



# News

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## Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! This summer is going fast. I hope you have had time to get out and enjoy it in between thunderstorms.

The new township hall bond issue will be on the November ballot. The trustees are working on the final plans of this very important project. We hope to have an open house so residents can view the area and see where the township hall and future park will be located.

Road work continues throughout the township. Please use caution in and around the work zones.

I would like to wish all Ohio State Fair and Hartford Fair participants good luck with your 4-H and FFA projects!

If you have a question or concern, please call me at 740-272-3668.

## Township Hall and Park Funding

The process for proceeding with a township hall requires several steps. This month, the trustees voted to declare it necessary to issue \$1.5 million in bonds to build a new township hall and related improvements. The bonds would be issued at an average interest rate of 5.2 percent for no more than 30 years. As more homes are built, the cost per property owner should reduce and the township can pay off the financing early, if conditions allow. The resolution then requests the Delaware County Auditor to formally certify the amount of taxes necessary to pay for the bonds and interest. Township voters will decide on the issue at the November 4 election.

The July 1 trustees' meeting was continued to July 22 in order to gather more information. Architect Tony Schorr is working to revise drawings and cost estimates for the reduced size of the township hall. The trustees should also have the valuation amount from the auditor so the trustees can take the next step of determining the amount of taxes needed for the ballot issue.

The proposed township hall will include meeting space for 100 and offices. We hope to return our polling place to the township in the new building which can be added onto later as the township population grows. There will be paved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking spots and a gravel parking lot. The NorthStar developer will build the road to the township hall, a trail, a park pavilion, and the sewer system. The trustees have developed a park master plan and hope to write grant applications to complete the park in the long term.

## Roads

Wilson Road chip sealing and fog sealing is complete.

Berkshire Road utility line relocation should occur in early July with drainage work planned for late July. Road improvements should occur in mid- to late-August.

Trustees discussed flooding and drainage problems caused by this year's heavy, frequent rainfall. Areas of concern

include Blayney, Todd Street, and Wilson roads. Road Superintendent Doug Crowl is getting estimates on a catch basin and grate for Rosecrans Rd. He is conducting a right-of-way inventory for dead trees. Several trees need removed on Rosecrans, Twigg-Hupp, Todd Street, and Wilson roads.

Culverts are still on schedule to be replaced on Clark Road, one over Pumphrey Ditch from October to November, and one over the West Branch of Little Walnut Creek from November to December.

Mowing along township roads has been completed and will begin again.

## May Zoning Report

### Permits

No permits were issued in June.

### Complaints

A complaint was received about a trailer parked in a front yard. The zoning staff will notify the owner after 14 days as the code requires.

### Miscellaneous

The township thanks John White and Dick Strohm for their service to the township!

The zoning staff is working with a property owner on Blue Church Road who began building an accessory building to replace a previous pole barn. The new building is too close to the road and will require a BZA variance hearing or relocation to meet setback requirements.

Zoning staff spoke with a resident in the process of purchasing 27 acres on Twigg-Hupp (the Basham Retreat trailer camping area). The resident will be applying for a conditional use permit to continue operating the camp.

Staff is working with a resident on SR 61 who wishes to split a 3-acre parcel from an existing 8-acre parcel.

The zoning staff requested permission to post a Zoning Commission member position. Dick Strohm's current position expires August 2014. The new appointment term is August 2014 through August 2019.

### Zoning Commission Meetings (Quarterly):

August 20, 2014

## BZA & Zoning Vacancies

We could use your help! If you would like to serve your township, we need several people to serve on our zoning boards. The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The alternate position is an existing term that runs through December 2015. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

The trustees will also be appointing one member position

and one alternate position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The member position appointment will fill a new term that runs August 2014 through August 2019. The alternate position appointment will fill an existing term that expires in August 2015 and has voting rights in the absence of a member.

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

Interested township residents should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org).

This posting will remain open until the positions are filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on August 5, 7 p.m., at the Kingston Township Hall. Applicants must be present to be considered for the position.

Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

## Back to School

Big Walnut Local Schools start Aug. 13 and Buckeye Valley Schools start Aug. 14. Watch out for our children and be careful around the buses and bus stops.

## Never Leave Your Child Alone

Most children are enjoying this year's hot summer weather, but it is important for parents to remember the dangers of the summer heat.

Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise to dangerous levels in minutes and serious injury or death to a child in a closed vehicle can occur in half of the time it takes in low humidity conditions.

Parents and caregivers should never leave a child in an unattended vehicle, even with the windows down.

Defeat the heat this summer, by keeping your children safe. Remember, safety is up to you.

## Water Safety

While water recreation provides hours of enjoyment and exercise for children, water and children can be a deadly mix when an unsafe environment, inadequate supervision, or improperly used safety gear is also present. Drowning remains the second leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14, despite a 40 percent decline in the childhood drowning death rate from 1987 to 2001. In 2001, 859 children ages 14 and under died as a result of unintentional drowning and, in 2002, an estimated 2,700 children in this age group were treated in hospital emergency rooms for near-drowning.

### SAFE KIDS Recommendations

- Never leave a young child unsupervised in or around water, even for a moment.
- Never allow children to swim without adult supervision.
- Always designate a responsible adult to serve as the "water watcher" – a supervisor whose sole responsibility is to constantly observe children in or near the water.
- Supervisors should maintain continuous visual and auditory contact with children in or near the water, and should stay in close proximity (waterside) so that they can effectively intervene if an emergency situation should arise.
- Supervisors should not engage in distracting behaviors such as talking on the phone, preparing a meal, or reading.

- Supervisors should keep children who cannot swim within arm's reach at all times.
- While there is no specific recommended ratio of supervisors to child swimmers, the number of supervisors should increase when many children are swimming, younger or inexperienced swimmers are present, or the swimming area is large.
- Children should swim only in designated and supervised swimming areas.
- Four-sided isolation fencing, at least 5 feet high and equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates, should be installed around pools and spas to prevent direct access from a house or yard. Never prop open the gate to a pool barrier or leave toys that may attract young children in or around a pool.
- Install barriers of protection around your home pool or spa in addition to the fencing, such as pool alarms, pool covers, door alarms, or locks.
- Limit access to water sources in the home by installing and using appropriate safety devices (such as door locks and toilet latches) and by emptying and inverting buckets and wading pools.

– <http://www.usa.safekids.org/>

– information supplied by Porter Kingston Fire District

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Contact us at [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com) to have the newsletter emailed directly to you. If you would like a mailed copy, contact the Kingston Township office at 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074, 740-524-0290 or by email to [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org).

## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

**Bill Shively, Ch: 272-3668**, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
**Dewey Akers, Vice-Ch.: 803-1529**, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)  
**Steve Volpe, 965-1802**, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)

### FISCAL OFFICER

**Greg Roy: 524-8591**, [fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto: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**

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### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

**Emergency: 911;** **Business: 524-5050**

[PKFD@rrohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com); <http://www.PKFD.org>

### ROADS & CEMETERIES

**Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427** [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

### TRASH & RECYCLING

**Big-O Refuse:** **1- 888-924-BIGO (2446)**

e-mail: [service@bigorefuse.com](mailto:service@bigorefuse.com)

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### ZONING

**Robert Talbott:** **524-0290**, Fax: 524-5304

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## Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise.

Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks\*.

Trustees Mtg. ----- August 5, 7 PM

Trash & Recycling Days ----- August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29