

# Kingston Township

## December 2011

# News

### Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! Harvest should be winding down. We just can't get out of this rain every 3 to 5 days pattern. Ohio is trailing the nation on crops harvested with one third of the crops still in the field as of November 15th.

The State Route 521 paving and widening is finally complete. What a nice improvement! We are very fortunate to have the quality of roads in the Eastern Delaware County area. The Township roads have held up very well. The Trustees have put in place a scheduled maintenance program for the township's roadways. We will be looking at Wilson Road and how to make it better and safer. It's our most traveled road.

The Trustees are working out details on the Township farm land in order to lease it out for farming. Once we have the agreement, we will advertise for bids to rent the farm land for the 2012 growing season.

I would like to congratulate Greg Roy and Dewey Akers for their re-election to fiscal officer and township trustee. The township still has two zoning board seat open. If you are interested, please contact Bob Talbott at 524-0290 for more information.

This holiday season, make it a priority to find the Made in USA label when buying gifts. Let's support the local economy here at home, not somewhere overseas.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-272-3668. Watch out for deer on the roads!

### Zoning News

The township thanks Heather Burdette for her service on the Zoning Commission. She resigned at the November Trustees Meeting.

One zoning permit was issued in October for an accessory building on Todd Street.

A conditional use hearing continued into November was held. A conditional use was granted for an indoor dog training facility on Blue Church Rd. and a variance was granted to build a 1,500 square foot accessory building.

The Zoning Office staff attended a roundtable training/discussion at the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC).

The township's DCRPC membership dues for 2012 will be \$2,294 = \$1.04 x 2,206 estimated township headcount.

### New Zoning Members

At their November meeting, the trustees appointed Nancy Gogle to the Board of Zoning Appeals through 2013. Gogle has lived in the township for 12 years and lived in Galena prior to that. She and her husband have a son and a daughter who are both Big Walnut graduates. Gogle is employed at Bennette and Williams Environmental Consultants in Westerville. She is retired from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources where

she served as a geologist, an environmental technician, and a data analyst.

The trustees moved Dick Strohm from his alternate position to a full member of the Zoning Commission through August 2014. Strohm is a retired financial planner and a Viet Nam veteran. He and his wife have lived in Delaware County for two decades and moved recently to Kingston Township. He enjoys golf, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his four grandchildren.

We welcome both Gogle and Strohm and thank all the zoning and BZA members for sharing their time and talents on behalf of their community.

### Zoning Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing two positions on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The appointments will fill the existing terms that both expire in August 2015. **Position A** has full member status and **Position B** is an alternate who has voting rights in the absence of a member. Interested Kingston Township residents should submit letters of interest along with resumes to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, January 27, 2012. Each applicant is asked to list on their letter of interest the specific position that they seek.

The Zoning Commission currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and deals with matters related to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution, the Kingston Township Comprehensive Plan/Zoning District Map and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 7:00 P.M. at the Kingston Township Hall.** The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

Letters of interest may be submitted to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org). Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org) under Special Notices.

### Roads

Can you believe it's snow and ice time already? Road Superintendent Doug Crowl is preparing the township trucks for winter weather. Please report bad road conditions to Doug at 740-815-8427 so he can attend to them.

Crowl will be removing the 50 MPH signs on Wilson Rd. New signs will not be posted since, by law, unposted rural roads are 55 MPH. He also plans to cut down the berms on Blaney, Rosecrans, and on the East side of Wilson. He will be trimming back tree limbs that overhang the road.

Crowl reported that he stored some aggregate millings at the township land on Carter's Corner Rd. to improve the driveway there. Thirty tons of them were stolen.



# Porter Kingston Santa's Tour Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>



Porter-Kingston  
Firefighters have been

asked again by Santa and his team to give him a tour of both Porter and Kingston townships. Below are the tentative times and turn-by-turn list of streets he will be visiting. We hope you can meet him at the end your driveway. If we are unable to make it to your house, or you won't be home when we drive by, Santa will be back at the Firehouse 4:30-5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

## Turn-by-Turn Route Time

North on Washington St. ----- 1 PM

Turn Right on SR 656; Turn Left on Lott Rd.;  
Turn Left on Chambers Rd.; Turn Left on SR 61;  
Turn Right on Wilson Rd.; Turn Right on Blue Church Rd.;  
STOP at Kingston Twp. Garage;

Turn Left on Blue Church Rd.; Turn Right on Beacom Rd.;  
Turn Left on SR 61; Turn Left on Kilbourne Rd.;

Turn Left on Carter's Corner Rd.; ----- 1:30 PM  
Turn Right on SR 521;

Turn Rt. on N. Galena Rd.; Turn Right onto Kilbourne Rd.;  
Turn Left onto Clark Rd.; Turn Left onto Todd St. Rd.;

Turn Left onto N. Galena Rd.; Turn Right onto Kilbourne Rd.;  
Turn Left on N. 3 Bs & K Rd.; Turn Left onto Berkshire Rd.;  
Turn Left on N. Galena Rd.; Turn Right onto Twigg-Hupp Rd.  
Right onto Carter's Corner Rd. ----- 2 PM

Turn Left on Wilson Rd.; Turn Right on Blue Church Rd.;  
Turn Left on Rosecrans Rd.; Turn Right on SR 61;  
Turn Left on Stockwell Rd. ----- 2:30 PM

Turn Left on Creek Rd.; Turn Left on Patrick Rd.;  
Turn Left on Monkey Hollow Rd.; Turn Right on SR 61;  
Right on Wildwood Lane; Right on SR 61;

Turn Right on SR 656 ----- 3 PM  
Right on Plantation Rd.; STOP at Plantation & Woodland Dr.;

Left on Monkey Hollow/Patrick Rd.;

Left on Frederick Rd. ----- 3:30 PM  
Right on Olive Green Rd.; Right on Porter Central Rd.;

Left on Centerburg Rd.; Left on Condit Rd.;

Right on Justamere Rd.; Left on Reynolds Rd. ----- 4 PM  
Left on Olive Green Rd.; Right on Moody Rd.;

Left on Peerless Rd.; Left on Trimmer Rd.;

Right on Ulery Rd.; Left on Porter Central Rd.;

Right on SR 656; STOP at PKFD.  
Back at Porter Kingston Fire House ----- 4:30-5:30 PM

This route is subject to change without notice, please allow plus or minus 15 minutes.

## Report on Residential Fires

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) recently released a special report focusing on the traits and causes of residential fires. The report, *Residential Building Fires*, was developed by USFA's national Fire Data Center. It is part of the Topical Fire Report Series and is based on 2007 through 2009 National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data.

*Residential* is commonly referred to as homes, whether they are one-or two-family dwellings or multi-family buildings. It also includes manufactured housing, hotels and motels, residential hotels, dormitories, assisted living facilities, and halfway houses.

According to the report:

- An estimated 374,900 home fires are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated 2,630 deaths,

- 13,075 injuries, and \$7.6 billion in property loss.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires (44 percent). Nearly all are small, confined fires (94 percent).
- House fires are higher in the cooler months, peaking in January at 11 percent.
- Residential fires occur most frequently in the early evening hours, peaking during the dinner hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., when cooking fires are high.
- Forty-six percent of non-confined residential fires extend beyond the room of origin. The leading causes of these larger fires are electrical malfunctions (16 percent), unintentional or careless actions (15 percent), intentional (12 percent), and open flame (11 percent).
- Smoke alarms were not present in 21 percent of the larger, non-confined fires in occupied residences.
- Everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan.

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## Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise, at 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.). Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks\*.

Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) ..... Dec. 2  
Trustees Meeting ..... Dec. 6, 7 PM  
Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) ..... Dec. 9, 16  
Santa Tour ..... Dec. 18  
Zoning Meeting ..... Dec. 21, 7 PM  
Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) ..... Dec. 23, 30

## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

Bill Shively, Ch.: 272-3668, 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: 524-8591, [fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org)

### DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833-2190  
<http://www.delcoems.org>

### NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>  
Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914  
e-mail: [kingstonnews@embarqmail.com](mailto:kingstonnews@embarqmail.com)

### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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

### ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

### TRASH & RECYCLING

Big-O Refuse: 1-888-924-BIGO (2446)  
e-mail: [service@bigorefuse.com](mailto:service@bigorefuse.com)  
web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

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