



KINGSTON NEWS

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. I know it's been a little wet, but at least I don't have to shovel it. It's truly spring now as I had to break down and mow the grass.

Recently, Big-O was bought out by Waste Management and in the transition there have been issues with the service. I have had several conversations with the new manager and I think that they are working hard to get it right. Pick-up service is supposed to start at 7 AM on Friday. It is possible that the trucks might be a few minutes early, so I would advise you to have your trash out by 6:30 AM. If you have any problems with your service, please call me as soon as possible.

The Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District has several special collection events coming up. Drop off times are 9 AM-1 PM. On April 25, electronics and tires only can be taken to the Morrow County Fair-

grounds, 195 S. Main St., Mt. Gilead. Household hazardous waste and paint only will be collected at the Marion County Fairgrounds, 220 Fairgrounds St., Marion, on May 30. On Sept. 19, household hazardous waste and paint can be dropped off at the Knox County Fairgrounds, 125 Fairgrounds Rd., Mt. Vernon. On Oct. 3, electronics and tires only will be collected at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 935 US Route 23 N., Delaware. For more information on acceptable materials and fees, call 740-393-4600 or visit www.dkmm.org.

The Buckeye Valley School Board is hosting a community forum on April 22 at 7 PM in the middle school cafeteria. This is the third community forum to discuss the school district's facilities. You may RSVP to www.buckeyevalley.k12.oh.us.

If you have any issues with the township, please call me at 740-803-1529.

March Zoning Report

Permits

One permit was issued for a new build home on Berkshire Rd.

Complaints

An anonymous complaint was received about property on Carter's Corners Road concerning trash/debris and a new structure under construction. A letter was sent to property owner and the issues were discussed. The

building is less than 200 square feet so no zoning permit is needed. The owner is progressing with cleanup.

The Dreamshine complaints were discussed with the owner who has received a letter and compliance inspections from the Ohio Department

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.

Trustees Mtg. May 5, 7 PM
 Zoning Mtg. May 6, 7 PM
 Trash Days May 1, 8, 15, 22, 30*

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of Developmental Disabilities.

Miscellaneous

Congratulations to Dave Stites on becoming the president of the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee.

Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott attended a grantwriting seminar sponsored by the Ohio Township Association.

Terrain Evolution sent an email regarding Northstar revisions.

The next Zoning Commission Quarterly Meetings is May 6.

Vacancies

We are still looking for civic minded residents who want to serve their community in the following capacities:

- one alternate position on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) through December 2015;
- one BZA member position through Dec. 2019; and,
- a zoning commission alternate position through Aug. 2015.

For more information, visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Roads

The township used 250 tons of salt last winter. A lot of time has been spent cold patching potholes on Wilson Rd. until asphalt is available.

The Delaware County Engineer's Office has closed Blue Church Rd. between Wilson Road and State Route 521 through June 18 for bridge replacement.

Healthy News

Delaware General Health District Commissioner Shelia Hiddleson reported to the trustees about the district's priorities to address access to healthcare, overweight/obesity, substance abuse, depression/suicide, and food insecurity. In Delaware County, 17,000 people don't have

enough food. She also discussed the new state law that requires a maintenance plan for the 20,000 on-lot septic systems in the county.

Big Walnut Levy

Resident Chris Senna told the trustees about the Big Walnut Schools levy that comprises 15 percent of the district's budget. The replacement levy will not increase taxes. Due to property value reassessments and new home construction, taxes will actually decrease. For more information, visit <http://www.eaglepride.org>.

Thunderstorms

Approximately 10 percent of thunderstorms are considered severe, which means they produce hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, have winds of at least 58 miles per hour, or produce a tornado. Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the evening or afternoon. The chances of being struck by lightning are about 1 in 600,000.

Before the Storm

- Stay informed – listen to a NOAA weather radio to check local forecasts and news reports regularly. Keep a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio along with extra batteries.
- Buy ground fault protectors for key electrical equipment.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall.
- If a thunderstorm is likely in your area, postpone outdoor activities.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors and objects that could blow away.
- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers, and turn off air

conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off.

During the Storm

- Follow the 30-30 rule: When you see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. The threat of lightning continues longer than most people think. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance for lightning. Seek safe shelter immediately.
- Stop outdoor activities at the first clap of thunder and get inside a large building or an enclosed vehicle. Wait 30 minutes after the thunder to go back outside.
- When inside, stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe to use. Avoid showering or bathing.
- If you are in open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground.

After the Storm

- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately.
 - Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse.
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