



# ***KINGSTON NEWS***

***2ND QUARTER, MAY 2022***

## ***COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 1PM-3PM***

### **Community Open House Scheduled Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> From 1PM To 3PM**



The new Kingston Township Hall and Zoning Office is now open at 4063 Carter's Corner Road. A Community Open House is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. Your Trustees will be there to greet you along with an appearance by General William Stark Rosecrans who was born in Kingston Township. The Porter Kingston Fire District will be on hand to demonstrate proper fire extinguisher use and thank residents for their support passing a recent ballot levy. Also, trained professionals Joyce Bourgault and Loise Douce will be available to discuss the formation of a new group within the township focused on building new relationships with neighbors based on common values (Community Building). Light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars

and join us to celebrate the opening of the new Township Hall. For more details, visit our website at [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org).

The Trustees are working on the design and installation of a permanent entrance sign for the new Township Hall as well as the installation of roadway and parking lot lighting. They are also communicating with our partners, Nationwide Realty Investors, as to when the new picnic shelter will begin construction across the parking lot from the new Township Hall.

### **Help Wanted:**

#### **Road Superintendent-Cemetery Sexton**

With the pending retirement of current Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton Doug Crowl, the Trustees would like to hire someone ahead of Doug's retirement for training purposes. The job posting and employment application can be found on the Home Page of the Township's Website at [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org). Please spread the word. If you or someone you know might be interested, apply today.

### **U.S. 23 Corridor Study Report Issued**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced that it will not advance any of the concepts proposed in the Route 23 Connect Delaware

Regional Connection Study. After comparing the expected benefits of each concept with the costs, “ODOT determined that none of the concepts could be reasonably implemented in the immediate future”. Rural neighbors packed public comment sessions, used the comment feedback portal, and placed signs in farm fields expressing plan opposition through valuable farm ground. ODOT plans to reach out to stakeholders in the coming months to discuss transportation concerns and priorities along U.S. 23 corridor in more detail.

### **Delaware General Health District Provides Furniture**

The Trustees would like to thank Health Commissioner Sheila Hiddleston, the Board, and the staff of the Health District for providing numerous high-quality tables, chairs, and desk units to help furnish the new Township Hall! The furniture will serve the needs of the township for many years to come, and the donation is sincerely appreciated.

### **Blue Church Bell Clapper Donated**

The Trustees would also like to thank Joyce and Robert Sietz for donating the clapper for the bell from the old Blue Church to the township. For those not familiar, the church once stood at the corner of State Route 521 and Blue Church Road, and today the bell can be found displayed in the Blue Church Cemetery.

## **ZONING REPORT**

### **Permits**

For the months of February through April, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 3 New Build Homes
- 2 Accessory Structures

- 1 Deck
- 2 Pools W/Deck
- 3 Agricultural Exemptions
- 3 Lot Splits
- 1 BZA Hearing Held

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

### **Resident Survey Coming**

Within the next several weeks, the Zoning Commission will be mailing postcards to all residents of Kingston Township asking for your opinion on what you like and dislike about living in the township and what you want the township to look like in the future. The opinion of each resident is important as the Zoning Commission continues work to update the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. Go to [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org) for more information.

### **Board Vacancies**

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling an **Alternate** vacancy on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** and **Zoning Commission** which both run through December 2025. Both vacancies are posted in the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions or interest.

## **ROADS & CEMETERIES**

### **Since The Last Newsletter**

For the months of February through April, 1 driveway permit was issued, and 1 dead deer struck by a motor vehicle was removed from the Township road right of way. There were 4 plots sold in the Blue Church Cemetery, and there was 1 interment. 44 tons of salt were applied to the township roadways in

February to ensure safety during snow and ice conditions.

Roadwork planned for this summer focuses on rehabilitation of Rosecrans Road from State Route 61 west to Carter's Corner. The work will include 1,000 feet of edge milling and repair, some berming, and a chip and seal application. Ditch cleaning and a soft spot repair on the west end of the road will be completed ahead of the rehabilitation work.

Crack sealing has already been completed on Rosecrans Road and roadways within Northstar. A culvert will be replaced, and the ditch cleaned on a section of Beacom Road.

Major work will occur on Wilson Road between State Route 61 and Carter's Corner Road after July 1<sup>st</sup> in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer using funding from an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant. The work includes road leveling and application of new asphalt. One culvert has already been replaced west of Blue Church Road and another east of Blue Church Road is slated for replacement before the major roadwork begins.

Two Petition Ditch Projects have been approved by the Delaware County Commissioners on Todd Street Road including the Ribov and Kingston 2 Petitions. As part of the Kingston 2 project, Kingston Township will install a new culvert under Todd Street Road to return the normal flow of water from north to south. As a benefited party in both projects, the Township will pay an assessment along with other property owners.

Looking ahead to 2023, the Trustees, in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer, will seek funding to resurface

Twigg-Hupp Road through another OPWC Grant.

As you are driving the roadways within Kingston Township and see damage to the pavement, signs, or guardrails, please report the damage to Road Superintendent Doug Crawl by calling 740-815-8427. We need your help to ensure that our roadways remain safe.

## **PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT**

### **Thank You From The Fire District**

Chief Thompson and all the Firefighters at the District would like to thank all the Kingston and Porter Township residents who voted in support of the new 2.5 mil additional levy! The final vote count was 68% for the levy and 32% against. With the passage, an existing 2.5 mil levy from 1989 will be removed. The approved levy puts the District in a position to replace outdated vehicles and equipment and conservatively add future staff and facilities as both Porter and Kingston Townships grow.

### **Engine 381 Refurbishment**

Last fall Engine 381 was sent to Pierce Midwest Regional Refurbishment Center in Weyauwega, Wisconsin for frame rail replacement and other repairs. The total cost of the work will be approximately \$142,700. The frame rail and other repairs have been completed, and the unit is being reassembled for return to the District mid-summer.



### AED Unit For New Township Hall

An AED Defibrillator Unit will be placed by the Fire District in the new Kingston Township Hall. The \$2,410 unit will be housed in an alarmed wall mount cabinet and will be inspected and maintained by the District annually. The Lifepak 1000 is the same unit that is carried on District emergency response equipment. The placement of the unit for public safety is sincerely appreciated by the Trustees!

### House Burn Training

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the Porter Kingston Fire District and students at the Delaware Area Career Center participated in live fire training by burning an existing house on Blue Church Road. Through the day, a variety of fire training scenarios were completed to help participants prepare for future structure fires they might encounter. The training participants included 11 District personnel along with 25 students and 12 live fire instructors from the Career Center. When all training was complete, the entire structure was burned down monitored by District firefighters.



### Donate A Fan Campaign

The Delaware County EMA is collecting new fans again this year to benefit People in Need, Inc. of Delaware County. All fans collected will go to Delaware County residents that are served by People in Need. Fan donations will be accepted at all EMS and Fire Stations between 8am and 7pm including our own Porter Kingston Fire District. For folks without the benefit of air conditioning, these fans can provide cooling relief during the hot summer days and nights ahead.

## HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

### Immunizations And Vaccines

Adult and child immunizations along with Covid-19 vaccines and boosters are available by appointment only at the Health District's Sunbury Clinic located in the Kroger Plaza on Wednesdays between 9am and 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 3pm and at the Health District in Delaware Tuesdays through Fridays. Call 740-368-1700 for an appointment.

## Tick Awareness

This is the time of year to check yourself and your children after outdoor activities to prevent tick-borne diseases. Remember to wear long pants and sleeves that are light-colored to make it easier to detect ticks. Also, wear an appropriate repellent such as DEET for skin or Picaridin to treat clothing. Visit [DelawareHealth.org/pest-disease-control](http://DelawareHealth.org/pest-disease-control) for more information.

## Car Safety Seat Checks

Eastern Delaware County residents can now use the BST&G Fire District in Sunbury to schedule a car seat safety inspection with a certified child passenger safety technician. Call the Fire District at 740-965-3841 for an appointment. In addition, free car seats and booster seats are available for eligible parents/caregivers through the Health District. To see if you qualify, visit [DelawareHealth.org/car-seat-safety](http://DelawareHealth.org/car-seat-safety).

## Naloxone Program Available

Naloxone is a life-saving drug that reverses opioid overdoses. The Health District can provide a free kit along with training on how to use the kit. Individuals learn about signs of overdose, risk factors of overdose, what to do during an overdose and how to administer Naloxone. For more information, contact Brittany Walling at 740-368-1700.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste will be collected on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at the Delaware

County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Avenue. Items collected include adhesives, auto fluids, batteries, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, household chemicals, paint and related materials, propane cylinders, and smoke alarms with radioactive symbol. The cost is \$20 per car and latex paint is limited to 10 cans (5-gallon containers and under). Visit [DKMM.ORG](http://DKMM.ORG) or call 419-946-6400 for more information.

Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager, Delaware General Health District

## CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Wednesday except during holiday weeks\* where Wednesday service will be performed on Thursday. \*Note Change**

**Trustees Meetings** June 7, 2022, 7PM  
July 5, 2022, 7PM  
August 2, 2022, 7PM  
September 6, 2022, 7PM  
October 4, 2022, 7PM  
November 1, 2022, 7PM  
December 6, 2022, 7PM

**Zoning Commission** May 23, 2022, 7PM  
August 4, 2022, 7PM  
November 3, 2022, 7PM

**Trash Days** May 4, 11, 18, 25  
June \*2, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July \*7, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
September \*8, 14, 21, 28  
October 5, 12, 19, 26  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
December 7, 14, 21, 28

## CONTACTS

(740 Area Code unless otherwise noted)

### **TRUSTEES**

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Bill Shively, 614-309-9784,  
[wshively@kingstontwp.org](mailto:wshively@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@rohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rohio.com) [www.PKFD.org](http://www.PKFD.org)

### **ROADS & CEMETERIES**

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

### **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375  
On-line: [localwasteservices.com](http://localwasteservices.com)

### **ZONING**

Dave Willyerd: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,  
[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

### **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE**

740-368-1921

### **DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY**

740-833-2200

### **DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

740-368-1700