



KINGSTON NEWS

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hi, Everyone. I hope you are enjoying the warm-up. It sure was slow getting here. With the warmer weather, the ground is starting to thaw. This is really hard on the roads, so please call me if you see any potholes appear. They can get big pretty fast.

This past week, I met with Preservation Parks concerning the township property that will one day be the site of a new township hall and park. Preservation Parks is willing to help us design the park area and assist us in pursuing federal and state grants to cover a large portion of the cost. I will keep you informed as this moves forward.

I also attended the annual meeting of the Delaware General Health

District. They announced that our health district is only one of five Health Districts out of 124 in Ohio and among the first 31 of 3,000 health districts nationwide to receive National Public Health Accreditation. That's another great benefit of living in Delaware County.

I would like to remind everyone that while we were warm in our homes on these severely cold winter days, our fire department personnel were out every day doing a great job. They had more than 40 runs in February. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated fire department.

As always, I am available on my phone, 740/803-1529.

Dewey

January Zoning Report

Permits

- One permit was issued for an accessory building on State Route 61 with a variance.
- Two permits were issued for new build homes on 3 Bs & K and Beacom roads.
- One agricultural

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.

Trustees Mtg. April 7, 7 PM

Trash Days April 3, 10, 17, 24

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exemption was issued on 3 Bs & K Rd.

Complaints

- Discussions are being held with the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities regarding complaints received on several group homes.

Miscellaneous

- Bob Talbott attended a grant writing seminar sponsored by the Ohio Township Association.
- A new copier has been installed.

Vacancies

The trustees will appoint one alternate position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to fill an existing term through December 2015; one BZA position through Dec. 2019; and, a zoning commission alternate position through Aug. 2015.

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.

Applicants will be interviewed by the trustees during their monthly meeting at the Kingston Township Hall. Applicants must be present to be considered for the position.

Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524- 0290 with questions or for more information, visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Roads

The township has used 242 tons of salt this winter.

The township was awarded a \$308,000 Ohio Public Works Commission grant to repave Wilson Rd. from the Carter's Corner bridge west to the township line.

We have received estimates from the Delaware County Engineer's Office on several road projects for this summer including chip and fog sealing Blue Church Rd. from Rosecrans Road to State Route 521.

Two culverts on Clark Rd. will be replaced this summer.

Change Your Batteries

State Fire Marshal Larry L. Flowers reminds you to make a potentially lifesaving change: **Change the batteries in your smoke alarms!** Make a habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year – at the beginning and end of daylight savings time. If smoke alarms are more than 10 years old,

replace the entire unit.

"We're still finding that many homes don't have working smoke alarms," said Flowers. "Many times, fatal fires could have been prevented with the help of the early warning a smoke alarm provides. It gives people time to escape."

For the greatest protection, install a smoke detector on every level of your home and inside each sleeping area. Also, develop an escape plan with two ways out and make sure every family member knows what to do and where to meet outside if the fire alarm sounds. Take time to practice both a primary and secondary escape plan, so that if a real emergency occurred, you and your family know what to do.

Flowers offers these additional tips:

- Test smoke alarms at least once each month to ensure they work properly.
 - Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year.
 - Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use.
 - Change batteries twice a year or if a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power.
 - If you have a smoke alarm that was installed before March 8, 2005, completely replace the unit immediately.
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