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# KINGSTON NEWS

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## Chairman's Chat

*By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman*

Hello, Everyone. I hope you are all having a great summer.

Summit Road on N. 3B's & K Road is officially open. It has made entry to Route 36 East 100% better during peak traffic hours in the morning and late afternoon. The work on the South bound ramp at I-71 and Route 36 has been completed, but it seems there is still confusion navigating the continuous right turn.

The development at N. 3B's & K Road is moving on at a good pace. The next phase with about one hundred more houses has been approved. I have not heard any more about the two billion dollar amusement park project in Berkshire Township since it was mentioned in the newspaper several weeks ago.

Doug Cowl is in the process of updating all the road signs in the township. This should help make our roads safer for travel. The sign project should finish up this summer. We will be doing some cosmetic work in the cemetery, removing all the overgrown shrubs and bushes. This will improve the appearance quite a bit.

Enjoy the good weather while it lasts. If you have any questions concerning the township, feel free to call me at 74-803-1529. Dewey

## TREES FOR TOMORROW

Looking ahead at the completion of the new Township Hall and Park off Carter's Corner Road in 2019, the Trustees approved a tree donation program at their May 1, 2018 Trustees Meeting. The program will afford residents an opportunity to honor lost loved ones with the donation of a living memorial and at the same time enhance reforestation efforts using native trees at both the Blue Church Cemetery and new Township Hall and Park.

### Background:

**Trees for Tomorrow** is a tree restoration program for the Kingston Township Blue Church Cemetery and Township Hall/Park areas. The Emerald Ash Bore has had a devastating effect upon the majority of ash trees within the park areas. Many trees are reaching the end of their life cycle, and others are dying due to damage by storms, vandalism and soil compaction around root systems.

The goal of this program is to solicit tree donations from interested township residents for the purpose of planting trees native to our area for future generations to enjoy. These trees will improve air quality, provide shade and scenic beauty, and offer many wildlife benefits. Throughout the country, family members utilize similar programs to honor lost loved ones through a donated tree living memorial.

With the passage of the of the resolution on the November 2017 ballot by Kingston Township residents, the Trustees are moving forward with the design and construction of a new Township Hall/Park in cooperation with our partners Nationwide Realty Investors. The area should be established by 2019 which would then provide an opportunity to begin donated tree planting in that area.

### **How Does The Program Work?**

Interested donors may choose from the following options:

- ✓ One time monetary donation of any amount. These funds will be set aside in the township budget and designated to purchase trees and planting supplies (fertilizer, trunk wrap, wire/stakes, etc.) for the cemetery and hall/park.
- ✓ Purchase a gift certificate from a local tree nursery in any amount. Donate the gift certificate to the designated township area. The gift certificates will be combined and used to purchase trees and planting supplies.
- ✓ One time donation of a dug tree chosen from the native tree list.
- ✓ Multi-year donation i.e. 1 tree/year for five (5) years.

The donation can include a small inscribed plaque in honor of a loved one.

### **What Size Trees Are Best?**

Based on best practices used by managers of public areas, trees with a 2-3 inch trunk diameter have the greatest chance to survive. Historic efforts to plant tree seedlings in public areas have resulted in a minimal survival rate due to drought, winter freeze/thaw damage, and damage by deer and rabbits. Trees planted with smaller trunk diameters have been found to be

susceptible to damage before they can become established.

### **What Do Trees Cost?**

The average price for a balled and burlaped tree purchased from a local nursery is approximately:

2 Inch Diameter	\$250
2 ½ Inch Diameter	\$285
3 Inch Diameter	\$360-400

depending on species

### **When Is The Best Time To Make A Tree Donation?**

- A monetary donation or a gift certificate for a tree to be planted in your designated area can be made at any time of year.
- The best time to donate a tree is fall. Local nurseries offer dug trees for sale with the root systems balled and wrapped with burlap for fall planting ahead of dormancy. Fall planting provides the best opportunity for tree survival.
- The township staff will do it's best to ensure survival of donated trees; however, no guarantees can be offered concerning the longevity of each specific tree.
- Small, permanent markers can be placed by a family adjacent to trees donated in honor or memory of a loved one. The condition or longevity of the markers cannot be guaranteed by the township.

### **To Donate A Tree, Who Do I Contact?**

Please contact the Kingston Township Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 or [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org) for more information about this program including a list of native trees, and to participate in **Trees for Tomorrow.**

## ZONING REPORT

**Permits**--For the period May through July, 17 permits were approved by the Zoning Office including:

- 13 New Homes
- 3 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 ODOT continues to work with potentially impacted property owners. 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. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with the Township's portion being \$17,250 dollars.

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.

**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 funding for crack sealer and grader paving of deteriorated areas that will be applied ahead of the chip seal work.

**Since The Last Newsletter**--2 Blue Church Cemetery plots and 1 foundation have been sold along with 1 cremation internment. The Trustees intend to hire a local landscape company to remove overgrown vegetation and trees from the cemetery. Also, 16 driveway/road right-of-way work permits have been issued.

The Trustees previously approved expenditure of up to \$3,000 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. Farmer Etgen completed repair of about 300' of the main tile line, and will continue additional repairs this fall after crops are harvested.

As the township continues the quest for construction of a new hall and park off Carter's Corner Road, survey work has been completed, and the final location of all structures will be determined soon. This will allow site and structural design work to move forward.

A recently installed guardrail on Rosecrans Road was severely damaged by a hit-skip driver. After consulting with the County Engineer's Office, the Township will reposition and repair the guardrail.

Using funding awarded through an ODOT grant, new roadway signs and posts have been secured for the entire Township, and Road Superintendent Crowl is in the process of replacing deteriorated signs. New signs have been installed on Blayne and Rosecrans Road which meet federal requirements for safety (retro reflectivity).

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

The Trustees always like to recognize the special accomplishments of Kingston Township residents of all ages. In this addition of the Kingston News, several noteworthy accomplishments need mention.

**First**, the Trustees would like to recognize 17 year old **Nicholas Spangenberg** of Blue Church Road. In May of 2017, Nicholas earned the **Eagle Scout** rank with the Boy Scouts of America. This prestigious award requires an individual to display extensive leadership skills by participating in and directing others to accomplish a beneficial community project. Under his leadership, Nicholas and several other Scouts built 16 raised beds for a community garden at the Sunbury Community Library. Also in 2017, Nicholas was subsequently recognized as the Delaware District Eagle Scout of the Year, and received a beautification award through Delaware General Health District.

Nicholas continues to participate and advance in Scouting. He has earned 2 of the 3 Palms and has been a staff member at the Scout's Summer Camp held at the Chief Logan Reservation near Chillicothe. To earn each Palm, the individual must remain actively involved with Scouting for three months and earn 5 additional Merit Badges. He is a member of Sunbury Troop 701 of the Simon Kenton Council. He is the son of

Lee and Lisa Spangenberg.  
**Congratulations Nicholas!**

**Second**, the Trustees would like to recognize 19 year old **Joshua Jerome** of Wilson Road. In June of 2017, Joshua also earned the **Eagle Scout** rank with the Boy Scouts of America. Under his leadership, Joshua and several other Scouts and adult volunteers cleared and rehabilitated a creek trail along the east side of the Sunbury United Methodist Church in November of 2016. The trail is still used today. He is the son of Joey and Lisa Jerome. An interesting fact shared by Joey is that of all the young men that enter Boy Scouts, only 3% stay with the program and earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Joshua is no longer able to be a Scout because of age. At the time of his accomplishment, he was also a member of Sunbury Troop 701 of the Simon Kenton Council. **Congratulations Joshua!**

**Third**, the Trustees would like to recognize members of the Sunbury 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Daisy Troop 4863 of the Girl Scouts of America. Under the watchful eye of Troop Leader Angela Willyerd of Blue Church Road, several troop members (many of which live in Kingston Township) cleaned up the planting beds at the east entrance of the Blue Church Cemetery ahead of Memorial Day this year. Once the beds were clear of weeds, flowers were planted and the beds were mulched enhancing the entrance for all who visited loved ones over the weekend. Funding for the flowers came from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies and this community service project completed the Flower Garden Journey for the young women.

The Trustees sincerely thank **Ashleigh Willyerd, Avery Whalen, Katelyn Schumm, Brooke Butauski, Audrey Schauweker and Julia Worster** for the outstanding job of beautifying the east entrance of the cemetery! **Thank You Ladies!**



**Finally**, the Trustees would like to recognize an unidentified veteran for his or her action on July 1<sup>st</sup>. During a brief late afternoon thunderstorm, high winds damaged many trees and other objects throughout the township. One of the items damaged by the storm was the flag pole in the Blue Church Cemetery. The wind bent the flag pole causing the American flag to be improperly displayed. As the unidentified veteran passed the cemetery, they noticed the impacted flag, removed it, properly folded it and then carefully laid it by the Blue Church bell with a note explaining their actions. Here are the veteran's words: ***"The storm that came through this evening has knocked your flag pole over. As a veteran, I couldn't pass by as Old Glory lay***

***on the ground. I folded the flag and left it here. Hope to see her flying again soon. Sincerely, A Proud American."*** The patriotism for our country and flag shown by the veteran is exemplary. **To the veteran who performed this act, thank you for your service to our country and for caring!**

*By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl*

## **HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS**

The Delaware General Health District staff reminds you to protect your family and yourself from mosquitoes and ticks when you are enjoying the summer. Over the past two months there have been mosquito traps that have collected mosquitoes that are carrying the West Nile Virus and we want your family to be safe.

The most effective way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is environmental control. This includes eliminating breeding sites, larviciding, and personal protection. If you must go out, protect yourself against bites by wearing light colored long-sleeved clothing and use a repellent containing DEET or Picaridin.

The health district is working with the Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County to prepare the next Community Health Improvement Plan and we need your help. Please take a moment to fill out the Quality of Life Survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DelawareCHIP> The survey will take about three minutes to complete, please fill out the survey by August 20th.

December 7, 14, 21 & 29\*

Another partnership that the district has is with Source Point; we are working together on an Age-Friendly survey to find out what our community members that are over 55 think about where they live and what they would like to improve. If you receive a copy in the mail, please take a sometime to fill out the survey and let us know your thoughts. The survey answers are anonymous and confidential.

If you have questions about these topics or any other public health topics, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Shelia L. Hiddleston, Health Commissioner  
740-203-2002

### 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

### 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