



# Kingston Township

## News

June 2008

### Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. It feels good to be outdoors.

Sam Baldauf, from Boy Scout Troop 300, has taken on the renovation of the Rosecrans Memorial as his Eagle Scout project. He is making good progress and expects to have the renovation complete for the Memorial Day holiday.

I talked with the Public Relations Officer for the Delaware County Sheriff's Office concerning a meeting with the public to discuss crime in Delaware County and how to guard against identity theft. The meeting will involve several townships. When I have a date and location, the information will be printed in this newsletter and local newspapers.

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

### Master Plan

At their May 5 meeting, the trustees received the Zoning Commission's recommendation to adopt a master plan. The trustees will hold a special public meeting to gather input on the plan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, at the township hall.

The document is available for review at the Kilbourne Post Office, the Community Library, the Zoning Office, or at [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org) under zoning.

The plan supports agricultural preservation and maintaining the rural character of the township. It also supports natural resource conservation by encouraging conservation subdivision design in a "density neutral" concept in all areas of the township.

### NorthStar Final Plan

At the Trustees' May meeting, updates were given on the NorthStar Final Plan application. Attorneys are still reviewing the township land transfer and deed documents.

Robert Weiler Company representatives said they did not conduct environmental studies on the township land but gave the township permission to conduct the studies. The information is needed to determine septic system suitability. The developer will build the septic system since taps promised won't be available for 15-20 years.

Details on timing were addressed. The access road to the township hall and park, the park pavillion, and septic system will all be built by the developer to coincide with the township hall construction.

It was agreed that the township hall and farm preservation land will be deeded to the township upon approval of the final plan. An easement will allow the Weiler Company access to the land in order to build infrastructure.

The remaining commitment was 300.2-acres of township hall, farm preservation, and park land. Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott read excerpts of sworn testimony from the NorthStar rezoning hearings regarding the 300.2-acre donation. He also read quotes from Robert Weiler Company attorneys citing the donation of the 300.2 acres in their Supreme Court case. The fact that it was not included on the residents' referendum petition was one factor the court cited in rejecting the referendum petition.

Following discussion, the trustees adjourned to executive session with Zoning Attorney Mike O'Reilly. Following executive session, they directed Talbott to accept the plan with 29 acres less than originally committed. This results in 271.2-acres being deeded to the township

### Twp. Clean-up Day

The trustees have scheduled a Township Clean-up Day for 9 a.m.-1p.m. on Saturday, June 21 at the township maintenance building, at Blue Church Rd. and St. Rt. 521.

Scrap metal will be accepted. No paint, tires, furniture, appliances, or hazardous waste can be accepted. Large items such as furniture and appliances (with Freon removed) can

be accepted curbside each week with your trash. The Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Dropoff Days will be Oct. 17 and 18 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

### Prevent Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are a public health concern because they spread diseases including La Crosse Encephalitis and West Nile virus.

Mosquito prevention is the best precaution against these diseases. Empty standing water out of flower pots, bird baths, and other outdoor containers regularly, and keep gutters and other potential mosquito breeding places free of stagnant water. Large areas of standing water can be treated with larvicide, sold commercially as Mosquito Dunks.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites, particularly early in the evening when mosquitoes are most active. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself by wearing light-colored long pants and a long-sleeved shirt and by wearing mosquito repellent containing DEET or Picaridin. Apply repellent according to the instructions.

The Delaware General Health District will set mosquito traps nightly throughout the County. Mosquitoes that are caught will be sent to the Ohio Department of Health laboratory for testing. The Health District also will

### 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\*)

Master Plan Meeting	May 28, 7:30 PM
Trustees Meeting	June 2, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	June 5
Recycling Bin Arrives	June 12 (until full)
Trash Day	June 12
Zoning Commission	June 18, 7 pm
Trash Day	June 19
Twp. Clean-up Day	June 21, 9 AM-1 PM
Trash Day	June 26

collect dead crows and blue jays for testing. If you find a freshly deceased crow or blue jay, call the Health District at 740-368-1700. To report mosquito infestations or request fogging should contact the trustees.

## Thunderstorms

Approximately 10 percent of thunderstorms are considered severe, which means they produce hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, have winds of at least 58 miles per hour, or produce a tornado. Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the evening or afternoon. The chances of being struck by lightning are about 1 in 600,000.

### Before the Storm

- Listen to a NOAA weather radio to check local forecasts and news reports regularly. Keep a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with extra batteries.
- Buy ground fault protectors for key electrical equipment.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall.
- If a thunderstorm is likely in your area, postpone outdoor activities.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors and objects. Secure outdoor objects that could blow away.
- Unplug appliances and electrical items, such as computers, and turn off air conditioners. If you cannot unplug them, turn them off.

### During the Storm

- Follow the 30-30 rule: When you

see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles and is dangerous. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance for lightning. Seek shelter immediately. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

- Stop outdoor activities at the first clap of thunder and get inside a large building or an enclosed vehicle. Wait 30 minutes after the thunder to go back outside.
- When inside, stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Avoid showering or bathing. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe.
- If you are in open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground.

### After the Storm

- If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and get medical care immediately.
- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse.

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