

Kingston Township October 2011 News

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! Summer sure went fast this year. The Kingston Township area had nearly perfect growing conditions all summer long. Fall harvest should be a good one!

The Trustees are working on getting the township farmland ready to be bid on for next year. When the bid specifications are complete, it will be advertised in the newspapers. The rental of the farmland will generate new revenue income for the township.

Once the Trustees know what the exact income figures will be from the farmland, we can plan for the new township hall and park. This is a very beautiful, unique piece of land that offers open rolling farm fields, grass meadows, and a wooded area with a small creek running through it. The Trustees are working to get the old farm buildings cleaned up and improving the access to the rest of the farm. Once we have things cleaned up and looking nice, the Trustees may host an open house for the residents.

I would like to thank John Fink for his service to the zoning commission.

Note on your calendars that we have moved our next trustees meeting to October 11.

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

Neighborhood Watch



A few members of the Kilbourne Rd. Neighborhood Watch group met recently. Pictured are (seated l. to r.) Pat Schirtzinger, Sherry Straub, and Sharon Dill; (standing l. to r.) Mary Schirtzinger, Brandon Rausch, Dennis Dill and a Delaware County Sheriff Deputy.

A local neighborhood decided to be proactive about crime on their road and formed a Neighborhood Watch group. The Kilbourne Road group includes 16 houses whose residents watch out for each other. The Sheriff's Office put up signs at each end of the watch zone. Group members notify each other about vacations; have traded phone numbers, emails, and keys; and, watch out for each other. For National Night Out Against Crime, they held a dessert gathering.

If you would like information on starting a Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact Traci Kimberling at the Sheriff's Office at 740-833-2886. She will send out information needed to start a group and schedule a kick-off meeting.

Property Tax Appeals

The Delaware County Auditor's Office will host informal meetings on property values in October to discuss your property value or any issue with their staff. A local neighborhood meeting will be held in Kingston Township Oct. 13, 4-8 p.m., in the Township Hall. New property market values will be available Sept. 17 at www.co.delaware.oh.us/auditor and each property owner will receive a letter in late September. Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) values are set by state law separately. A farm value meeting will be held Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Delaware Area Career Center. If you miss these informal meetings or disagree with your property valuation, you may file a complaint after Jan. 1, 2012. Appraisals and comparable sales figures may be helpful in this process.

Township Land

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl has improved the driveway, is clearing access to the farmland, located a well and a cistern, and four old buildings have been felled on the township land on Carter's Corner Rd. Trustees are conducting a wetlands assessment. They hope to have a township hall budget in mind by the end of the year in order to begin planning.

Zoning News

John Fink resigned from the Zoning Commission. He was a charter member of the commission, assisting in writing the original zoning code. He served four years as a township trustee and then rejoined the commission. The township thanks him for more than a decade of service.

Zoning permits were issued for a room addition on Wilson Rd., accessory buildings on Carter's Corner and 3 Bs & K roads, and a deck on Beacom Rd. A side setback variance for an accessory building on 3 Bs & K Rd. was granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Zoning Vacancies

The Trustees will appoint one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The appointment fills a term that expires December 2013. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, September 30, 2011.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 11 (**new date**), 7 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

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

Trustees reported that all road resurfacing and striping has been completed satisfactorily. Delaware County Engineer's Office Liaison Eldon Johnston reported that the culvert on Wilson Rd. near S.R. 61 needs replaced and is in the design phase. Several Requests for Engineering Assistance regarding speed, signs, and culverts on Wilson Rd. are in process as well. Complaints about mowing on county roads were discussed. Johnston said in a few months, trustees will receive cost breakdowns for replacement of the Blue Church Rd. bridge tentatively scheduled for July through November of 2013.

See Your New Rescue Unit During Trick or Treat



Porter Kingston Fire Board members show off the new Rescue Truck. Pictured (l. to r.) are Fiscal Officer Dan Dimitroff, PKFA Representative Chris Bright, Porter Trustee Bob Ryan, Kingston Trustee/Board President Dewey Akers, and Porter Twp. Rep Chris Lijek. Not pictured is Kingston Twp. Rep Robin Morgan.

Be sure to bring the kids by the Porter Kingston Fire Station during Beggar's Night to see the fire district's new rescue truck, visit with firefighters, and get some candy, too.

This new 2002 KME unit replaces the 2005 Lifestar Rescue. The replacement was necessary because the existing truck had a maximum gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 17,000 pounds. The new one is 42,000 pound GVW. The new truck has a bigger generator (15kw versus 8kw) and a 9,000 watt light tower. The box is bigger at 19' compared to the old unit with a 12' box so this unit can carry more equipment to the scene. The fire district paid \$182,000 for this truck while a new unit would have been \$325,000-\$460,000. The district plans to sell the old truck.

Stop by Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m., 12844 Olive Green Rd.

Green Reflective Address Signs

The green, reflective address signs mounted on mailboxes are extremely important to help emergency personnel find your house when responding to your call for help. Some older signs have lost their reflectivity. The Kingston Township Zoning Resolution, updated in 2011, requires all new homes to install these address signs once a mailbox is erected, and encourages all residents to install the address signs if not currently in place.

If you don't have a green reflective address sign on your mailbox or wish to replace yours, where can you obtain one? The 6"x18" sign blanks and letters are available at the new Ace Hardware in Sunbury or from the Porter Kingston Fire Station just east of S.R. 656 on Olive Green Road. The Porter Kingston Fire Fighters Association sells the sign blank and two sets of reflective letters for \$10 with all proceeds from the sale supporting local community charities. Call the Fire District business line at 740-524-5050 or stop by the fire station.

For more details regarding permanent street address requirements, visit Kingston's website at www.kingstontwp.org (Zoning Tab, Zoning Resolution, Section 21.03).

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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 Day (Fridays)	Oct. 7
Trustees Meeting (DATE CHANGE)	Oct. 11, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays)	Oct. 14
Zoning Meeting	Oct. 19, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays)	Oct. 21, 28

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

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
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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

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