

Kingston Township

March 2013

News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Hello again. We really have some exciting things happening in the next few weeks. As you may know, Time-Warner Cable covers about half of our township. Rick Carfagna with Time-Warner will be at our next (March 5th) trustees meeting. I have been working with Rick for a long time in trying to get cable service expanded to cover all Kingston Township residents. If you are at all interested in this, you should try to make it to our next meeting. If you can't make it, I am sure we will have a few words on it in our next newsletter.

The other important meeting, also planned for March 5th, following our trustees meeting, will be an explanation of the proposed Blue Church Rd. Bridge and road work. There are several options available, and the trustees are looking forward to hearing from all interested residents.

Finally, 2013 is the Bicentennial of Kingston Township. My friends, that is a big deal. We are looking for a few volunteers to explore possible opportunities for celebration. This is a great chance to get involved with our township. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call me or any trustee. Until next time stay safe and stay warm.

Blue Church Rd. Bridge Input March 5, 8 PM, Twp. Hall

For the past several years, the Kingston Township trustees and the Delaware County Engineer's Office have been discussing a potential project to replace the Blue Church Rd. Bridge located north of Wilson Rd. over Little Walnut Creek including possible relocation of a new bridge just downstream from its current position; possible elevation of the current bridge height above the creek; and, probable roadway realignment/widening adjacent to the bridge to reduce the sharpness of the existing curves. The County Engineer's Office has recommended to the trustees that these improvements should be made to improve public safety and the flow of vehicular traffic.

Now that the overall scope of the project has been clarified and preliminary cost estimates established for the jointly funded project, the trustees would like to receive input from local township residents who live on and travel Blue Church Rd. before moving any further with the project. The trustees invite residents with questions, concerns, or opinions on the project to come to the Township Hall (located at the corner of SR 521 and Carter's Corner Road) at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, to discuss them with the trustees and representatives from the County Engineer's Office. The March Trustees Meeting will take place at 7 p.m. ahead of the Blue Church Bridge/Roadway Project discussions.

If you are unable to attend the discussion, the trustees would welcome your questions, concerns, or opinions by sending an email to zoning@kingstontwp.org, by mail, or by dropping off written comments in the white metal mailbox located on the Township Hall next to the entrance door. Your comments and opinions are extremely important to the trustees.

January Zoning Report Variance

A Variance Hearing was held on January 22nd, in which the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved a request from a property owner at 4213 Wilson Road to reconstruct an 8' wrap-around front porch 66' from the centerline of Wilson Road. The Zoning Resolution requires a 90' building setback. The historic porch had been removed by a previous owner.

Complaints

Regarding the junk vehicle complaint at 4827 Carter's Corners Road, Assistant County Prosecutor Fowler sent a certified letter to the property owner on 12-21-13 which went unclaimed. Fowler then sent the letter by regular mail. The property owner and Zoning Inspector Talbott spoke via telephone on 01-25-13. The property owner agreed to extend the fence so the vehicles would be screened from sight by neighbors and from the public roadway. The case is closed.

Miscellaneous

No applications have been received for the open Zoning Commission Alternate position.

Jim Collins was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. His term runs through December of 2017. We thank Jim for his past and future service.

Our Zoning Secretary and Assistant Zoning Inspector Dave Stites was elected vice-chairman of the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) executive board. DCRPC is seeing increasing development activity as noted below:

DCRPC Actions	2011	2012
Zoning Cases	16	19
Acres Reviewed	235	439
Subdivisions		
Preliminary Residential	12	264
Final Residential	101	142
Total Lots Reviewed	135	417
Lot Transfers	18	32
Transfer Acres	40	80
New Lots Split	11	16
Existing Lots Split	4	10
Unincorporated Residential Bld. Permits	472	593
Municipal Residential Bld. Permits	261	685
Unincorporated Commercial Bld. Permits	16	24

Bicentennial Committee

Kingston Township will celebrate its bicentennial this year. If you would like to serve on a committee to develop bicentennial plans or you have any historical memorabilia or pictures that you can share, contact one of your trustees.

Trash & Recycling Contract

John Peckscamp, from Big-O, attended the trustees meeting to discuss the township's exclusive residential trash and recycling contract. Peckscamp offered to extend the contract

for 2013 at the 2012 price. Big-O picks up for 600 residents and approximately 100 for recycling.

CPR Classes

The Porter Kingston Fire District will offer a CPR class at 9 a.m. and a Healthcare Provider CPR class at 1 p.m. on March 2nd at the station. Please call 740-524-5050 to register for these free classes.

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Each year in America, more than 150 people die from accidental non-fire related carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning associated with consumer products. These products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. (Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission.) The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

CO, often called "the silent killer," is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It can be created when fossil fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, coal, natural gas, propane, methane or wood do not burn properly. CO poisoning can result from faulty furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers, or cars left running in garages. Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, nausea and drowsiness. Exposure to undetected high levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal. Follow these CO alarm tips:

- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, have CO alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement, mounting height, and cleaning.
- Combination smoke-CO alarms must be installed in accordance with requirements for smoke alarms.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms and vice versa. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and the sound of CO alarms.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them if they fail to respond correctly when tested. The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life. Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer's instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds.
- Know the difference between the sound of the CO alarm and the smoke alarm, and their low-battery signals. If the audible low battery signal sounds, replace the batteries or replace the device. If the CO alarm still sounds, get to a fresh air location and call 9-1-1 or the fire department.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, coal stoves, space heaters, and portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year.
- Open the damper for proper ventilation before using a fireplace. Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. The CO gas might kill people and pets.
- When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested and labeled by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure all fuel-burning vented equipment is vented to the outside to avoid CO poisoning. Keep the venting for exhaust clear and unblocked.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked with snow, ice, or other materials. The CO gas might kill people and pets.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Only use barbecue grills outside, away from all doors, windows, vents and other building openings. Some grills can produce CO gas. Never use grills inside the home or the garage, even if the doors are open.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings to prevent exhaust fumes from entering the home.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location (outdoors or by an open window or door). Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for.
- Call 9-1-1 or the fire department from a fresh air location (outdoors or by an open window). Remain at a fresh air location until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

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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 Day (Saturday*) March 1
Trustees Mtg. March 5, 7 PM
Blue Church Rd. Bridge Mtg. March 5, 8 PM
Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) March 8, 15, 22, 29

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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