

Kingston Township

December 2012

News

Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello again. I hope everyone is doing well. When the weather changed, it was certainly quick. It seems like I went from shorts to a coat overnight. I am grateful that we were not affected by Sandy and do not have to cope with the problems on the East Coast.

Three members of our volunteer fire department, Scott Benjamin, Craig Mignogno and Mat Scarberry, have spent the last several days volunteering in the New Jersey Area with Task Force One doing whatever is needed. We thank them for their effort. It speaks well for our community.

A recent study commissioned by the Ohio Township Association shows that the call for consolidation does not save as much money as has been stated in the past. Ohio's 1,308 townships represent 35 percent of the state's population, but they spent less than 3 percent of the \$48 billion spent by other non-state governments in 2008. In my opinion, townships should share services whenever possible, but remain separate.

Please feel free to call me at 740/803-1529 with any questions or concerns about the township.

Till next month, *Dewey*

Township Roads Update

Delaware County has completed the Wilson Rd. culvert replacement between Blue Church Rd. and State Route 61. The township had planned to replace another smaller culvert while the road was closed. However, logistics prevented this from occurring at the same time. The township is still working on this project as well as working on replacement of road signs that are faded, damaged, or missing.

October Zoning Report

Permits

- Agricultural Exemption Blue Church Road
- Lot Split N. Galena Road

Complaints

- Regarding lack of owner action concerning unmowed grass/vegetation at a property on State Route 521, the Trustees signed a Nuisance Declaration on 10-02-12, and Legal Notice was sent to the property owner by certified mail on 10-06-12. On 11-06-12, the certified letter was returned to the Zoning Office unclaimed. On 11-06-12, the Trustees affirmed their commitment to the Nuisance Declaration, and authorized the Zoning Office to post a legal notice in the newspaper to comply with Ohio Revised Code requirements.
- Received complaint from neighbor of junk vehicle collector at 4827 Carter's Corners. This was thought to be addressed in spring w/ letter from prosecutor's office and phone call from violator who said he has removed all vehicles. Vehicles cannot be seen from road, just neighbor's yard. The property owner did put up a fence to screen the vehicles which complies with the zoning resolution; however, the fence does not extend far enough to screen all vehicles. Upon review, the Trustees advised the Zoning Office to send a letter to the property

owner requesting that the fence be extended to resolve the complaint.

Miscellaneous

- No applications have been received for the open Zoning Commission Alternate position.
- Regional Planning Commission fees have been set for 2013. Based on staff reduction from in 2011, increases in revenue for permits and contract work, and other cost saving measures, the commission's previous fiscal crisis has been remedied. With adequate fiscal carryover project at the end of 2012, a onetime fee credit has been given to all members. The credit for Kingston is \$265.00 lowering our membership fee to \$2,034 for 2013.

Zoning Vacancy

An alternate position is still available on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The position runs through August 2015. This position has voting rights in the absence of a member. The Zoning Commission meets on a quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the Zoning Resolution, Comprehensive Plan, Zoning District Map, and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit letters of interest along with resumes to the Kingston Township Zoning Office. This posting will remain open until such time that the position is filled.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Trustees during their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Letters of interest may be submitted to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

In conjunction with Ohio's fire departments, the Division of State Fire Marshal encourages Ohioans to make it a habit to change the batteries in their smoke detectors at least twice a year - at the beginning and end of daylight savings time.

"This year I'm encouraging Ohioans to make the switch to smoke alarms with non-removable lithium battery," said Marshal Flowers. "Working smoke alarms and a well-practiced home fire escape plan save lives."

Marshal Flowers said firefighters still find that smoke alarms are often not present in homes or are not functional. Through October 31, 2012, 83 people have died in 73 fatal residential fires reported to the Division of State Fire Marshal. Smoke alarms were confirmed present in 29% of those fires and functioning in only 12% of the incidents.

Smoke alarms, 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. Also, develop an escape plan and make sure every family member knows what to do and where to meet outside if the fire alarm sounds.

Marshal Flowers offers these additional tips:

- Test smoke alarms at least once each month to ensure that they are working properly.
- Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year.
- Change batteries in battery-operated detectors twice a year or whenever a detector “chirps” to signal low battery power.
- Never “borrow” a smoke detector’s battery for another use.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years or according to the manufacturer’s specifications.



Porter Kingston Santa’s Tour Dec. 23rd



Porter-Kingston Firefighters
have been asked again by Santa and

his team to give him a tour of both Porter and Kingston townships. Below are the tentative times and turn-by-turn list of streets he will be visiting. We hope you can meet him at the end your driveway. If we are unable to make it to your house, or you won’t be home when we drive by, Santa will be back at the Firehouse at 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Turn-by-Turn Route

Time

North on Washington St. ----- 1 PM

Turn Right on SR 656; Turn Left on Lott Rd.;

Turn Left on Chambers Rd.; Turn Left on SR 61;

Turn Right on Wilson Rd.; Turn Right on Blue Church Rd.;

STOP at Kingston Twp. Garage;

Turn Left on Blue Church Rd.; Turn Right on Beacom Rd.;

Turn Left on SR 61; Turn Left on Kilbourne Rd.;

Turn Left on Carter’s Corner Rd.; ----- 1:30 PM

Turn Right on SR 521; Turn Rt. on N. Galena Rd.;

Turn Right onto Kilbourne Rd.; Turn Left onto Clark Rd.;

Turn Left onto Todd St. Rd.; Turn Left onto N. Galena Rd.;

Turn Right onto Kilbourne Rd.; Turn Left on N. 3 Bs & K;

Turn Left onto Berkshire Rd.; ----- 2 PM

Turn Left on N. Galena Rd.; Turn Right onto Twigg-Hupp Rd.

Right onto Carter’s Corner Rd.; Turn Left on Wilson Rd.;

Turn Right on Blue Church Rd.; Turn Left on Rosecrans Rd.;

Turn Right on SR 61; Turn Left on Stockwell Rd.;

Turn Left on Creek Rd.; Turn Left on Patrick Rd.;

Turn Left on Monkey Hollow Rd.; ----- 2:30 PM

Turn Right on SR 61; Right on Wildwood Lane;

Right on SR 61; Turn Right on SR 656;

Right on Plantation Rd.; **STOP at Plantation & Woodland Dr.;**

Left on Monkey Hollow/Patrick Rd.; Left on Frederick Rd.;

Right on Olive Green Rd.; ----- 3 PM

Right on Porter Central Rd.; Left on Centerburg Rd.;

Left on Condit Rd.; Right on Justamere Rd.;

Left on Reynolds Rd.; Left on Olive Green Rd.;

Right on Moody Rd.; ----- 3:30 PM

Left on Peerless Rd.; Left on Trimmer Rd.;

Right on Ulery Rd.; Left on Porter Central Rd.;

Right on Olive Green Rd.;

Back at Porter Kingston Fire House ----- 4:00 PM

This route is subject to change without notice, please allow plus or minus 15 minutes. For more information, visit us at www.Facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour.

Kilbourne Community Fall Festival

The day was absolutely beautiful, the crowd was fantastic, the games were fun and the food was delicious. What more

could we ask for? The community had a great time visiting, playing, shopping, and eating. Jim and Betty Link were splendid in Diane Bryant’s convertible as Grand Marshalls and the parade was an entertaining mix of old and new. The storytellers were in rare form with stories of the distant and not so distant past. It was estimated we had an attendance of about 1,200 which must be a record. The food was delicious, especially the roast pork sandwiches donated by Dawson’s Farms. We had a great group of volunteers, especially the scouts and 4-H clubs. Community involvement is important to this event and we encourage you to get involved next year on **October 5, 2013**. If you would like to volunteer, be in the parade or donate to the Festival that supports the Good Samaritan Fund, please contact Jean Hightower at jean1946@frontier.com or call 740-524-6041 and leave a message.

If you or someone you know needs help with the purchase of medicine, the payment of rent or utilities etc. please call Pastor Carol McCartney at 740-524-6041. There is a community committee that administers this fund.

Sign Up For the Newsletter

Sign up today at kingstonnews@embarqmail.com to get your newsletter emailed each month. Forward your newsletter to a neighbor so they can get their community news, too.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise, at 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter’s Corner Rd.).

Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.

Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) Nov. 24* & 30

Trustees Mtg. Dec. 4, 7 PM

Trash & Recycling Days (Friday) Dec. 7, 14, 21, 29*

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

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

Steve Volpe, V-Ch: 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org

Bill Shively, 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911;

Business: 833-2190

<http://www.delcoems.org>

NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>

Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914

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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911;

Business: 524-5050

PKFD@rroho.com; <http://www.PKFD.org>

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Big-O Refuse:

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