



KINGSTON NEWS

3RD QUARTER, AUGUST 2020

Chairman's Chat

By William Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone. I am having a hard time remembering to put a mask on every place I go to, but I guess this is the new normal for now.

The Trustees have been busy this summer with various township projects. I am pleased to report to you that the new Township Hall construction will start this October! The completion date (weather permitting) should be around March 2021. This is great news! We will finally have the facility we most urgently need to serve the township residents. Nationwide Realty Investors will build the new park pavilion within the next year as per the Northstar Development agreement. I want to thank Trustee Steve Volpe for his tireless efforts working on this project.

The Delaware General Health District reported to the Trustees that a Kingston Township resident had tested positive for Covid-19. Delaware County has shown some improvement in slowing down the spread of the virus.

The township has had two fatalities this year on its county and state roads; one at the intersection of State Route 521 and 3 B's and K Road, and one at North Galena and 521. The Trustees have requested that these two intersections be improved from a safety standpoint. Flashing stop signs and rumble

strips were suggested. We will continue to work with the County Engineer's Office to get improvements made.

The fall harvest season will start soon. The areas farmers will be on the roadways with very large farm equipment that will be slow and take up most of the road. Please use caution when approaching or passing the large farm machinery. The Delaware County Fair will be the Junior Fair only this year due to Covid-19 concerns. I want to wish all 4-H and FFA exhibitors' good luck with your projects! Check with the OSU Extension Office for more information. If you have a question or concern, please call me at [740 524 2333](tel:7405242333). Be safe out there!

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of May through July, 2020, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 2 New Build Homes
- 1 Pools
- 2 Accessory Structures
- 1 Structure Additions
- 1 Lot Split
- 1 Agricultural Exemption

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Board of

Zoning Appeals for an **Alternate** position that runs through December 2025. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/656 Roundabout

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues design work for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. The target bid date has been pushed back to January 2021, and construction will start in the fall of 2021 with an estimated 60 day intersection closure impact. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with the Township's portion being \$17,250 dollars. Questions regarding the project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of May through July 2020, 4 driveway permits were issued, and 1 interment was made.

Chip seal, fog coat and restriping work is complete on Blue Church Road from State Route 521 south to Wilson Road. The township is also working with the County Engineers Office for the installation of a new drainage culvert under Todd Street Road as part of a drainage improvement project. The Trustees intend to initiate the work as soon as plans are complete to relieve roadway flooding impacts.

DID YOU KNOW?????????

Stark Cemetery Archaeological Work

Some of you may not know that Kingston Township has two cemeteries. The original was the Stark Cemetery shared with Porter Township off State Route 656 just east of State Route 61, and the Blue Church Cemetery located at the intersection of State Route 521 and Blue Church Road. Today, only the Blue Church Cemetery is available for burials.

The Kingston Township portion of Stark Cemetery was primarily used from about 1810 to the early 1900's, and contains the remains of early township settlers and their descendants along with many who served their country in four wars including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Spanish-American War, and the Civil War. Although the Kingston Township portion of the cemetery is closed, the portion in Porter Township remains open.

In cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer and Kingston Township, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has been planning and designing a roundabout to improve vehicular safety at the intersection of State Route 61 and Wilson Road/State Route 656. The project is slated for construction in 2021. As part of the design process, it was discovered that several graves were in the ODOT road right-of-way along State Route 656. Mind you that when burials took place along the road in the 1800's, State Route 656 was a narrow, dirt carriage/wagon path.

Once discovered, ODOT hired Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. (OVAI) from Columbus, Ohio to initiate an archaeological project to

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Safety Equipment Installed

The Porter Kingston Firehouse was improved in May by the installation of a Magnegrip Exhaust System funded by FEMA, Assistance To Firefighters Grant (AFG). The system provides a mechanical, vehicle exhaust system for each of the 6 equipment bays. When a vehicle is started to warm up when the first firefighter arrives waiting on other responding firefighters, the vehicle exhaust is vented from the building through the system. As the vehicle leaves the building, the exhaust coupling automatically pulls away. This system eliminates the vehicle emission hazard to District personnel breathing exhaust fumes throughout the building especially during cold months when all vehicle bay doors are closed. The system was installed by Clean Air Concepts at a cost of \$51,731 dollars. Of the total cost, \$2,587 was funded by the District and \$49,144 reimbursed by the grant.



Exhaust Coupling Attached To Vehicle

determine the number of graves located in the right-of-way and the identity of those interred. In November 2019, the OVAI team led by Dr. Jarrod Burks conducted a records search along with removing three feet of soil in the right-of-way to identify grave shafts (areas of disturbed soil) for graves without headstones. They identified five (5) known decedents and one (1) unmarked grave shaft. In March 2020, OVAI received court approval for five disinterments of the known decedents. In April the archaeologists continued to investigate by removing another foot of soil in the work area and found three (3) more unidentified graves increasing the number of impacted graves to nine (9). In May, they removed another foot of soil and found four (4) more unidentified graves bringing the total to thirteen (13). The newest grave identified was from 1890.

The disinterments were conducted with great care to honor the sanctity of those interned. Using a meticulous process, any remains or items found were inspected, analyzed and cataloged for possible gender and age. A report generated by their work will become part of the permanent cemetery records, and the information contained in the report may be used in the future to help identify the decedents in the unknown graves. In June 2020, Cemetery Sexton Doug Crowl and representatives from OVAI respectfully reinterred thirteen (13) graves in a vacant section of Stark Cemetery keeping family members together. All the new graves will be marked; existing headstones for the five (5) known decedents will be reset, and the remaining unidentified graves will have surface markers stating "Unknown". **And Now You Know!**



Overhead Piping That Mechanically Vents Exhaust Outside The Building

Donate A Fan

The Delaware County Emergency Management in partnership with People In Need of Delaware County is holding their annual fan donation drive to help those who need relief from the summer heat. The fan drive runs through September 15, 2020. The fans will be distributed to Delaware County residents served by People In Need. To participate in this worthy cause, you simply need to take a new fan to our Porter Kingston Fire District located at 12844 Olive Green Road.

EMS Grant Approved

The Fire District has received an EMS Grant totaling \$1,200 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for 2020-2021. The funding must be spent by December 31, 2020, and will be used by the District to purchase EMS small equipment and training.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

Youth Vaping, Public Health Crisis

Stay tuned to our DGHD Facebook page! You will have a chance to express your opinion on smoke-free facilities, tobacco policies, and youth vaping in our second annual Delaware Community Resident Tobacco Survey.

New presentations and trainings on nicotine addiction and vaping are now available for local agencies, schools, youth, healthcare providers and parents. To schedule training or get further information on any tobacco programming at the health district, please contact Jamica Harper at 740-203-2033.

Anyone interested in joining the Youth Vape Task Force, which centers around reducing youth vaping in Delaware, the next virtual meeting is Tuesday, 29th from 10:30-11:30 am.

For youth already to addicted to nicotine through vaping, The Delaware General Health District encourages the use of My Life, My Quit and Ohio Quit Line Programs which are free and accessible by phone, text message, or online chat. For tobacco and vape cessation, visit: mylifemyquit.com or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

By Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager, Delaware General Health District

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Wednesday except during holiday weeks* where Wednesday service will be performed on Thursday. *Note Change**

Trustees Meetings August 4, 2020, 7 PM
September 1, 2020, 7 PM
October 6, 2020, 7 PM
November 3, 2020 7PM
December 1, 2020 7PM

Zoning Commission August 6, 2020, 7 PM
November 5, 2020, 7 PM

DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE
740-833-2200

Trash Days 2020 August 5, 12, 19, 26
September 2, 10*, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
740-368-1700

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 www.delcoems.org

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org
Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050
Email: PKFD@rroho.com www.PKFD.org

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crawl, 815-8427, roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375
On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,
zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DON'T BE IN DENIAL, OHIO!



- 2,807* hospitalized e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) cases or deaths have been reported to CDC from all 50 states.
- 68 deaths have been confirmed in 29 states and the District of Columbia (as of February 18, 2020).

CURRENT OHIO VAPING DATA:

As of March 5, 2020

Number of cases: 102

Age range: 15-65 years (median age: 25 years)

Gender: 29 Female, 63 Male (68% Male)

Number of hospitalizations: 85 (92%)

CDC RECOMMENDATION

- Do not use e-cigarette or vaping products that contain THC.
- Do not buy any type of e-cigarette, or vaping products, particularly those containing THC, off the street.
- Do not modify or add any substances to e-cigarette or vaping products that are not intended by the manufacturer, including products purchased through retail establishments.

CDC has identified vitamin E acetate as a chemical of concern among people with e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI). Vitamin E acetate is used as an additive, most notably as a thickening agent in THC-containing e-cigarette or vaping products.

Ohio Department of Health
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program

Ohio Tobacco Quit Line: 2020 Update

June 11, 2020, 11:00am

June 17, 2020, 4:00pm

June 18, 2020, 7:30am

To register for your choice of webinar date/time, and to receive Microsoft Teams link and instructions, please email

Amy.Gorenflo@odh.ohio.gov

Registration will end one day prior to each webinar.

World Health Organization

Bringing your hands to your mouth can transfer the virus into your body

Smoking can increase your chances of getting COVID-19

Sharing tobacco products such as waterpipes can transmit the virus between people

#coronavirus #COVID19

World Health Organization

Smoking damages your lungs and other parts of your body, and may increase your risk of getting a severe case of COVID-19

#coronavirus #COVID19

YOUTH VAPING IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

If you or your youth is currently vaping, there are FREE programs that can help you QUIT NOW!
1-800-Quit-Now (1-800-784-8669)

My Life, My Quit
text or call 1-855-891-9989
or visit mylifemyquit.com

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