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# KINGSTON NEWS

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## Chairman's Chat

*By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman*

Hello once again, I hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather. It sure was a long time getting here. It seems like it rained almost every day in April.

Delaware County, as a whole, is looking pretty good. Growth in 2017 was only topped in 2013. There were 1,342 building permits issued. There were zoning reviews of 911 acres for future development in townships. There were 1,299 buildable lots in townships and 1,023 buildable lots in cities and villages at the end of 2017. With this growth, note also that Delaware County was recognized as the healthiest county in the state and ranked 12th in America's 500 healthiest communities according to an article in U.S. News and World Report.

The township hall project is moving along. The trustees signed a contract with Schorr Architects, Inc. to oversee the project. Surveying the site should be done soon, keeping the project moving.

Kate Montoya, Transportation Engineer from ODOT District 6 attended the last Trustee's Meeting on May 1st. She presented several layouts of the proposed roundabout at State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The one I liked best is of a peanut design, which has the least amount of intrusion on surrounding properties. Pictures are on file at the township hall for anyone who would like to see them. This project is slated to begin and finish 2020, if and when approved.

I had several calls about the cost of trash collection recently and according to our contract, the price should be \$38.64 quarterly for 2017, \$39.42 quarterly for 2018, and \$40.20 quarterly for 2019. No extra fuel charge, this is for trash only, not containers or recycle. I have contacted Waste Management to straighten up billing discrepancy;

however, if you have a billing concern, you should also contact them directly.

Call me if you have any concerns or questions about the township at 740-803-1529. Thanks, Dewey

## FARM LEASE BID & AWARDED

In April, the Trustees advertised a legal notice to bid out 118.5 acres of farm ground adjacent to the future Township Hall and Park site off Carter's Corner Road. Seven sealed bids were submitted for consideration by area farmers. At their March Monthly Meeting, the Trustees opened the bids and awarded the bid to Todd Etgen of Etgen Farms in Ashley for an annual rent of \$237.00 per acre. This represented an increase of \$21.00 per acre from the previous farm lessee. Mr. Etgen is a fourth generation farmer, and currently farms about 1,500 acres. The Township congratulates Mr. Etgen on his successful bid, and looks forward to working with him.

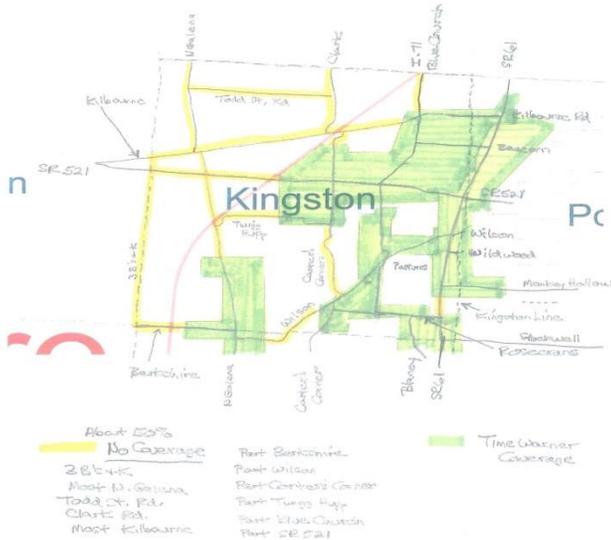
## CONSOLIDATED COOPERATIVE INTRODUCES FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET

Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Inc. has rebranded, and is doing business as Consolidated Cooperative (Consolidated) to reflect their expanded service including electric, fiber, and gas (propane and natural gas).

Consolidated began construction on a fiber-optic network delivering high-speed internet to members and nearby communities in April this year. The first customers in western Delaware County are slated to receive service in May. The pilot area was chosen because of its size, level of interest shown by residents, and the lack of internet service available. The graphic below shows areas of Kingston Township covered by Spectrum in green and areas with limited service in yellow generally located on the west side of Interstate 71.

in bringing high speed internet to their home. Consolidated considers the neighborhood organizer as a sponsor, and has resources available to help generate interest. Staffs at the Mount Gilead and Delaware (Kilbourne) Offices have been trained to answer internet questions should you wish to visit the Consolidated office or speak with them by telephone by calling 800-421-5863.

Our residents west of Interstate 71 have been struggling for years with internet service. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Visit [fiber.consolidated.coop](http://fiber.consolidated.coop) today and express your interest.



**Future expansion areas will be determined, in part, by interest among residents. If you have not already signed up to indicate interest in bringing fiber internet to your home in Kingston Township, visit [fiber.consolidated.coop](http://fiber.consolidated.coop). Consolidated can service any area of Kingston Township; even areas currently serviced by other providers.**

The cooperative network will introduce speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than the national average of 10 Megabits per second. The fiber optic line will be overhead following the electric lines along the roadways and on to individual properties.

If you sign up while Consolidated is initially installing the lines, the cost per residence will be a flat \$150.00 from roadway to the residence no matter how far off the road one lives. However, once the area (zone) has been completed, the cost jumps to \$250.00 for the first 100 feet and then \$3.25 per foot for the rest of the run. Depending on what speed you need, monthly service costs are listed on the website.

It will take about 60% of the residents living in an area (zone) for Consolidated to move forward with an installation project. The western portion of the township is in the Kilbourne East Zone. **Consolidated will not be going door to door to solicit interest. The interest will need to come from the residents themselves.** This means that someone in an area will need to take a lead role organizing neighbors to go to the Consolidated website listed above and indicate that they are interested

## ZONING REPORT

**Permits**--For the period February through April, 14 permits were approved by the Zoning Office including:

- 3 Accessory Structure
- 8 New Homes
- 2 Pools
- 1 Additions

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

## ROADS & CEMETERIES

**State Route 61/521 Roundabout**—Based on public comment received, The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has revised their plan to modify the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The revised plan was presented to the Trustees at their May Monthly Meeting, and received favorable comments. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. Their target date for construction is 2020 with an estimated 60 day intersection closure impact. 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.

**Blue Church Road Improvements**--At their February 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, the Trustees were informed by the Delaware County Engineers Office that the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

grant application for the 2018 funding cycle to improve Blue Church Road did not receive funding approval for 2018. Since this is the third time submitting the project without approval, the Trustees will now look for alternative ways to complete the improvements.

**Anticipated 2018 Roadwork Projects**--At their May 1st Monthly Meeting, the Trustees approved \$104,967 for the following roadway improvements for 2018: apply a chip seal with polymer binder roadway layer followed by a surface fog sealer and striping for the entire length of Todd Street Road, and Clark Road from Kilbourne Road to the county line. They also approved \$1,600 for crack sealer that will be applied ahead of the chip seal work.

**Since The Last Newsletter**--28 Blue Church Cemetery plots have been sold along with 2 plot ownership transfers and 1 burial. 8 culvert/ road right-of-way work permits were issued. During the period, 34 tons of salt were applied for roadway safety in February and 4 tons applied in March bring the yearly total 172 tons.

The Trustees approved expenditure of up to \$3000 dollars to purchase agricultural tile for a cooperative project between Kingston Township and our farm property lessee Todd Etgen to correct drainage and erosion problems.

As the township continues the quest for construction of a new hall and park off Carter's Corner Road, the Trustees approved rental of equipment by Road Superintendent Crawl to cut thickets and overgrown areas on potential building sites. The Trustees also approved a \$15,500 contract for Schorr Architects who were selected to perform hall/park design and construction oversight, as well as funding for shared site survey work with our partners Nationwide Reality Investors.

### **DID YOU KNOW?????????**



### **Historic Home On Rosecrans Road**

As you drive east on Rosecrans Road from Carter's Corner Road, you see a stately, reddish brown, 2 ½ story home that sits on a hill on the south side of the road. As you proceed down the road, do you wonder how old is that home and does it have a story to tell?

Well, the home does have a story! The structure was built in Enfield, Connecticut in the 1770's along the Connecticut River. After almost 200 years, the structure was scheduled for demolition due to expansion of an adjacent plant. While on an east coast trip in 1974, Marion and Connie Ackerman of Westerville, Ohio (who had been looking locally for a historic home) saw an advertisement for the sale of historic homes and contacted Ed Friedland of Lisbon, Connecticut. His company would dismantle historic homes and then move them anywhere in the country. After seeing the structure and negotiating a price of about \$15,000, the Ackerman's purchased the home which included relocation back to Ohio. The structure came with a deed that showed it being transferred from a father to son on July 4, 1776. While the structure is not the oldest home originally built in Kingston Township, it is the oldest structure!

The company took the structure apart numbering each piece as they went. An architectural drawing was created, and numerous detailed photos were taken during the dismantling process. The structural parts were loaded in a Penn Central Railroad box car in Hartford, Connecticut and transported to the Sunbury Railroad Depot in May 1974. The cost of the transport was only \$574.74 since it was classified as used lumber. The Ackerman's lived by the railroad in Westerville, and had one train per day move past their house.

Mrs. Ackerman knew the box car number, and actually recalls seeing the box car carrying her new home on its way to Sunbury. All the structural pieces were unloaded and transported to a barn for storage near a five acre parcel on the west end of Rosecrans Road purchased by the Ackerman's in 1974. Finding a lender to cover the purchase was difficult. Eventually, the Ackerman's were able to secure a loan for their project from Howard Cring, New Albany Savings and Loan.

The Ackerman's, with the help from friends and local craftsmen, began the process of rebuilding the structure for their future home. Mr. Ackerman worked in construction business so he not only had the expertise and experience needed to reconstruct the structure, but also had friends in all the building trades that he could call upon for help on weekends. The process took about a year and was completed in May of 1975. According to Mr. Ackerman, a historic home reconstruction is never ever really done, and he continues to work on the house even today. The building codes in 1974 were different than they are today; but even then, the permitting of the structure presented a unique challenge for the county building officials. Mr. Ackerman worked closely with County Building Inspector Gerald Crowl to achieve final code compliance. Gerald is the grandfather of Doug Crowl, Kingston Township Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton, and was the sole inspector for structural and electric at that time. Additionally, the Ackerman's had rebuilt their historic home on property likely owned by the Rosecrans Family in the 1880's, and a monument to Civil War General Rosecrans exists on the same side of Rosecrans Road just east of the Ackerman home.

The structural style is considered Colonial. The 40' linear and 32' perpendicular support beams are hand hewn timbers, and are held together by the original wooden pegs, "tree nails", saved during the dismantling process. The majority of the interior framing is original as is the flooring, bricks and paneling. The exterior siding is cedar clapboard. It is not original but very similar to what existed on the structure when first built. The original siding was impossible to salvage due to deterioration. The home contains a center chimney which was characteristic of many east coast homes constructed in the 1770's. The color is Boston Red which looks brown or dark red depending on the light.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman for taking time to discuss the unique history of their home, and for allowing that history to be published in the Kingston News. **And now you know!**

*By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl*

Information for this article obtained in part from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year and an interview with Marion and Connie Ackerman.

## **PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT**

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.

## **HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS**

**Community Litter Cleanups**--The Delaware General Health District's Keep Delaware County Beautiful (KDCB) program works with townships, villages and cities to organize and promote our nation's largest community improvement program, the Great American Cleanup!

We are here to help neighbors, scouts, service groups, and Home Owner's Associations to conduct litter cleanups in their neighborhood parks and roadways. KDCB can provide trash bags, gloves, road signs, safety vests and litter grabbers. We work with your township or municipality to pick up the bagged trash.

Together, we can create a positive and lasting impact and create a safer cleaner community.

Those interested in helping can contact Jenifer Way-Young at 740-368-1700 ext. 2076 or [jway-young@delawarehealth.org](mailto:jway-young@delawarehealth.org)

Both the Health District and the Kingston Township Trustees would like to thank Samantha Young, her family and neighbors for taking advantage of this program, and for their hard work and efforts cleaning up the area along Todd Street Road on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 13 people participated and they picked up 23 bags of trash! The Trustees encourage other families and neighbors to consider cleanups in their areas utilizing the resources available through the Health District. Township assistance is also available to remove garbage bags and materials collected during a cleanup by contacting Road Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427.



**April 28<sup>th</sup> Todd Street Road Cleanup**

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** May 1, 2018  
June 5, 2018  
July 3, 2018  
August 7, 2018  
September 4, 2018  
October 2, 2018  
November 6, 2018  
December 4, 2018

**Zoning Commission** May 2, 2018, 7 PM  
August 8, 2018, 7 PM  
November 7, 2018, 7 PM

**Trash Days** May 4, 11, 18, & 25  
June 1\*, 8, 15, 22, & 29  
July 6\*, 13, 20, & 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
September 8\*, 14, 21 & 28  
October 5, 12, 19 & 26  
November 2, 9, 16, 24\*, & 30  
December 7, 14, 21 & 29\*

## CONTACTS

(740 Area Code)

### **TRUSTEES**

Bill Shively, 524-2333, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
Dewey Akers, 803-1529, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)  
Steve Volpe, 965-1802, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Greg Roy: 504-0311,  
[fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org)

### **DELAWARE COUNTY EMS**

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 [www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

### **NEWS & INFORMATION**

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290  
Township Web Site: [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org)  
Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

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

### **PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT**

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050  
Email: [PKFD@rrohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com) [www.PKFD.org](http://www.PKFD.org)

### **ROADS & CEMETERIES**

Doug Crowl, 815-8427, [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

## **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Waste Management: 866-797-9018

On-line: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

## **ZONING**

Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,

[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

## **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE**

740-368-1921

## **DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE**

740-833-2200

## **DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

740-368-1700

## **10 COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY**

As spring turns to summer, many Kingston Township residents will increase usage of firearms for recreation and hunting. Safe usage of firearms is extremely important! Here are The 10 Commandments of Firearm Safety as published in the Hunter Education Course developed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

1. Watch the muzzle—keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun—it might be loaded even if you think it isn't.
3. Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop—don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot. This is the best way to prevent an accidental discharge.
5. Check your barrel and ammunition. Make sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions, and carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.
6. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave actions open, and carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.
7. Point a firearm only at something you intend to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a gun.

8. Do not run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely. Store each in secured locations beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting. Also avoid mind or behavior altering medicines or drugs.

Our thanks to the ODNR, Division of Wildlife for permission to reprint this important information.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS**

The Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow Solid Waste District (DKMM) will hold a summer and fall special collection event in 2018.

The first event will be **August 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for electronics and tires at the **Knox County Fairgrounds** in Mount Vernon. There will be a fee charged for some items including tires 19" and smaller \$4.00, and televisions \$20 each. Electronics are free. No tires larger than 19" will be accepted. Cash or check only.

The second event will be **October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for hazardous waste and paint at the **Delaware County Fairgrounds** in Delaware. Paint cans of any size, up to 5 gallon, are \$2 with a limit of 10 cans. Hazardous waste is free. Cash or check only. You must be a resident of the four counties and may have to show photo identification as proof of residency.

Hazardous waste might include household cleaners, household/yard chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, automotive fluids, propane cylinders under 20#, items containing mercury, fire extinguishers, adhesives, batteries and others. Some items are **NOT** accepted including ammunition, appliances, asbestos, explosives, medicines, sharps and syringes, and freon containing devices. For a full list of acceptable materials or more information, please visit [www.dkmm.org](http://www.dkmm.org).