



Kingston Township

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News

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

I hope everyone is experiencing the great fall weather and that the winter treats us well.

Rumpke, Inc. has retracted their request for an increase based on fuel cost, since the price of oil has dropped dramatically in recent weeks. Rumpke has again erroneously included an additional charge on your recent invoice. Rumpke invoices should be only \$38.22.

With two years of campaigning and a barrage of literature and phone calls, the election is finally over. Hopefully, President-elect Obama and Congress will apply as much time and energy towards bringing our troops home and improving the economy as they did on campaigning.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call me at 740-803-1529 or e-mail me at dvakers@verizon.net.

BZA Appointment

In November, the trustees reappointed Jim Martin to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Martin assisted in writing the original township zoning resolution in 2000. He has served as a charter member of the BZA since its inception in 2001, has served as vice-chairman, and has served as its chairman for many years. He has been a township resident since 1998. Martin's term runs through 2013.

Roads Reopen

It looks like the summer of construction and road detours is over and Wilson, Carter's Corner, and N. Galena roads are all reopen.

Sign Regulations

There have been several inquiries recently about signs in residents' yards and what is or is not allowed by the Zoning Code. Residents are advised to review Article XXI – Sign and Bill-board Regulations contained in the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution found on the township website at www.kingstontwp.org or stop by the township hall on Fridays, 8 a.m.-Noon to obtain a copy of Article XXI prior to installing any signage.

Basically, the Code discusses three categories of signs:

- 21.02 – Permitted Signs – No permit required;
- 21.03 – Permitted Signs – Permit Required; and,
- 21.04 – Prohibited Signs

Section 21.02 – Permitted Signs – No Permit Required includes the following:

- For Sale, Lease or Rent or Builder/ Contractor signs concerning the premise the sign is located on.
- Vehicular signs—i.e. STOP, YIELD, SPEED LIMIT etc.
- Name and address of occupant sign.
- Political signs (must be removed within 15 days of election).
- Temporary signs announcing special public or institutional events.
- Signs approved in Planned Districts.
- Farm signs (1 only).
- Signs approved as part of a Conditional Use Permit.

Section 21.03 – Permitted Signs- Permit Required include the following:

- Outdoor advertising for product or service not located on the premise including billboards.
- Commercial signs identifying or advertising commercial or industrial uses on the premise.

Section 21.04 – Prohibited Signs includes the following:

- Signs mounted on roofs, containing flashing lights, mounted on trees or rocks, mounted on utility poles, signs which give the illusion of movement or are not specifically authorized are prohibited.

There are many other requirements concerning size, location, lighting, maintenance and duration contained within the regulations. Please review these to ensure compliance for any new or existing signs on your property.

Upper Big Walnut Watershed Study

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District has been awarded a Watershed Action Planning grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to develop a watershed action plan for the Upper Big Walnut Creek Watershed (UBWC). The UBWC study area is defined as the land that drains to the surface waters of the Big Walnut Creek and its tributaries.

In Kingston Township, this includes the main stem of Little Walnut Creek along with the East Branch and West Branch, and Butler Run.

The goal of the plan is to develop a plan of action that will address watershed related impairments, issues, and concerns. Some of the impairments identified to date include; excess sediment, high nutrient levels, pathogens, and loss of habitat. The strength of the plan comes from the partners involved during the planning process. Local, state, and federal agencies, conservation groups, and concerned citizens have been instrumental in helping to develop this project. Currently, the watershed coordinator is meeting with all township officials within the study area in an attempt to incorporate local issues and concerns into the action plan. If you would like to be a part of the planning process or have issues and concerns you would like to voice, please feel free to contact the watershed coordinator, Kris Bruestle, at 740-368-1921 or kris-bruestle@delawareswcd.org.

Thanksgiving Day Fires From the American Red Cross

Fast Facts

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires on Thanksgiving Day.***
- Cooking fires nearly double on Thanksgiving Day, occurring more than twice as often than on another day.***
- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.***
- Thanksgiving Day home fires cause

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	Dec. 1, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	Dec. 4
Fire Board Mtg.	Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Recycling Bin Arrives	Dec. II (until full)
Trash Day	Dec. II
Zoning Commission	Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Trash Days	Dec. 18, 26*

more property damage and claim more lives than home fires on other days.**

- Eighty percent of Americans don't realize that home fires are the single most common disaster across the nation.*
- The number of home fires the American Red Cross has responded to has risen 10% since 2000.*
- Every two and a half hours someone is killed in a home fire. In a typical year, 20,000 people are injured in home fires.**
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.**

Preparedness Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, boiling, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains—away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
- If you must use a turkey fryer, make sure it is outdoors and in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures that could catch on fire and away from moisture that can cause serious burns from steam or splattering hot oil. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen and

use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

- After your Thanksgiving guests leave, ask a family member to perform a home safety check to ensure that all candles and smoking materials are extinguished.
 - Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for more information on how to be fire safe on Thanksgiving Day.
- Sources: American Red Cross,* U.S. Fire Administration,** and the National Fire Protection Association.***

Library Events

The Community Library offers the following:

- Beginners yoga class, 9-10:20 a.m., Saturdays or 5:30-6:50 p.m., Wednesdays; \$7/class.
- Thursday Book Group, 7-8 p.m., 1st Thursday of the month.
- Knitters Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Knit and Crochet Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 2nd Thursdays.
- Sunbury Book Club, 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesdays.
- Donate mittens on the Mitten Tree for Big Walnut Friends Who Share.

For more information or to register for events, contact Community Library, 740-965-3901, 44 Burrer Dr., Sunbury.

Sunbury Christmas on the Square

Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas on the Square, Saturday, December 6, 4-7 p.m. Stores will be open with goodies galore, a parade, and so much more!

Newsletter By E-mail

If you'd prefer an e-mailed newsletter in .pdf format, send an e-mail with your name and mailing address to kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

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