



KINGSTON NEWS

2ND QUARTER, MAY 2016

Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman

Hello again. It is a very busy time in and around our township. Construction is popping up everywhere. The outlet mall will open in late June, so prepare yourselves for traffic like we have never seen.

Speaking of the mall and traffic, the new turn lane on I-71 should be complete prior to the mall's grand opening. The new exit ramp to the south of the mall is planned for 2018. I have been to many meetings about this and ODOT has held public meetings and an open house to explain the concept. Your trustees have sent a letter in support of ODOT's efforts. I am afraid that by Christmas we will all understand the need for this new ramp. If you have any comments you would like to forward, the ODOT Project Manager is Steven Fellenger P.E., and his email is Steven.Fellenger@dot.oh.gov.

Along with all this growth, Big Walnut Schools is seeing substantial increase in the number of students. And the projected growth has many in the district very concerned. The high school is nearing capacity (1100) and expansion does not seem to be a viable option in as much as the common areas are presently too small and cannot be expanded. The district has had 8 public forums on this issue and the Board will be deciding whether or not to put a new high school along with other needed capital improvements on the ballot this November. I sit on both the Economic Development and Facilities Planning Committees, so I am very familiar with this issue. As your Trustee, I can neither officially endorse nor oppose any issue that would be placed on the ballot. But, I will be happy to provide information, both pro and con, to anyone who has any questions. Please feel free to contact me on this issue.

As a matter of fact, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any concerns you have regarding Kingston

Township. My phone number is 740-965-1802, and my e-mail is svolpe@kingstontwp.org. I am here to serve and assist you.

ZONING REPORT

Permits—February through April

5 New Homes
1 Detached Garage
1 Deck
1 Lot Split Kilbourne Road

Miscellaneous

Just a reminder that distribution of the Kingston News is now done quarterly. This is the second quarter addition, and the third quarter addition will be published and distributed in August 2016.

Board of Zoning Appeals Hearings

A Conditional Use, Expanded Home Occupation and Variance was approved for Robert (Mike) and Andrea Wilson on Kilbourne Road to continue operation of a repair and service business from their home. A Front Setback Variance was approved for Jon and Pamela Rice on Todd Street Road to put an addition on their home. A Side Yard Setback Variance was approved for Louise Douce and Karen Silverwood on Blue Church Road to construct a detached garage.

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets on an as needed basis.

Zoning Commission Meetings 2016 (Quarterly)

- August 3, 2016
- November 2, 2016

ROADS & CEMETERIES

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) authorized the closure of North Galena Road between Twigg-Hupp Road and State Route 521 for bridge elevation over Interstate 71 on January 25th. According to ODOT, the road will be closed for 120 days which would project completion and road reopening in early June 2016. The bridge over

Interstate 71 on State Route 521 will remain open during the North Galena Road closure. The interstate bridge on Kilbourne Road was to reopen by Christmas 2015; however, reopening did not occur until April 14, 2016. According to ODOT, the contractor was penalized \$1,000 per day for failing to reopen the bridge on time. With the reopening of Kilbourne Road, Morrow County Road 15 was closed for elevation work.

ODOT has provided some funding to rehabilitate Kilbourne Road truck damage caused by the I-71 Lane Widening Project in 2014. The County Engineer is presently developing the scope of work and timetable for the work. Concerns have been raised by the Trustees regarding increased traffic on Kilbourne Road during the SR 521 bridge closure; specifically, further roadway damage by heavy loaded vehicles ignoring the ODOT posted detour routing and volume of traffic impacting resident safety.

One headstone foundation was ordered and one interment took place in the Blue Church Cemetery in February. At their May Monthly Meeting the Trustees approved \$4,700 for the County Engineer to double chip & seal the roadway within the cemetery. One driveway permit was issued each month in February and March, and two culvert inspections were completed in April. 47 tons of salt were used to treat township roadways in February, 0 tons in March and 167 tons total were used for the winter. The amount of estimated salt to be purchased by the Trustees for 2016-17 is 200 tons.

A verbal agreement has been in place for many years with Berkshire Township for the maintenance of Berkshire Road located in Berkshire and Kingston Townships. Currently Berkshire Township mows, plows and maintains the roadway east of Interstate 71 and Kingston Township maintains to the west. The township is in the process of working with Berkshire Township to formalize the agreement in writing.

The Trustees approved funding for road work this summer including culvert replacement and utility relocation on Blayney Road (\$25,000), culvert replacement on Blue Church Road between Wilson and Rosecrans Roads (\$3,000) and culvert replacement and ditch regrading on Beacom Road (\$16,750). The Beacom Road work should begin in

June followed by the Blayney Road work. Chip and seal repaving for Wildwood Lane and Blayney Road in 2016 is out for bid. Porter Township has agreed to fund their portion of Wildwood Lane and add the work to the Kingston Township contract.

Just A Reminder: Contractors or homeowners planning any work (including excavation and driveway culvert pipes) within the township roadway right-of-way must obtain a permit from Kingston Township prior to initiating any work. Please contact Roadway Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. Township roads include Todd Street, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Twigg Hupp, Clark, Blayney, Wilson, Stockwell (portion), Beacom (portion), Berkshire (portion) Roads and Basham and Wildwood Lanes.

KILBOURNE FESTIVAL - AUGUST 20, 2016

On August 20, 2016, Kilbourne will celebrate its 20th Festival. This is not a new Kilbourne Festival, it is a new date. We have moved from the first Saturday in October to the third Saturday in August in the hope of better weather. The weather has not been kind to us in October the last few years. All activities will center around Kilbourne United Methodist Church and the baseball fields. We will again begin the day with breakfast from 8:00-10:00AM followed by the parade at 11:00AM. Because we anticipate construction at the Brown School site we will not use that area for the parade line up.

If you would like to be in the parade or volunteer to help with the event, contact Kilbourne United Methodist Church at 740-524-6041 or kumc1@frontier.com. We will get you information about the line up location. Vendor spaces for the Farmer and Flea Market are \$15.00 for a 10' x 10' space (bring your own tables). Contact Violet Cummings at vmc1952@yahoo.com. In addition to the parade and breakfast there will be games, crafts, pony rides and more following the parade. Again we will have fresh roasted pork sandwiches with all the fixings.

The annual Horseshoe Tournament will take place at 1:00PM with sign up at Noon. Contact C Dee's Lil' Store at 740-524-3191 for information. A Corn

hole Tournament will also take place in the afternoon. Contact Trent Pettit for details (740-816-0879).

Come out and enjoy this family-friendly and affordable day of country fun and help support the Good Samaritan Fund serving Brown, Oxford, Kingston and Peru Townships. Check us out at www.kilbourneumc.com under Events or find us on Facebook and look for flyers and signs with more details. To defray some of the advertising costs of moving the festival we will have two fundraisers beforehand. The first will be a Spaghetti Dinner on April 16, 2016, from 3:30-7:00. The second fundraiser will be an Ice Cream Social, June 25, 2016, 4:00-7:00. Both events will be at Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, OH 43032. We hope you will come out to support all of these fun events.

The Kilbourne Festival Committee, Jean Hightower

PORTER-KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Fire Safety for Children

The Division of State Fire Marshal urges parents and guardians to take precautionary measures to avoid unnecessary fire fatalities, particularly related to children age five and under. Last year in Ohio, 20 of the 26 children who lost their lives in fires were under the age of five. In the event of a fire, children age five and below are almost entirely dependent on outside help in order to survive. Since many fatal fires occur at night while families are asleep, parents and guardians must be prepared by establishing a home fire escape plan and teaching their young ones what to do if a fire should occur.

Children and Fire: By the Numbers

- Children age 14 and under make up 10-15% of all fire deaths.
- More than half of all child fire deaths happen to children under the age of 5.
- Fire injuries happen most often to those under age 4. The 10 to 14 age group also experience a significant number of fire injuries.
- Boys are at a higher risk of death from fire than girls.
- African-American children are at an increased risk of death from fire.

Children and Fire: Life Saving Tips

- Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
 - Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
 - Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for bed in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
 - Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
 - Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
 - Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
 - Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
 - Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
 - Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
 - Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, clothes, paper and toys. This can be evidence your child may be playing with fire.
- http://www.com.state.oh.us/documents/fire_safetyc_hildren.pdf

DID YOU KNOW?????????

From the mid 1800's into the early part of the 1900's, education of children living in Kingston Township was provided by the Kingston Township Board of Education (Board). During that period, eight different brick, one room schools existed providing education through the 8th grade. These schools were positioned four miles apart so that no child would have to walk more than two miles. All contained stoves, seats, desks and glass windows, and cost approximately \$600-800 dollars to build.

Prior to the State of Ohio assuming control of public education in 1851, several church schools were located in the township. The first one was built in 1820 on the Curtis farm located on Little Walnut Creek about a mile from the south township line.

Teachers were paid approximately \$800 dollars to teach 160 days per year. To be hired, they were required to present a teaching certificate qualifying them for the job. Every child who completed 8 or more years in the one room schools could take a Boxwell Exam in Delaware. If students passed, they could attend high school without paying tuition. Otherwise, they could petition the Board to pay tuition so they could further their education at high schools located in Sunbury, Galena or Delaware.

Each public school was assigned a Sub District Number. The following is a list of the schools and their location:

Sub District 1 **Virginia School**

This school was also known as the Beacom School or Blayney School and was located at the corner of Kilbourne and Blue Church Roads.

Sub District 2 **Oak Hall School**

This school was also known as the Weiant School and was located on the northeast corner of Todd Street Road at Clark Road. It was named after all the large White Oak trees that grew in the area.

Sub District 3 **Stark School**

This school was located on the west side of State Route 61 between Stockwell and Rosecrans Road.

Sub District 4 **Lott School**

This school was also known as the South Kingston School. The school was eventually turned into a home currently owned by the McCanney's on the north side of Wilson Road at Carter's Corner Road.

Sub District 5 **Van Sickle School**

This school was located on North Galena Road about ¾ miles north of Berkshire Road. It was a joint sub district that also served Brown and Berkshire Townships.

Sub District 6 **Sunnyside School**

This school was eventually turned into a home currently owned by the Johnson's on the north side of Kilbourne Road at North Galena Road.

Sub District 7 **Kingston Center School**

This school was also known as Scott School. It was the third sub district school built in the township and is currently used as the Kingston Township Hall

located on the corner of SR 521 and Carter's Corner Road. The school was built in 1877 by the Owen family. Workers were paid \$1.50 per day for their labor. The school closed in 1929. Gerald Crowl, the grandfather of Road Superintendent Doug Crowl and Fiscal Officer Greg Roy was a substitute teacher at the school for several years. According to Kingston Township Board of Education records, 17,000 bricks were used for the structure.

Sub District 8 **Independence Hall School**

This school was also known as Waldon School and Silas Sheets School. The shell of the building still can be observed on the east side of 3B's and K Road south of SR 521. This district was the last to be organized in 1885, and the school closed in 1921. It was a joint sub district that also served Brown Township.

As the weather warms, take time to explore the township and discover the four remaining brick schools that exist out of the original eight.

By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl

Information for this article obtained in part from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year, 2013, The Big Walnut Area Historical Society, Pages 76-95 and The Delaware Gazette, Section D, Page 9, June 24, 1958.

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks* where Friday service will be performed on Saturday.

Trustees Meeting May 3rd, 7 PM

June 7th, 7 PM

July 5th, 7 PM

August 2, 7 PM

Zoning Commission August 3, 7 PM

November 7, 7 PM

Trash Days

May 6*, 13, 20 & 27

June 3, 10, 17 & 24

July 1, 8*, 15, 22 & 29

August 5, 12, 19 & 26

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NEWS & INFORMATION

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Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

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DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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GYPSEY MOTH SPRAYING

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) each year conducts an extensive trapping program across Ohio to detect growing populations of Gypsy Moth. This insect does its damage to trees by defoliating it during its caterpillar life stage. A couple of years of defoliation and other environmental stresses can cause the trees to die. With over 300 species of trees and shrubs affected, it is considered one of the most destructive insect pests threatening our trees and ornamental plants.

With their survey complete, ODA has concluded that treatment of our area is necessary during the months of May and June. The aerial treatment (spraying tree canopies) will begin in mid-May with a larvacide treatment that forms toxins in the stomach causing the caterpillar to stop eating and die, followed in mid-June with a mating disruption treatment. This does not kill the moth but reduces the population.

All treatments will be applied from an aircraft flown about 50 to 100 feet above the tree tops. Residents may want to remain indoors during the treatments until the insecticide dries on the leaves (about 30 minutes), but there is no requirement to do so.

ODA advised the exact time and date of treatment in our area cannot be determined in advance. The timing of treatments is dependent on insect development and environmental conditions. Application sites in our area include:

- West end of Todd Street Road, north end of North Galena Road west to North Old State Road.
- Several areas within Alum Creek State Park south of Kilbourne between North Old State and 3B's & K Roads.

For more information, contact David Adkins, Ag Inspection Manager, Ohio Department of Agriculture, by telephone at 614-728-6400 or by email at adkins@agri.ohio.gov. You can also access copies of insecticide labels, MSDS sheets and a map of the treatment areas on the ODA website at www.agri.ohio.gov under the Gypsy Moth Program.

FOR YOUR SAFETY-HOUSE # SIGNS

As you drive around Kingston Township, you will see a number of mailboxes with green, reflective address signs mounted on them. These signs are extremely important for both fire and emergency medical personnel from the Porter Kingston Fire District to be able to find individual houses when responding to your calls for help. Many of the green address signs have been in place for a number of years, and have lost their reflective properties due to ultraviolet light exposure and salt spray. The Kingston Township Zoning Resolution was updated in 2011 requiring all new built homes to install the

address signs once the mailbox is erected, and encouraging all township residents to install the address signs if not currently in place.

someone can get them to Columbus. If you would like to donate to help pay a veteran's costs, visit the website today!

If you do not have a green reflective address sign installed on your mailbox or wish to replace the one that you have due to deterioration, where can you obtain one? The answer is closer than you might think. The 6" X 18" sign blanks and letters are available at the Ace Hardware and Washington's Do It Best Hardware in Sunbury or from the Porter Kingston Fire Station located just east of State Route 656 on Olive Green Road in Olive Green. The Porter Kingston Fire Fighters Association sells the green reflective sign blank and two sets of reflective letters for \$10.00 with any proceeds from the sale used to support local community charities. They have an adequate supply of materials in stock, and signs can be ordered by calling the Fire District business telephone line at 740-524-5050 or by stopping at the fire station.

For more details regarding permanent street address requirements, please consult the Kingston Township Website at www.kingstontwp.org (Zoning Tab, Zoning Resolution, Section 21.03). The Zoning Office encourages all township residents post the green reflective address signs on their mailboxes to help our emergency personnel responding to calls for assistance.

HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Columbus recognizes and celebrates World War II, Korean War, and terminally ill veterans from all eras, by flying them to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to their important service to our country at no cost to them. If you know an interested veteran, contact honorflightcolumbus1@gmail.com, call 614-284-4987, or visit <http://honorflightcolumbus.org>. Kingston Township resident Beth Conard Rowland would be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding the program. Please contact her at 740-524-0024. Each veteran is accompanied by an experienced Guardian to help them in any way. The program is capable of overcoming many physical disabilities that a veteran may have. Some states have discontinued the program due to funding cuts. Because of their commitment to our veterans, Honor Flight Columbus is willing to get veterans from other states to Washington, D.C. as long as