



Kingston Township

News

January 2010

Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

Seasons Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

The newsletter has gone "Green"! By making this moving we will not only conserve paper and save a few trees, we will save the Township \$6,000 annually. This is the first newsletter since its inception to be mailed solely to those residents who prefer to have a hard copy. There are 35 or so residents who opted to continue receiving their copy of the newsletter via U.S. Mail. It's taken about six months to reach this point, but I believe we have satisfied the fears that someone may be left out on receiving a newsletter. The remainder of the residents will either have the newsletter e-mailed directly to them or will download it from the Township's website at www.kingstontwp.org. The newsletters are available for viewing and download on the website on the 15th of each month. There will be a limited number of copies printed and available at the Township Hall as well as the Kilbourne and Sunbury Post Offices.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Commission, township employees, Fiscal Officer Greg Roy, my fellow trustees Dewey and Bill, and County employees and officials for the time and effort they have made towards guiding and operating our township. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

I want to congratulate Steve Volpe on his election as a Kingston Township Trustee and wish him much future success. Steve's experience working in state government and construction management with Columbus City Schools will be a great asset for the Township. I know Steve will keep the Township moving in the right direction and he has my full support.

Finally, I want to thank the residents for allowing me to serve you and wish everyone a peaceful and happy

holiday season. Take this time to visit and enjoy some of our local holiday events and attractions.

Welcome Steve Volpe

We welcome Steve Volpe as our new trustee. Steve has lived in Kingston Township nine years and Harlem Township for 13 years before that. He and his wife Debbie raised two daughters who graduated from Big Walnut and now live out of state.

Steve has been a project manager for the Columbus City Schools for the past four years where he designs and builds schools. Prior to that, he worked in construction management for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He has an associate degree in engineering from Franklin University and a bachelor's degree from OSU. Steve's plans to use his construction background to get a new township hall built.

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Congratulations to Jim Kistner on being reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals through Dec. 2014.

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The appointment will fill an unexpired term that runs through December 2012. Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, January 22, 2010. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeal of orders issued by the Zoning Inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:30 P.M. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Please contact the Zoning

Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail or e-mail at the addresses below:

Kingston Township Hall
9899 State Route 521
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

or
zoning@kingstontwp.org.

Roads

The state passed a law requiring all road signs to be highly reflective for better night vision by 2014. All government entities must have training and have a plan in place by 2012. Trustees Dewey Akers attended a meeting to learn about the law's requirements. Township personnel will be required to do training in order to conduct night inspection. After the inspections, a plan will be developed and the township will begin a multi-year replacement program in 2010. The trustees hope to work cooperatively on a multi-township purchasing plan to save money.

If you notice any potholes on township roads, be sure to call Township Highway Superintendent Ed Moore as soon as possible so he can get those repaired before bad weather sets in.

Also, be sure to call Ed about ice and snow hazards on township roads so he can clear them. Township roads include Basham Lane, Beacom,

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise.

Trustees Meet 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 PM

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays
(except during holiday weeks*)

Trustees Meeting	Jan. 5, 7:30 PM
Trash Day	Jan. 7
Fire Board Mtg.	Jan. 11, 7:30 PM
Recycling Bin Arrives	Jan. 14 (until full)
Trash Day	Jan. 14
Zoning Commission	Jan. 20, 7 PM
Trash Days	Jan. 21, 28

Berkshire, Blaney, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Stockwell, Todd Street, Twigg-Hupp, Wildwood, and Wilson roads. Contact Ed at 614-530-9969.

Carter's Corner, Kilbourne, and N. Galena roads are county roads. For hazards on these roads, contact the Delaware County Engineer's Office at 740-833-2400.

It's That Wintry Time of Year Again

- courtesy of www.redcross.org

Pop quiz! Do you know what to do if snow is predicted for your area, or what the difference is between a winter storm watch and warning? Don't worry—the American Red Cross has the answers, and can get you ready for when those white flakes start falling.

Winter Storm Safety Checklist

A **winter storm watch** means a winter storm is possible in your area. If a storm watch is issued, watch for changing weather conditions and avoid unnecessary travel.

A **winter storm warning** means the winter storm is on its way. When a storm warning is issued, stay indoors.

A **blizzard warning** means your area is headed for blinding, wind-driven snow, heavy winds, and dangerous wind chills and you should seek shelter immediately.

Follow these tips to stay safe and warm during the storm:

- Do not use candles for lighting if the power goes out. Use flashlights only.
- Use generators correctly—never operate a generator inside your home, including the basement or garage. Do not hook up a generator directly to your home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.
- Don't forget your pets—bring them indoors. If you can't bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they can get to unfrozen water.

If you must go outside—

- Wear layered lightweight clothing, which will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.

- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, side-walks.
- After the storm, be extremely careful if you have to shovel snow. It is physically strenuous work, so take frequent breaks and stay hydrated.

Seek medical attention immediately if:

- You have symptoms of hypothermia, including confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and severe shivering.
- You have symptoms of frostbite, including numbness, flushed gray, white, blue or yellow skin discoloration, numbness, or waxy feeling skin.

Traveling Safely

Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must...

- Carry an emergency preparedness kit in the trunk.
- Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

Sign Up For Code Red

Code Red allows county authorities to send recorded emergency messages to your home or cell phones. Log on to www.co.delaware.oh.us and click on the left side "Code Red Sign Up".

Household Emergency Preparedness Kit

- courtesy of Delaware General Health District

Experts recommend keeping the following items on hand in case of emergency:

- Water for drinking and hygiene (one gallon/person/day);
- Non-perishable food (ready-to-eat canned soups, vegetables, fruits, and meats; rice; protein or fruit bars; dry cereal or granola; peanut butter and nuts; dried fruit; crackers; canned juices; canned or bottled baby food and formula);
- Manual can opener;
- Non-prescription drugs and medical supplies;
- Prescription drugs and medical supplies;
- Soap and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Tissues, bath tissue, disposable diapers, and hygiene supplies;

- Thermometer;
- First Aid Kit;
- Batteries, battery-powered flashlights and portable radio (NOAA weather radios are recommended to the get instant weather alerts);
- Pet food and medications;
- Garbage bags; and,
- Warm clothing and extra blankets.

Make sure your family knows where these supplies are stored. Rotate food, water, and drug supplies regularly.

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