



# Porter Township Newsletter

Spring 2011

Home of Delaware County's Only Covered Bridge

## From the Chairman

A Summary of Township Activities

Phil Gentile, the Porter Township appointee, and president of the Porter Kingston Fire District Board of Directors, passed away Monday, January 3, 2011. He was a member of the board for 22 years. We express our sympathy to Lisa and the Gentile family. We will miss him.

The weather this winter has called for larger than normal amounts of salt. We, and most of Delaware County have used most of our allotment for the year 2011.

We have a reduced budget this year due to the recession and reduced collections. At present, the state, due to an income shortfall, is looking at reducing the amount of state taxes returned to local government. If this happens, we will struggle even more next year.

In 2010, The Trustees held a special public meeting, to discuss the proposed Zoning Code. Using input from the residents, the trustees made some changes to the code, and passed it.

The residents from the north end of E. Liberty Road N petitioned the trustees to improve their end of the road. After meeting with them and getting new permission signatures, we have that project on for 2011. The south end of the road is on the list to be hard surfaced this year if the state approves it and partially funds it.

Beginning April 25, there will be a 75-day closure of the intersection of Olive Green Rd. and Porter Central Rd. to replace both bridges, and align and straighten the intersection. The bridge at the south end of Porter Central road was replaced during 2010.

During the summer of 2010, we contracted the county to do grader patches on the worst areas of the township roads. The patches were smooth, high quality, and will extend the life of the road. The trustees plan to contract with them again this summer to preserve some other areas of roads.

There was a major breakdown of the brush trimming Ford tractor. The drive clutch failed, and all of the equipment had to be removed to separate the front & rear of the tractor for repair. It will be back at work this spring.

The board looks forward to serving all of our residents in the coming year.

Bob Ryan Trustee Chair

## Internet

**If you have an internet connection, be sure to check our new website at  
[www.PorterTwp.org](http://www.PorterTwp.org).**

**If you know of anyone in Porter Township who doesn't receive this newsletter,  
please notify the township by Email, phone, or mail. Thanks.**

## Rent the township hall

If you are planning to get family/friends together for a special occasion, why not rent the township hall? It is a very nice facility situated in Olive Green, in the center of our community. Residents can rent it for a very reasonable fee. For more information see Rental of Township Hall on the FEES page of the website. [www.PorterTwp.org](http://www.PorterTwp.org)

To schedule a date, please call Eddy Ambrose at 740-965-3517.

### **DUST CONTROL PLANNED FOR MAY**

As in every year, we will apply the dust control in front of the residences located on gravel roads in Porter Township. The application will be twelve-foot(12) wide; seventy-five-foot(75) long chip and seal mat in front of each house. The tentative date of application is the **week of May 16, 2011**.

If the homeowner wants to purchase additional coverage, the cost is **\$1.72 per/foot**, twelve feet (12) wide. Neighbors who live close together may want to share the cost of extra dust control between their homes to leave one continuous mat. To request additional coverage, please submit your order form and check to arrive **by May 9, 2011**, so we can plan for the amount of materials needed to complete this project.

Please clearly mark the area to be applied with orange colored flags (minimum of 3 foot high) placed two (2) feet from the edge of the road. In areas where many houses are close together, you will be contacted to verify which flags belong to your house. If there aren't any visible orange flags to mark an area of application, the dust control mat will center in front of the house and not the driveway. Please contact **Dan Mirise 740-625-6554** for any questions concerning dust control issues.

Every attempt will be made not to disturb the sealed roads during the current dry season. Residents must be aware that it may become necessary to grade, drag, or otherwise maintain the roads. The sealer may be disturbed **INCLUDING THE DUST CONTROL THAT THE RESIDENT PURCHASED**.

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### **EXTRA DUST CONTROL ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Linear Feet Of Extra Dust Control Ordered** \_\_\_\_ X \$1.72 = \$ \_\_\_\_ **Total**

Mail this form with check to:

Porter Township Dust Control  
12826 McKay St.  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

**Deadline is May 9, 2011! --- No Extra Dust Control will be applied unless payment in full is received by the deadline.**

## **An Open Letter from the Trustees**

It has come to our attention that some activities create tension between our residents.

Our rural community gives us the opportunity to do activities outside of our homes that aren't possible in urban communities. Some of our activities include target practice, trap shooting, ATV riding or just taking a slow walk down a country road. The bottom line is to be aware of how it affects your neighbors. The noise, the time of day, and where you aim your guns can irritate your neighbors.

We all are neighbors whether we live next door, or on another road in the township. If you are respectful of your neighbors, all of our lives will seem simpler and easier. We all moved to Porter Township for our own unique reasons whether it is the quietness or just for the rural privacy. Lets walk in our neighbor's shoes, and try to see how what we are doing affects them.

As Trustees we strive to make decisions based on what is in the best interest of all the public not just the individual situation at hand. Have a great 2011, enjoy what we have, and be safe.

### **Thank You Sue Van Skoy Thank You Virginia Kavage**

Two of our Zoning Commission members resigned at the end of 2010. **Sue Van Skoy** was a member for ten years. **Virginia Kavage** was a member for twenty-five years. We appreciate their dedicated and dependable service to the Zoning Commission and the residents of Porter Township.

### **Welcome**

**George Blakesly** and **Joel Hammon** were appointed to the Zoning Commission. We wish them many years of rewarding experiences as board members and the ability to make a difference for the residents of Porter Township.

### **Welcome**

**Cris Lijek** was appointed to the PKFD fire department board of directors. We wish him and the fire department continued success.

### **CPR Class?**

Some residents have asked if the fire department could offer a CPR training class. If enough persons are interested, the department might be able to do it for a reasonable fee. If you are interested, please Email Bob Ryan at [trustee1@portertwp.org](mailto:trustee1@portertwp.org) or Chief Thompson at [PKFD@RROHIO.COM](mailto:PKFD@RROHIO.COM) or 740-524-5050. It would be offered this summer.

### **Zoning Boards**

#### **Are you interested in serving on one of our committees?**

Each year, the Board of Trustees appoints / reappoints 1 member to the Zoning Commission, 1 member to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 2 alternate members to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and alternates, as needed, to the Zoning Commission.

Each board is composed of 5 members that are appointed to a position for a 5-year term. If you would like to serve the township, and get involved, please contact the township

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**Township Trustees**  
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Eddy Ambrose, Vice Chairman  
Dan Mirise

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740-965-6498  
740-965-3517  
740-625-6554

**Fiscal Officer**  
Mark Mazzon 740-936-0295

**Meetings: second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoning Commission**  
Marvin Miller, Chairman  
Gerald Crowl  
Joel Hammon

zc@PorterTwp.org  
740-965-3940  
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Jim Sherman 740-625-6738  
George Blakesly

**Meetings: second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m.**

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Don Caudy, Chairman  
Allen Blythe, Vice Chairman  
Joseph Scherler

bza@PorterTwp.org  
740-965-3889  
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740-524-7612

Marcella Kiracofe 740-625-5276  
John Dible 740-965-4938  
Laurie Cellar, Secretary 740-965-2211

**Meetings: first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. as needed - call first**

**Zoning Inspector**  
Paul Reida

740-965-6830

**Township Website      [www.PorterTwp.org](http://www.PorterTwp.org)**

**Porter Kingston Fire District Emerg.** 911  
Business 740-524-5050  
Email [pkfd@roohio.com](mailto:pkfd@roohio.com)  
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**Rumpke Trash** 1-888-rumpke1  
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**Del. Co. Health Dept.** 614-368-1700  
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**Ohio EPA Emerg.** 800-282-9378  
**Red Cross** 614-362-2021  
**Dog Warden** 614-368-1915