



Fall NEWSLETTER



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

September 28, 2023

The first day of Fall was Wednesday, September 20th

Noteworthy



Township Offices Closed

- 11/7 - Election Day
- 11/10 - Veteran's Day Observed
- 11/23-11/24 - Thanksgiving

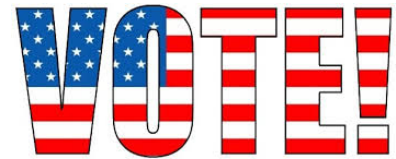
Meeting Dates:

- 10/5 - Zoning Board Meeting
Due to scheduling issues the following have been moved by 1 week
- 10/16 - Trustee Meeting
- 10/25 - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting.



Halloween / Beggar's Night will be Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Berkshire Township wishes all the families a spooktacularly ghoulish time.
Be safe!



Election Day is Tuesday November 7th
visit

votedelawarcountyohio.gov

for all your voter information including registration, and what is on the ballot.

(Register or make address changes by Oct 10th.)



B.S.T.&G Fall Party and Open House
Saturday, October 29th from 12-3 p.m.
Details on their website link below.

B.S.T. & G.

Fire Prevention Week

October 8-14, 2023 is Fire Prevention Week and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced this year's theme as **"Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention"**

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half of all home fires involving cooking equipment. The weeks goal is to raise public awareness around when and where cooking hazards exist, along with ways to prevent them. The campaign will highlight things like keeping a close eye on what you're cooking, clearing away combustible items, turning handles to back of stove and keeping a lid handy in case of grease fire.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week visit www.fpw.org.



Day Light Savings Ends

On the first Sunday in November we "Fall back"
Be sure to move your clocks back one hour on Sunday **Nov. 5th at 2 a.m.**
or before going to bed the night before.

BST&G Fire Department suggests this is also a great time to replace batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors

Township Highlights

Parks Project Update

At the September Trustee Meeting, Fred Grunewald represented the Berkshire Township Parks Committee and gave a briefing of what has been accomplished. The group has been busy exploring grants, meeting with suppliers, and planning their input for the future Berkshire Township parks complex. The plan includes a large pavilion, restrooms, tennis/pickleball courts and basketball courts, updating of the walking path and gardens. Stay tuned for more details.



The Berkshire Township Parks Committee comprised of 6 township residents, and headed by Trustee Paul Disantis, has been meeting monthly since being appointed in June. Trustee Disantis has been keeping the board informed of progress at the Township Trustee Meetings which are open to the public.

Dustin Road / Rome Corners Road Intersection



Rome Corners Road traffic does not stop at the Dustin Road intersection, but those on Dustin Road are required to stop. There have been stop signs and warnings to this effect for years, but still a number of accidents due to drivers not paying attention and pulling out into oncoming traffic.



Residents have been pushing for a 4-way stop, but the problem isn't that easily solved. Berkshire Township has road responsibility for Dustin Road, but Rome Corners is under Delaware County jurisdiction. There have been past studies which did not support a 4-way stop and a most recent Delaware County Engineer's Office report confirms that is still true. Much to the chagrin of neighbors and Trustee Rod Myers, who has been very vocal on the matter, they have rejected the request to make this intersection a 4-way stop.



Delaware County, however; did agree to make adjustments and allow more signage to the Dustin Road intersection approach including, added reflective strips, additional "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs and new stop bars. The intersection is slated for a roundabout but not for a few years, let hope the additional signs can help prevent major accidents until then.

Please be aware and be safe!

Township Hall adds security



We recently added additional security to our offices which requires visitors to be buzzed into the building. Office staff can view visitors and monitor the front of the building at all times. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays by appointment.

Berkshire Cemetery



600ft East of CR 34 (South Galena Rd.) South of 37
82° 54' 21.43" W, 40° 15' 53.44" N

The township maintains the Berkshire Cemetery which is located across from Bent Tree Golf Course on Rt 36/37. This includes everything from grounds keeping to the actual burials and all paperwork associated. Currently there are just over 940 recorded grave sites.

The Berkshire Township Cemetery staff lead by Trustee Mike Dattilo has just completed a new project which created a destination spot on the Westside of the property. This area is where water and a couple benches were located but



now has become a welcome hub. Shaped in the formation of a cross is a new concrete pad which allows for better footing and easier water access. You will now find the rules board which has been repaired and relocated to this area, and a new map case with detailed map of the cemetery showing loved ones as well as sold and available graves. There are also location maps available to take to help better find grave locations. Finally, there has been some new landscaping finishing off the area.

The Berkshire Cemetery is open from dusk till dawn 7 days a week. For details on purchasing a grave site, burial details or general inquires please visit our website at: www.berkshiretpw.org/cemetery or contact our offices at (740) 965-2992





Berkshire Township Roads/Maintenance

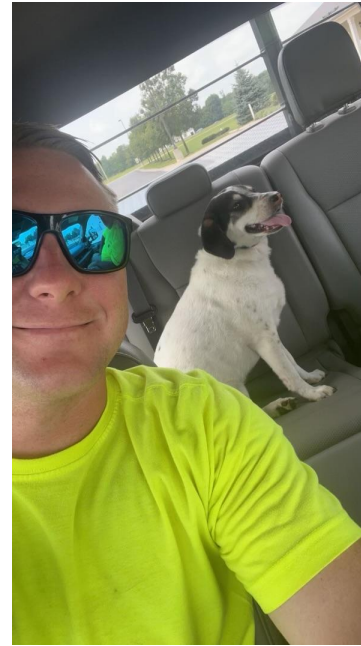
The Road Department consists of three hardworking, full time employees

*Scott Hoffman - Supervisor,
Dan Hale and Connor Woodford
(pictured right)*

The Road Department is responsible for over 20 miles of roadway, including road signage, litter control, ditch maintenance, potholing, berming, snow and ice control as well as maintenance and burials at the Berkshire Cemetery, grounds and building maintenance of all Township properties.

As mentioned in the above article the team has been busy with the Berkshire Township Cemetery improvements but in addition, current projects include prepping the new wild flower area for fall seeding. This process involves a number of steps including mowing, killing off old grass, raking and tilling. The seeding will be complete in October. Next Spring we should see the new area fill in with native Ohio grasses and wildflowers.

The crew has also been topping the current walking path with a new layer of paving materials and gravel. (top photo) This should help drainage and improve areas that were previously uneven and became very wet with heavy rains.



Doing a good deed

Connor Woodford recently picked up Bella who had gotten out of her yard and was wondering on Rome Corners Road. After a short ride in the township truck, Bella was returned safely to her greatfull owners.

Business Spotlight - Agape Mediterranean



Our local Agape is located at 7162 Longhorn Drive and is open 7 days a week from 10:30-9:00 PM

(740) 616-8126



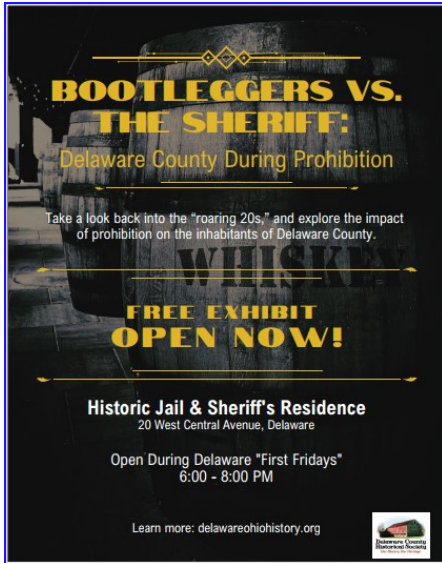
Agape Mediterranean is the newest restaurant option in our area. This location is just West of I71 near the Fourwinds intersection at 7162 Longhorn Drive.

Agape (ah-gah-pay) is a concept derived from the ancient Greeks that embodies "doing good for one another". The chain's mission is to provide a place to enjoy wholesome ingredients, bold flavors and unique experiences. They promote that the food is "seriously fresh" no imitations, and offers pitas, salads and bowls that you customize yourself from a large list of proteins, veggies and sauces. They also offer catering for any size event.

[Agape Menu](#)

Community Events

Delaware County Historical Society



DCHS recently announced Bootleggers vs. The Sheriff at the Historic Jail & Sheriff's residence located at 20 W. Central Ave.

The exhibit is open during First Fridays 6-8 p.m. through November. This is an extension of the Roaring 20's exhibit currently open at the Nash House Museum at 157 William Street. Both offerings are free

Also fun for October - Paranormal Tours in the Historic Jail on Saturday, October 15 (2 tours) and on Saturday, October 22 (2 tours). *This event is paid adults only.*

Further details on these and other events can be found [in this link.](#)



Sept 23-Oct 31

Market Hours
Mon-Fri 11-5, Sat-Sun 10-6

Fall Fun Activities
Weekends (Sat-Sun) 10-6
Friday October 13, 11-4

[click on the barn for details](#)



Saturdays 10-5 and Sundays 11-5 through October 29th
hay rides, petting area, campfire concessions, craft projects and of course pumpkins, kettle corn, candy, décor & more.

Tanger[®]Outlets

Sat. October 14th

Last **Second Saturday** of the season.

Fall themed with free pumpkin painting, pumpkin bounce house, and fall photos along with live music and food trucks.

Sat. October 28th
11-2 PM

Barktober
Benefiting Delaware County Humane Society

A Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest with food trucks, music and special deals.



Check out deals/promotions and event highlights on their webpage.

www.Tanger.com

kidslinked.com events

10/8



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Check out the Delaware Fall Festival and Treat Fest. General Admission is free but does require registration. [Click Here](#) for all the details.



Check out the Galena Fall Gathering from 10AM - 11PM Oct. 14th. The event will feature a Taste of Big Walnut, rare care show, on-line and live auctions, Buckeye game on big screen and three bands including North to Nashville at 8:30PM Details on [Facebook Page](#) or [Event Web Page](#).

Please check our township website for current event schedule along with general information and forms.

Visit our website

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