

# Kingston Township September 2012 News

## Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

Hello again. I hope everyone is coming through the heat wave OK. The slightly lower temperatures and rain have been a welcome relief.

The township's road repair has progressed nicely and should be completed soon. We are still doing preliminary work on the Berkshire Road improvement. We are keeping those residents informed as we proceed.

The work on the 36/71 interchange is really starting to take shape. It looks like it is going to be a great improvement compared to the way it has been.

We still have a vacancy for an alternate position on the Zoning Commission. I truly hope someone steps up and helps steer the township to accommodate growth in the future and to help the township stay a great place to live.

Participation of residents at the monthly meetings has been almost nonexistent in the past 12 months. I hope this means that you think we are doing a good job. I personally appreciate public input in our meetings. It helps keep us informed of the needs of the residents of our township. We are looking forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Please email me at [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org) or call me at 740-803-1529 with your questions or concerns.

Enjoy the rest of the summer; it's almost gone and the kids are soon back in school.

## Township Roads Update

Most of our road projects are winding down. The Todd Street Rd. reconstruction is completed. Some road work is planned on 3 Bs & K, Rosecrans, and Blayne for mid- to late-August. The Delaware County Engineer has rescheduled the Wilson Rd. culvert replacement for later September due to shipment dates for the pre-cast culvert replacement. Wilson Road will be closed for three weeks. 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.

## 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.

## July Zoning Report Permits

Three permits were issued in July for accessory buildings on Todd Street Road, SR 521, and 3 Bs & K Road.

### Complaints

As requested by the Trustees, a friendly letter was sent on 07-06-12 to the owners of a property on SR 521 regarding unmowed grass/vegetation. As of 08-07-12, no action has taken place. At their July meeting, the Trustees advised the Zoning Office to send a second letter.

The Trustees were presented a written complaint from several neighbors regarding the lack of construction progress and care for a property on Blue Church Road. During an earlier discussion with Zoning Inspector Talbott, the owner indicated that a contract was signed to finish the home rehabilitation, and progress would start within the next two to three weeks. The Trustees decided to monitor the progress for the remainder of August, and discuss the next steps at the September Meeting if no action has taken place.

The Trustees received a complaint regarding a non-compliant (size) driveway sign on 3Bs & K Road. The Trustees advised the Zoning Office to send a friendly letter to the property owner asking that the sign be brought into compliance with the Zoning Resolution.

### Miscellaneous

A side yard setback and in-ground pool fencing variance application was filed by a resident on Blayne Road. Because of lot size and other factors, the property owner would like to construct an accessory building within 5' of the property line. Also, the property owner would like to use a mechanical, locking pool cover in lieu of a security fence. The Public Hearing with the Board of Zoning Appeals was held on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The applicant withdrew the pool fencing variance request after consultation with the county building department, and received approval for the setback variance.

A conditional use (expanded home occupation) application has been filed by an owner's representative to conduct an ice sculpting business on Carter's Corner Road in an existing accessory structure. The representative has asked for 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, and requested approval of a small business sign. The property is currently for sale, and the representative is under contract to purchase the property should the conditional use be approved. A Public Hearing will be held September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Final coordination has been completed with Ron Clayton and the Delaware County Data Process Department to host

and update the Kingston Township Website after July 31<sup>st</sup>. The township website through the county is up and running.

A thank you email was sent to Mark Morris and the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs for all the assistance provided to the township in hosting our website over the past several years.

### Zoning Commission Meetings

We welcome Tom Filbert back in his reappointment as a member of the Zoning Commission with a term expiring in August 2017. A Zoning Commission Alternate Position is still open. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be November 14, 2012.

## Special Election Results

The Buckeye Valley Local School District had a combined income tax and bond issue on the ballot August 7. According to the Delaware County Board of Elections, the levy and issue failed by 72 percent. Unofficial results are as follows:

	Votes	Percent
For the Income Tax and Bond Issue	950	27.94
Against the Income Tax and Bond Issue	2,450	72.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,400</b>	

## Summerfest and Sizzle Aug. 25

Once again Galena will host its Summerfest in conjunction with Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds festival on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM-11PM.

Galena's event is free and will feature food, arts, and vendors and a beer garden around the square with great music on the main stage. Bands include Ray Fuller & the Bluesrockers, Miss Lissa & Company, Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront, and the Sean Carney Band. There will be a stage with children's programming this year in the Ruffner Park KidZone. Check out [www.discovergalenaohio.com](http://www.discovergalenaohio.com) for more information.

Extra air conditioned shuttles have been added as well as the trolley running between Summerfest and Sizzle and Sounds.

Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds Festival will feature several new singers and bands and local "Fifteen Minutes of Fame" contest winners! Sunbury's very own Ryan Notes will fly in from New York City and our own hometown hero, Joel Heitman, will fly in from Las Vegas, Nevada to perform! There will be a stage in the kid's area for local kids performances and an awesome kid's only band: Endless Recess! For more information on the festival, visit <http://sunburysizzleandsounds.intuitwebsites.com/>.

## Revolutionary War Commemoration

A headstone was set in Stark Cemetery in April for Revolutionary War Veteran Peter VanSickle. Residents can join the Sons of the Revolutionary War when they hold a commemorative ceremony tentatively scheduled for September 28.

## Kilbourne Community Fall Festival is October 6

Put October 6 on your calendar to enjoy another fun time planned for Kilbourne's annual Fall Festival. The festival location is at the site of the old Brown School and ball fields and the Kilbourne United Methodist Church.

Events begin with a delicious breakfast served from 8-10 a.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m. then a hog roast, petting zoo, family-friendly games, and events.

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).

Plan to participate in village-wide yard sales. There will be some space available at the old Presbyterian Church site if you do not live in Kilbourne village.

We will have our ever-popular storytelling corner with historical displays and there will be many vendors sharing their products.

Admission is FREE and parking is FREE in back of the church.

If you are interested in volunteering or supporting this fun event, please contact Jean Hightower at 740-524-5401 or [jean1946@frontier.com](mailto:jean1946@frontier.com). For parade participation, contact 740-524-6041. If you are interested in a vendor spot for \$10, contact Violet Cummings at [vmlc1952@yahoo.com](mailto:vmlc1952@yahoo.com). Check the Kilbourne United Methodist Church website for updates at [www.kilbourneumc.org](http://www.kilbourneumc.org).

Brown Township will still have school bricks and slate blackboards for sale. See a Brown Township Trustee if you are interested.

## Sign Up For the Newsletter

Sign up today at [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com) to get your newsletter emailed each month.

## 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 ..... Sept. 4, 7 PM  
Conditional Use Public Hearing ..... Sept. 5, 7 PM  
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) ..... Sept. 8\*, 14, 21  
Revolutionary War Commemoration ..... Sept. 28  
Trash & Recycling Day ..... Sept. 28

## 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  
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### 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)  
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