



# Kingston Township

## January 2008

# News

### Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello everyone! Congratulations to the Big Walnut football team for winning the state championship! You are the best of the best! Let's hope the Ohio State Buckeyes can bring home the National Championship.

2008 will be a very busy year for the township. One of our major goals is to get the new township hall and community center under construction. The trustees and zoning office are hopeful that we can finally work out an agreement with the Robert Weiler Company on the NorthStar final plat.

The Delaware County Engineer will be replacing two bridges during 2008 or 2009. They are the one-lane bridge at Wilson and Carters Corner roads and the bridge on Carters Corner Rd. three-fourths of a mile south of Twigg-Hupp Rd. The county and township have also replaced many of the culverts over the past two years. This has helped eliminate flooding over the roadways during heavy rainfall. The alignment of Blue Church Rd. at Wilson Rd. is complete. What a big improvement this has made to the area.

I want to welcome Steve Volpe to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

This will be my last column as chairman. I want to thank everyone who has called or written to me over the past year. It has been my pleasure to have served as chairman for 2007.

Stick to all the New Year's resolutions you make. GO BUCKS!!!!

### Zoning News

Any residents interested in the open position on the Zoning Commission should forward resumes to Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. The trustees will interview applicants for these positions at their Jan. 8 meeting.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) welcomes Steve Volpe. He will serve a five-year term through 2012.

Volpe resides on Wilson Rd. with his wife, Debbie. They have two adult daughters, Michelle and Marie. Volpe is a Columbus City Schools Project Manager in charge of design and construction of new schools.

The BZA thanks Tom Dando for his many years of service on the board. The Zoning Commission also thanks Dewey Akers for his years of service on the board.

The Zoning Office is working with EMH&T and Del-Co Water on the NorthStar Final Development Plan administrative review. Draft deed documents also are being reviewed.

### Wilson Road Status

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has issued right in, right out, and left out access permits for the new Wilson Road intersection at Rts. 36/7. The developer is working with ODOT to coordinate full access including a left-in access permit. When that permit is issued, the road will be opened. Traffic studies will then be conducted to determine if a signal light is warranted at the intersection.

### Trash Invoices

The invoice you received from Rumpke reflected rates prior to the approval of the new contract. You will receive a new invoice reflecting the new rate.

If you already paid the original invoice, you do not need to send in any additional payment at this time. The difference will be reflected on the next invoice. If you have not paid yet, please wait for the new invoice and pay the new amount.

Rumpke respectfully apologizes for any inconvenience and/or confusion.

### Holiday Fire Risks

State Fire Marshal Michael P. Bell is urging you to pay close attention to fire safety this holiday season. Since 2000, nine deaths and more than \$1.3

million in damages were reported in Ohio as a result of fires starting on and around Christmas trees. Three factors pose an especially increased fire threat during the holidays: decorative lighting, live Christmas trees, and unattended children.

### Decorative Lighting

- Purchase lights with the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), and use the lights according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not connect too many light sets together, and install light sets outside the home only if they are specifically labeled for outside use. Outdoor lights should be fastened with hangars, not staples, and should be placed on a ground fault interrupter circuit when possible.
- Use replacement bulbs with the correct wattage, and replace light sets and extension cords that are worn or cracked. Use as few extension cords as possible, and do not run them under rugs or over sharp objects.
- Decorative candles should be secured and kept away from material that could easily ignite. Candles should be extinguished before leaving the house or going to bed.

### 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\*)

Year End Trustees Mtg.	Dec. 28*, 7 pm
Trash Day (Friday)	Jan. 4*
Trustees Meeting	Jan. 8*, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	Jan. 10
Zoning Commission	Jan. 16, 7 pm
Trash Days	Jan. 17, 24, & 31

## Live Christmas Trees

Live Christmas trees should be as fresh as possible. Do not place your tree where it blocks your primary or alternative escape routes.

## Selecting a Tree

- Make sure the needles are flexible and hard to pull off the branch. The needles should not break off easily on a fresh cut tree. If you bounce the tree trunk on the ground and a lot of needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long ago and has probably dried out. It is a fire hazard.
- The trunk should be sticky to the touch.

## Caring for Your Tree

- Cut about an inch off the bottom of the trunk before placing it in a sturdy tree stand.
- Keep the tree stand filled with water and check the water level daily.
- Place your tree away from any heat source, including a heat vent, fireplace, or space heater.
- Never place any lighted candles near the tree or anywhere near the area where the tree may fall if knocked over by a pet or child.

## Tree Decorations

- Before placing lights on the tree, inspect them for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or connect more than three light strands together. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Do not leave holiday lights turned on when unattended. Turn them off

when you leave your home or go to bed.

- Use only nonflammable decorations.

## Disposing of Your Tree

- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. It can cause a creosote build-up in the chimney, which is a fire hazard.

## Unattended Children

- Children need to be warned to stay away from matches, candles and decorative lighting. Younger children should be supervised at all times in rooms where candles are in use.
- Ensure that every family member has practiced, and is familiar with, your home escape plan and that each person knows two ways out of every room in the house.
- Make sure that all smoke detectors in your home are operational. Don't be tempted to borrow detector batteries. Ideally, your household should have a smoke detector on each level of the house and inside every bedroom.

## Newsletter By E-mail

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**Have a  
Happy New Year!**

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