



KINGSTON NEWS

1ST QUARTER, FEBRUARY 2018

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hello,

Once again, I am honored to be Chairman of the Trustees. I hope this note finds everyone in good health and spirits.

2017 was a busy year for Kingston Township and Delaware County. Housing development is gaining speed all over the county. Northstar is finally showing some growth. The development at Rt. 36 and N. 3 B's and K Road is moving ahead at a steady pace. Driving from N. 3B's and K Road onto Summit Road through the new project to Rt. 36 should allow faster access to Rt. 36 because of the traffic light at the Northgate Church. A large tract of land at the corner of N. 3 B's and K Road and Howard Road which recently sold could possibly be the site of another housing development. Progress, you just got to love it.

Kingston Township and the Porter-Kingston Fire District both acquired new trucks this past year, and both vehicles are working great.

Trustee Steve Volpe has taken the lead on the New Township Hall, and that project is moving ahead smoothly. I will keep you updated as we move ahead. Steve is doing a great job of keeping all informed about negotiations with Nationwide Realty Investors and architect selection for the Township.

I am looking forward to a great year for Kingston Township. For all your questions and concerns about the Township, please contact me at 740/803-1529 or dakers@knigstontwp.org.

Thanks, Dewey Akers

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Trustees would like to recognize and thank all the Township Residents who exquisitely decorated their homes with outside lights for the Christmas Holiday! Each and every road had something worth seeing! While there were numerous homes that should be individually recognized, two of the more festive homes were on the corner of Carter's Corner Road and State Route 521. A special thanks is extended to Zinn and Kreft families for their outstanding displays!

OHIO TOWNSHIP DAY

Ohio Township Day was celebrated across the state on February 1st. This day was established by the passage of House Bill 652 in 1998 by the Ohio General Assembly, and set aside for a day to recognize the hard work and dedication of Trustees, Fiscal Officers and staff of each township. Delaware County contains 19 townships.

According to the Ohio Township Association, townships have not only survived the test of time, they have thrived. Townships uniquely balance small community living, the preservation of farmland, and Ohio's agricultural industry with infrastructure advancements and economic development. Today, townships are key players in Ohio's government system.

2018 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At their January 2, 2018 Organizational Meeting, a number of appointments and resolutions were passed including:

- Dewey Akers elected Chairman
- Steve Volpe elected Vice-Chair
- Bill Shively elected Executive Member

- Porter Kingston Fire District Board—Dewey Akers
- Delaware County Prosecutor retained as the township's legal counsel
- Delaware Health District Advisory Board—Dewey Akers
- Established the first Tuesday of the month for Trustee Meetings at 7:00pm
- Bob Talbott renamed Zoning Inspector
- Dave Stites renamed Zoning Secretary and Regional Planning Representative
- Renamed current Members of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
- Renamed Doug Crowl Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton
- Continued current Zoning Fees and Cemetery Fees and Rules
- Set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$.545 cents per mile
- Certified official roadway mileage as 17.93 miles
- Approved \$1,118 for Emergency Services Fee Assessment
- Approved \$1,707 for Regional Planning Membership Dues
- Approved Health District Apportionment as submitted
- Adopted Public Records Policy
- Adopted Credit Card Use Policy

ZONING REPORT

Permits--For the period November through January, 5 permits were approved by the Zoning Office including:

- 2 Accessory Structure
- 3 New Homes

Total Permits For 2017: 36 including 9 new homes.

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

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/521 Roundabout--The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has approved a project to modify the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. Having looked at several design alternatives to

improve sight distances and move traffic through the intersection safely, they have decided that the best option is to construct a roundabout. Their target date for construction is reportedly 2020 with an estimated cost of \$1.8 million dollars. Funding for the project will come from an Ohio Public Works Commission grant with the local match coming from the Delaware County Engineer and Kingston Township. As residents well know, this is a very unsafe intersection which has produced a number of vehicular accidents with injuries and deaths. Questions regarding the project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

Blue Church Road Improvements--On August 1, 2017, the Trustees voted to resubmit an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for the 2018 funding cycle to repair and widen Blue Church Road from State Route 521 to the northern terminus including improvement of the end loop to accommodate school buses and larger vehicles. The total estimate cost of the project will be \$705,304 with the townships share at \$158,694 and the Delaware County Engineer contributing \$49,371.

At their February 6th Monthly Meeting, the Trustees were informed by the Delaware County Engineers Office that the improvement project did not receive funding approval for 2018. Since this is the third time submitting the project without approval, the Trustees will now look for alternative ways to complete the improvements.

Anticipated 2018 Roadwork Projects—The Trustees are currently considering the following roadway improvements for 2018: apply a chip seal with polymer binder roadway layer followed by a surface fog sealer and striping for the entire length of Todd Street Road, and Clark Road from Kilbourne Road to the county line.

Since the last newsletter, 1 Blue Church Cemetery plot has been sold, no headstone foundations were poured and no headstones set, and 3 culvert/ road right-of-way work permits were issued. During the period, 65 tons of salt were applied in December for roadway safety along with 64 tons in January.

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



In the last newsletter, you learned about Kingston Township native Eldon Wigton who performed magic professionally under the name Dr. Eldoonie, Old Time Medicine Man. Dr. Eldoonie is pictured above in his trademark black tuxedo and top hat standing in the back of his 1929 Model A Ford. This is the vehicle that he drove from the State of Delaware to the State of California double blindfolded in August and September, 1983.

As he traveled across the United States, Dr. Eldoonie was greeted by hundreds of people in the cities, towns and villages he traveled through. Inside his vehicle, he carried a bucket of sand from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware that he delivered to the folks in Los Angeles, California at the conclusion of his journey. He made stops in major cities including Cincinnati, St. Louis, Denver, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. At each stop, he would offer his blindfold to any disbeliever for inspection. While driving, he traveled with a lead car for insurance reasons, and at each stop his interaction with local citizenry was captured on video tape for a hopeful future television program. His support staff included Chuck Noffsinger and Carl Pruett from West Virginia.

Numerous local newspapers and radio stations covered his travels in such places as Wheeling, West Virginia, Higginsville, Missouri, Oakley, Kansas, Grand Junction, Colorado, and St. George, Utah. Dr. Eldoonie also kept a list of people along the route that observed him driving blindfolded. During his trip, he traveled 3,200 miles, averaged 23 miles per gallon of gasoline, had no major mechanical problems with his Model A, and averaged approximately 50 miles per hour.

How did Dr. Eldoonie do it? Some said that it was done by electronics, others accused him of having braille tires on the vehicle and still others said he was using his seeing eye rabbit Harvey. In the end, only Dr. Eldoonie knew for sure!

By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl

Information for this article obtained in part from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year, 2013 and newspaper articles and documents saved by Dr. Eldoonie himself.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

ODNR: 'No such thing as 100% safe ice'

Before residents do any ice skating or fishing on frozen ponds, lakes, or rivers this winter, they should check the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' website, which contains information about ice safety and best practices.

According to ODNR, there is "no such thing as 100% safe ice," noting that many factors affect the strength of ice besides thickness. ODNR reports that ice doesn't usually freeze uniformly and said ice formed over flowing water and currents is "often dangerous." Additionally, thawing and refreezing weakens ice, so ice close to shore tends to be weaker. ODNR states "a minimum of five inches of ice is recommended for safe enjoyment of ice skating, ice fishing, ice boating and snowmobiling on state park lakes. However, even if the ice is several inches thick, ice-covered water is never completely safe."

"Do not venture out onto the ice unless you test the thickness," ODNR warns on its website. The agency recommends 4 inches of new clear ice as the minimum thickness for travel on foot, 5 inches is the minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs, and 8 to 12 inches for cars or small trucks, but also warns to

refrain from driving on ice whenever possible. ODNR encourages residents to check with local resorts or bait shops for information about known thin ice areas.

Some safety tips on ODNR's website include:

- Never venture onto the ice alone.
- Let someone know when you will be on the ice and when you will return.
- The ODNR Division of Wildlife recommends contacting a licensed ice guide if you plan to ice fish.
- Wear a life jacket or float coat.
- Carry two screwdrivers, ice picks, or large nails to help gain a firm grip, should you have to pull yourself out of the water.
- Avoid areas of thin ice or open water.
- Pay close attention when boating or walking on ice. Cold water will cool a body 25 times faster than cold air of the same temperature.

ODNR reports that if you feel the ice begin to crack beneath you, follow these steps:

- Do not run.
- Lie on your stomach and spread your arms and legs (like an airplane).
- Stretch your arms over your head and bring them together.
- Roll away from the crack. Do not bend your knees or elbows.

If someone has fallen through the ice:

- Do not go onto the ice — if it broke once, it will break again.
- Call for help.
- Tell the victim to hold their hands close to their face and breathe into their hands.
- Toss them something that floats. (Try a cooler or empty plastic bottle)
- Encourage them to use car keys, a pen, or other object in their pocket to begin to pull themselves onto the ice.

If the victim is close enough to shore, you can help pull them in:

- Kneel or lie face down on solid ground.
- Throw or extend whatever you can find, such as jumper cables or skis, or push a boat ahead of you.

If you fall through the ice:

- Try not to panic.
- Do not remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes will not drag you down. They trap air to provide warmth and flotation.
- Turn toward the direction you came. That is probably the strongest ice.
- Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface.
- Kick your feet and dig in your ice picks to work your way back onto the solid ice.
- Lie flat on the ice and roll away from the hole. This will help distribute your weight.
- Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area. Change into dry clothing and drink a warm, non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverage.

Information in this story can be found at <http://ohiodnr.gov/winter-recreation/recreation/winter-safety>. This story appeared in the Delaware Gazette on January 4, 2018 written by Glenn Battishill - gbattishill@aimmediamidwest.com, and we sincerely appreciate permission to reprint the story for the safety of Kingston Township residents.

In discussing ice safety with Chief Thompson of our Porter-Kingston Fire District, he wanted our residents to know that District personnel are fully trained on ice rescue tactics and procedures, and carry all necessary equipment such as floatation suits, ropes, and life jackets to respond to ice related emergencies should they occur.

Chief Thompson reports that Santa spent over 8 hours visiting Kingston Township residents prior to Christmas. He indicated that Santa made 128 stops while riding the fire engine, talked to 314 children (806 total with adults), saw 48 dogs, 1 pig in a blanket and 1 goat on a leash. Chief Thompson also reported that the 1996 old Engine 382 has been sold for \$41,500, and that the District made 268 runs in 2017.

HONOR FLIGHT – SPOTLIGHT ON SUSAN BARR

Honor Flight Columbus recognizes and celebrates World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and terminally ill veterans from all eras, by flying them at no cost to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to their important service to our country. If you know an interested veteran, call 614-284-4987, or visit <http://honorflightcolumbus.org>. 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!

We reported in earlier additions of the Kingston News that Kingston Township resident Beth Conard Rowland is very involved with the program. In this addition, we are proud to recognize another Kingston Township resident Susan Barr who co-founded Honor Flight Columbus eleven years ago in 2007. Susan worked as a Registered Nurse for 23 years in the Emergency Room of Grady Hospital in Delaware, and was deeply involved with National Honor Flight Program for many years in the western states as well as Honor Flight Dayton, Ohio prior to establishing the Columbus, Ohio group. Susan has trained guardians, accompanied our vets on their trips, and led tours while in Washington.

When asked how many trips, Susan stated that she has personally been on 200 trips with our vets. She indicated that about 82 vets are taken on each trip, and that 7 trips per year fly out of Columbus. Honor Flight Columbus has flown 5,221 vets to Washington to date, and nationally 220,000 veterans have made the trip. Susan advised that her experience with Honor Flight has been "life changing", and she has made hundreds of new friends from all across the nation during her tenure with the organization. It is her way of "giving back" to the vets that have served our Country with honor and valor. When asked how much longer she was going to continue, her response was "until our mission is accomplished".

Susan has started a new venture called True North Veteran Support which centers upon combat stress impacts; providing alternative treatment for our vets that do not focus on the use of drugs. Her program has expanded its treatment group to include law enforcement and emergency medical personnel. She intends to focus treatment using greenhouse farming and equine therapy. If you wish to contact Susan with questions regarding Honor Flight or True North Veteran Support, she can be reached by e-mail at honorflightrn@gmail.com.

As a side note, Susan has been nominated locally this year for the Jefferson Award for Public Service. This is a prestigious national recognition system honoring community and public volunteerism in America. Local winners are "ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition". What an honor for Susan to be nominated, and all of Kingston Township wishes her success!

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

Health District Launches New Website--The Delaware General Health District launched their newly designed website late in 2017. The website offers residents an easier, more user-friendly way of viewing the wide variety of public health services offered through the Health District. The Health District's services and programs are listed into three separate categories: Wellness Services, Community Services and Environmental Services. Under Wellness Services residents can access several programs that clinic staff offers, such as immunizations, communicable disease investigations, newborn home visiting and other similar services. Community Services includes a large number of education programs in addition to birth and death certificates and community health data. Environmental Services is where residents can access a specific type of license or permit, whether it is from the food protection and public safety unit or from the residential services unit. This page also provides information about plumbing permits, solid waste and other environmental services.

The website provides not only aesthetic value but also simplifies the way users can access information. One new highly sought after feature by browsers was a mobile-friendly site. Majority of the population gathers their information on the internet from their smart phone, so making the site mobile-friendly was top priority during the redesign process. The Health District worked with local marketing group Holony Media to launch the new website. Residents are invited to view the website at DelawareHealth.org.

From Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager

CALENDAR

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

Trustees Meetings January 2, 2018
 February 6, 2018
 March 6, 2018
 April 3, 2018
 May 1, 2018
 June 5, 2018

Zoning Commission February 7, 2018, 7 PM
 May 2, 2018, 7 PM
 August 8, 2018, 7 PM
 November 7, 2018, 7 PM

Trash Days January 5*, 12, 19, & 26
 February 2, 9, 16, & 23
 March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
 April 6, 13, 20, & 27
 May 4, 11, 18, & 25
 June 1*, 8, 15, 22, & 29
 July 6*, 13, 20, & 27

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

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NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
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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

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DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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New Kingston Township Home Starts 2017-2018
Carter's Corner Road

