hearing your feedback regarding a new Township Hall and Park. If pursued, the new hall would be located on 25 acres of township land on Carter's Corner Rd.

As many of you know, the existing Township Hall is an old school house built in the 1800s. Parking and meeting space is extremely limited and voting can no longer take place at this location. There is no potable water and the building is becoming increasingly dilapidated. Please give us your feedback on whether or not you support a new hall and what features are important to you in a new facility.

Follow this link online to take the survey on the home page of our website: <http://kingstontwp.org/>.

Roads Update

Eldon Johnston, Delaware County Engineer's Office liaison, attended the May trustees meeting. He reported that the township will be billed for 80 percent of the salt it ordered. The salt will be stored for free by the county. Next winter, the township will receive credit for the balance of the salt as it is used.

The Wilson Rd. culvert is scheduled for July/August replacement.

Summer 2012 road work will include chip seal and fog seal on Rosecrans and Blaney roads. One lane will be kept open for travel. The Delaware County Engineer's Office opened road work bids on May 8. The pre-construction meeting should be in late May and construction schedules should be firmed up. We will keep you informed when we learn the scheduled construction dates.

The Trustees decided to move forward with Berkshire Road planning due to the rapidly deteriorating condition of the ditches and road. They discussed a full depth repair two feet from the edge of the road and repaving the entire road. Ditch improvements are needed as well as a watershed study. Berkshire Township will take the lead on writing an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for the \$100,000-\$180,000 project. This cost would be split between Berkshire and Kingston townships.

In light of the Berkshire Road situation, the trustees discussed delaying replacement of the Blue Church Rd. Bridge north of Wilson Rd. from 2013 to 2015. Trustees are considering applying for an OPWC grant for the project that is currently estimated at \$200,000.

Johnston noted that Delaware County awarded a contract beginning April 30th for mowing along all county roads.

The township is discussing using county honor inmates to clear brush around bridges and guard rails as well as some work in the cemeteries.

Just a reminder, if you do any work on driveways or within the township road right-of-ways, you need to apply for a permit. Contact Road Superintendent Doug Crawl for more information at 740-815-8427 or roads@kingstontwp.org.

Zoning Vacancy

There is still one zoning vacancy so this position will continue to be advertised until it is filled. An alternate position is available on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission through August 2015. This position has voting rights in the absence of a member.

The Zoning Commission meets on 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.

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.

CPR & Fire News

If anyone is interested in a CPR class, contact Fire Chief Michael Thompson at pkfd@rohio.com or 740-524-5050. If enough people are interested, another class will be scheduled.

The Porter Kingston Fire District welcomes Joe Kelly back. Kelly had moved out of the area and recently returned. He was reinstated as a firefighter with 10 years of experience.

Zoning News

We congratulate Zoning Secretary Dave Stites on being re-elected to serve on the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission's Executive Committee.

The zoning staff is following up on several complaints about junk vehicles on Carter's Corner Rd. A letter was sent to the property owner in February. A second, certified letter was sent in March. The property owner did not respond to either letter. The County Prosecutor's Office sent a letter that elicited a response from the property owner.

The staff is also following up on complaints regarding the condition of a property on Blue Church Road dealing with incomplete construction, slow progress, debris, and rubble.

The staff have followed up on trash complaints regarding an adult day care center on Todd Street.

Three permits were issued in April for a new home on 3 Bs and K Rd., an accessory structure on Kilbourne Rd., and a new garage and room addition on Kilbourne Rd.

Share Your Old Pictures

Did you know that 2013 is the bicentennial of the founding of Kingston Township? The township is attempting to secure historic photos of people, events, homes, natural resources, churches, schools, and other things within Kingston Township for the Bicentennial. If you have photos or other memorabilia that you would be willing to share, please contact Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. The Township will credit the provider and either copy or scan the items and return them to you.

Anyone interested in working on a civic group to plan bicentennial activities can also contact Crowl.

Electronic Recycling Event

Bring your electronics for recycling 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the Council for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd., Delaware. If you have questions, call 740-369-6221.

Business and residential items including the following will be accepted: amplifiers, batteries, cables, cameras, CD-Roms, cell phones, computers, copiers, CRT monitors, CRT and LCD televisions, digital cameras, DVD and VCR players, fax machines, floppy drives, game systems, hard drives (guaranteed data destruction), keyboards, laptops, LCD monitors, computer mice, network equipment, USB drives, and wireless equipment. There is a \$15 charge for televisions. All other electronic processing is FREE!

Most household appliances are accepted except those with Freon. This includes microwaves, vacuum cleaners, toasters, blenders, blow dryers, coffee pots, and electric skilllets.

Goodwill Industries will also be on site accepting clothing and household goods.

COA Summer Festival is June 15

Bring the family and "get your oink on" at the 20th annual Summer Festival & Pig Roast presented by OhioHealth. Enjoy a delicious pig roast dinner with all the trimmings and all the fun that the festival has to offer.

The festival is a good time for everyone ages 3 to 103.

Outdoors you'll enjoy the live bands, the classic car show organized by Senior Citizens Inc., and the free Kidz Zone, or come inside and check out the Business Expo and more!

All this fun is 3 to 8 p.m. at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. Admission and parking are free!

Library Programs & Classes

The Community Library offers a variety of programs for all ages. Programs include:

- Weekly storytimes for preschoolers;
- The Summer Reading Program for all ages in June and July;
- Family Movie Nite;
- Manga and Anime Club;
- 1st Thursday Book Group;
- Tuesday Evening Knitters;
- Yoga classes;
- Movies for Grownups;
- Used Book Events; and,
- Community Library Friends.

For more details, visit <http://community.lib.oh.us/>.

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 Days June 2*
Trustees Meeting June 5, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) June 8, 15, 22, 29

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

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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

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NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>
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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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

TRASH & RECYCLING

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ZONING

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