

Kingston Township

February 2011

News

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! I will be serving as the Chairman of the Board of Kingston Township Trustees for 2011. I hope that you experience good health, happiness, and prosperity this year and that you're sticking to your New Year's resolutions!

The trustees are reviewing the recommended changes to the Township Zoning resolution. We will listen to public comment on the proposed changes at 7 p.m. on February 1st at the Township Hall. Our regular monthly meeting will follow.

The township three-year exclusive waste hauling contract was awarded to Big O Refuse Corporation from Newark, Ohio. More details are in the next story.

We are awaiting the deeds and title transfer of the land donation by NorthStar. Once this transfer is complete, we can start planning the new facilities.

Thanks to Superintendent Doug Crawl for doing a fine job of keeping the roads safe and clear this winter for all of us. Please call Doug or a trustee to report any hazardous road conditions that need immediate attention.

It is with great sadness that I report to you the loss of Phil Gentile. Phil passed away suddenly January 3rd at St. Ann's Hospital. He served more than 20 years as the President of the Porter-Kingston Fire District Board of Trustees. Phil was committed to seeing that the residents of our fire district had the best fire protection possible. He was a great man to his family and the community and we will miss him. Memorial contributions can be made to the OSU Burn Unit Development Fund at 410 W. 10th Ave., N 748 Doan Hall, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at (740) 524-2333.

New Trash & Recycling Service

The trustees awarded a new three-year exclusive residential trash and recycling contract to Big-O Refuse beginning January 1. All residents should have received information in the mail.

The new pick up day is Friday and trash and recycling should be at the curb by 6 a.m. Weekly residential service is \$38.64/quarter for unlimited weekly trash pick up including bulk items. An optional, wheeled 96-gallon trash container is \$2.75/month. Big-O also offers voluntary co-mingled curbside recycling for \$13.20/quarter which includes an 18-gallon bin.

Information is available and you can register for services at 1-888-924-BIGO (2446) or www.bigorefuse.com. You can sign up for free paperless billing at your e-mail address as well. You may also reach Big-O at service@bigorefuse.com.

NorthStar Moving Forward

At the January trustees meeting, township zoning attorney Mike O'Reilly presented a formal Declaration of Restrictions for trustee review. These are the formal documents that will deed 25 acres for a township hall and 144 acres for farm preservation land to the township. After filing the documents

with the county recorder's office, the land becomes township property 120 days later.

The Declaration specifies that 122 acres for a passive park will be deeded to the township by Jan. 1, 2018 or when 498 lots have been platted and recorded, whichever occurs first. The document also allows the township to donate twenty of those acres to the Big Walnut School District. They specify that the builder will construct a septic system when the township hall is built and will later supply sewer taps when the NorthStar sewer system is built on the north end of the development. The developer will build a road to the township hall and a park shelter house within 30 days of the start of the township hall. The developer will also build bike paths.

The trustees passed a resolution to sign the Declaration.

Zoning Code Public Hearings



Kingston Township Zoning Commission Chairman Tom Filbert presents a formal recommendation to the trustees to adopt the township's revised zoning resolution.

At the Trustees' January meeting, Zoning Commission Chairman Tom Filbert presented the commission's recommendation to approve the proposed text amendments to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution. Filbert noted that the commission has worked for the past year and a half with Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) staff on the revisions. DCRPC has formally recommended the resolution for adoption. Trustees will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the township hall.

The proposed text amendments are available for public review at the Zoning Office each Friday, 8 a.m.-noon; at the Sunbury Community Library Reference Desk; and, on the township website: www.kingstontwp.org in the Special Notice section. Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with any questions.



Santa Tours Townships

More than a hundred children turned out to see Santa tour Porter and Kingston townships and meet with him at the fire house. Hopefully this helped him find his way right to your house with all the gifts on your wish lists.

Trustees Organize For 2011

The Trustees met January 3 to organize for 2011. Elections, appointments, and liaisons to various organizations were selected as follows:

2011 Appointments Trustees

Bill Shively - Chairman
Dewey Akers - Vice-Chairman
Steve Volpe - Executive Member

Porter Kingston Fire District - Dewey Akers
Health District Advisory Board - Bill Shively
Zoning Office

Inspector - Bob Talbott
Assistant Zoning Inspector/Clerk - Dave Stites
Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
Dave Stites; Bob Talbott, Alt.

Zoning Commission
Heather Burdette, Tom Filbert, John Fink, Jim Grove,
Bill Steinhoff, Alternate Rick Giffin
Board of Zoning Appeals

Jim Collins, Jim Kistner, Jim Martin, Steve Smith,
Tracy Trout, Alternate Bill Hammond
Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton - Doug Crowl
Township Attorneys

Township - Delaware County Prosecutor
Zoning - Mike O'Reilly

The Trustees' regular monthly meetings will move to 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The Zoning Office hours will continue to be on Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon.

Home Heating Safety Tips

- *Division of State Fire Marshal*

Fireplaces and Wood Burning Stoves

- Allow enough clearance between a wood burning stove and combustible materials such as walls, floors, and ceilings.
- A wood stove should be placed on an approved stove board to protect your floor from heat and hot coals.
- Make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire and never close the flue while a fire is still smoldering.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent any sparks from reaching out and igniting nearby objects.
- Never use gasoline or lighter fluid to start a fire.
- The immediate area in front of a fireplace (approximately 3 feet) should not have a rug, carpet or exposed wood flooring.
- When lighting a gas fireplace, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood, and dispose of the cooled ashes in a closed metal container outside and away from your home.
- Never leave a fire burning unattended in the fireplace.

Portable Space Heaters

- When buying a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- Never leave a heater on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep, and do not leave children or pets unattended around any heating source. Unplug the heater when you are not using it.
- Don't use an extension cord with an electric portable heater. The current to the heater can melt the cord and cause a fire.
- Don't plug more than one heating device into an outlet.
- Never use electric heaters near water – as in your bathroom or near a water heater.

Kerosene Heaters

- Make sure the room has proper ventilation.
- Fill your heater with only crystal clear, K-1 kerosene. Do not use fluid that is not recommended for your heater. Refuel outside, and only after the heater has cooled down.
- Check the wick every couple of weeks during the heating season. If the wick is dirty, clean it according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Because a kerosene heater has a constant open flame, it should not be used in a room where there are flammable solvents, aerosol sprays, gasoline, or any type of oil.

Smoke Detectors

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.

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.

Also, develop an escape plan and make sure every family member knows what to do if the fire alarm does sound.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise. Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks.

Zoning Resolution Public Hearing Feb. 1, 7 PM
Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) ..Feb. 1, Following Hearing
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) Feb. 4
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) .. Feb. 10 (until full)
Trash & Recycling Day Feb. 11
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) Feb. 16, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) Feb. 18, 25

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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Dewey Akers: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
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FISCAL OFFICER

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NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>
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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; **Business: 524-5050**
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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

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