



# News

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## Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

It has been an exciting year with lots of activity in our township, country, and world. As 2013 draws to a close, it is common practice to make a list of resolutions for the New Year in hopes of improving our lot. Lord knows that I can always benefit from improvement. But, I hope that you will also take time to appreciate the blessings that all of us in this wonderful community and great country have been given.

Moving onto township business, we have received seven "Statements of Qualifications" from architectural firms for our New Township Hall Feasibility Study. The Trustees will be meeting several times in the next few weeks to make a final selection. I also would like to remind you that we are putting together a Project Planning Team of our residents to work with the selected architectural firm on the initial Feasibility Study. If you would like to participate, especially if you have design or construction skills, please consider volunteering to be on this select committee of six or eight members. I would imagine that we will be having one or two evening meetings a month for the first few months of the year. This study must be completed by the end of June in order for us to place a township hall ballot issue on the November ballot. If you are interested in serving on this committee please give me a call at home 740-965-1802 or drop me a note at [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

There really is a lot happening in and around Kingston Township. It's a great place to live and a great time to be alive. Next month, we will have a new chairman. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you. I will still be a trustee, so please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Take care and get out there and enjoy life.

## Santa's Coming to Town(ships)

Listen for the sirens and look for the lights on December 22nd. They will probably mean Santa Claus is coming down your street. Firefighters from the Porter Kingston Fire District will give Santa Claus a tour of the townships prior to his big night. Please check for routes and times on the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour](http://www.facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour). In December, there will be weekly updates on the Facebook page. On the day of the tour, which starts at 1 p.m., Santa's location will be updated at least every 15 minutes.

During the tour, you can meet Santa at the end of your driveway for a last minute request, a treat, and a picture. If your street is not on the route or you're not home, you can visit Santa anywhere along the route or stop at the Fire Station from 4 to 5 p.m.

## Gogle Reappointed to BZA

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees reappointed Nancy Gogle to the Kingston Township Board of Zoning

Appeals (BZA). She will serve a five-year term that runs through December 2018. She was originally appointed to the BZA in November 2011. Gogle has lived in the township for 14 years. She and her husband have a son and a daughter who are both Big Walnut graduates. Gogle is employed at Bennette and Williams Environmental Consultants in Westerville. She is retired from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources where she served as a geologist, an environmental technician, and a data analyst. We thank her for her service!

## November Zoning Report Permits

Three permits were issued in November:

- Two new build homes: Beacom Road and N. Galena Road
- Building addition on Todd Street Road

### Complaints

Regarding the junk vehicle complaint 07-2012-COMP at 4827 Carter's Corners Road, the owner has advised in writing that several cars have been removed, more fencing has been installed and tarped vehicles/parts removed. Akers and Talbott attended the court hearing (status conference) on 09-28-13. Permission to access property received. Talbott met with the property owner on 10-31-13 who agreed to add fencing on south and west sides to better close in vehicles: 2 boats and 7 cars/vans/trucks remain. Talbott to confirm commitments made are complete prior to next status conference scheduled for 12/11/13. **Case remains open.**

Complaint about property on SR 61 and Rosecrans Rd. about uncut grass, debris, and sign. Letters sent to property owner on 06-28-13 and 08-16-13 asking for voluntary compliance. (Similar letter sent in 2008 with very little remedial action taken.) Some grass was mowed, but sign and debris remained. Letter from neighbor discussed with Trustees on 11-05-13. Third and final letter before litigation sent 11-08-13. Business sign has been removed and some progress has been made by the owner to clean up trash and debris adjacent to the residence. **Case remains open.**

Home on Todd Street Road visited and building addition built without a permit. Owner sent friendly compliance letter on 10-04-13. Proper application submitted and Zoning Certificate issued on 11-22-13.

Received a complaint on 11-15-13 regarding overgrown grass, accumulated trash and debris, and excessive motor vehicles on a property located off State Route 61. A friendly letter will be sent asking for voluntary correction of the issues.

### Miscellaneous:

- On 11-12-13, Zoning Inspector Talbott participated in a Technical Review for 59 lots in NorthStar with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) Office. On 11-24-13, DCRPC gave conditional approval of the preliminary plat for NorthStar, Section 3 in Kingston Township.
- Conditional Use Hearing held before the BZA on 11-14-13. Thomas Uncapher received approval for an Expanded Home

Occupation to operate a small landscape business from his home on 3 Bs & K Road and a Variance to construct a 30' x 54' accessory building for business use.

- On 11-16-13, township representatives Volpe, Talbott, Stites, Filbert, Giffin, and White attended the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office Township Officials Training.

## Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

Smoke alarms save lives. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.
- An ionization alarm with a hush button or a photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices use strobe lights. Vibration devices can be added to these alarms
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/fire-and-safety-equipment/smoke-alarms/smoke-alarm-safety-tips>

## Trash & Recycling

Big "O" Refuse provides weekly trash and recycling service. You may use your own container as long as it has a lid, handles and does not exceed 50 pounds. Big "O" rents 96-gallon containers with a lid, handle, and wheels for an additional monthly fee. (Fifty-gallon drums are prohibited.) For efficient service, please have your containers at the curb by 5:00 a.m. on your pickup day. There is a limit of one household per account.

### Yard Waste

- Limit of five 50 pound bundles per week.
- Limbs should be no larger than 2 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet.

- Items should be bundled, bagged, or boxed.

### Oversized Items

- Limit of one large item per week that includes items too large to fit in your container: appliances, furniture, or carpet that is no wider than 4 feet, rolled and tied.
- Any appliance with Freon must have the Freon removed by a licensed appliance technician.
- To prevent bedbug outbreaks, ALL mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic for pickup. Notify the office before placing those items at the curb.
- Please call 888-924-BIGO for pick up.

### Special Items

- Paint (only if lid is off and paint is hardened)

### Non-collectable Waste

Big-O does not pick up the following items: batteries, car parts, combustible material, hazardous waste, items containing Freon, liquid waste, and tires. Please go to [www.CFLPSWD.org](http://www.CFLPSWD.org) for hazardous waste disposal.

### Special Projects

Residential customers can rent 20-, 30- and 40-yard containers to dispose of large yard waste and remodel materials.

## Sign up For Our Newsletter

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, call the Township Hall at 740-524-0290.

## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

Steve Volpe, Ch.: 965-1802, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)  
Bill Shively, V-Ch: 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
Dewey Akers, 803-1529, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@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  
e-mail: [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com)

### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050  
[PKFD@rroho.com](mailto:PKFD@rroho.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)  
web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

### 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\***.  
Trash & Recycling Days ..... Dec. 28\*, Jan. 4\*  
Trustees Mtg. .... Jan. 7, 7 PM  
Trash & Recycling Days ..... Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31