

Kingston Township November 2011 News

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! I hope you all got out and enjoyed the beautiful fall colors and warm sunny weather in early October. It seems the weather has been either sunny and warm or cold and rainy here lately.

Road Superintendent Doug Cowl has been very busy getting the township trucks ready for the winter season ahead. Doug also has re-built the road going through Blue Church Cemetery with a new extension going to the South property line. State Route 521 widening and re-surfacing should be done soon.

The Kingston Township zoning board has a vacancy that needs to be filled. If you are interested in serving, please contact Zoning Secretary Dave Stites at 524-0290 for more information.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Porter Kingston fire board member Richard Scholl. Richard served on the board for many years and was the board's representative to the fire association. His service to the district was greatly appreciated.

Election Day is November 8th. Kingston voters will be voting at the Kilbourne Methodist Church in Kilbourne.

Daylight Savings Time will start November 6th, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. Also change the batteries in all smoke detectors if you haven't done so lately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-272-3668.

VOTE NOVEMBER 8th!

Zoning News

Three zoning permits were issued in September for accessory buildings on Blue Church, Beacom, and Todd Street roads.

Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott reports that the Robert Weiler Company is working on platting 12 NorthStar lots south of Wilson Road in Berkshire Township. The lots will be sold to Fischer Homes for future home construction.

Zoning Vacancies

The Trustees interviewed one candidate present at the October 11 Trustees meeting for the vacant Board of Zoning Appeals position. The trustees tabled a decision until their November meeting.

The Trustees will also appoint one position on the Zoning Commission to fill a term that expires in August 2014. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Zoning Office prior to Friday, October 28, 2011.

The Zoning Commission meets monthly and deals with matters related to the township's Zoning Resolution, 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, November 1, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall.

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

Roads

Road Superintendent Doug Cowl is preparing the Township trucks for winter weather. One truck is ready and another is getting brake and wiper assembly improvements.

The Big Walnut Schools have requested School Bus Stop Ahead signs on Blue Church Road and to have low hanging limbs trimmed on Twigg-Hupp Road.

The Delaware County Engineer's Office responded to Cowl's Requests for Engineering Assistance on Wilson Rd. They have confirmed that when a speed limit study was last conducted, the speed was recommended to be lowered to 50 miles per hour (MPH). However, the process to reduce the speed was not completed appropriately, so the speed limit is still 55 MPH. The 50 MPH signs will be removed. New signs will not be posted since, by law, unposted rural roads are 55 MPH. The County Engineer said no deer crossing signs are needed anywhere in the township. All curves need posted with advisory speeds. They also recommended replacement of a culvert on the State Route 61 end of Wilson Rd.

The Engineer's Office also conducted a sign reflectivity test for the township as needed to comply with a new federal law.

Cowl was able to acquire and stockpile 1,580 tons of aggregate millings from the State Route 521 resurfacing project. He has used some for the new cemetery road and will stockpile the rest for future use. He has relocated and widened the cemetery driveway to 18' to accommodate two rows of car parking during services.

Cowl has also cut in a 21' wide driveway to access the new township land on Carter's Corner Rd.

Porter Kingston Fire District Remembers Richard Scholl

The Porter Kingston Fire District is sad to announce that long-time board member Richard Scholl passed away on October 10. He served as a board member from December 1991 until his retirement in December 2006. Scholl was a great supporter of the district and oversaw many of the changes that the district has seen over the last 20 years. He will be greatly missed by all. Our condolences to his family and friends.

On the Ballot

Andy Wecker and Mindy Meyer were guests at the October Trustees meeting. Both are running for the two open spots on the Big Walnut Schools Board of Education and discussed their involvement in prior bond issue and levy campaigns. Both want to ensure that the current operating levy lasts the five years promised to voters.

Running for Big Walnut School Board are Lurley Hernandez, Robin Justice, Mindy Meyer, and Andrew Wecker.

Running for Buckeye Valley School Board are David Godsil, Denise Harrel, Tom Kaelber, and Joseph Roden. The Buckeye Valley Local School District also has a .50% income tax on the ballot.

Running for one Kingston Township trustee seat are Dewey Akers and Karen Fitzpatrick. Running for township fiscal officer is Greg Roy.

A one-mill, five-year renewal operating levy is on the ballot for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

Statewide Issue 1 is a Proposed Constitutional Amendment to increase the maximum age at which a person may be elected or appointed judge, to eliminate the authority of the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation, and to eliminate the authority of the Governor to appoint a Supreme Court Commission.

Statewide Issue 2 is a Referendum on new law relative to government union contracts and other government employment contracts and policies.

Statewide Issue 3 is a Proposed Constitutional Amendment to preserve the freedom of Ohioans to choose their health care and health care coverage.

For more specifics on candidates, issues, and ballot language, visit <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/IssueProcBallotBdBallotBoard.aspx#Issues>.

Get out and vote Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., at Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, Ohio.

Don't forget your ID! All voters must bring acceptable identification to the polls in order to verify their identity. Acceptable identification includes a current and valid photo identification; military identification; or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration acknowledgment notification mailed by the Board of Elections, that shows the voter's name and current address (including from a public college or university). Voters who do not provide one of these documents at the polling place will still be able to vote a provisional ballot, and may provide such identification to the Board of Elections within the 10 days following Election Day. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation statement swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

Compost Your Leaves Please

It's fall, so what should you do with all those leaves? Compost them for some great potting soil or for amending your gardens next spring. Please don't burn your leaves. Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and crop residues can only be burned with prior written permission from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

According to the Ohio EPA, burning household waste produces many toxic chemicals and is one of the largest known sources of dioxin in the nation. Other air pollutants from open burning include particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury. These pollutants have been linked to several health problems, including asthma, respiratory illnesses, nervous system damage, kidney and liver damage, and reproductive or developmental disorders.

When you burn refuse in burn barrels or open piles, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors and your environment far exceeds the price of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your neighbors and your wallet by knowing the rules — what you can burn and where. For more specifics on Ohio's Open Burning Laws, visit <http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>.

Trash Pick-up

Big-O Refuse will be closed on Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving so trash pick up will be delayed one day in Kingston Township from Friday to Saturday.

Trash Facts

Pizza boxes are made from corrugated cardboard, however the cardboard becomes soiled with grease, cheese, and other foods once the pizza has been placed in the box. Once soiled, the paper cannot be recycled because the paper fibers will not be able to be separated from the oils during the pulping process. Food is a major source of contamination in the various paper categories.

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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*.

Trustees Meeting Nov. 1, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) Nov. 4, 11, 18
Trash & Recycling Day (Saturday) Nov. 26*

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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NEWS & INFO

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