

# Kingston Township

## December 2006

# News

### Comments from Chairman John Fink

I want to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving and if this newsletter reaches you after Thanksgiving Day I hope you were fortunate enough to spend this time with your loved ones.

The fall harvest was somewhat delayed due to the rain that fell for what seemed to have been every day during the month of October, but it appears the community's farmers are catching up. I'm sure we all hope their harvest was bountiful.

Following the harvest comes the hunting season and the deer become more active, so be extra cautious. The average repair cost to an automobile as the result of a collision with a deer is \$2,500. If you want to report a deer carcass for pickup, those located on township roads should call one of the trustees or Ed Moore or for those located on county roads, contact the county at 833-2400.

I want to thank Elaine Eddy for volunteering and accepting the appointment to represent our township on the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreational District. Watch for more news about the recreational district and YMCA plans in local publications and future newsletters.

The trustees want to extend our gratitude to Greg Roy and Judy Shumway for getting the township finances in the position to be able to pass the audit. Greg has stated that Judy, a former fiscal officer of Berlin Township, played a major role in enabling him to maneuver through the State's accounting system.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a peaceful and happy holiday season. Take this time to visit and enjoy some of our local holiday events and attractions.

### Pastures at Blue Church

The Zoning Commission accepted a completed application for the Pastures at Blue Church rezoning. The application was sent to the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) and was reviewed by their staff. At DCRPC's October meeting, the commission voted to recommend conditional approval. Conditions include the developer providing more detail as to the non-residential

uses that are proposed; that the acreage of non-residential uses not be counted as overall open space; that changes to the road network be considered, taking into account existing topography and drainage courses, reducing the number of long, uninterrupted roads and breaking up large sweeping curves to reduce speeds; that the applicant provide more detail as to timing of sewer plant/service; and, divergence for reduction in lot size is not necessary since some or all lots could be increased to meet the 1/2 acre code.

The Kingston Zoning Commission held their first hearing on the application on November 9. The first hearing must, by state law, be held within 40 days of receiving the application. Unfortunately the application was received after the last newsletter went to press and prior to the production of this newsletter. However, property owners within 500 feet of the Pastures at Blue Church property boundaries were notified directly and the hearing was advertised in local newspapers.

Due to divergences from the zoning code and deficiencies in the application, the Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the trustees that the rezoning be denied. The developer has since withdrawn the application for rezoning and requested part of the application fee be refunded.

### Fire District Open House



The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) held an open house on October 8. Approximately 75 people attended and witnessed an extrication demonstration with a Medflight fly in. They were able to visit with Sparky, the Fire Dog. There were displays from the County Emergency Management Agency, Health Department, and the Red Cross. Residents could view the Sheriff K-9 and

### Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.  
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &  
Carter's Corner Rd.

### Trustees

First Mondays  
7:30 pm

Dec. 4

Dec. 18  
End of Year Mtg.

### Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

Dec. 20

Jan. 17

SWAT Tactical Assault Vehicles as well as the PKFD Fire Apparatus and the Worthington Safe House. There were thermal imaging camera demonstrations, also. Kids were able to spray water with fire hoses. Everyone enjoyed giveaways, popcorn, and drinks.

## Trustees Action

At their November meeting, the trustees unanimously passed a motion to accept the Request For Proposal (RFP) bid package as presented by the prosecutor's office. This is a boiler plate document that can be easily edited for each specific use.

Residents on 3Bs & K Road asked for speed limit postings and additional warning signs for the stops at State Route 521. Those requests were passed on to the county.

The trustees have scheduled their end of the year meeting for Friday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. to close the financial books.

## Zoning News

Seven zoning permits were issued in October.

The Zoning Commission voted to reject the NorthStar Application for a Final Development Plan. The plan as submitted included only one of the commitments made by the developer to the township in the preliminary plan/rezoning phase.

## Roads

Wilson Road was closed Oct. 30-Nov. 11 so NorthStar utilities could be run under the road.

## Safety Address Signs

The Porter Kingston Fire Fighters Association sells the reflective green address signs at the fire station for \$10 each. They are available 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. You can call with questions at 740-524-5050.

The signs help emergency personnel locate your residence. The signs should be placed so the numbers are visible from both directions of the road. On common access driveways, they should be placed at the road as well as where the driveways split off. On flag lots, they should be placed in the order of the driveways at the road.

## Keep Your Holidays Happy!

December should be a joyous time of year. Unfortunately, home fires increase during this time – often due to the misuse or misunderstanding of electrical devices. During the past holiday season, electrical fires were one of the leading causes of Christmas tree fires. Specific causes included:

- overloaded outlets;
- misuse of extension cords;
- not turning off decorations when going to bed or leaving your home;
- Christmas lights that are old and worn out;
- appliances or electrical cords not in good working order; and,
- various other reasons.

Remember that if something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't! Have a qualified electrician check it out or replace the item.

## E-mail Newsletter

Add your name to our newsletter e-mail list for a full color copy in a .pdf format that you can launch with Acrobat Reader (downloadable free from www.adobe.com). Just e-mail your name and mailing address to burrellj@juno.com.

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