

Kingston Township September 2011 News

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

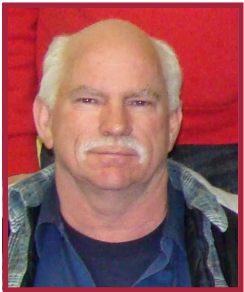
Hello Everyone! I can't believe it's back to school time already and the Delaware County Fair is just weeks away. This summer went fast!

The scheduled road work for Kingston Township should be completed. The trustees are going to identify low lying tree limbs and trees that are too close to the road that may be a hazard to drivers. The tree limbs will be cut back and all debris will be removed from the right-of-way. The Ohio Revised Code mandates that the township trustees must keep the road right-of-way free and clear of all tree limbs and overgrowth of vegetation or any other obstruction which may be a road hazard.

The deeds for the land donation to the township have been filed and are completed. The trustees are going to look over the land and get some insight as to what the possibilities are for the new township hall and park. We will advertise for a design architecture firm and get this project moving. The trustees will get an estimate for what the new hall and infrastructure will cost. We will explore the many funding tools available to the township.

The fall harvest season is just a few weeks away. Please use caution and be alert for large harvesting combines on the roadway. The combines are very large and cannot pullover just anywhere, so please be careful!

If you have any questions or concern please call me at 740-272-3668. Get out there and enjoy the final days of summer!



Grove Appointed to Zoning Commission

At their August meeting, the Kingston Township Trustees reappointed Jim Grove to the Kingston Township Zoning Commission through August 2016. Grove is a charter member of the commission having participated in writing the first zoning code, the master plan, and the recent zoning code

revisions. He has served on the board for more than a decade.

Grove owns and operates a basement repair business. He and his wife have lived in Kingston Township for several decades. We thank him for his past service and congratulate him on his reappointment to the Zoning Commission.

BZA Vacancy

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on an as needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocations of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 7 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail to Kingston Township Hall, 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.

Zoning News

One zoning permit was issued for a room addition on Carter's Corner Rd. A lot split was completed for a five-acre parcel being split from 54.9 acres on N. Galena Rd.

An application was received for a side setback variance for an accessory building on 3 Bs & K Rd. A Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will be held August 23.

At the August Trustees meeting, Zoning Secretary Dave Stites discussed a variety of complaints received and handled. He explained the various stages of a number of complaints and trustees made decisions about moving forward on several. The complaints included tall grass, trash, a junk vehicle, and noise.

The trustees are developing a list of landscape contractors to use for hourly contract mowing for nuisance properties. The costs would be billed back to property owners of affected properties.

Roads & Cemeteries

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl continues to investigate placement and material options for a 30' x 60' salt storage facility at the maintenance building.

Crowl is planning to realign the Blue Church Cemetery driveway off of State Route 521.

He also said that the 4" rain storm most of us experienced at the end of July overwhelmed many local roads and ditches. Blue Church and Berkshire roads resurfacing is complete.

Lewis Retirement Celebration

The Porter Kingston Fire District celebrated the long career of retiring firefighter Rick Lewis with a party on July 23. More than 100 people attended including current and



former staff and fire board members. Pictured above, Lewis (right) is recognized by his brother Charlie Lewis (left).

Thanks Rick for your long service to your community and we wish you a happy retirement.

PKFD Hires Isbell



Porter Kingston Fire District Board Chairman Dewey Akers (left) swears in Pete Isbell (right) as a new part-time firefighter on July 11. Isbell graduated from Big Walnut High School in 2010 and completed his Firefighter 2 class through the Ohio Fire Academy and his EMT-B at Columbus State Community College. He currently works full-time for the Facemeyer Companies and part-time for the BST&G Fire District.

Celebrate the End of Summer

There's tons of fun for everyone on August 27 at Galena's Summerfest and Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds festivals from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Both festivals will feature arts and crafts vendors, kids activities, local business and organization booths, food, beer gardens, and live bands all day.



Galena's Summerfest will feature these live bands:

- 1 p.m. Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront featuring Gene "Saxman" Walker
- 3:30 p.m. The Scotty Bratcher Band
- 6 p.m. Third Degree Sideburn
- 8:30 p.m. The Willie Phoenix Band

Celebrity emcee Mindy Drayer from NBC 4 TV will be on stage in the afternoon. The beer garden has been expanded to include the entire Village Square and features all-day telecasts of the Bristol NASCAR races. Special Discover Galena events will include historical exhibits and tours, a parks and trails tour, and programs on Galena's Osprey, Prothonotary Warblers, and Chimney Swifts.

Check it out at www.DiscoverGalenaOhio.com.

Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds will feature these live bands:

- Noon Lori Ferguson
- 12:30 p.m. Mandy King
- 12:45 p.m. Dori-Kay Strom
- 1 p.m. The Usual Suspects & The Repeat Offenders
- 3 p.m. Big Walnut High School's "15 Minutes of Fame" Contest Winners

- 5 p.m. Southwynd
- 6 p.m. Simba Jordan
- 7 p.m. Ryan Notes
- 8 p.m. Isis Yasmeen & Feedback
- 9 p.m. Lt. Dan's New Legs

The event features lots of local and nationally recognized talent as well as a cookoff contest with some of the best local grillers. Check it out at

www.SunburySizzleAndSounds.com.

A free open air trolley will shuttle visitors between Summerfest and Sizzle and Sounds all day! Parking for Summerfest is at Miller Park on Walnut St. and the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Rd. Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds parking is at Big Walnut High School, 555 S. Old 3C Highway.



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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) Sept. 2
- Trustees Meeting** (1st Tuesday) Sept. 6, 7 PM
- Trash & Recycling Day** (Fridays) Sept. 10*, 16, 23, 30
- BZA Applications Due** Sept. 30

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
- 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
- e-mail: zoning@kingstontwp.org