



Kingston Township

News

October 2009

Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

Greetings. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. The trees are beginning to show some fall color, but with the rain we've been experiencing I'm not sure if we'll have much time to enjoy it. I want to remind everyone that, if you didn't when the clocks changed in October, now is a good time to change those batteries and test your smoke detectors.

The local farmers are harvesting crops. Keep in mind while driving that we share our roads with the farming community. Please give them plenty of room to maneuver.

I have received several phone calls in the last month from residents who want to continue to have the newsletter mailed to their homes. Their information has been added to the list that now totals 14 residents. If you have not contacted me and would like to continue to receive the newsletter through the mail, please call me at 524-0283 within the next month. We will discontinue mailing the newsletter after December of this year. The newsletters are always available for viewing and downloading on the Township's website on the 15th of each month at www.kingstontwp.org.

Roads

The Carter's Corner Road Bridge is on schedule to be completed by November 27.

Oil Well Odors

If you have problems with oil and gas well odors, please contact Fire Chief Mike Thompson at 524-5050 so he can address the issue with the companies responsible for the wells.

BZA Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will appoint one person to the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a

letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, Nov. 20, 2009. The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail or e-mail at Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or zoning@kingstontwp.org.

The BZA meets on an as-needed basis, and the position term runs from Dec. 2009 through Dec. 2014.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, 7:30 P.M. at the Kingston Township Hall. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

Firefighter of the Year



Photo courtesy of Lenny Lepola

The Porter Kingston Fire District named Jim Cannell Firefighter of the Year. Cannell is a volunteer firefighter with the district and serves as training captain. He works as a full-time firefighter and paramedic and Battalion Relief Chief for the City of Columbus. Congratulations and thanks for your contributions!

Watershed Study

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District is making

progress on the Upper Big Walnut Creek watershed action planning grant. The watershed grant, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, is to develop a community-based watershed action plan for the Upper Big Walnut Creek watershed to protect and preserve water quality throughout the project area. In Kingston Township, this area includes the main stem of Little Walnut Creek along with the East and West Branches, and Butler Run.

The grant offers the opportunity for all watershed residents to express their concerns and observations related to water resources in the project area and to help guide a written plan of action to address watershed related impairments, issues, and other water quality concerns.

The watershed project office offers the most direct route for residents to communicate their viewpoints and perspectives as development and implementation of the plan moves forward. A phone call, e-mail, or participation in quarterly steering committee meetings are some of the best ways to learn about the watershed project and have your voice heard. The project office also offers residents the opportunity to look over the written plan and provide constructive review and comment anytime during our regular District working hours.

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*)

Delaware General Health District's Health Clinic is at Sunbury United Methodist Church (SUMC)

Trustees Meeting Nov. 3, 7:30 PM

Trash Day Nov. 5

Fire Board Mtg. Nov. 9, 7:30 PM

Health Clinic, SUMC Nov. 10, 1:30-3:30 PM

Trash Day Nov. 12

Recycling Bin Arrives Nov. 12 (until full)

Zoning Commission Nov. 18, 7 PM

Trash Day Nov. 19, Nov. 27*

Don't forget to check out the watershed project website at <http://delawareswcd.org/Watershed/UBWC/> and please feel free to contact the streams and watersheds specialist, Ed Miller, by e-mail at ed-miller@delawareswcd.org or by phone at 740-368-1921.

School Levy

Andy Wecker, Rich Zumpone, and Superintendent Steve Mazzi attended the October Trustees Meeting to discuss the Big Walnut Schools levy.

Wecker explained that the schools have been rated excellent for the past four years while spending less than the state average per pupil and while having one of the lowest tax rates in the county. "We are one of the best run school districts in the state," he told the audience.

The schools experienced a shortfall in revenue due to lower than expected real estate and income tax revenues. The schools cut \$2 million or nine percent of their \$26 million budget on the first round of cuts.

Wecker explained that the five-year 6.7-mill emergency operating levy equates to \$235 per \$100,000 in property value. "If we don't fix this now, it will get worse and be more difficult to fix later," Wecker explained.

Township resident Zumpone added that there are already 232 new students in the district this year, far surpassing high enrollment projections, and proving that, despite the economy, the district is still growing rapidly. "There are 50 new homes being built in the Big Walnut district right now," Zumpone said.

Wecker added that residents

should remember that the recently passed bond levy is for bricks and sticks, much like a mortgage, to build buildings only. The money needed is to operate the schools like your household budget for electric, phones, and gas.

Mazzi asked people to e-mail him with any questions about the levy at steve_mazzi@bigwalnut.k12.oh.us.

Vote Nov. 3

Remember to vote Nov. 3. Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polling place for the township is at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521.

Your candidates for township trustee are John Fink, William Shively, and Steve Volpe.

Local issues on the ballot include:

- A 6.7-mill five-year emergency tax levy for the Big Walnut Schools;
- A one-mill five-year additional tax levy for the Community Library;
- A .4-mill one-year additional county-wide tax levy for construction and acquisition of an outdoor warning siren system; and,
- A .1-mill one-year additional county-wide tax levy for maintenance and operation of an outdoor warning siren system.

If you need to vote absentee, visit the Delaware County Board of Election's web site at: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/absentee.asp> to print a form to request your absentee ballot.

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