

Kingston Township News

August 2008

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

Hello Everyone, I hope you are enjoying the hot weather. I didn't think it would ever dry up enough to put in a garden, but I was able to get a few plants in between the rains.

I have been working with Brian Price with Rumpke concerning curbside recycling. The increase in cost for fuel, labor, and disposal causes Rumpke's charges to be extremely high at \$8.25 per month. That rate requires 100 percent participation so I am looking into other alternatives.

Progress is being made for a county-wide outdoor warning system. It would take a total of 68 (a mix of large and small size) tornado warning sirens to cover Delaware County. Large sirens cost \$35,000 each and small sirens are \$20,000. The sirens have a 20-year life cycle. It is possible that the County will place a levy on the ballot in November. The voters could then decide if a warning system is needed in our county. I'll keep you updated as I receive more information.

The Community Awareness Seminar will be held 7-9 p.m., July 23 at Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St. The seminar will cover internet safety, identity theft and crime prevention.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please contact me at 740-803-1529 if you have any questions or concerns about the township.

Twp. Clean-up Day



Approximately one ton of material was collected during the township's Clean-up Day this year. Thanks to our helpers (pictured in front) Zoning

Assistant Dave Stites, (l. to r., back) Roads Superintendent Ed Moore, Trustee Dewey Akers, Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott, and Trustee John Fink for assisting residents.

Porter-Kingston Firefighter of the Year

Cody Beacom is your Porter-Kingston Fire District Firefighter of the year. He represented the district in Sunbury's Independence Day Parade.



Cody's father is a firefighter so Cody has been around fire service for many years. He began as an Explorer and was hired by the Porter-Kingston Fire District in January 2006. He is a state certified professional firefighter as well as a National Registry certified emergency medical technician (EMT) basic and hazmat technician.

Cody was chosen by his peers for his outstanding contributions to the district during the past year. This included his training and emergency response activities as well as his participation in district functions. He has gladly volunteered for several committees and gone out of his way to see that important public relations functions have been successful.

Cody is currently a junior at OSU studying Agricultural Systems Management. You may recall that Cody built the fence around the Blue Church Cemetery for his Eagle Scout project.

Spruce It Up

Just a reminder to spruce up your property and to be considerate of your neighbors. Trustees are receiving high grass and weed complaints.

Boy Scouts Help Out



A huge thanks goes out to Boy Scout Sam Baldauf and his family for sprucing up the General Rosecrans Memorial. It looks great!

Boy Scout Troop 300 has volunteered to clean up the headstones and fence row at Stark Cemetery.

Master Plan

The township's first ever comprehensive land use (master) plan went into effect July 2nd and was recorded at the County Recorder's Office on July 3rd. It will guide future planning, land use, and zoning decisions.

Roads

Screws were reported in the roadway again at Wilson and Blue Church and at Blue Church and St. Rte. 521 on June 16. The Sheriff's office was notified. Be vigilant when you drive in that area to avoid flat tires. If anyone sees or knows any-

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*)

Trustees Meeting Aug. 4, 7:30 pm

Trash Days Aug. 7, 14

Recycling Bin Arrives Aug. 14 (until full)

Zoning Commission No Aug. Mtg.

Trash Days Aug. 21, 28

thing about these incidents, please call the Sheriff at 740-833-2800.

Blackouts

Severe weather and storms can cause power outages and restoring power can take time. In some instances, such as during extended hot weather, power companies may schedule power outages to help conserve power across the board.

Before

- Conserve energy to help reduce the threat of a power outage.
- Have flashlights, a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, and extra batteries on hand.
- Set aside extra water and buy or make extra ice.
- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, keep plastic containers filled with water, leaving about an inch of space in each one. The chilled or frozen water will help keep food cool during power outages.
- Be prepared to cook outside.
- If you take medications that must be refrigerated, check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine how long medications can last.
- Back up computer files regularly.
- Have some form of phone that does not require electricity, either a standard telephone or a cellular phone, rather than a cordless telephone.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.
- If you have any specific needs or disabilities that require electrical equipment, make plans for dealing with a power outage.

During

- Never use candles for emergency

lighting. Use flashlights.

- Turn off any electrical equipment you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so you know when the power returns.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator/freezer.
- Use generators safely. Don't run a generator inside a home or garage. Connect the equipment you want to run directly to the generator. Do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system. Keep instructions with the generator and be familiar with its use.
- Use the telephone only for emergencies.
- Listen to the radio for updates.
- Eliminate unnecessary travel.
- If it is hot outside, take steps to remain cool. If it is cold, take steps to remain warm.
- If you are in your car when a power line falls on it, stay in the vehicle and do not touch anything on the outside of the vehicle. Use your horn or cell phone to signal for help.
- Short-term power outages usually occur during peak energy usage times, usually between 4-7 p.m. on weekdays, and typically last one hour.

After

- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Do not refreeze any dairy products, seafood, or food that has thawed completely and been above 40° for more than two hours, or anything with a questionable texture or smell. If in doubt, throw it out

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