

Kingston Township

November 2012

News

Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello again. The transition into fall-like weather came quickly, but is a welcome relief from the sweltering heat of summer. With the weather change, more mornings are foggy. This calls for careful driving as our kids are at their bus stops before daybreak. Also, there are more deer crossing the road because the breeding season for Whitetail Deer has begun. This, plus the influx of hunters into the fields, causes a great deal of movement in the deer population. Deer/car collisions always increase drastically October through December, so be extra alert.

The township road work has finished up for this year, except for the culvert replacement on Wilson Road. That project started October 8 and the road will be closed for approximately one month. A sign has been posted on the road for about two weeks prior to the closing. I hope everyone took notice and the repairs do not inconvenience anyone too much. The road will be much improved when the work is finished.

The Trustees will meet with the County Engineer's Office in January to discuss the preliminary scope of work and costs for the bridge replacement project on Blue Church Road north of Wilson Road. We will keep you informed of that project as it develops.

The I-71/36/37 project is expected to be completed this month. The work that still needs to be done includes moving the light pole in the right turn lane for I-71 south, installing new traffic lights, installing sidewalks, and final paving.

We deeply regret the recent passing of Kenneth Cowl, father of our Road Superintendent Doug Cowl. He was one of the founding members of the Porter Township Fire Department which is now the Porter Kingston Fire Department.

We also were saddened by the loss of Maynard Dils. He stepped up to be a member of our first Zoning Commission and brought his many years of planning and development expertise as a capable chairman for the commission. We appreciate his service to our community.

The election hype seems to be lasting forever, but it will be over soon. Please get out and vote on Nov. 6. At least we don't have the long lines that plague some voting precincts.

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

Wilson Rd. will be closed Oct. 8-29 for a culvert replacement between Blue Church Rd. and State Route 61. While the road is closed the township will also replace another smaller culvert and keep one lane open for local traffic. A culvert will be widened near Taylor Tree Farm as well.

Other area roadwork that may affect your travel includes South 3 Bs & K Road which is closed for the installation of a roundabout at Cheshire Rd. through Nov. 30.

State Route 656 from State Route 61 north to the Delaware/Morrow County line will be closed through November.

September Zoning Report

Permits

- One permit was issued this month for an agricultural exemption on Kilbourne Road. The property owner responded to a friendly letter previously sent and completed required paperwork for the township and the county.

Complaints :

- Regarding lack of owner action concerning unmowed grass/vegetation at a property on State Route 521, at their Sept. 4 monthly meeting the Trustees asked the Zoning Office to prepare necessary documents to declare the property a nuisance. The Trustees signed a Nuisance Declaration Resolution on Oct. 2, and the property owner was ordered by certified letter to abate the nuisance vegetation.
- Regarding the written complaint from several neighbors regarding the lack of construction progress and care for a property on Blue Church Road, construction has been initiated to finish the home rehabilitation which will hopefully resolve neighbor concerns.

Miscellaneous:

- The Board of Zoning Appeals heard a Conditional Use (Expanded Home Occupation)/Variance application filed by an owner representative to conduct an ice sculpting business on Carter's Corner Road in an existing accessory structure. A hearing was held on Sept. 5 and the BZA approved the use including a variance to use all 1,500 square feet of the accessory structure. A number of the neighbors attended and testified at the hearing.
- Jim Collins was elected as Vice-Chair of the BZA.
- No applications have been received for the open Zoning Commission Alternate position.

Zoning Commission Meetings:

- November 14, 2012

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>.

Beggar's Night at PKFD

Beggar's Night is Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Be sure to leave your porch light on if you are participating. Stop by the Porter Kingston Fire Station at 12844 Olive Green Rd. They will be handing out candy and glow necklaces.

Take your best costumes over to the Village of Galena to see if you can win their annual Costume Contest that starts at 7:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park on Harrison St. (Old 3C Highway).

Halloween Health and Safety Tips



For many people, autumn events like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.

Below are tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Going trick-or-treating?

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o' lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!

Content Source: CDC Office of Women's Health, <http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/>.

Get Out & Vote!

General Elections will be Nov. 6, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Township residents vote at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Sunbury, OH 43074.

All registered voters can vote early at the Delaware County Vote Center, 149 E. Orange Rd. in Lewis Center from Oct. 2-Nov. 2. For information on hours, visit <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Voters/absentee/inperson.aspx>, email boe@co.delaware.oh.us, or call (740) 833-2080.

To vote absentee, complete this application: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/files/11-A.pdf> and submit it no later than noon, Nov. 3. A ballot will be mailed to you. All absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than Nov. 5 and received by the county board of elections by Nov. 16, 2012.

For complete ballot details, visit <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/index.html>. For a voter information guide, visit http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/upload/publications/election/vig_2012.pdf.

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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*.
Beggar's Night Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
Trash & Recycling Day (Friday) Nov. 2 & 9
Trustees Meeting Nov. 6, 7 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting Nov. 14, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) Nov. 16, 24* & 30

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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Steve Volpe, V-Ch: 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org
Bill Shively, 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury

FISCAL OFFICER

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

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NEWS & INFO

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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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

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

TRASH & RECYCLING

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ZONING

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