



# Porter Township Newsletter

Spring 2009

Home of Delaware County's Only Covered Bridge

## From the Chairman A Summary of Township Activities

The year 2008 has passed and we are well on our way into 2009, and we want you to know that 2.39 miles of Lane Road from Centerburg Road north to Olive Green Road will be hard surfaced this year. We were able to secure a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for \$342,800 to hard surface the road. This completes the Lane Road, Justamere Road project. The trustees are very happy to complete this job, not to mention the new big bridge and small bridge on Lane Road.

Our next road project is East Liberty Road north from SR 656 to the Morrow County line. This project is going to be done in two phases, phase 1 from SR 656 north to Chambers Road in 2009, and phase two from Chambers Road north to the Morrow County line in 2010. We invited the residents of East Liberty Road North to the March Township meeting to explain our plan in updating the road. The meeting was a very productive, friendly meeting. They expressed wanting their road updated as soon as possible, and are willing to work with us to get this job done.

Our 27 miles of Porter Township roads are changing to hard surface and now we have new challenges. Winter is very hard on the trustees, plowing snow and laying miles of salt, and a truckload of salt does not go very far when you have snow and ice storms. This past winter season we added 1600 miles to our snowplow.

We don't have adequate space to store enough salt to satisfy our needs. We are working on details of erecting a salt shed. It will be erected behind our present maintenance building this summer. The trustees are building it to save any labor cost. If any of you want to volunteer to help us erect the salt shed, we can always use the help. Please give a trustee a call, if you are willing to help.

The Porter Township Zoning Commission is in the process of finalizing our new Township Zoning Code book on Rules and Regulations. We appreciate all the hard work that has been done in formulating this book.

The trustees enjoy working for you and our Township. Sincerely,

Eddy Ambrose, Township Trustee Chair

## 2009 East Liberty Road Improvement Project

This year's road improvement project is East Liberty Road going north from SR 656 to Chambers Road. Driveway culverts will be replaced as needed as well as tree removal and reshaping of the ditches. This project will endure most of the summer; thus no dust control will be applied to this portion of East Liberty Road. During the construction, the road will be closed periodically. Please be patient and follow any posted detours as needed. For questions, please call Eddy Ambrose 740-965-3517 or Bob Ryan 740-965-6498.

## 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.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets only when there is a request for a hearing on rejected zoning applications.

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 by:

Email trustee1@PorterTwp.org  
Telephone 740-965-3517 or 740-965-6498  
Mail Porter Township Board of Trustees,  
12828 McKay Street, Sunbury, Ohio 43074

### **New Members of the Zoning Committees**

We have a new alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He is Mike Mcintee. Welcome Mike. We have a new alternate on the Zoning Commission. He is Mike Thiel. Welcome Mike.

### **What Needs Protected?**

Is there something you know about on your property or somewhere else in the township that perhaps should be protected as Porter Township develops? It might be a natural area or archaeological or historical or cultural site--whatever you think might be important. Please let us know by sending information to Jennie Kavage, 14471 Ulery Rd., Sunbury, OH 43074. Questions? 740-524-8181. Make it as clear as possible the location of the site through an address and drawing a map, if necessary.

### **Village of Peerless / Pictures**

Do you have any information, pictures, etc. about Peerless Village that existed in NE Porter Township many years ago? Do you have any pictures of historical buildings, etc. that you think should be shared on our website? If so, please contact Bob Ryan. Trustee1@PorterTwp.org or 740-965-6498 Thanks.

### **Likes/ Dislikes of Porter Township**

What are your thoughts about Porter Township? Do you like the larger 5-acre lots? What requirements should be made to allow residents to operate businesses in their homes? We are in the process of revising the zoning codes. If you want to express an opinion, or have anything that you think should be addressed in the zoning code, please Email us or send a note to the township. **Phone numbers, Emails, and township address on last page.**

### **Internet**

**If you have an internet connection, be sure to check our new website at www.PorterTwp.org.**

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

See last page for Emails and phone numbers

## 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 11th.

If the homeowner wants to purchase additional coverage, the cost is \$1.45 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 before May 6, 2009, 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 John Johnston 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 \$1.45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Mail this form with check to:

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

**Deadline is May 6, 2009! --- No Extra Dust Control will be applied unless payment in full is received by the deadline.**

**PORTER TOWNSHIP  
12828 McKAY STREET  
SUNBURY, OHIO 43074**

BULK RATE  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074  
Permit No. 12

**or current resident**

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**Township Trustees**

Eddy Ambrose, Chairman  
John Johnston, Vice Chairman  
**Robert Ryan**

trustee1@PorterTwp.org  
740-965-3517  
740-625-5214  
**740-965-6498**

**Fiscal Officer**  
Mark Mazzon

fo@PorterTwp.org  
740-936-0295

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

**Zoning Commission**

Marvin Miller, Chairman  
Sue VanSkoy  
Jenny Kavage

zc@PorterTwp.org  
740-965-3940  
740-524-5172  
740-524-8181

Jim Sherman  
Gerald Crowl

740-625-6738  
740-524-0470

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  
740-965-4854  
740-524-7612

Marcella Kiracofe  
John Dible  
Laurie Cellar, Secretary

740-625-5276  
740-965-4938  
740-965-2211

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

**Zoning Inspector**

Paul Reida

zi@PorterTwp.org  
**740-965-6830**

**Township Website**

**www.PorterTwp.org**

**Porter Kingston Fire District Emerg.**

Business 911  
740-524-5050  
Email [pkfd@rrohio.com](mailto:pkfd@rrohio.com)  
Web: <http://www.pkfd.org>

**Rumpke Trash**

1-888-rumpke1  
1-888-786-7531  
Email [chris.lavender@rumpke.com](mailto:chris.lavender@rumpke.com)  
Web <http://www.rumpke.com>

**Del Co. Health Dept.**

614-368-1700  
**Poison Control Emerg.** 800-682-7625  
**Hazardous Materials Emerg.** 800-589-4628

**Ohio EPA Emerg.**

800-282-9378  
**Red Cross** 614-362-2021  
**Dog Warden** 614-368-1915