



# Kingston Township

# News

May 2009

## Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

Spring appears to have arrived early; I'm sure everyone has begun their spring cleanup, gardening and are close to if not already mowing their yard. My wife has been busy in her flower beds and we were able to start preparing our vegetable garden.

The additional paper recycling dumpsters have been placed at the township garage located at the corner of Blue Church Rd. and St. Rt. 521. Thanks to everyone who placed your newspapers, magazines, mail and office paper in the Abitibi bins first. The two additional dumpsters have given some much needed relief to the over taxed dumpster supplied by the County and allowed for it to be left in place longer.

I have received several calls and e-mails from township residents informing me that they have contacted Time Warner about providing cable TV, high speed internet, and/or telephone services to their homes. Please let me know if you have contacted Time Warner to get first-time service so that I can track the actual demand for service. If you are interested in service, contact Time Warner at 614-481-5050. There are a few roads left in the township to be cabled and Time Warner has to have a subscription base to cover the expense of running cable.

Please keep in mind while you're on the roads that we share them with the farming community. Slow down and be courteous to our farmers while they move their equipment on the roads. There is plenty of time to get where you're going. Take some time to enjoy the view.

I would like to remind everyone that they can get the newsletter sooner and help save the township money by either requesting their newsletter via e-mail or informing us that they are downloading it from the Township's website at [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org). This saves us the printing and postage expenses. In both cases, the newsletter is available by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

The newsletter is sent via U.S.

Postal bulk mail and as a result does not get delivered until near the end of the month. Please contact Jeanna Burrell at 965-1914 or [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com).

## Fire Dept. Assists Fire Marshal in Pataskala



The State Fire Marshal's office requested that our Porter Kingston Fire District assist with shoring up the second floor after a fire in downtown Pataskala so that investigators could enter the structure. Four personnel and the district's Special Operations trailer responded to the incident.

## Trustees' Actions

At the April 7 trustees meeting, the mowing contract for the township properties was awarded to The Lawn Doctor of Marysville.

Rinehart, Walters, and Danner briefed trustees on their 2009 Ohio Plan insurance coverage and distributed medical inquiry forms for employees as part of an investigation into the cost of providing health care coverage to township employees.

The trustees hired Shore Surveying to complete plotting out the rest of Blue Church Cemetery.

At their April meeting, trustees passed a resolution to collect a three percent cable franchise fee from Time Warner per the Ohio Revised Code. This has been in effect and the resolution formalizes the process.

## Road Work

Kingston, Berkshire, Trenton, and Porter township trustees met to discuss notifying residents about the proposed Stockwell Road improvements. A joint

letter will be sent from all four townships to residents/owners on the road inviting them to a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., May 21, at the Porter Twp. Hall to inform them and gauge resident interest and support.

Trustee Dewey Akers will hand deliver the letters to the few Kingston Township residents on Stockwell Rd.

The recent Beacom Road resurfacing has not held up well so the trustees will send a letter to the contractor requesting the road be resurfaced.

The trustees discussed ditch concerns on Berkshire Rd. Water lays in the ditch on the Berkshire Township side of the road and it has been proposed to put in a drainage pipe and close the ditch. The County Engineer recommends against doing this and the trustees could not agree on a solution. Kingston Township maintains the road from the crown of the bridge west to 3 Bs & K Rd. and Berkshire Township maintains the road from the crown of the bridge east to N. Galena Rd. The trustees recommend that this continues and each township should be responsible for the road right-of-way within their respective townships.

## Prevent Barn Fires

Since 2000, there have been 4,938 barn fires reported in Ohio. Those fires have claimed five lives, injured 64 civilians and 136 fire fighters, and caused more than \$77.8 million in damages. The State Fire Marshal does not track livestock losses.

## 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\*)

Trustees Meeting May 5, 7:30 PM

Trash Day May 7

Fire Board Mtg. May 11, 7:30 PM

Health Clinic, SUMC May 12, 1:30-3:30 PM

Trash Day May 14

Recycling Bin Arrives May 14 (until full)

Zoning Commission May 20, 7 PM

Trash Days May 21, 29\*

Many of the fires are the result of arson, but there are other causes such as farm equipment, hot ashes, smoking, and fireworks.

You can make your barns safer from fire and protect lives, property and livestock by the following:

- Eliminate items that start barn fires.
- Enforce a no-smoking policy in and around the barn.
- Do not keep coffee pots and hot plates in the barn.
- Ensure that electric service to the barn is fire code compliant. Wires should be the correct gauge and enclosed in a conduit.
- Farm equipment, including tractors, mowers and trimmers, should be properly maintained and in good running condition. The equipment should never be started in or near the barn.
- Warming fires and bonfires should never be built in close proximity to the barn. Hot ashes and coals also should never be disposed in or near the barn.
- Fuel, paints and solvents also should be stored away from the barn.
- Hay storage should be separate from where machinery is stored. Hay should be dry before it is put into the building.
- Fire departments should identify barns and water sources in their response area before there is an incident.

## Zoning

As we move into spring, remember that zoning permits are needed for decks, patios, pools, and accessory buildings. Any structure, including accessory buildings, must follow setback requirements as described in

the township zoning resolution or a variance must be applied for.

The township has received a Right-of-Entry Agreement from the Robert Weiler Company/Nationwide Realty that allows township officials to inspect the site and begin planning for the township hall. BBC & M Engineering has completed their phase one environmental analysis of the proposed township land and is completing their report. BBC & M found a number of dilapidated buildings and one contained suspected asbestos.

The NorthStar engineering firm, EMH&T, has presented revised Final Plan documents and the township and its attorney are reviewing those.

Attorneys for both sides held a phone status conference with the judge for the Pastures at Blue Church lawsuit case.

The Zoning Commission will review the following chapters at their May meeting: general development standards; sign and billboard regulations; and proposed landscaping and lighting regulations. The Zoning Commission asked that residents attend these meetings to help shape your zoning code.

## Health District Goals

A Delaware General Health District representative attended the April trustees meeting to discuss the district's priorities. These include communicable disease control, environmental health, chronic disease prevention, healthy youth, and agency infrastructure.

The District offers a free Neighborhood Health Center at Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, on the 2nd Tues. each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. You can get free screenings and vaccinations.

## Who To Call

(740 Area Code)

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