

# Kingston Township October 2012 News

## Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello again. School has started already. It seems to get earlier each year. Watch for the school buses. Some of them are out before daylight.

I'm glad we finally got a little reprieve from the heat and although the rain is too late for the farmers, it is a welcome event.

I attended a trustees meeting in Berkshire Township recently. Trustees from both townships have joined together to apply for a grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission to rebuild Berkshire Road. In a separate meeting, both townships have agreed to share the cost to address drainage problems on Berkshire Road. If we receive the grant, both townships will save a considerable amount of money.

NorthStar developers made a presentation on the benefits of a new ramp just north of the existing I-71 and 36/37 exit. They hope to partner with Berkshire Township to share expenses.

I attended a meeting in Radnor sponsored by concerned citizens for the operation of Buckeye Valley's Transportation Department and over-crowded conditions at the Radnor school. The major complaint seemed to be the amount of time students spend on the buses going to and from school, some as long as 90 minutes. Residents of the Buckeye Valley School District should document the length of time students spend in transit to and from school and anything else they think may be problematic. Whenever possible these concerns should be presented directly to school board members in person.

I hope everyone is able to visit the Delaware County Fair. The cooler weather should make it more enjoyable. Good luck to the 4-H participants.

Please feel free to call me at 740-803-1529 with any concerns you have about the township.

## Township Roads Update

Most of our road projects are completed for the summer with the exception of Wilson Rd. which has been delayed again. The County Engineer's staff now expects the culvert replacement to occur Oct. 8-29.

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

Centerburg Rd. is closed between Condit and Porter Central roads through Oct. 13 for a bridge replacement.

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

## 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](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org). Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org) and look under the Special Notices page.

## August Zoning Report BZA Election

The Board of Zoning Appeals elected Jim Collins as its vice-chairman. Steven Smith will continue to serve as chairman. Thanks to both for serving their community.

### Permits

Two permits were issued in August for an agricultural exemption on Blue Church Rd. and an in-ground pool on Blayney Rd.

### Complaints

A letter was sent on July 6 to the owners of a property on State Route 521 regarding unmowed grass/vegetation. A second letter was sent on Aug. 7. As of Aug. 31 there had been no response and the lot is still unmowed. Investigation into declaring the property a nuisance is underway.

The Zoning staff continues to work toward a resolution regarding the lack of construction progress and care for a property on Blue Church Road. The staff is also working with the Delaware County Code Compliance office on this issue. Roof and exterior rehabilitation work is now in progress.

The Trustees received a complaint regarding a non-compliant (size) driveway sign on 3Bs & K Road. The property owner replaced the sign with one of the proper size.

### Miscellaneous

A conditional use (expanded home occupation) hearing was held Sept. 5. The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved the conditional use to conduct an ice sculpting business on Carter's Corner Road in an existing accessory structure. They also approved a variance to use all 1,500 square feet of the accessory structure rather than the 1,000 square feet permitted in the Zoning Resolution. They approved installation of a small business sign on the building. The BZA set the following conditions:

- Conducting business is defined as production, delivery, and on-site public visits;
- Daily business hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- No classes will be taught on site;
- No more than three public visits per week; and,

- Within one year screening will be installed on the south side and an enclosure will be built outside around two freezer compressors.

## Job Fair at DACC

If you are looking for a job, be sure to attend the Job Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 24 at the Delaware Area Career Center (south), 4565 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015. Employers from all over Central Ohio will be gathered in one place at one time and they are ready to hire qualified employees. Come speak with hiring managers from industries such as financial, health care, computer/ IT services, marketing, travel, transportation, tourism, manufacturing, warehousing, retail, staffing/employment, administrative/clerical, food service, and public service.

Polish your resume, tune up your interview skills, and come get in front of employers who are ready to hire. For questions about this event, contact (740) 201-3218 or [MillisorP@DelawareAreaCC.org](mailto:MillisorP@DelawareAreaCC.org).

## Revolutionary War Commemoration

The Revolutionary War Ceremony at Stark Cemetery has been postponed.

## Kilbourne Community Fall Festival is October 6

It's almost time for Kilbourne's annual Fall Festival. The festival will be at the site of the old Brown School and ball fields and the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, all on State Route 521 in Kilbourne. The event benefits the Good Samaritan Fund for Brown, Kingston, and Oxford Townships in Delaware Co. and Peru Township in Morrow Co. Collections will also be taken for People In Need (PIN).

Events include: breakfast, 8-10 a.m.; parade, 11 a.m.; hog roast; petting zoo; family-friendly games and events; village-wide yard sales; popular storytelling corner with historical displays; and, vendors sharing their products.

Admission is FREE and parking is FREE in back of the church at 5591 State Route 521, Kilbourne OH 43032.

For more information, contact Jean Hightower at 740-524-5401 or [jean1946@frontier.com](mailto:jean1946@frontier.com) or check the Kilbourne United Methodist Church website at [www.kilbourneumc.org](http://www.kilbourneumc.org).

Brown Township Trustees still have school bricks and slate blackboards for sale.

## 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).

## Laundry Packet Dangers

*From your Porter Kingston Fire Chief, Michael Thompson*

### Keep Highly Concentrated Packets of Laundry Detergent Locked Up and Out of the Reach of Kids

If you use highly concentrated liquid laundry detergent that comes in small packets, you'll want to heed this warning from the experts at America's 57 poison centers: **Always keep them locked up high and out of the reach of kids!**

These new laundry packets dissolve in the washing machine. Because they are colorful and squishy, they are attractive to

children. They can look like candy or something fun to play with. But some young children who have put these small packets into their mouths and swallowed some of the detergent have become very ill and have been hospitalized. Others have gotten it into their eyes, causing severe irritation.

Poison centers receive many calls each year about children getting into laundry detergent. Usually, swallowing laundry detergent causes mild stomach upset or even no symptoms. Poison center experts say the new laundry packets seem to be different. Some children exposed to them experience excessive vomiting, wheezing, and gasping. Some get very sleepy. Some even have had trouble breathing and have needed a ventilator to help them breathe.

The experts at your local poison center urge parents and caregivers to:

- Always keep detergents locked up, high, and out of the reach of children.
- Follow the instructions on the product label.
- Call your local poison center at 1-800-222-1222 **immediately** if you think a child has been exposed to a packet of highly concentrated liquid laundry detergent.

## Sign Up For the Newsletter

Sign up today at [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto: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\*.  
 Trustees Meeting ..... Oct. 2, 7 PM  
 Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) ..... Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26  
 Beggar's Night ..... Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

Dewey Akers, Ch.: 803-1529, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)  
 Steve Volpe, V-Ch: 965-1802, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)  
 Bill Shively, 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury

### FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, [fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto: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  
 e-mail: [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com)

### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050  
[PKFD@rrohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com); <http://www.PKFD.org>

### ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

### TRASH & RECYCLING

Big-O Refuse: 1-888-924-BIGO (2446)  
 e-mail: [service@bigorefuse.com](mailto:service@bigorefuse.com)  
 web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

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