



News

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Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! Spring planting is well under way with most of the corn crop planted, and the first cutting of hay is not far away.

Delaware County crews have completed the berming of all Kingston Township roads. This will help get standing water off the roads faster.

The Township Hall Planning Committee is currently working on the first draft of cost estimates that were presented by Architect Tony Schorr. The trustees will hear more recommendations from the committee at the June meeting. The trustees have instructed Doug Crowl to start the cleanup process of the proposed site for a new township hall and park. All trash and tires will be properly disposed. Our goal is to save the two silos that are in good shape as a landmark of the township's agricultural roots and heritage.

The road work planned for Berkshire Road should start soon, weather permitting.

I would like to congratulate the class of 2014! Great Job!

Dave Stites has been appointed by the Governor to the Ohio Parks and Recreation Council and was selected to serve as vice president of the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission. Congratulations Dave!

If you have a question or concern, please call me at 740-272-3668.

Township Hall and Park Planning

The Township Hall and Park Planning Committee met April 25 to review preliminary cost estimates. Architect Tony Schorr reviewed various costs for elements in Phase One which would include the township hall, an associated parking lot, and grading for a recreation area. The first phase would also include a road to the township hall, a bike trail, and a septic system paid for by the NorthStar developer. Committee members discussed various alternatives to decrease costs and Schorr will refine estimates.

The trustees are investigating financing methods and clarifying ballot procedures.

Roads

Drainage work on the north side of Berkshire Rd. will be delayed due to the discovery of fiber optic and telephone lines that will need relocated. Berkshire Road will be resurfaced as well.

Delaware County will replace the Blue Church Rd. Bridge north of Wilson Rd. from July to September. They will also replace two culverts on Clark Rd., one over Pumphrey Ditch from October to November and one over the West Branch of Little Walnut Creek from November to December.

Wilson Rd. will be resurfaced from State Route 61 to Carter's Corner Rd.

April Zoning Report

Permits

Two permits were issued in April:

- An accessory structure permit for a home on Berkshire Rd.
- A pool and deck permit for a home on Beacom Rd.

Complaints

Complaint about property on SR 61 and Rosecrans Rd. about uncut grass, debris, and sign. The property owner is working to resolve the issues after discussion with the Zoning Office. Case pending.

BZA Alternate Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The alternate position is an existing term that runs through December 2015. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Interested township residents should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org.

This posting will remain open until the position is filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on June 3, 7 p.m., at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Porter and Kingston Natural Gas

Bright Energy, a subsidiary of Consolidated Electric, received enough commitments from residents to move forward with running a natural gas line south on Lott Road from Morrow County Road 26 to Chambers Road, Lott Road to SR 656, south on 656 to Olive Green Road, and then west on SR 521 to SR 61.

An additional line extension was also proposed from Lott Road west on Chambers Road to SR 61, north on SR 61 to Kilbourne Road, west on Kilbourne, and also south on SR 61 from Chambers Road to Beacom Road, west on Beacom to Blue Church Road, and then north on Blue Church Road. Bright Energy did not find enough interest to proceed with this line at this time.

Be Safe When Cooking Outdoors

With the warm weather, comes the enjoyment of baseball, swimming, camping out, and great meals cooked outdoors. There's just something special about the taste of food cooked on the grill or over a campfire. Enjoy the experience, but do it safely. Ohio fire departments annually respond to about 270 outdoor cooking-related fires that, in addition to causing numerous personal injuries, result in an estimated \$800,000 in property damage and destruction. When cooking outdoors, following these tips will make your event a safer, more enjoyable experience.

Campfires

- Make sure a fire ring is in place;
- Keep a safe distance away from the fire;
- Don't use any flammable or combustible liquids;
- Supervise children;
- Extinguish fire properly;
- Never leave fire unattended;
- Use extreme caution in windy conditions;
- Never leave or go to bed with a fire still burning;
- Keep combustible materials (pot holders, wrappers, clothes, etc.) away from fire; and,
- Keep fires small so they can be extinguished.

Propane or Natural Gas Grills

- Follow manufacturer's instructions at all times;
- Make sure the lid is open when lighting;
- Make sure all connections are tight;
- Do not leave unattended;
- Keep grease build-up at a minimum;
- Keep children away from grilling area;
- Keep combustibles away from heat source;
- Keep a safe distance away from structures (follow manufacture's instruction); and,
- Shut the gas off on LPG bottle when finished.

Charcoal Grills

- Never use gasoline, paint thinner, turpentine or any other flammable liquid;
- Before ignition, you may use charcoal lighter fluid;
- Keep a safe distance from structures;
- Never leave a hot grill unattended;
- Keep children away from grilling area;
- Keep combustibles away from heat source;
- Grill must be cool before storage; and,
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

Big-O Trash Facts

Landfills

Landfills are sealed over every day, Eric Lombardi, Ex. Dir. at EcoCycle in Boulder, CO, points out. In that environment, organic waste like food scraps and yard waste creates methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. But if it's made into compost instead, organic waste can return valuable nutrients to soil....it's actually pretty simple to set up a composting area in your backyard, and it's not smelly the way you might think. You can turn vegetable scraps, used paper towels, and egg shells into a really valuable soil amendment.

Composting

Composting is a natural method for recycling organics like yard trimmings (12.1%) and food scraps (11.7%), which comprise nearly a quarter of municipal solids waste generated. Nearly half of all U.S. states now ban yard waste from landfills because it represents such a large volume and because it can be productively composted.

Recycling and composting prevented 86.6 million tons of material away from being disposed in 2012, up from 15 million tons in 1980. This prevented the release of approximately 168 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the air in 2012—equivalent to taking over 33 million cars off the road for a year.

Composting is the aerobic, biological decomposition of organic materials. Living microbes combine with oxygen to cause decomposition. The end result is a nutrient-rich, soil-additive called "compost". Nearly all organic byproducts, including food scraps, leaves, grass, yard clippings, nonrecyclable paper (paper towels, napkins, etc.), and sawdust and other wood products, can be composted.

Finished compost is widely used in agriculture and horticulture (gardening), landscaping, golf course construction and highway beautification, and in creating landfill cover (the layer of soil that is placed over old landfills after they have reached capacity).

Backyard Composting enables residents to compost yard trimmings and other organic materials in their backyards. When home composting, it is best to keep out meats, grease, and other materials that may attract pests. The finished compost can be used to improve the lawn and garden.

- <http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=compost>

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Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise.

Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.

Trustees Mtg. ----- June 3, 7 PM

Trash & Recycling Days ----- May 31*, June 6, 13, 20, 27