



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



### Noteworthy



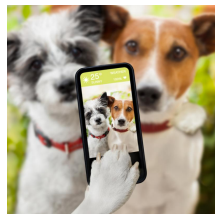
**Township Offices Closed**  
2/20 - President's Day

**Township Meetings:**

Trustee - 2nd Monday  
Zoning Board - 1st Thursday  
Zoning Board of Appeals - 3rd Wednesday

*dates are subject to change*  
check our [website](#) for the most current information

**Please note: February Zoning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings have been canceled due to lack of content.**



We are still looking for photos from around the township which could be enlarged and used as artwork in the Township Hall. Wildlife, landscape, old architecture, beautiful sunrise or sunset. If you have a great shot your are willing to share please forward to:

[tgeorge@berkshiretp.org](mailto:tgeorge@berkshiretp.org)

Today, February 2nd is Groundhog Day, in the United States. A day on which the emergence of the groundhog from its burrow is said to foretell the weather for the following six weeks. Punxsutawney Phil, the famous ground hog; to our East in Pennsylvania has been the center of Spring predictions since the late 1800's. The legend states if the groundhog see's his shadow on this day 6 more weeks of winter are on the way. No shadow, we are due for an early Spring. Whatever the outcome...we are close to warmer and longer days.



**Spring Ahead Berkshire**

Daylight Savings begins on March 12th at 2AM. Don't forget to push those clocks ahead by one hour.

Your local Fire Department of BST&G recommends checking all fire and carbon monoxide detector to make sure they are in working order and replacing their batteries.

### Township Highlights



**Delaware County Engineer's Office has updated its Road Construction Guide with projects slated for 2023.**

There are two projects on the plan within Berkshire Township.

First up will entail the widening of US 36/SR 37 and Galena Roads with left and right turn lanes and a new traffic signal. This Joint project with ODOT District 6 is slated for this Summer.

The second; and larger more involved project, is to replace the bridge carrying US 36/SR 37 over I-71. This bridge project is a preservation project to keep the bridge safe and passable for the public. The tentative start will be this Fall and through 2024.

Additional projects close to home include: construction of a single-lane modern roundabout at the intersection of Worthington and Lewis Center Roads and at State Route 3 and Lewis Center Road construction of turn lanes with provisions for a future traffic signal and replacement of a large culvert on Lewis Center Road East.

The full list of projects posted to date can be found on this link to the [The Engineer's website](#)



## Elections outlook 2023

Although there are no candidates running for office on May 2nd there may be as many as two special elections for Berkshire Township.

The [Delaware County Board of Elections page](#) shows two items under the 100 day notice for FWAB which highlights a Local Liquor Option for the sale of beer, wine or mixed beverages & spiritous liquor by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc. located at 60 Fourwinds Drive. Additionally, there is proposed zoning amendment by referendum petition being reviewed for ballet as well. Check the election site or stay tuned for updates via our website or newsletter for final ballot details.

Heading into Fall, November 7th is General Election Day. Berkshire Township will have 2 seats up for election. Our Fiscal Officer and 1 Trustee Seat will be open. The Petition filling deadline to run for either office is August 9th.

## Getting your Drivers License - Teenage Rite of Passage.

Getting your driver's license today is quite different from when many of us did years ago and unless you are a reader under the age of 20 or a parent who has recently had a new driver, the number of the requirements might surprise you. Here's a quick overview.

The earliest you may get your temporary learning permit is at 15 ½. This step requires going to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and taking a written exam and eye exam and passing both. To then get a probationary driver license, you must enroll in and complete a driver education program at a licensed driver training school which includes 24 hours of classroom and 8 hours of driving time. You must also Complete 50 hours total of driving, with at least 10 hours of night driving with a parent or guardian. And teens must hold the temporary permit for at least six months. Once all these steps are completed you may apply for your probationary driver's license. This will require you to pass a written and verbal evaluation along with successfully performing a maneuverability test.



Maneuverability test kit  
available for use at Berkshire Township Hall  
1454 Rome Corners Road

## All the Right Moves

Finding a place and materials to practice for the driver's license maneuverability can be challenging. As a community service, Berkshire Township now has a driving maneuverability kit available at the Township Hall. The kit contains, traffic cones, poles, "student driver" car magnets, a tape measure and instructions for cone setup and test requirements. The kit will be available for use on our property. Simply stop up, set up and practice. Please make sure that all items are properly cared for and placed back in the kit for others to use. The kit is currently located to the far left facing side of our front door.

For Full Details Check this Link

### Delaware Black History Month Celebration

Join the community event to celebrate Black History Month, taking place at SourcePoint, 800 Cheshire Road. Guests will hear from keynote speaker F. Erik Brooks, Ph.D., Provost and VP of Academic Affairs at Central State University. Dr. Brooks has written extensively in the areas of race, African American history, public administration and American politics with his work appearing in scholarly journals, encyclopedias, academic guides, and books. Dr. Brooks will discuss the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes, the end of Reconstruction and its impacts on Black people in America.

Attendees will also enjoy listening to the Grammy Nominated Central State University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Carlos B. Brown. The event will include delicious food, refreshments and networking. Come join this celebration!

Sat. Feb 18 SourcePoint 800 Cheshire Road  
4-6:30 Formal program begins at 5PM.

### February is Black History Month

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month it is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in US history.



### March Celebrates Woman

Women’s History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week. This continued as an annual event for the next 5 years until 1987 when the designation became the whole month of March. These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.



### Sylvia J. Hartsook Berkshire's only Woman Township Trustee

In honor of Woman's History Month, I dove into the one and only Female Trustee to serve Berkshire Township to date; Sylvia J. Hartsook. Syliva spent most of her life in Delaware County. She graduated from the original Berlin High School and attended Ohio Dominican College receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She taught for twenty years in Delaware County and was Teacher of the Year in 1980. She first served as clerk of Berkshire Township from May of 1984 - March of 1988 replacing her husband Robert who had served in that role for 28 years prior. On January 1, 1992 Sylvia was welcomed as the newly elected trustee joining Glenn Hale and George Hoggs. She remained on the board until 1999 serving her last year as Chairwoman.

## Winter Tips

### Cold and Flu Season - Boost your Immune System

Keeping your immune system happy, keeps you healthy. The immune system consists of organs, cells, tissues and proteins. Together they carry out bodily processes that fight off pathogens. There are a number of factors that contribute to keeping your immune system at the top of its game.

Proper rest, exercising regularly, not smoking, practicing correct hand-washing, staying hydrated and eating a healthful balanced diet play vital roles in staying well. Here are a few of the top foods that can help boost your immune system. Blueberries, moderate amounts of dark chocolate, oily fish (like salmon or tuna), broccoli, sweet potatoes, spinach, bell peppers, oranges, green tea, ginger and garlic all top the list. Need a great place to walk? The township property has a .6 mile loop path that offers a safe place to get in some exercise.



## Community Events



**Community Library**  
Serving the Big Walnut Area

### Winter Reading Challenge

Feb. 1-28. Preschooler to Adult participation and prizes. Register on line

### Bug Stage Show

Feb. 4th 10-11:30 Learn about Insects with BUGMAN

### Family Movie Nights

Feb. 10th & Mar. 10th

### Paint on Canvas

Feb. 11th 1-3 Paint a Cardinal with message of love.  
(\$35)

### Doing Disney on a Dime

Feb. 21 6:30-7:30

### Nelle's Homesteading - Bake Artisan Bread

Feb. 28th 6:30-8 (\$10)

### Ukrainian Easter Egg Décor

Mar. 11 12-4 (\$25)

Check out the Website for details



The Gods of Comedy by Ken Ludwig  
Shows start March 10th running weekends  
through March 26th at 8:00 PM or 2:00 PM

[www.curtainplayers.org](http://www.curtainplayers.org)

BUY TICKETS



Ohio Means Jobs Delaware County is  
inviting local businesses to an  
**Employer Workforce Resource Expo**  
**March 23rd from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Columbus State Community College.**

Connect with other employers in and  
around Delaware County to discuss  
hiring and retention topics and solutions.  
5100 Cornerstone Drive, Delaware OH

TangerOutlets



## GALENTINES PLANT HAGER WORKSHOP BY ASHLEY BECKER

Wednesday, Feb. 8th 6:30-8:30pm  
Sambuca's Country Market & Greenhouse  
577 Walnut St, Galena, OH 43021



TICKET INCLUDES ALL MACRAME SUPPLIES & IN PERSON GUIDANCE, A BABY HOUSEPLANT & POT AS WELL AS WINE & CHARCUTERIE TO ENJOY WHILE CRAFTING WITH GREAT COMPANY. LOTS OF FUN! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SEATING IS LIMITED.

[Sign up for Workshops Here](#)

Check out the new stores at Tanger Outlets. Daily Threat (Woman's apparel) All Soled Up (Sneaker Consignment) and Gadgets Toys & More (Specialty) And for a snack, there is a new Mini Donut kiosk every weekend.

TangerStyle Spring begins March 23rd - TangerClub members receive 25% off! Not a member? Become on today at the Website link below:

[Visit our Website](#)

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

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