

Kingston Township

News

June 2011

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello everyone! It looks like the weather will finally be in a warmer, dryer pattern after all the record rainfall and cold temperatures in April and early- to mid-May. It has been a challenge to get everything planted in a timely manner. The first cutting of hay should be a good one!

The trustees are waiting on the deed transfer from Northstar. Hopefully, we should have it by June. Once the land is officially the township's we will start the clean up and planning process for a new township hall, community center, and park as well as make necessary improvements to the farmland so we can have it ready to go back in production for the 2012 growing season.

I would like to thank Mr. Rick Lewis for 40 years of service to the fire district! Enjoy your retirement Rick!

I would also like to thank Bill Steinhoff for his service on the zoning commission. Bill is getting married and moving to Hilliard. Congratulations Bill!

I would like to congratulate all the graduating class of 2011!! GREAT JOB!!

With school out soon and the areas farmers trying to finish field work, please use caution on the roadways.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-524-2333.

Honoring Rick Lewis



The Delaware County Commissioners recently honored Rick Lewis with a proclamation. The Commissioners recognized Lewis' 40 years as a volunteer with the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD). Lewis retired April 7. Pictured above are (l. to r.) Commissioner Tommy Thompson, PKFD Chief Michael Thompson, Lewis, Commissioner Dennis Stapleton, and Commissioner Ken O'Brien. Not pictured but also present was Kingston Township Trustees and PKFD Board Member Dewey Akers and Porter Kingston Firefighters Association representative Chris Bright.

Zoning Commission Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission.

The appointment will fill an existing term that expires in August 2013. Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, May 27, 2011.

The Zoning Commission meets on a bi-monthly basis and deals with matters related to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution, Zoning District Map, the Kingston Township Comprehensive Plan, 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, June 7, 2011, 7 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.

A letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail or e-mail to Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or zoning@kingstontwp.org.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission has moved its meetings to the third Wednesday of every other month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the township hall on June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21.

One zoning permit was issued for an accessory structure on Kilbourne Rd.

A complaint was received about illegal trash dumping at a Blue Church Rd. residence. At their May meeting, trustees voted to declare the property a nuisance and will send a letter to the property owner stipulating clean up procedures and time frame. If the nuisance is not corrected, the trustees can have the property cleaned at the owner's expense. The Zoning Office staff will handle notices for the trustees.

New Kingston Township Census data has been added to the web site. The township had the lowest foreclosure rate in Delaware County. The population is now 2,156 with 781 housing units. The population in 2000 was 1,603.

CPR Classes

Any Porter or Kingston township residents interested in a CPR class, may call the Fire Station at 740-524-5050 or e-mail them at PKFD@rohio.com to put your name on a list. When enough people sign up, a class will be scheduled.

Roads & Cemeteries

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl replaced two township road guardrails that were damaged in auto accidents. He is also working to shore up a washed out culvert on Wilson Rd. When there is a break in the rain, he will repair several potholes. He also plans to cut down the berm on Blaney and Rosecrans roads to allow water to run off the roads.

The township estimated it would use 175 tons of salt last winter and actually used 155 tons. The township has submitted an estimate for 175 tons of salt for next winter to the Delaware

County Engineer's Office.

The Engineer's Office has selected Shelly and Sands as the lowest bidder for road projects this summer. The township will resurface Blue Church Rd. from Rosecrans to State Route 521 except the new section near Wilson Rd. and the bridge area north of Wilson Rd. that will be replaced in summer 2012. Berkshire Rd. will also be resurfaced. Trustees are waiting on a schedule from the Engineer's Office.

The Ohio Department of Transportation will resurface state routes 521 and 656 this summer.

When the rains end, mowing along the roads will begin. Crowl purchased a mower and utility trailer and is mowing the cemeteries, maintenance building, and township hall.

Council for Older Adults Summer Festival

The Council for Older Adults Summer Festival will be Saturday, June 11, Noon-8 p.m. Don't miss this entertaining event for the whole family held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. Admission and parking are free!

The event features live bands all day on the outdoor stage, free attractions, and a pig and corn roast.

- The entertainment schedule includes the following:
- Noon-2 p.m. – In Full Swing (16 piece big band playing '30s and '40s favorites and specializing in swing music);
 - 2-4 p.m. – Thrown to the Curb (a local band offering a mix of the old and the new, the familiar and the forgotten, the rock and the roll, songs you know by heart);
 - 4 -5 p.m. – Erica Blinn (a young, talented, upcoming female singer/songwriter who's a little bit country, a little bluesy, with a touch of rock and roll);
 - 5-6 p.m. – Grass A Hol (a high-energy bluegrass band with tight vocal harmonies that are fun to listen to, even for audiences unfamiliar with bluegrass);
 - 5-8 p.m. Indoor stage (Radebaugh Room) – 3C Highway (keys, sax, guitar, bass, drums, and vocals allows the band to take you on a "Musical Road of the Classics" with love songs, dance band numbers, light jazz, country, Cajun folk, blues, soul, rock 'n roll, and standards); and,
 - 6-8 p.m. – Headliner Delyn Christian and The Fret Shop Band (eclectic singer/songwriter playing country, rock and roll, and everything in between).

The event also includes woodcarving demonstrations (Noon-2 p.m.), the Unplugged Elastic Band (2-4 p.m.), craft sales, and demonstrations. A health fair will be offered Noon-4 p.m., a business expo, and a Kidz Zone with a bounce house, obstacle course, kids train, Dr. Eldoonie, and clowns.

For more information visit: <http://councilforolderadults.org/special-events/summerfestival.html>.

Sunbury & Galena Festivals

Mark your calendars for August 27 so your whole family can enjoy Galena's Summerfest and Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds. Visitors will be shuttled between the villages to enjoy both festivals' great foods, vendors, activities, and live music.

Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming

October 1st will bring another fun day in Kilbourne and the surrounding area with the annual Fall Festival. Again this year, there will be a breakfast (for a donation) beginning at 8 a.m., a Parade at 11 a.m. followed by a hog roast, a petting zoo, music and entertainment, and lots of fun and games ending with a

praise service at 5 p.m. There will be a storytelling area highlighting Civil War history and the Underground Railroad in this area in addition to local history. You'll enjoy a Farmer's and Flea Market (and an ATM will be available). There is no admission fee and parking is free. This event benefits a Good Samaritan Fund for the surrounding area.

If you are interested in volunteering, donating, lending your time or talent or supporting this fun event in any way, please contact Jean Hightower at jean1946@frontier.com or 740-524-5401. If you are interested in a vendor spot for \$10, contact Violet Cummings at vmlc1952@yahoo.com. Watch the Kilbourne United Methodist Church website for updates: www.kilbourneumc.org.

Village-wide yard sales are encouraged. It's a great time to get rid of all that unused stuff and there should be a good crowd that day. There are also some free yard sale spaces available at the vacant lot across from the Brown Township Hall for those not in the Village of Kilbourne who wish to have a yard sale. If you are interested in reserving a space contact Jean Hightower.

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Kingston Calendar

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

- Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) June 3
- Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) June 7
- Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) June 10
- Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) June 15
- Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) June 17, 24

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

- Bill Shively, Ch.: 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury
- Dewey Akers: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
- Steve Volpe: 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

- Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

NEWS & INFO

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

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

- Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050
- PKFD@rrohio.com; <http://www.PKFD.org>

ROADS & CEMETERIES

- Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

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

ZONING

- Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304
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