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# KINGSTON NEWS

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## Chairman's Chat

*By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman*

Great news for Kingston Township! We had previously been told by Bright Energy (part of the Consolidated Electric Co-op) that they could not expand natural gas service further in our township due to lack of capacity. Apparently that issue has been resolved and natural gas service is being expanded for the third time in Kingston Township. I've been told that there are no promises on how far they can get this year, but they have obtained the permits to begin the work.

Bright Energy will be extending the main line from Blue Church Road west on SR521 to Carter's Corner Road. From there they will go north of SR521 on Carter's Corner Road to "catch a few houses" but the primary thrust will be south from SR521 all the way to US36/SR37. There are plans to run east on Wilson Road from Carters Corner Road, but how far will depend on the number of interested home owners on Wilson Road. So talk with your neighbors and get in touch with Bright Energy within the next week or two as work will begin soon.

You may ask "what does it cost?" Well the tap fees were slightly higher for the second expansion, and as expected they are slightly more expensive on this third expansion. The tap fee is \$1,498, which is for the tap, up to 100' of service line toward the house, and the meter. Additional length (over 100') will be at \$5/ft. Everything into the house is the home owners. Service lines, like the main, are directionally bored. So they won't tear up the lawn to bad. Two year interest free financing (of the tap fee and additional footage) is available through Bright Energy (onetime \$125 fee).

We switched from propane to natural gas during the second expansion, and we are very happy. This can be very confusing and it is best to get it "right from

the horse's mouth". So please contact Bruce Jaynes with Bright Energy at 419-560-0723. He will be happy to work with you and explain the process and timing.

In other happenings around the township, school will be starting soon. Please keep an eye out to keep our kids safe. Your patience is appreciated. And of course fair season will be upon us, and that is always great family fun! Until next time, take care and enjoy yourself.

## KILBOURNE FESTIVAL - AUGUST 20, 2016

On August 20, 2016, Kilbourne will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Festival. This is not a new Kilbourne Festival, it is a new date. We have moved from the first Saturday in October to the third Saturday in August in the hope of better weather. The weather has not been kind to us in October the last few years. All activities will center on Kilbourne United Methodist Church and the baseball fields. We will again begin the day with breakfast from 8:00-10:00AM followed by the parade at 11:00AM. Because we anticipate construction at the Brown School site we will not use that area for the parade line up.

If you would like to be in the parade or volunteer to help with the event, contact Kilbourne United Methodist Church at 740-524-6041 or [kumc1@frontier.com](mailto:kumc1@frontier.com). We will get you information about the line up location. Vendor spaces for the Farmer and Flea Market are \$15.00 for a 10' x 10' space (bring your own tables). Contact Violet Cummings at [vmlc1952@yahoo.com](mailto:vmlc1952@yahoo.com). In addition to the parade and breakfast there will be games, crafts, pony rides and more following the parade. Again we will have fresh roasted pork sandwiches with all the fixings.

The annual Horseshoe Tournament will take place at 1:00PM with sign up at Noon. Contact C Dee's Lil' Store at 740-524-3191 for information. A Corn

hole Tournament will also take place in the afternoon. Contact Trent Pettit for details (740-816-0879).

Come out and enjoy this family-friendly and affordable day of country fun and help support the Good Samaritan Fund serving Brown, Oxford, Kingston and Peru Townships. Check us out at [www.kilbourneumc.com](http://www.kilbourneumc.com) under Events or find us on Facebook and look for flyers and signs with more details. To defray some of the advertising costs of moving the festival we will have two fundraisers beforehand. The first will be a Spaghetti Dinner on April 16, 2016, from 3:30-7:00. The second fundraiser will be an Ice Cream Social, June 25, 2016, 4:00-7:00. Both events will be at Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, OH 43032. We hope you will come out to support all of these fun events.

*The Kilbourne Festival Committee, Jean Hightower*

## ZONING REPORT

### Permits—May Through July

New Build Homes	2
Accessory Structures	3
Agricultural Exemption	1

### Miscellaneous

At the request of the Trustees, the Zoning Commission is considering language changes to Section 7.05 (B) of the Zoning Resolution. Under current language, outdoor storage of trailers of any type, boats, motor homes, buses and equipment of any type for a period exceeding 14 days during any calendar year is prohibited if visible from any adjoining property or roadway. The Commission is discussing potential language changes that more accurately reflects the rural character of the township and resident preferences. The Zoning Resolution is located on-line under the Zoning Tab.

If you have any suggestions or comments to share with the Zoning Commission regarding the language changes, please contact the Zoning Office by telephone or by e-mail.

### Board of Zoning Appeals Hearings

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets on an as needed basis.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the creation of a new flag lot adjacent to an existing flag lot on Clark Road.

### Zoning Commission Meetings 2016 (Quarterly)

- November 2, 2016

## ROADS & CEMETERIES

**Just A Reminder:** Contractors or homeowners planning any work (including excavation and driveway culvert pipes) within the township roadway right-of-way must obtain a permit from Kingston Township prior to initiating any work. Please contact Roadway Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. Township roads include Todd Street, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Twigg Hupp, Clark, Blayney, Wilson, Stockwell (portion), Beacom (portion), Berkshire (portion) Roads and Basham and Wildwood Lanes.

Drainage improvement work on Beacom Road has been completed along with culvert replacement on Blue Church Road between Wilson and Rosecrans Road. Drainage improvement work on Blayney Road is waiting on relocation of telephone lines, and will likely be started in September. Other roadway resurfacing work scheduled for the August/September timeframe includes chip and seal then fog coating of Wildwood Lane. Grader paving repair to sections of Beacom and Blue Church Roads was recently completed.

In response to pleas from Trustees and residents and using funding provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation to cover roadway damages from contract haulers when the third lane was added to Interstate 71 in 2014, the Delaware County Engineers Office has repaired and resurfaced Kilbourne Road to its former good condition. We appreciate all the engineering assistance, physical improvements, and funding support that are provided to Kingston Township by County Engineer Chris Bauserman and his staff to keep our roadways safe.

The township has again applied for grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission to widen and resurface Blue Church Road from State Route 521 north to the turnaround at Interstate 71. If approved, the project funding will come from the

grant, the Delaware County Engineers Office and Kingston Township.

During the quarter, one internment was made in the Blue Church Cemetery and one plot was sold. There was one culvert permits issued during the period.

## **DID YOU KNOW?????????**

### **HOW DID BLUE CHURCH ROAD GET ITS NAME?**

Early settlers to Kingston Township were God fearing, Christian people. They worshiped in private homes and early schoolhouses or outside in tree groves when the weather was good. In 1822, the first log meeting-house was constructed by the Presbyterians near the center of the township on the south side what is now State Route 521 and the west side of what is now Blue Church Road where the Blue Church Cemetery is located. The structure was also used by the Methodists and Baptists when not in use by the Presbyterians.

As the Presbyterian congregation grew under Reverend Ahab Jinks, they decided in 1827 to construct a wood frame church just south of the meeting-house. The structure was designed and built by township resident Moses Decker. When completed, a skillful painter applied a drab color (in a show of conservativeness and reverence) to the outside. Shortly after the exterior painting was complete, the drab color changed to a light blue likely due to sunlight impacts on the lead pigment in the paint. Hence, the church name became the Old Blue Church and when the dirt path on the east side of the church was given a road name it became Blue Church Road.

In the same year, the pastor and members, including John Van Sickle and Moses Decker, organized a Sunday school which was held in the meeting-house north of the church. This Sunday school is thought to be the first Sabbath school in the county. They also developed the first Sunday school library made up of small Sabbath school books kept in a trunk by school superintendent Moses Decker.

#### More About Van Sickle and Decker:

In 1815, John Van Sickle came from New Jersey and settled in the southeast part of the township

near Little Walnut Creek. He was an enterprising farmer and exemplary Christian. John was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a main supporter (time and money) of the Old Blue Church for many years.

In 1820, Moses Decker came from New Jersey and settled in the eastern part of the township. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, the first postmaster in Kingston Township and was a Justice of the Peace for a period of time. He built the first wood frame barn in the township for Elder Wigton in 1827. While a custom of the time was to serve alcohol at barn raisings, alcohol was prohibited by Decker because of his strong religious beliefs at the Wigton barn which served as the start of a local temperance movement in the area.

*By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl*

Information for this article obtained in part from History of Delaware County and Ohio, O. L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1880

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**



Can you identify the original Zoning Commission Members from 2000? You can find the answer on the last page.

## **PORTER-KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT DONATE A FAN**

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (EMA), in coordination with People In Need (PIN) of Delaware County, are asking for donations of NEW box fans to be distributed by People In Need during the hot summer weather to county residents who need cooling assistance. The fan donation program runs until September 15, 2016. Fans may be dropped off at any Delaware County EMS/Fire Station or at the Delaware County District Library.

**Our own Porter/ Kingston Fire District, located at 12844 Olive Green Road, is a close, convenient drop off location should you wish to participate in the program.** For further information, please contact Sandy Mackey, Public Information Officer, EMA at 740-833-2183.

## **DKMM SOLID WASTE SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS**

**Farm Tires** will be collected at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on August 20, 2016 from 9am to 1pm. No dealers or agri-business will be permitted. Pre-registration by August 12th is required by calling the District at 740-393-4600. You must have the number and size of tires to be recycled at the time of registration. There is a recycling fee that must be paid by cash or check (DKMM Solid Waste District) on the day of collection. Fees are as follows—\$4 per tire up to 36”, \$10 per tire 37” to 60”, and \$15 per tire 61” and larger. Standard tires can be disposed of throughout the year by residents for a fee at the Delaware County Waste Transfer Station at 888 US 42 North in Delaware (adjacent to the jail).

**Hazardous Waste & Paint** will be collected at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on October 1, 2016 from 9am to 1pm. There is a recycling fee that must be paid by cash or check (DKMM Solid Waste District) on the day of collection. Fees are as follows--\$2 per can of latex or oil based paint with a limit of 10 cans (up to 5 gallon containers). Donations are accepted to help offset the cost of holding the event for household hazardous waste. Household hazardous waste includes such things as cleaners, chemicals, light bulbs, automotive fluids, propane cylinders under 20 pounds, mercury, adhesives, batteries and others. For more information call 740-368-1700, and for a full list of acceptable materials visit [www.dkmm.org](http://www.dkmm.org).

## **DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT SEWAGE SYSTEM REGULATIONS**

On January 1, 2015, a new statewide sewage rule went into effect requiring the establishment of an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program for residential sewage treatment systems. The intent of the program is to reduce pollution of water wells

and waterways by periodic inspection of sewage treatment systems to ensure proper function. A common sense, phased-in implementation schedule was adopted by the Delaware General Health District to bring all systems in Delaware County into program compliance incrementally by 2028.

For systems with mechanical components, a one year permit is required since they have a higher risk of failure involving motors, pumps and other working components. For traditional septic tank and leach field systems, a five year permit is required. For residents using a registered sewage service provider to maintain either type of system, the provider can submit an inspection report to the District which brings the property owner into the O&M Program.

There is currently no charge for the O&M Permit. If the District must perform the evaluation because one was not provided by a registered sewage service provider, a fee will be charged. Only systems that are malfunctioning will need corrective actions or connection to sanitary sewer. Usually making repairs or alterations to an existing system is sufficient.

For more detailed information regarding your individual sewage treatment system, visit the O&M portion of [DelawareHealth.org](http://DelawareHealth.org) or call 740-368-1700 to speak with a registered sanitarian from the Residential Services Unit.

## **CALENDAR**

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks\* where Friday service will be performed on Saturday.

**Trustees Meeting** September 6, 7 PM  
October 4, 7 PM  
November 1, 7 PM  
December 6, 7 PM

**Zoning Commission** November 2, 7 PM

**Trash Days** August 5, 12, 19 & 26  
September 2, 9\*, 16, 23, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28  
November 4, 11, 18, 25\*  
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

## CONTACTS

(740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

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Bill Shively, 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
Dewey Akers, 803-1529, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)

### FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591,  
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### DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 [www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

### NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290  
Township Web Site: [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org)  
Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at  
[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org) or by phone at  
740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the  
Newsletter Distribution List.

### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050  
Email: [PKFD@rohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rohio.com) [www.PKFD.org](http://www.PKFD.org)

### ROADS & CEMETERIES

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

### TRASH & RECYCLING

Waste Management: 866-797-9018  
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Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,  
[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

### SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

### DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

### DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700

## HISTORY OF OHIO TOWNSHIPS

The pilgrim fathers brought the township form of government to America in 1620. This unit of local government eventually spread as far west as the Rocky Mountains. Today, it is found in 22 states.

In Ohio, the township predates our state government. The townships' size and shape were determined by the Congressional Acts, which established the various land grants. As the Ohio Territory became populated, it was only natural that the surveyed townships should become the basic unit of local government.

In 1804, the elected officials of a township consisted of three trustees, a clerk, two overseers of the poor and a sufficient number of highway supervisors, in addition to justices of the peace and constables. A township treasurer and assessor were later added. In the early years of statehood, Ohio township government cared for the poor, maintained the roads and preserved the peace.

Today, just as in 1804, the township is a political subdivision of the state. To keep pace with the demands of changing times, the functions, duties and obligations of the township have changed over the years. Demands for increased or different services have prompted the state legislature to grant Ohio's 1,208 townships the authority to fulfill these changing needs.

Three trustees and a fiscal officer, each elected to a four-year term, administer our townships today. In addition, some townships now appoint a township administrator, whose duties are defined by the individual township. The township administrator typically helps plan, coordinate and implement township goals.

Elected officials fill their roles on a part-time basis; however, their intimate knowledge of their community, its needs and its citizens enables them to offer more personal service than any other unit of government.

Townships today are responsible for fire and police protection, parks and recreation, zoning, cemeteries, waste disposal, maintaining roads and more. There are 19 townships in Delaware County.

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**Blast From The Past Answers:** John Fink, Jim Grove, Mike Montgomery, Steve Sheets rear, & Maynard Dils, Jeanna Burrell, Bob Brenner front.