



Kingston Township

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News

Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

Last month I wrote that the trustees are considering going paperless with the newsletter. This would save the township more than \$600 a month in printing and postage charges. Your newsletter would be, as it is now available via email or online at the township's website by the 15th of each month. For those who do not have internet connectivity, a limited number of hard copies would then be available for pick up at the township hall and possibly the Sunbury and Kilborne Post Offices. We want feedback from the residents to help us with our decision as we plan to use the next couple of months to gather residents' responses to this idea. We want to ensure we can keep you informed, but at the same time cut expenses. At the time of this writing I've heard from only two residents. Please contact the trustees and let us know how you feel about this. We want to hear especially from those who do not have internet connectivity as this will impact you the most. You may have an idea for getting the newsletter to you that we've not considered. You can call me at 524-0283. If I'm not there, leave a message, I do return phone calls usually the same day.

I want to encourage all the residents to work with your neighbors to make this township a great place to live. If there is an issue, try to be understanding when discussing it with each other. Our children should be able to have a good time outdoors while growing up. We all want to enjoy our homes, while affecting our neighbors as little as possible. I think everyone understands that a home is a major investment and we all would like to see our neighborhoods reasonably maintained. Please be thoughtful and considerate of your neighbors.

Fireworks Safety

With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But, before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries. In 2003, six deaths were linked to fireworks and hospital emergency departments treated 9,300 fireworks injuries.

The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — period. Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals. Lighting fireworks at home that are not State of Ohio approved is illegal. If you do have approved fireworks, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Kids should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit — hot enough to melt gold.
- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket — the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.
- Light one firework at a time (not in

glass or metal containers), and never relight a dud.

- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or call 911. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your child's eyesight may depend on it. If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!

For more information see http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/outdoor/fireworks.html.

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 PM

Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 PM

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays

(except during holiday weeks*)

Trash Day	July 2
Trustees Meeting	July 7, 7:30 PM
Trash Day	July 9
Recycling Bin Arrives	July 9 (until full)
Fire Board Mtg.	July 13, 7:30 PM
Health Clinic, SUMC	July 14, 1:30-3:30 PM
Zoning Commission	June 15, 7 PM
Trash Days	July 16, 23, 30

Independence Day

Independence Day activities in Sunbury include a parade starting at 10 a.m., a flea market on the square along with many other activities culminating in fireworks at 10 p.m.

Brown School

Many of you may have had connections with the Brown School in Kilbourne. The Brown Township Trustees are looking for ideas and feedback on how to use the school.

Roads

The County Engineer lists July as the beginning of construction on the Carter's Corner Bridge between Wilson and Twigg-Hupp.

The contractor was supposed to resurface Beacom Rd. It appears that only patching was done so the trustees will meet with the contractor to get this project corrected.

Trustees from Berkshire, Kingston, Porter and Trenton met with property owners on Stockwell Road to discuss the concept of widening the road. Approximately twelve residents/property owners attended and the overwhelming majority were against the concept so it was decided to drop this proposal.

Zoning Code Revisions

The Zoning Commission will review the following chapters at their July meeting: June follow-up items, Sign and Billboard Regulations, Proposed Landscaping and Lighting Standards, Farm Residence District (FR1), and Planned Residential District (PRD).

Recycling

Remember that certain materials should not go in the community recycling bin. Pyrex, Correlle dishes, Corning Ware, and similar cookware that can be used in hot ovens should not be placed in recycling bins. These items can ruin an entire load of glass undergoing reprocessing.

Sims Brothers also has been discarding as much as 1,000 pounds of unacceptable materials from the bins every day. These include #5 and #6 plastics such as yogurt containers, clear plastic throwaway food containers, peanut butter jars, and some pancake syrup bottles. Other items that should never go in recycling bins include trash and heavy metal objects.

Only #1 and #2 plastic containers should be placed in the recycling bins. Examples include soft drink bottles, milk jugs, and laundry detergent bottles.

If you aren't sure whether something can be recycled, call 740-368-1700. You also can get information online at www.delawarehealth.org.

It is great that so many residents are recycling as much trash as possible, but these material contamination problems are significant. One baking dish, when it gets into the glass melter, can shut down the machine and ruin an entire load of recyclable glass.

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