



KINGSTON NEWS

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Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman

Hello again. It has been a couple of years since I was your Trustee's Chairman. I am very happy to assume the role again would like to say thank you to my fellow trustees for asking me to assume this key position. We are all grateful that you have selected us to represent you and your interests.

Let me take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on some of what's been happening. I have been very active in pursuing the interests of Kingston Township and all of our residents. I have once again been chosen to be the President of the Delaware County Township Association. We are working closely with the Ohio Township Association in lobbying our Representatives to regain some of the funding that had been drastically cut during the recession. This funding is needed for the basic functions, such as maintaining our township roads.

Many in our township now have natural gas service available. Cable and Internet services have also been expanded. We all will continue to support further expansions of these vital services in our township. We are also very active in pursuing grants for much needed roadwork. We have an excellent working relationship with Nationwide Realty Investors who is the developer of Northstar, and we will continue to work in your interest on all fronts.

Please be careful on our roads this winter. Doug Crowl does a wonderful job for us, but he can't be everywhere at once. Please feel free to contact him directly with road conditions or concerns at 740-815-8427. As always, please feel free to call me with any concerns you have concerning Kingston Township at 740-965-1802, or e-mail me at svolpe@kingstontwp.org. It is a genuine honor to serve you.

BIG WALNUT SCHOOLS PUBLIC FORUM

Big Walnut Schools will host an open public forum in April to discuss future school district facility needs in relationship to growth in our area. All Porter and Kingston Township residents within the Big Walnut School District are encouraged to attend. The forum will be hosted by the Big Walnut Schools Facilities Planning Committee at the **Porter Township Hall, 6:00pm, on Thursday, April 28, 2016.** The Porter Township Hall is located in Olive Green off Olive Green Road, west of State Route 656 at 12826 McKay Street. McKay Street only goes north off Olive Green Road between State Route 656 and Washington Street. Contact Tami Lee, Big Walnut Schools, at 740-965-8953 with any questions.

ZONING REPORT

Permits

One permit was issued for a deck on Beacom Road.

Complaints

A property owner was asked to voluntarily remove a junk vehicle on Twigg-Hupp Road.

Miscellaneous

Just a reminder that distribution of the Kingston News will now be done quarterly. This is the first quarter addition, and the second quarter addition will be published and distributed in May 2016.

Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing

A Conditional Use, Expanded Home Occupation application has been filed by Robert (Mike) and Andrea Wilson on Kilbourne Road seeking permission to continue operation of a repair and service business from their home. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear the case on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:00pm at the Township Hall. Please contact the Zoning Office for more information.

Zoning Commission Meetings 2016 (Quarterly)

- May 4, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- November 2, 2016

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** will meet as needed.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) authorized the closure of North Galena Road between Twigg-Hupp Road and State Route 521 for bridge elevation over Interstate 71 on January 25th. According to ODOT, the road will be closed for 120 days which would project completion and road reopening on about the last full week of May 2016. The bridge over Interstate 71 on State Route 521 will remain open during the North Galena Road closure. The interstate bridge on Kilbourne Road was to reopen by Christmas 2015; however, reopening has now been pushed back to Spring 2016 due to winter weather.

Four cemetery plots were sold in January. The township is in the process of securing a cost estimate from the County Engineer to chip & seal the roadway within the cemetery. One driveway permit was issued and 72 tons of salt were used to treat township roadways in January.

A verbal agreement has been in place for many years with Berkshire Township for the maintenance of Berkshire Road located in Berkshire and Kingston Townships. Currently Berkshire Township mows, plows and maintains the roadway east of Interstate 71 and Kingston Township maintains to the west. The township is in the process of working with Berkshire Township to formalize the agreement in writing.

An Ohio Public Works Commission grant to fund full depth reclamation of Blue Church Road north of State Route 521 to its dead end at Interstate 71 was not approved for 2016. Resubmission is being considered for 2017 by the Trustees. The cost estimate has been received from the County Engineer for culvert replacement work on Blayney Road which will include utility relocation, and the Trustees are considering approval of the project to proceed in 2016. The Trustees are waiting on cost

estimates for culvert replacement on Beacom and Blue Church Roads.

Just A Reminder: Contractors or homeowners planning any work (including excavation and driveway culvert pipes) within the township roadway right-of-way must obtain a permit from Kingston Township prior to initiating any work. Please contact Roadway Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. Township roads include Todd Street, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Twigg Hupp, Clark, Blayney, Wilson, Stockwell (portion), Beacom (portion), Berkshire (portion) Roads and Basham and Wildwood Lanes.

Also, cemetery wreaths and grave blankets should be removed by individuals wishing to keep them prior to April 1, 2016 which is the annual cemetery spring cleanup date.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Can you name the Kingston Township Trustees and Staff from 2000? You will find the answer at the end of the newsletter.



PORTER-KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

2015 Year End Report

PKFD responded to 354 calls for assistance in 2015 with a total of 1619 individual responses of personnel, averaging 5 personnel per run.

PKFD personnel averaged 77 runs each for the 2015 calendar year.

PKFD supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 100 times and received mutual aid 71 times.

PKFD responded to 26 structure fires, 79 medical assists, and 63 motor vehicle accidents in 2015.

Personnel;

- PKFD currently has 21 on the roster for a decrease of 7 firefighters over 2014.

Training;

- PKFD personnel completed 118 hours of EMS training, 956.5 hours of fire training, and 98 hours of HAZMAT training in 2015.
- 2 Firefighters completed the Howell Rescue Class.
- 1 Firefighter completed EMT-B Class.
- 6 Firefighters completed Howell Heavy Rescue Class.

Equipment;

- Purchased four new sets of turnout gear.
- Received \$5,000 EMS grant from ODPS.

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



When the glaciers moved through this part of Ohio and then receded, glacial rocks of all sizes remained on the landscape including granite boulders. By all accounts, the picture above is the largest known, exposed boulder in Kingston Township. Have you seen this boulder? You will find the answer at the end of the newsletter.

CALENDAR

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

Trustees Meeting February 2nd, 7 PM
March 1st, 7 PM
April 5th, 7 PM
May 3rd, 7 PM

Zoning Commission February 3rd, 7 PM
May 4th, 7 PM

Trash Days February 5, 12, 19 & 26
March 4, 11, 18 & 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
May 6, 13, 20 & 27

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NEWS & INFORMATION

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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.

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HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Columbus recognizes and celebrates World War II, Korean War, and terminally ill veterans from all eras, by flying them to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to their important service to our country at no cost to them. If you know an interested veteran, contact honorflightcolumbus1@gmail.com, call 614-284-4987, or visit <http://honorflightcolumbus.org>. Kingston Township resident Beth Conard Rowland would be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding the program. Please contact her at 740-524-0024. Each veteran is accompanied by an experienced Guardian to help them in any way. The program is capable of overcoming many physical disabilities that a veteran may have. Some states have discontinued the program due to funding cuts. Because of their commitment to our veterans, Honor Flight Columbus is willing to get veterans from other states to Washington, D.C. as long as someone can get them to Columbus. If you would like to donate to help pay a veteran's costs, visit the website today!

Blast From The Past Answers—From left to right are Ed Moore, Roads/Cemetery; Bill Shively, Trustee; Wilbur Van Houten, Trustee; Sally Joiner, Fiscal Officer; & Dan Basham, Trustee.

Did You Know Information—The boulder is located in the center of Frank and Nancy Murphy's farm field, on the north side of Beacom Road about half way between Blue Church Road to the west and the township line to the east. The boulder size is about 10' X 13' and its depth may go below the surface of the ground. **The boulder is clearly visible from Beacom Road and is located on private property so please view it from the roadway only and do not trespass on the Murphy's property to get a closer look.** Please contact the Zoning Office if you know of a larger, exposed boulder in Kingston Township.