



Kingston Township

April 2008

News

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

It's been a pretty wild winter. I hope it is nearly over and I'm looking forward to spring.

I want to thank Ed Moore for all his hard work keeping our roads in good shape this winter. As of this writing, he has salted and plowed 17 days out of the past 30 days. We've had lots of residents call to compliment his work.

At our March meeting, we voted to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Brown Township. This allows either township to rely on the other if one of us have salt truck or backhoe problems. Bill Shively is having the County Prosecutor review this agreement before it goes into effect.

The trustees have formally requested that the Delaware County Engineer conduct a traffic study on Wilson Road from N. Galena to St. Rt. 61. We have repeatedly asked for the speed limit on our township's portion of the road to be lowered to 45 miles per hour (mph). The new Berkshire Township portion of Wilson is now posted 45 mph.

In other road news, utility relocation should begin soon on Wilson Road in preparation for this summer's replacement of the 1930s era bridge on Wilson at Carter's Corner Rd. The project involves closing Wilson Rd. for four months and a one month closure of the intersection of Carter's Corner and Wilson roads this summer. While it will be an inconvenience this summer, in the end, it will be much safer.

We are investigating a petition from Time Warner to exempt them from controlled rates and allow them to increase their rates.

Please call me at 740-803-1529 or e-mail me (dvakers@verizon.net) if you have questions or concerns.

Zoning News

Congratulations to our new Zoning Commission officers. Craig Cope was elected to serve as chairman and Doug Harsany will serve as vice-chairman.

Randy Mielnick, from Poggemeyer

Design Group, presented the draft Infrastructure Impact Study to the zoning commission at their February meeting. It was discussed and some concerns were noted that needed incorporated.

We are still awaiting feedback from the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission staff on the draft comprehensive land use (master) plan.

Draft land transfer agreements for the NorthStar Final Development Plan are being reviewed by our attorney.

Trustee John Fink met with Del-Co Water Company representatives. He also met with several neighbors about the proposed Del-Co Water tower site on Carter's Corner Rd. Several neighbors also attended the March trustees meeting to object to the proposed location next to their homes.

Rosecrans Memorial

Fiscal Officer Greg Roy is working on restoring the Rosecrans Memorial. He hopes to find a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project to improve the memorial to General Rosecrans on Rosecrans Road.

Recycling Bin

Thanks to everyone who broke down their boxes before recycling, we were able to keep our recycling bin about three weeks this month.

Trustee John Fink is checking into additional recycling opportunities.

Senior Appliance Pickup Service

Keep Delaware County Beautiful's 2008 Senior Appliance Pickup Service is expanding in two ways.

Television sets, computer equipment, and other electronic items will be picked up this year in addition to large appliances. And, the pickup service dates will be expanded.

The service is free for Delaware County residents aged 60 and older. Julie's Movers of Delaware will again do the heavy lifting, and the appliances

will be recycled after Freon recovery.

Call 740-368-1700 to sign up for the Senior Appliance Pickup Service. The sign-up deadline will be May 19. If demand exceeds available funding, the deadline will be moved up.

This will be the fifth year for the Senior Appliance Pickup Service, which won a statewide award for recycling innovation in 2005. The service is provided with support from the Delaware County Council for Older Adults, the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste District, and the Delaware Board of Health. Additional grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is making collection of TVs, computers, and electronic items possible this year.

Other residents can get appliances recycled at the 2008 Appliance and Computer Dropoff Day, scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 3, at Sims Recycling in Delaware. The times and other details will be announced prior to the event.

For more information about recycling and litter prevention in Delaware County, phone Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 or log on to www.delawarehealth.org and click on Keep Delaware County Beautiful under "Environmental Health."

Large Items in Trash

Rumpke will pick up one large and/or bulky item along with your regular

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise.

Trustees Meet First Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission Meets Third

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays (except during holiday weeks*)

Trash Day	April 3
Trustees Meeting	April 7, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	April 10
Recycling Bin Arrives	April 10 (until full)
Zoning Commission	April 16, 7 pm
Trash Days	April 17, 24

trash on a weekly basis at no additional charge. Acceptable large items include all normal household items such as couches, stoves, mattresses, water heaters, etc. Appliances with CFCs removed, and properly documented as such, will also be collected.

Grass Fire Prevention

Your Porter-Kingston Fire Board would like to remind you of safety tips as you look toward spring and summer clean up in your yards and fields.

Don't throw cigarette or cigar butts on the ground or out of a vehicle. Dispose of them properly and make sure they are completely extinguished.

Do not burn trash. During certain times of the year, burn bans are implemented in the County.

Keep a 30 foot "safety zone" surrounding the home clear of brush, especially for those living in a woodland area. Grass should be cut short in this area as well. For homes that sit on a steep slope, the safety zone should be increased accordingly.

Stack firewood at least 15 feet away and uphill from the home.

If conducting a controlled burn, try to have a water hose close by.

Rake leaves, cut off dead limbs and twigs, and mow grass regularly. Cut tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground and remove dead branches that extend over the roof.

Do not park cars, trucks or recreational vehicles on dry grass or shrubs. Exhaust systems on vehicles

can reach temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees. It only takes approximately 500 degrees to start a grass fire in the summer.

Maintain equipment in good working order.

Use an approved spark arrester on all internal combustion engine power equipment. This special muffler helps ensure that sparks generated by off road vehicle, chainsaws and other equipment don't start wildfires.

Parents should emphasize to their children the dangers of playing with fire. Children who have no idea how quickly flames can grow and spread start many grass fires.

Homeowners who barbecue should maintain a 10 foot area free of brush and shrubbery around grills and propane tanks. Non-flammable screens should be placed over the grill (with mesh no larger than 3/4 inch thick). Never leave a grill unattended.

Keep a shovel, bucket of water, fire extinguisher or other fire suppression tools on hand any time while burning outside.

Need Tax Help?

Free tax preparation assistance is available for taxpayers with middle- and low-income, with special attention to people age 60 and older. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677.

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