



KINGSTON NEWS

Chairman's Chat

By Bill Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and avoided the nasty flu bug that has found its way to Ohio.

At the December trustees meeting, we discussed the new township hall bond issue. We are going to look at other options for funding to see if we can construct the building with less of a tax burden on the township's residents. I have invited a representative from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division to the January meeting to discuss what programs Kingston Township might be interested in. The USDA has grants and loans that are available for rural

areas to build new facilities and infrastructure.

If you would like to serve on the Township Hall Committee, please let me know. I am hopeful we can get the new hall built at a lower cost.

This will be my last Chairman's Chat as we will select a new chairman for 2015. It has been an honor to serve as chairman for 2014.

I want to thank everyone who has shared their concerns and ideas with the trustees this past year.

Make 2015 the best year ever! HAPPY NEW YEAR! GO BUCKS!!

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

November Zoning Report

Permits

Four permits were issued including a deck roof on Kilbourne Rd.; a deck on Carter's Corner Rd.; an accessory structure on SR

61; and, an accessory structure on Wilson Rd.

Complaints

Staff worked with the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office to gain

CALENDAR

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

Trustees Mtg. Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 7 PM

Trash Days Jan. 3*, 9, 16, 23, 30

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compliance on a business complaint on Carter's Corner Road. Of the seven complaints filed to date for 2014, all seven are resolved and closed.

Zoning Vacancies

If you would like to serve your township, we need people to serve on our zoning boards.

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 position through Aug. 2015.

The BZA meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of zoning inspector's orders, conditional use requests, and revocation of variances and conditional zoning certificates.

The Zoning Commission currently meets on a quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the township's Zoning Resolution, Comprehensive Plan/Zoning District Map, and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 positions are filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the trustees during their monthly meeting which was continued to Dec. 30 and Jan. 6, 7 p.m., 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 visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Avoiding Falls

The Delaware General Health District reminds older residents to take steps to avoid falls.

1. Watch where you walk. Always assume that all wet and dark areas of a sidewalk or pavement are icy and slippery. Snow-covered areas on sidewalks and pavement may be deceiving and actually have ice beneath. Test the areas by tapping your foot on them first before walking. If possible, walk in the grassy edge for better traction.

2. Keep your balance by wearing gloves. Most keep their hands warm by putting them in their coat pockets, but this actually can decrease your center of balance. By wearing gloves, your arms are free to

provide a better center of gravity and are available to grab onto something in case you do start to fall.

3. Choose shoes with traction. Swap out your sneakers for boots made of non-slip rubber or neoprene that can improve traction and assist with stability.

4. Fall the right way. If slippery conditions get the best of you and a fall is unavoidable, lean toward the direction of the fall and roll into it. You will injure yourself less if your muscles are relaxed. Also, aim to fall on your thick side rather than landing on your knees, wrists, or spine. A bulky winter coat can also help cushion the fall.

For more information, contact Mitchell Briant at mbriant@delawarehealth.org or 740-203-2054.

Santa Visit



Thanks to the Porter Kingston Fire District for hosting Santa's tour. He made 72 stops to visit with 200 adults, 143 children, and 18 dogs.