



KINGSTON NEWS

4TH QUARTER, NOVEMBER 2017

Chairman's Chat

By Bill Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone! On behalf of the Trustees and staff, we want to say thank you for your overwhelming support of the new Township Hall resolution! The Trustees will now move forward to start the preconstruction process and work with Nationwide Realty Investors to coordinate the infrastructure and park facilities. Watch the newsletter for updates and progress reports, and hopefully we can vote in our own Township next November!

I would like to thank the Friends of Kingston Township Committee for their hard work in promoting the Township Hall resolution! Chairperson Becky Smith and Linda Roof worked very hard to inform residents of the ballot issue.

The Township's 119 acres of farmland will be up for bid next year. The Trustees will advertise for bids in early 2018. Our new plow truck and salt spreader are ready for the snow season. The new road construction on Wilson Road west of Carter's Corner Road is complete. What a nice improvement that project turned out to be! There is still no definite word on the proposed roundabout at State Route 61 and Wilson Road.

If you have a question or concern, please contact me at 740-524-2333. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and joyous holiday season!

NEW TOWNSHIP HALL

On Election Day, the voters of Kingston Township authorized the Trustees to proceed with the construction of a new Township Hall on 25 acres located west of Carter's Corner Road. The final vote was 537 (71%) for and 215 (29%) against. The hall will be funded with existing fiscal resources resulting in no new taxes.

With the advent of hall construction, our partners Nationwide Realty Investors will move forward with substantial site improvements including the access roadway, multi-use pathways, a picnic shelter with flush restrooms and construction of an on-site septic system for the hall until it can be connected to the Northstar Wastewater Plant in the future.

The Trustees deeply appreciate the support given allowing them to move forward with construction!

HISTORIC BALLOT BOX

On November 7, 2017, a historic Kingston Township Ballot Box was donated to the Township by the family of Dr. C. G. Godshall. Dr. Godshall's daughter Gretchen and husband Jeff George presented the wooden box to Trustees Steve Volpe and Bill Shively as pictured below.



Dr. Godshall purchased and razed the Old Blue Church that sat within Kingston Township. He then created several keepsakes from the church where he cut small sections of the original milk paint blue siding and decoupage a historic hand drawing of the church. One of these keepsakes was donated with the box.

Dr. Godshall purchased the box at an auction many years ago. Inside the box was a note from 1983 where Jean Chattos explained that this ballot box was carried house to house by her great grandfather Aliega Carney at election time throughout Kingston Township by horse and buggy. She indicated that the box was circ. late 1800's. Once all ballots were collected, the locked box was returned to election officials where the ballots were hand counted.

The Trustees sincerely thank the family of Dr. Godshall for returning the ballot box to Kingston Township! The box and keepsake will be publically displayed once the new Township Hall is constructed and occupied.

ZONING REPORT

Permits--For the period August through October, 23 permits were approved by the Zoning Office including:

- 2 Accessory Structures
- 3 Room Additions
- 1 Deck
- 6 New Homes
- 4 Lot Splits (6 Lots)
- 6 Agricultural Exemption Affidavits
- 1 Pool



Maribeth Meluch

On October 3, 2017, the Kingston Township Trustees appointed Kilbourne Road resident Maribeth Meluch to serve a five year term as Alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Trustees thank Maribeth for her willingness to serve our Township!

At their 4th Quarter Meeting held on November 8, 2017, the Zoning Commission reelected Tom Filbert to serve as Chairman for 2018 and Dick Strohm to serve as Vice-Chair.

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Old Plow Truck & Grader Sold--On October 3, 2017, the Trustees held an auction to sell the old plow truck and road grader. The truck was sold to Donald and Barbara Sherman for \$5,000.00 and the grader to Concord Township for \$5,600.00. The Trustees congratulate the successful bidders, and wish to thank all others for their interest and bid submissions.

State Route 61/521 Roundabout--The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has approved a project to modify the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. Having looked at several design alternatives to improve sight distances and move traffic through the intersection safely, they have decided that the best option is to construct a roundabout. Their target date for construction is reportedly 2020 with an estimated cost of \$1.8 million dollars. Funding for the project will come from an Ohio Public Works Commission grant with the local match coming from the Delaware County Engineer and Kingston Township. As residents well know, this is a very unsafe intersection which has produced a number of vehicular accidents with injuries and deaths. Questions regarding the project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

Late Summer/Early Fall Road Work Complete--Late summer/early fall construction has been completed including culvert replacement at

Rosecrans and Blayney Roads, Blue Church north of Wilson Road and Clark north of Todd Street Road; grader repaving of several deteriorated spots on the north end of Blue Church Road including the end loop; and roadway right-of-way clearing (encroaching vegetation) using a boom mower throughout the township.

Blue Church Road Improvements--On August 1, 2017, the Trustees voted to resubmit an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for the 2018 funding cycle to repair and widen Blue Church Road from State Route 521 to the northern terminus including improvement of the end loop to accommodate school buses and larger vehicles. The total estimate cost of the project will be \$705,304 with the townships share at \$158,694 and the Delaware County Engineer contributing \$49,371.

In other news, the Trustees approved \$11,600 to install new guardrail on Rosecrans Road for vehicular safety, and have submitted paperwork to the Delaware County Engineers Office to secure cost estimates for 2018 road work including correcting deteriorated sections of Todd Street Road and Clark Road followed by chip seal overlay and fog coating. Erosion correction and drainage improvement work will be completed on the Township's lease farm ground this winter. Also, drainage work will be initiated at the Blue Church Cemetery to improve burial conditions and public access in wet weather.

Since the last newsletter, 2 Blue Church Cemetery plots were sold, 2 headstone foundations were poured and 2 headstone set. Also, 5 culvert/ road right-of-way work permits were issued.

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

Kingston Township's Prestidigitator

Eldon Wigton was born on March 17, 1949 to Clayton and Natalie Wigton. Eldon grew up on the family farm located in Kingston Township on the south side of Kilbourne Road between North Galena Road and Carter's Corner Road. He graduated from Buckeye Valley High School in 1967 and eventually received a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education from The Ohio State University. He then taught Agricultural Mechanics

at Clark State, OSU Newark and the Delaware Joint Vocational School. Eldon was very mechanically inclined and could fix just about anything according to those who knew him.

While teaching, Eldon honed his talents as a magician, and eventually moved from teacher to full time professional magician taking the stage name of Dr. Eldoonie, Old Time Medicine Man. He was known for his black tuxedo and top hat from which he would frequently pull his rabbit Bugsy. It was hard to miss Dr. Eldoonie traveling local roadways in his 1929 Model A Ford, C Cab Delivery Truck. The truck was painted black, and the cargo box was painted dark green with Dr. Eldoonie Magic Medicine printed on both sides.

In 1983, Dr. Eldoonie drove his Model A from the east coast of the United States to the west coast; starting in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and ending up two weeks later in Los Angeles, California. What made his journey so special was that he drove the entire route double blindfolded! All who observed his feat were amazed. In many of the towns along the way, Dr. Eldoonie would stop and perform magic for the locals who had gathered to greet him. According to Eldon, he practiced for the blindfolded driving by playing the arcade game Frogger. For those not familiar with the game, it involved a small amphibian attempting to cross a busy highway without getting hit.

In 1991, Dr. Eldoonie set the Guinness Book of Records for being the fastest magician in the world. He performed 225 tricks in 2 minutes on April 21st at the 4-H Advisors Banquet held at the Joint Vocational School in Delaware, Ohio.

Dr. Eldoonie's magic took him throughout the United States but also around the world. On May 14, 1995, he performed on a popular Sunday evening entertainment program in Korea at the invite of the Seoul Broadcasting Company. He also performed 15 times at the White House Easter Egg Roll in Washington D.C.; meeting President George H. and First Lady Barbara Bush and President Bill and First Lady Hillary Clinton. He also performed at the White House for the July 4th Celebration in 2006.

Throughout his career as a professional magician, Eldon Wigton received many awards and honors.

He performed on the television program Entertainment Tonight, and was featured on the cover of Ohio Magazine. He was a lifetime member of the Society of American Magicians. While Eldon passed away on March 3, 2013 in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 63, his legacy as Dr. Eldoonie still lives on.

And now you know the story of Kingston Township's own prestidigitator.

By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl

Information for this article obtained in part from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year, 2013.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

As winter approaches and the use of wood burning stoves and fireplaces increases, here is some important information from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, Fire Prevention Bureau to protect your home and family.

Installation

Installation of a wood burning stove should be done in accordance with local codes and the manufacturer's instructions. Use a qualified professional to install stoves, chimney connectors and chimneys. Wood stoves should bear the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Firing Your Stove

Some ash left over from the last fire can be desirable, since it acts as a heat reflector in the bottom of the stove.

Crumple a small amount of paper and place it in the fire chamber. Over the paper place kindling wood and a few pieces of small fuel wood, be sure the damper is open, then light the paper. Once the wood begins to burn well and a good draft has been created, larger pieces of wood may be added.

NEVER....

- Use flammable liquids to light a fire.
- Store flammable liquids in an area where a stove is being used.
- Burn trash, large amounts of paper or small twigs.
- "Over Fire" so that stove pipe becomes "Red Hot".

- Leave the doors open or screen off except to fuel the fire.
- Dry clothing closer than three feet to the stove.

Chimney Fires

A chimney fire can be a frightening and dangerous experience. A Chimney fire may produce loud crackling, rumbling or roaring noises and a red hot stovepipe. These fires can spread to the building itself, causing serious loss and endangering the lives of your family.

Chimney fires are caused when CREOSOTE, a normal by-product of burning wood, collects on the inside of the chimney and is ignited. The causes of creosote buildup are listed below.

Reduce Creosote Build

These steps will help limit creosote buildup.

- Burn only dry, seasoned wood.
- Use of a chimney thermometer will help provide monitoring of temperatures to ensure you are maintaining the ideal burning temperatures.
- Avoid slow burning smoky fires.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned every year.

If you do have a chimney fire, in spite of your precautions, do these things:

- Call the Fire Department and get everyone out of the house.
- Close the stove door, draft opening and damper to cut off air to the fire.
- Never throw water on a hot stove. A chimney fire may damage parts of the chimney or stove pipe. Be sure to have an inspection made of your entire system before you use it again.

Selecting Wood to Burn

One important factor in preventing creosote buildup is using only dry, seasoned wood. To be seasoned, wood must have been cut and dried six to twelve months or longer depending on the kind of wood. If you cut your own wood, cut well in advance of the time of use. Give the wood time to dry and become seasoned before use.

If you buy the wood, shop around and purchase the driest wood you can find. Dry wood looks and feels

different than green wood. A stick of dry wood weighs less. The end of the stick may have cracks radiating from the center. Green wood does not have this appearance.

Remember that dry wood is not only safer to burn; it is also more economical because it produces more useable heat.

Chimney Cleaning

Chimney cleaning is a fact of life for the wood burner. If you burn wood, the formation of some creosote is unavoidable. Your chimney should be cleaned when creosote at any point reaches ¼ inch. The only way to tell when this point is reached is to inspect your chimney. How often you should conduct an inspection varies according to many factors. To begin, make your inspections fairly often. After a time, experience will tell you how often your flue needs to be inspected and cleaned. If you want to become your own chimney sweep, start with the correct tools. Makeshift equipment may damage your chimney.

For those who are not inclined to perform the inspection and cleaning chore themselves, professional chimney sweeps are available in most areas. Next to proper installation, proper cleaning is the most important wood stove fire safety rule.

Ashes

Dispose of ashes carefully. Place them in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Set container only on a non-combustible surface, away from the house and/or garage.

Added Precautions

For the greatest measure of safety for yourself and your family, you should install one or more approved smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Check them monthly to ensure they are in good working order.

- Each family should also practice a home fire escape plan/drill with two ways out of every room. Once **OUT** stay **OUT**.
- Family members need to establish a meeting place, a gathering point to ensure everyone is safely out of the house.

- Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the wood burning stove and never leave small children in a room when a wood stove is in use.

The use of wood burning stoves brings into the home certain dangers associated with the use of wood fuel. These dangers can result in serious problems for the unsuspecting home owner.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS



Feasting with family and friends is part of many holiday celebrations. Follow these simple tips to keep safe from food poisoning or foodborne illness during the holidays.

Flu shots are available at the Delaware General Health District during normal business hours Monday through Friday. The District is located at 3 W. Winter Street in Delaware. Call 740-203-2040.

From Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager

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. **Note Change**

Trustees Meetings November 7, 2017
December 5, 2017

Zoning Commission November 8, 2017, 7 PM
February 7, 2018, 7 PM
May 2, 2018, 7 PM
August 8, 2018, 7 PM
November 7, 2018, 7 PM

Trash Days November 3, 10, 17 & 25*
December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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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.

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.

The Zoning Office encourages all township residents to post the green reflective address signs on their mailboxes to help our emergency personnel responding to calls for assistance.