



# News

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## Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello everyone. I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall weather and the brilliant color of the leaves.

Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin attended our October township meeting. He said that Kingston Township was one of the lowest crime areas in the county. Incidents have decreased from 79 in 2010 to only 26 so far this year. Theft/larceny incidents are the most common type of incident in the township as well as across the county. Sheriff Martin said that if you see anything that doesn't look right or a suspicious vehicle or persons in the area, call the Sheriff's Office at 740-833-2800 to report it. Call 911 only if it is urgent or a life or death matter. He suggests taking pictures or video, too, if you can. These are very helpful for his deputies.

The proposed new township hall bond issue is on the November 4 ballot. This is a 30-year, \$1.5 million bond that, if passed, will allow the trustees to build the new township hall. The building will be located on Carter's Corner Rd., one mile south of State Highway 521 on the west side of the road. The land was donated to the township by the Northstar developers as part of the township's 141 acre farmland donation. A park is also planned for this area that will feature a bike path, walking trails, a large pavillion, and picnic area. If you have any questions about the bond issue, please contact Trustee Steve Volpe, Trustee Dewey Akers, or myself and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Please remember to change the batteries on all smoke detectors when turning the clocks back one hour.

If you have any questions or concerns, call me at 740-272-3668.

## Township Hall Bond Issue

The proposed new township hall bond issue will be on the November ballot. Plans are available to review at <http://www.kingstontwp.org> including the Long-term Park Plan, the Phase One Park Plan, the exterior township hall elevations, and the building's interior layout. These plans are also available for viewing at the Township Hall on Friday mornings. If voters approve the bond issue to build a new township hall, this triggers Phase One of the Park Plan and the developer will build a paved road to the township hall, a park pavillion with restrooms, a septic system for the township hall and park, and a bike trail.

The cost of the \$1.5 million bond issue to property owners would be approximately \$49 per year for property valued by the Delaware County Auditor at \$100,000. The cost per \$200,000 property tax valuation is approximately \$98. As more homes are built, the cost is spread among more properties, and the cost per property should decrease.

Be sure to get out and vote on this important issue, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Nov. 4, at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Sunbury, OH 43074.

## Roads

Delaware County has cleared trees on Blue Church Rd. north of Wilson Rd. in preparation for utility relocations for next year's bridge replacement. The bridge alignment will change to make the area safer. The project will be bid out this winter and construction should begin next April.

Delaware County has delayed the replacement of two culverts on Clark Road until June 2015.

## September Zoning Report Permits

One permit for a new build home on Stockwell Rd. was issued.

### Complaints

A complaint was received about burning material at a residence on Carter's Corner Rd. This property has several issues including operating a business without a conditional use permit, signage, burning, etc. that are being addressed with the property owner. The sign has been removed and the burning has stopped.

### Miscellaneous

Two Board of Zoning Appeals hearings were held in September. A side yard setback variance on SR 61 was granted and a conditional use and variance for a limited home occupation on 3 Bs & K Rd. were granted. The home based web business is for storage of toys/collectors items to be sold online. The variance is for the accessory building size used for this storage (4,000 s.f. vs. 1,000 s.f. allowed by code).

The next Zoning Commission quarterly meeting will be held on November 19.

## BZA & Zoning Vacancies

Two alternate positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission are open. 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](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org). Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

## Trick or Treat

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) will distribute candy and glow necklaces 6-8 p.m., October 30, during Trick or Treat. Please stop by the station, 12844 Olive Green Rd, and see the trucks and firefighters.

## Halloween Safety Tips for Kids

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy. What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life by keeping them safe. Trick or treating isn't what it used to be. It's not as safe

to let kids walk the streets alone. Send a responsible adult or older teenager with them.

Check your local grocery store or craft store for Halloween cookbooks with tasty treats with a horror theme. Treat your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner so they are less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

Help your child choose or make a safe costume. Make it fire proof with eye holes large enough for good peripheral vision.

Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen upon.

Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can still be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets, and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Make Halloween a fun, safe, and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!

[http://www.halloween-safety.com/halloween\\_safety\\_kids.html](http://www.halloween-safety.com/halloween_safety_kids.html)

## Preparing for a Possible Ebola Response

The Delaware General Health District is making plans to be prepared in the case of an Ebola outbreak by working closely with local emergency response partners.

Travelers returning from Sierra Leone, Guinea, Senegal, Liberia, or Nigeria in the past month may have been exposed to Ebola. The Health District is asking anyone who has traveled, is getting ready to travel, or any groups that may send volunteers, missionaries, or other personnel to West Africa to please call the Health District at 740-368-1700.

Ebola is the cause of a viral hemorrhagic fever disease. Symptoms include fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, lack of appetite and abnormal bleeding. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to Ebola virus, though 8-10 days is most common. You can only get Ebola from touching bodily fluids from a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola, or from exposure to contaminated objects, such as needles. Ebola is not spread through air, water, or food.

The Ohio Department of Health has a 24-hour call center at 1-866-800-1404 to answer questions about Ebola and the recent events in Ohio in an effort to ensure Ohioans get accurate, timely information. For Delaware County specific Ebola questions, call 740-368-1700 or 740-815-6518 after hours.

## Ticks & Disease

Ticks that can transmit Lyme disease are now in Ohio. Kingston Township resident Glen Needham found blacklegged 'deer' ticks in Coshocton County in early 2010 and since then at least one deer tick has been found in 60 of Ohio's 88 counties. According to the Ohio Department of Health, Delaware County has recorded three Lyme disease cases and Franklin County seven cases with 58 total for Ohio this year.

Adult deer ticks became active again in late September and continue into December during hunting season. Before heading out into the high grass and woods, pretreat your pants, socks, and boots with permethrin repellent (follow label) and do a thorough tick check at the end of each day. Remove attached ticks using pointy tweezers or finger and thumb, then wash the bite site and your hands with soap and water. Save the tick in a small bottle of travel-sized hand sanitizer or put the tick in a small pill bottle or baggie with sanitizer or alcohol to kill the tick. Record the day the tick was removed and save it for one month. Take the tick with you to the doctor if flu-like symptoms and a rash appear at the bite site. Most symptoms appear in 7-10 days. See [http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs\\_symptoms/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs_symptoms/index.html) for more information on symptoms. The tick will help make the connection with a possible tick-borne disease. Antibiotic therapy is effective in treating early stage Lyme disease.

For more information, visit <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ticks> and <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/ticks-in-ohio> or contact township resident Glen Needham, public health specialist/medical entomologist, [grneedham@gmail.com](mailto:grneedham@gmail.com), 614-578-3417.

## Sign up For Our Newsletter

Contact us at [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com) to have the newsletter emailed directly to you. If you would like a mailed copy, contact the Kingston Township office at 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074, 740-524-0290 or by email to [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org).

## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

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

### 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@rroho.com](mailto:PKFD@rroho.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>

### ZONING

**Robert Talbott:** **524-0290, Fax: 524-5304**  
e-mail: [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

## Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise.

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

Trustees Mtg. ----- November 4, 7 PM

Zoning Commission Mtg. ----- November 19, 7 PM

Trash & Recycling Days ----- November 7, 14, 21, 29\*