

Kingston Township

News

May 2013

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Happy Spring! The weather is breaking and outdoor activities are gearing up again. June will be right around the corner and with it our township's 200th anniversary. Please plan on attending our celebration on the afternoon of June 8th. Our committee is doing a great job on lining up a wonderful time for all.

I had the pleasure of attending the Health Department's District Advisory Council Meeting last month. There will be four separate Household Hazardous Waste opportunities this summer. They are planning to have a levy on the ballot this fall for the same millage. And, the Health Department will be conducting a phone survey of 1,200 Delaware County Residents. It is a somewhat detailed survey, but worth the effort. Please cooperate if you are one of the lucky few to be called.

There is nothing earth shaking to report on the proposed Blue Church Road bridge work or the Time Warner talks. One thing is certain ... the wheels of government grind slowly. I will keep you posted when things develop.

Please keep in mind that the wonderful warm weather will have our kids out and about. Please be cautious while driving; kids sometimes don't pay attention. Until next month, take care and get out there and enjoy life.

Monsanto Donates to PKFD



Chris Holt (back left), from Monsanto, presented \$2,500 to PKFD.

Monsanto donated \$2,500 to the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) and \$2,500 to the Council for Older Adults (COA). James Thorpe was the winner through Monsanto's "America's Farmers Grow Communities" program and he selected PKFD and COA as the recipients. PKFD purchased a set of Kodiak rescue struts and two CMC rope rescue devices with the money.

The district is also purchasing new helmets and will receive firehose donated by the City of Columbus.



Kingston Township's Bicentennial Committee has held two meetings to plan for the township's 200th birthday this year. Tentative plans include the following:

- June 8th celebration is being planned behind the Maintenance Building on Blue Church Rd.;
- 3 PM - Former resident/trustee Dave Martin will perform;
- Antique tractors, cars, and displays; and
- 4 PM - Pig Roast and Pot Luck Dinner.

The committee welcomes volunteers as well as financial and material donations and sponsors. Anyone with memorabilia, photos, old cars, farm equipment, and other historical items can bring them to display. The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on May 5 at the Township Hall. Contact Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427 for more information.

Other events this year include the General Rosecrans statue dedication is tentatively planned for Sept. 28. The Civil War general was born on Rosecrans Rd. in Kingston Township.

The Big Walnut Area Historical Society (BWAHS) is also planning a Heritage Day on Oct. 6 focused on Kingston's Bicentennial. There will be a long tent on the Myers Inn patio for displays and activities in case of bad weather. Their blacksmith shop will be open with a blacksmith at the forge. They'll also be making apple butter. If you know a source for inexpensive apples and cider, please contact Alice Chapan at achapan@columbus.rr.com. BWAHS may have Verna Bergandine's painting of the Blue Church on display along with other township displays. They need your help to make this a great event. They are looking for the following:

- Crafting displays such as apple butter making, quilting, caning, weaving, etc.;
- Residents to share their memories during Memory Times about township topics such as the Blue Church, the one room school, farming, huckster wagon stories, and more;
- Newsworthy events in the township's history including early 4-H clubs, scouts, other youth groups, etc.;
- Names for a military honor roll (Suzanne Allen has names of soldiers through World War I but needs names of township people who have served since then.);
- Names to honor Kingston Township natives or current senior citizens who are 80-90 year olds, 90+ years old, those who have been residents more than 50 years; and,
- Old photos of township residents and activities (may set up a day at the Township Hall for residents to come share their memories and have old photos scanned).

Allen also has more than 60 pages of Kingston Township memories from the *Big Walnut Memories Books 1 and 2*. The BWAHS plans to make those into a separate book to sell through pre-orders this summer. Allen hopes to get additional memories from current and former township residents. You can send memories and photos to Suzanne Allen at BWAHS,

PO Box 362, Sunbury, OH 43074 or you can come into the Myers Inn to offer your memories in person, 12-3 p.m., on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays of the month. You can also contact Allen at pegasuspaints@aol.com or Alice Chapan at achapan@columbus.rr.com.

Time Warner Cable

Trustees will continue to try to meet with Time Warner Cable representatives to get broader cable access for residents in the township. Residents interested in Time Warner cable should email Trustee Steve Volpe at volpe@kingstontwp.org.

Big Walnut Schools Report

Big Walnut Schools Superintendent Steve Mazzi and Board of Education member Andy Wecker attended the April Trustees meeting. Wecker will represent the board in Kingston and Porter townships. He reported on the Galena School auction and said the board is considering reopening Harrison St. Elementary School for the 2014-15 school year.

Mazzi reported that the schools were rated excellent for the seventh year in a row and this is the first year they have earned the rating Excellent with Distinction. He said that Ohio is moving away from these ratings to a grade and, on the new scale, the schools would be an A+. He explained that half of a teacher's evaluation will be based on student achievement; half of a principal's evaluation will be based on their school's achievement; and, superintendents' evaluations will be based on their districts' achievements.

Graduation requirements and tests are changing. The schools are conducting training without state aid to meet Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) for each day. Mazzi discussed school funding concerns in Ohio. Nationwide, schools are moving to common core curriculum nationwide.

March Zoning Report

Permits:

- Two permits issued in March: one for a new build home on Clark Rd. and one for a garage and porch on Blayney.

Complaints:

- Regarding the junk vehicle complaint 07-2012-COMP at 4827 Carter's Corner Road, Assistant County Prosecutor Fowler sent a certified letter to the property owner on 12-21-12 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. Received another complaint from an adjacent property owner (different owner from previous). Sent another letter on 03-01-13. No response from homeowner.
- Complaint about multi-family rental property/junk vehicles/building code violations/hazardous materials on Kilbourne Rd. Building code and health issues forwarded to County Code Enforcement and Health Dept. Met with property owner on 3/29/13 to discuss other issues. His tenant will be out by April 30, 2013 and owner understands unit can only be rented as single family. He will address junk vehicles by either storing in garage or making them operational and licensed within 60-90 days.

Miscellaneous:

- No applications have been received for the open Zoning Commission Alternate position.
- Delaware County Regional Planning Commission approval of rezoning application for outlet mall near S. Galena and Cheshire roads.

Zoning Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one alternate position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission meets on a quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution, the Kingston Township Comprehensive Plan/Zoning District Map, and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code. The term runs through August 2015.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume 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 Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting held on April 2, 2013, 7 p.m. at the Kingston 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. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit www.kingstontwp.org and look under Special Notices.

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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 Days (Fridays) May 3
200th Celebration Planning Mtg. May 5, 2 PM
Trustees Mtg. May 7, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Days May 10
Zoning Commission Mtg. May 15, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Days May 17, 24, June 1*

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

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

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NEWS & INFO

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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

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ZONING

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