



Kingston Township

News

March 2008

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

Hello, everyone. I want to remind you to be extra cautious with all the recent, radical changes in the weather. Even though the snow plow truck with salt has been on your road, there could still be icy spots. I would like to thank the residents who observed dangerous conditions and took the time to call me to report the locations so Ed Moore could be made aware of them. Please leave your name, number, and the location of the hazard when you call so I can return your call. On the upside, spring is not far away.

Township officials just completed the three-day Ohio Township Conference in Columbus. It was very productive. The rules and regulations for township government can change often. This helps us to be informed so we can be more effective in the performance of our duties and make better decisions for the improvement of our township.

I received a reply from Rumpke about curb-side recycling. They indicated a 90% participation rate would be needed to keep the price of trash collection at the current price. We will continue to try to improve the recycling situation.

Maribeth Deavers was appointed to the position I vacated on the zoning board. She has been the alternate for the past two years. Thank you Maribeth for your commitment.

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

Zoning News

The Zoning Office received a draft of the Impact Study. They will review it with the zoning commission at the February meeting.

The draft comprehensive land use (master) plan has been forwarded to the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission staff for informal review and input.

Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott reported to the trustees on the

progress of the NorthStar Final Development Plan. The zoning office staff has been working with the developer, their engineer, their attorney, and Del-Co Water Company. The plan has gone from having approximately 40 items out of compliance to four outstanding items. These items include:

- Location of the Del-Co Water tower adjacent to existing residences and the proposed location for the township hall on Carter's Corner Rd. The zoning staff requested that the tower location be marked so township personnel could view it, but the developer declined to do so. The trustees will approach adjacent land owners to discuss the issue.
- The township land deed includes a reverter clause stating that if the township no longer wants the land, it reverts back to the developer. This will need legal review. The timing of the deeding of the land has been established.
- The amount of acreage is 29 acres less than that promised during the rezoning.
- Sewer taps for the township hall and pavilion won't be available until the end of the development phases in approximately 12-15 years so on-site septic will be required for earlier use.

Maribeth Deavers will take over Dewey Akers' position on the zoning commission through 2010.

Recycling Bin

During the first month of the new schedule for the township recycling bin, the bin was filled in less than two weeks and was removed. The bin filled up so fast primarily because of boxes that were not broken down. Please help everyone have the chance to recycle by breaking down all your boxes (chipboard and cardboard) before placing them in the bin.

A new bin will arrive on the second Thursday of each month and will remain until it is full.

Rumpke Bill

The Rumpke bill you just received included a \$.69 regulatory fee which should not have been included. Please delete this charge from your bill when you send payment. If you have already paid, the charge will be credited during the next billing cycle.

Porter Kingston Fire District 2007 Report

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) responded to 358 calls for assistance in 2007 with a total of 2,509 individual responses of personnel, averaging nine personnel per call. This was an increase over an average of seven personnel per call in 2006.

PKFD supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 44 times and received mutual aid 22 times.

The district hired five new firefighters. There are now of 30 members which is an increase of three over the previous year end total.

PKFD is still able to maintain a staffing level of three during the day with additional personnel available as needed.

District personnel completed a total of 993 hours of fire and 327 hours of EMS training in 2007. Various personnel completed the following training: EMT-B, EMT-P, Pump Ops, Howell Rescue, Hazmat Technician, and Certified Rescue Technician. One firefighter is currently enrolled in EMT-B and Firefighter II class.

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	March 3, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	March 6, 13
Recycling Bin Arrives	March 13 (until full)
Zoning Commission	March 19, 7 pm
Trash Days	March 20, 27

The district received a Target Safety grant award of \$2,100 as well as an \$800 firefighter training grant. A Paratech Collapse and Trench equipment grant valued at \$48,000 was received from the Delaware County Threat, Risk, Need Committee (TRN) which distributes Homeland Security grants locally.

A \$5,000 grant was applied toward the purchase of a Safety House. A grant was awarded for a Wolfpack Viewing system from CEDAP. A grant for forestry equipment was received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A \$1000 grant was awarded by the Ohio Division of EMS.

The department purchased and completed the Special Operations Trailer for the grant equipment. Other purchases in 2007 include new Genesis extrication equipment and five sets of turnout gear. They also received and installed five additional 800 mhz portable radios. The training room was refurbished, also.

Change Your Clocks, And Your Batteries

Make a potentially lifesaving change when you move their clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 9th: Change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Firefighters still find that smoke detectors, which typically retail for less than \$10, are often not present in homes or are not functional. In 2006, 185 Ohioans died and more than 700 were injured in more than 15,000 residential fires reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Smoke detectors, when properly

installed and maintained, provide early warning when fire occurs. For the greatest protection, install a smoke detector on every level of your home and inside each sleeping area. Also, develop an escape plan and make sure every family member knows what to do if the fire alarm does sound.

Test smoke detectors at least once each month to ensure that they are working properly. Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year. Batteries in battery-operated detectors should be changed twice a year or whenever a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power. Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use. A disabled detector cannot save your life. In addition, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years or according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Car Seat Check

You can have your child's car seat checked to be sure it is installed properly 12:30-3:30 p.m., March 18, at the Genoa Twp. Fire Station located at 7049 Big Walnut Rd.

Library Book Group

The Community Library's Book Discussion Group meets the 1st Thursday of each month starting March 6, 7-8 p.m. at the library. March's book is *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvick.

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