



Kingston Township News

April 2007

Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello everyone. Spring is here! I would like to welcome Dave Stites as the new township zoning secretary. Welcome Dave!

I would like to address some of the concerns the trustees have received about Buckeye Valley Waste and the delay in trash pick up service. February's extreme cold and below zero windchill factors caused a lot of problems for everyone: school closings, business closings, etc. The area's landfills closed so there was no place to haul the trash when the trucks were full. This caused equipment to freeze and not work which delayed service. The County was also under Level 2 and 3 snow emergencies. If you are still having problems with trash service for any reason that cannot be resolved, please let the trustees know and we will address it with Buckeye Valley Waste.

The Blue Church Cemetery land survey is complete and the lots will be marked with new pins and number identification. For more information on purchasing cemetery lots, contact Fiscal Officer Greg Roy.

Spring planting season is only a few weeks away. Area farmers will be traveling down the roads with very large farm equipment. Please slow down and be patient when passing or approaching farm machinery on the roadways.

If you have a question or concern, please me at call 740-524-2612.

Zoning News

At their March meeting, the trustees reappointed Tracy Trout and appointed Alternate Steven Smith to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Rick Giffin was appointed as the new BZA alternate. Jim Grove was reappointed to the Kingston Zoning Commission (KZC).

David Stites was appointed Zoning Secretary. He and his wife have lived in the township for 15 years and have two grown children. David recently retired after more than 30 years with the Ohio State Parks where he worked in planning, development, and construction. He now does parks planning consulting part time.

Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) has completed its review of the NorthStar final

plan application. This second application is still deficient in many areas and does not meet many of the commitments the developer made to the township when applying for rezoning of the NorthStar land. Those concerns will be sent to the Weiler Company's engineering firm, EMH&T, for correction.

The KZC is working diligently to complete the revised Planned Residence District (PRD). A meeting was held March 13 to put the finishing touches on the PRD language. You may review the chapter at <http://www.poggemeyer.com/zoning/kingstontwp/>.

Meetings may be changed or scheduled in addition to the monthly meetings, so watch the *Delaware Gazette* and *Sunbury News* for meeting notices.

The Zoning Office has received a lot split for the Fairways at Blue Church. The lot is 20 acres at the intersection of Blue Church and Wilson roads.

Wilson Road Closes

Wilson Road will be closed March 19 through July 1. During this time the Robert Weiler Company will build a golf cart tunnel for the NorthStar Golf Course and will realign Wilson Road to the south at a new intersections with N. Galena Rd.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Acting State Fire Marshal Kevin Watts is reminding Ohioans to make a potentially lifesaving change when they move their clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time on March 11: change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

"The facts speak clearly – only a *working* smoke detector can save your life," said Watts. "Ohioans can greatly reduce tragic fire deaths and injuries by performing the simple task of replacing smoke detector batteries. By taking the time to change the batteries and by testing them monthly, you may save your life, the lives of your family members, and your property if fire ever breaks out in your home."

Watts said firefighters still find that smoke detectors, which typically retail for less than \$10, are often not present in homes or are not functional. In 2006, 185 Ohioans died and more than 700 were injured in more than

Kingston Township Meetings

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

Trustees

First Mondays
7:30 p.m.

April 13

(New Date!)

May 7

Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

April 18

May 16

Trash Days

Regular
Thursday
Pick Ups

February-May

15,000 residential fires reported to the State Fire Marshal.

Smoke detectors, when properly installed and maintained, provide early warning when fire occurs. For the greatest protection, install a smoke detector on every level of your home and inside each sleeping area. Also, develop an escape plan and make sure every family member knows what to do if the fire alarm does sound.

Test smoke detectors at least once each month to ensure that they are working properly. Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year. Batteries in battery-operated detectors should be changed twice a year or whenever a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power. Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use. A disabled detector cannot save your life. In addition, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years or according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Big Walnut Survey

The Big Walnut School District is conducting a survey to gather information and perceptions from those in the school district. Please offer your input by visiting the school's website at www.bigwalnut.k12.oh.us. You can also access this via computers at the Community Library.

JRD Bond Issue

The Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District (EDCJRD) will place a 27-year, 1.2-mill bond

issue on the May ballot. This allows \$12 million in bonds to be issued for construction of a local community center. The bond issue will cost Big Walnut School District residents \$40 each year per \$100,000 in home value.

The JRD is also raising \$500,000 privately for an outdoor pool.

Appliance Pickup Day

Residents 60 and older can have large appliances removed from their homes and disposed of for free during April. Contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 before April 5 to arrange pickup.

Library Events

The Knit & Crochet Group meets on the second Thursdays of each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

A Community Library Friends Work Day is planned for Thursday, April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Community Library. Socialize, enjoy refreshments, and work on projects for the library.

Call the Community Library at 740-965-3901 for more information.

Tax-Aide

Volunteer tax consultants are available to assist seniors in preparing their tax forms. Trained by the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons, these volunteers will be available on Tuesdays, noon-4 p.m. at the Community Library through April 12. For more information or an appointment, call the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677.

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