



KINGSTON NEWS

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Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hello,

Once again, I have been honored to be chairman of the Trustees for 2018. I hope this note finds everyone in good health and spirits.

2018 was a busy year for Kingston Township and Delaware County. Housing development has gained speed all over the county. North Star is finally showing growth in our township. The development at Route 36 and N. 3B's & K Road is moving ahead at a steady pace. Driving from N. 3B's and K Road on to Summit Road through the new project to Route 36 has allowed improved access to Route 36. The traffic light at Northgate Church allows safe access both east and west bound on Route 36 especially during peak periods. A large tract of land at the corner of N. 3B's & K Road and Howard Road recently sold and could possibly be the site of another housing development. Progress, you just got to love it.

Kingston Township and the Porter Kingston Fire District both acquired new trucks this past year and both are working great.

Trustee Steve Volpe has taken the lead on the new township hall, and that project is moving ahead smoothly. We are currently seeking requests for qualifications for a design/build contractor for the project. We

will keep you informed as we move ahead. Steve is doing a great job of keeping all informed about negotiations with Nationwide Realty Investors and our project architect.

Refuse Collection Fee 2019--Waste Management will remain the sole refuse collection and curbside recycler for 2019. The current refuse collection rate is \$39.42 per quarter, and **the rate for 2019 will be \$40.20 per quarter.** There is an additional fee for curbside recycling and containers. Contact Waste Management for details.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2019 for Kingston Township. For all your questions and concerns about the township, please contact me at 740-803-1529 or dakers@kingstontwp.org.

Thanks, Dewey Akers

KILBOURNE CRAFT SHOW

Don't miss the Craft Show at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church to be held on Saturday, December 1st from 9am to 2pm. It's a great place to shop for special Christmas gifts for friends and family.

ZONING REPORT

Permits--For the period August through October, 17 permits were approved by the Zoning Office including:

- 10 New Homes
- 3 Pools

- 1 Addition
- 1 Accessory Structure
- 2 Agricultural Exemptions

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

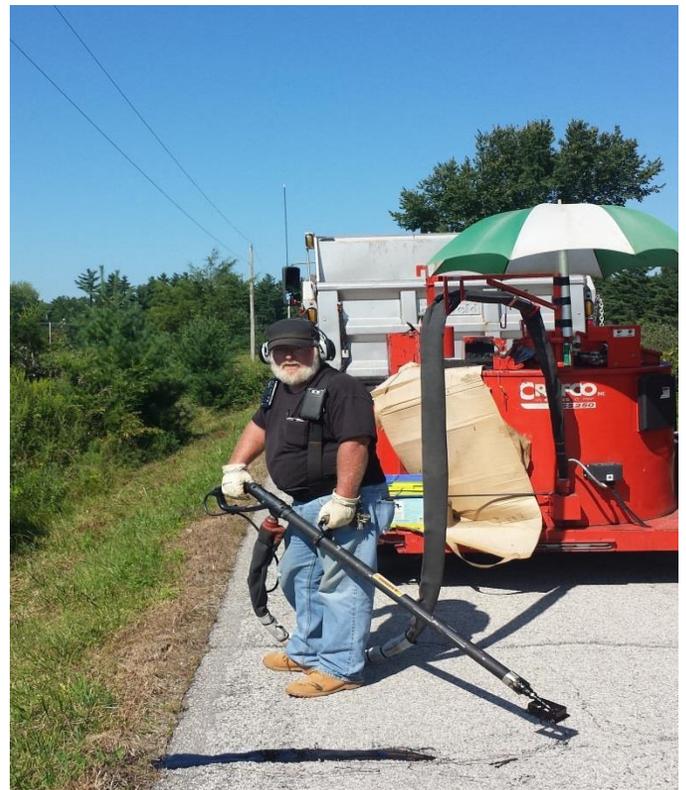
Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy--The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals for an **Alternate** position that runs through December 2020. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Interested township residents should submit a letter or e-mail of interest along with a brief resume to the Zoning Office. This posting will remain open until such time that the position is filled. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/656 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.

2018 Roadwork Projects Completed—Crack sealer and grader paving to level deteriorated areas was completed for Todd Street Road and Clark Road. That work was followed by a chip seal application with polymer binder roadway layer, and then finalized with a surface fog sealer and striping for the entire length of the roadways.



Road Superintendent Doug Crawl and Trustee Bill Shively hard at work applying crack sealer to Todd Street Road.

Since The Last Newsletter--6 Blue Church Cemetery plots and 3 foundations have been sold along with 2 internments and one headstone set. A local landscape company

removed overgrown vegetation and trees from both the Blue Church and Stark Cemeteries. Also, 9 driveway/road right-of-way work permits have been issued.

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?????????

Barn Quilt Squares

As you drive north on N. Galena Road approaching the intersection of State Route 521, you pass a large white barn on the west side of the road with a quilt pattern painted on the side of the barn. Most residents and visitors find themselves wondering what does the quilt pattern mean and why is it there?

To find the answer, we contacted Kingston Township resident Steve Sheets whose deceased parents William E. and Mary Louise Sheets started their farm on N. Galena Road. When asked what the quilt pattern meant, he indicated that he saw the barn quilt square idea in a brochure, liked the pattern and decided to put the pattern on the barn of his farm located on Todd Street Road. After several years the image faded so he decided to repaint and put the image on his parent's farm barn, and found another quilt pattern he liked for his farm barn. Steve indicated that while the patterns all mean something, he does not know the meaning of the quilt patterns on the Sheet's barns other than he liked the patterns and "it adds nice color to a plain white barn".

So what is the history behind quilt patterns painted on barns? What we found out was that quilt patterns on barns date back about 300 years to colonial America. Immigrants from the Rhine region of Germany came seeking religious freedom, and included Amish, Mennonites, Lutherans and other reform groups. Many of these immigrants settled in Pennsylvania, and the designs painted on structures can still be found in the Amish communities today. After the colonists became established, they painted small patterns in squares on the ends of their barns as a way to celebrate their heritage, and were also believed to protect the farm and bring good fortune.

The majority of barn quilt squares are based on traditional quilt blocks. Log cabin blocks, bear paw, wedding ring and many others are commonly used. Other patterns incorporate monograms and fancy designs or complicated block patterns. The barn owner has free reign to design a block however they chose. There are many barn quilts in Ohio where the star pattern is popular.

The concept of modern barn quilts began in 2001 with Donna Sue Groves in Adams County located in southcentral Ohio along the Ohio River. She desired to have the first remodeled block of a barn quilt square in honor of her mother. As she discussed the barn quilt idea with locals, her plans changed to a concept creating a driving trail that would display local pride, and invite visitors to travel throughout the local countryside bringing travel and tourism dollars to the area. Local volunteers worked together to both plan a driving trail and to develop guidelines as to how the project would be managed. Several barn owners signed on, and the Adams County Quilt

Sampler was begun. Over 36 Ohio counties currently have barn quilt trails including Ashtabula County in northeast Ohio with over 100 barn quilts and several covered bridges on their driving tour.

The first quilt square on the Adams County trail ironically did not hang on the Groves farm. The Ohio Star was painted by local artists and installed on a greenhouse business that was visible from a nearby major road for the public to celebrate the inauguration of the quilt trail. A Snail's Tail quilt square was later painted and mounted on the barn where Donna resides. Donna later traveled to Iowa to introduce the concept, and each year more and more trails have been created in that state. Kentucky was the next to join the movement, and approximately 800 painted quilts now exist there. From its humble beginning, the barn quilt trail concept has spread to all 48 states and to Canada, and it continues to grow creating what some have called the largest grassroots public arts movement in our history.

While originally small squares painted directly on barns, the modern concept has evolved into 8' X 8' pieces of artwork painted on two pieces of 4' X 8' plywood which are hung on the barns. The pattern can be taken from any quilt block or from the imagination of the artist. Bright colors and bold contrasting patterns stand out better from a distance rather than using small designs and subtle colors. In Adams County alone you will find the Lemon Star, Ohio Star, Sawtooth Star, Pinwheel, Liberty Star, Nine Patch, Hour Glass, Donna Sue Groves Snail's Tail, Monkey Wrench, Shoo Fly, Broken Dishes, Dutchman's Puzzle and several others.

So the next time you are traveling North Galena Road or Todd Street Road, take the time to look for the white barns on the Sheet's farms, and think about the long history of barn quilts in this country. A special thanks to Steve Sheets for taking the time to discuss his barn quilts. **And now you know.**



The Sheets barn quilt square located on N. Galena Road.

Ohio Barn Quilt Trail Map and History of the Quilt Trail, barnquiltinfo.com;
The History of Barn Quilt Squares, Edith Hignutt, classroom.synonym.com;
Adams County, Ohio, adamscountytravel.org; Ashtabula Barn Quilt Trail, barnquiltsashtabulacounty.com

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

According to Chief Thompson, several equipment updates are being made by the District including the award of grant funding totaling \$13,000 for a gear extractor which cleans gear after fighting a fire to reduce the exposure to cancer causing carcinogens, and replacement of \$103,000 worth of new airpicks utilizing existing District funding.

Important Santa Tour Information--The 2018 Porter Kingston Fire District's Annual Santa Tour is just around the corner. For 11 years, Santa Claus has requested a tour of the townships just a few days before the big night, so he can make sure he has the lay of the land. Santa advised Chief Thompson that with all of the new homes, new kids, new dogs, he needs to make sure the elves have all the information correct.

This year's tour will be on Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 starting at 1pm. The route is not 100% completely finalized, giving each family a chance to message the District via the PKFD Santa Tour Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour) Please message your address to have Santa stop at your house, and you will be added to the route. The final route will be released on the Facebook page around December 19th. On Sunday the 23rd, you can keep track of Santa on the page and meet him at the end of your driveway for a quick treat, last request, and photo with the big guy. This community has been great at providing treats to Santa and the Firefighters, but we are going to request that if you would like to donate something, please make it a canned good, and the District will donate it to a local food bank.

Santa Claus and the Porter Kingston Firefighters cannot wait to see you all again this holiday season.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

The Delaware General Health District will soon be opening a satellite office in Sunbury. The satellite location will offer a closer location and easy parking for Kingston Township residents to access

District personnel and resources. The office will offer environmental health permits and plan reviews, plumbing permits, birth and death certificates, immunizations and women, infant and children support (WIC) by appointment.

The opening date is still pending as the District waits for construction completion.



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 October 2, 2018, 7 PM
November 6, 2018, 7 PM
December 4, 2018, 7 PM

Zoning Commission November 7, 2018, 7 PM

Trash Days October 5, 12, 19 & 26
November 2, 9, 16, 24*, & 30
December 7, 14, 21 & 29*

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 www.delcoems.org

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org
Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

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.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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