



# Kingston Township

# News

April 2009

## Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

I'm sure everyone can agree that it was a pleasant surprise to have the temperatures become a bit more tolerable for most of the remainder of February; I hope this allowed everyone a chance to relieve some of their cabin fever.

I have gathered information regarding residential density along some of the roads within the township and submitted it back to Time Warner in hopes that we can entice them into completing the cabling of the township. Along with giving you access to cable television, you will have access to high speed internet connectivity and another option for telephone service if you so choose. If you do not have Time Warner cable on your road, please make a request by calling Time Warner. I would like for you to call or send me an e-mail letting me know that you have made a recent request. Be sure to include your name and address if you have to leave a message or use e-mail.

We have contacted Abitibi Paper Recycling to have one of their dumpsters placed at the township garage hopefully by the middle of March. Our hope is that this will alleviate some of the recycling overload in the dumpster provided by the County. The Abitibi dumpster is placed at no charge and if we follow the guidelines for the types of paper to place in this dumpster, the township will receive payment for the recycling. Please fill this dumpster first with your newspaper and magazines as this is emptied and left in place. If the volume of recycled paper warrants, we may be able to get an addition dumpster.

## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Make a potentially lifesaving change when you move your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 8th: Change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

The facts speak clearly – only a *working* smoke detector can save your life! By taking the time to change batteries and testing them monthly, you may save your life, your family members' lives, and your property.

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 they are working properly. Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year. 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.

## Road Work

N. Galena Rd. will be closed between Berkshire and Twigg-Hupp roads March 9-20 for replacement of three culverts.

The Little Walnut Creek bridge on Carter's Corner Road between Wilson and Twigg-Hupp roads will be replaced this fall. Right-of-way clearing has begun and utility relocation will occur this spring and summer.

The trustees voted to spend \$75,700 to improve five township roads. The planned work is as follows:

- Stockwell Road – repair, chip and seal, and centerline striping;
- Blaney Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping;
- Rosecrans Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping;
- Wildwood Lane – crack sealing, and chip and seal; and,
- Wilson Road – chip and seal, centerline and edgeline striping.

No dates are set for the work yet. The County Engineer estimates it would cost \$163,747 to widen Wilson Road south/west of the new bridge near Carter's Corner Road. The trustees discussed applying for a grant for this project.

The trustees passed a resolution opposing the Delaware County Commissioners' plan to divert funds into the general fund from the .75 percent sales tax voted in for road and bridge improvements.

## Stockwell Road

Trustees from Trenton and Porter townships attended the March trustees meeting to discuss proposed Stockwell Road improvements. Because the road

is narrow and dangerous with poor line of sight, the trustees are proposing to move back ditches, level out the hill, and widen and pave the road. Complicating the project are the lack of road right-of-ways.

Four meetings have been held and trustees from all four bordering townships will meet in March to continue discussions. The trustees plan to send letters to residents and property owners on the road inviting them to a public meeting. The intent of the meeting is to inform and gauge resident and trustee interest and support. The trustees hope residents will see the safety value in improving the road. The trustees also hope to alleviate costs through easement donations and having the townships complete most of the work.

## Wilson & N. Galena Traffic Light

Trustees Chairman John Fink contacted the Delaware County Engineer with concerns about the timing of the traffic light at Wilson and N. Galena roads. The following was the County Engineer's answer.

"The traffic light engineering and sequencing at Wilson and N. Galena Roads was designed by the developer's engineer with the expense borne by the developer. The sequencing is set to meet the anticipated traffic conditions when the development is built out."

"The sequencing is set to have Wilson Rd. as the main thoroughfare with a speed limit of 35 MPH and N. Galena's speed limit at 45 MPH. The light will remain green to Wilson Rd.

## Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted\* otherwise.

**Trustees Meet 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.**

**Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays**  
(except during holiday weeks\*)

Trash Day	April 2
Trustees Meeting	April 7, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	April 9
Recycling Bin Arrives	April 9 (until full)
Fire Board Mtg.	April 13, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Commission	April 15, 7 p.m.
Trash Days	April 16, 23, 30

until a vehicle actuates the road sensors on N. Galena at which time it will turn the light green to N. Galena for a minimum of 12 seconds (min green time). The light will remain green for an additional 2.5 seconds every time a vehicle hits one of the advanced warning loops (placed 300 and 500) feet away, up to 30 seconds (max green time). If either vehicles stop hitting the loops (gap out) or the max green time is reached (timed out) the signal will go to the next phase. At the end of each phase there is a 5 second yellow followed by a 1 second all red (clear time). The signal would then go back to resting in green for east/west Wilson traffic.

“Currently the County Engineer’s Office has no plans to change the traffic light sequencing.”

## Zoning

BBC & M Engineering will soon begin a phase one environmental analysis of the 270 acres of NorthStar donated land. The project will involve evaluation of the land and soil borings on 25 acres to determine its suitability for a township hall and septic field.

The township has received a Right-of-Entry Agreement from the Robert Weiler Company that allows township officials to inspect the site and begin planning for the township hall.

The NorthStar Final Plan is still awaiting signatures and the deed will now need to reflect the new NorthStar/Nationwide Realty partnership name. New deed documents, surveys, and revised drawings and details are needed as well.

It has been four months since the township filed for dismissal of the Pastures at Blue Church lawsuit and there is still no ruling from the judge.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission staff will begin reviewing the township’s zoning resolution. They will attend the April 15 zoning meeting to begin discussing revisions to the following chapters: preamble; title; purpose; interpretation of standards; application of resolution; non-conforming uses; zoning inspector, zoning certificates, and applications; zoning commission; board of zoning appeals; amendments; enforcement; and severability and repeal. The Zoning Commission asked that residents participate early in shaping this document.

## Recycling

Thanks for your outstanding recycling efforts! Since the township’s recycling bin fills in two weeks, we have arranged for a Paper Retriever Abitibi bin to be located at the township maintenance building. It will be there at all times and will be emptied when full. The township will be paid for the Abitibi contents, so use it first for paper but not cardboards. Please follow the rules and **only** put these items in the bin: newspapers, magazines, mail, envelopes, school and office papers, folders, and catalogs.

When the township’s recycling bin is gone, you can take your items to other nearby locations, too:

- Porter Twp. Maintenance Bldg., Olive Green Rd. (across from Fire Station): arrives 1st Tues./month.
- Brown Twp., between the old school and the church, 5563 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, arrives 2nd Tues./month.
- Big Walnut Plaza, 490 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, full time bin.

## Newsletter By E-mail

If you'd prefer an e-mailed, full-color newsletter in .pdf format, send an e-mail with your name and mailing address to:

[kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com).

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