

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year 2019

Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....January 2019

Greetings!

Turning the page on a new calendar year always provides an opportunity for reflection; considering the accomplishments of the previous twelve months, and planning for successes in the coming twelve.



As a township, in review, we are pleased that our park and garden have continued to grow and thrive. We're proud of the newly paved parking lot and how it has enhanced the Township Hall property. We saw the completion of the Parks and Trails Master Plan, and believe we're better prepared to tackle the future growth of our community while preserving the green space and natural areas we value. Beth Hugh has been retained to write grant proposals which we'll apply for in 2019. Her expertise as the former head of Parks and Roads for Orange Township is proving invaluable.

From a development standpoint, we're experiencing real growth in residential communities; from single family homes to condos to a high-end apartment complex, zoning was approved for 1573 units in 2018. Berkshire will soon be welcoming new residents to the area. Commercial development such as a new Tractor Supply Company and the possibility of larger scale commercial ventures near the freeway exit are closer than ever to happening.

As much as everyone would love for things to remain rural and undeveloped, the reality is this: we are sitting at the next "ring" of growth north of Columbus. Within Berkshire Township is the last freeway exit in the county on I-71; valuable commercial lands surround that exit. As trustees, we share a strong sense of duty; not only to residents who live here today but to the many who will call Berkshire home in the future. Our goal is to keep this township strong in *all* aspects; knowing that responsible growth *can* occur without sacrificing quality of life. To that end, we will continue to make decisions based on that reality.

On a less philosophical note, we want to remind everyone the current trash contract with Republic will expire on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services was selected as the new provider. The new monthly rate will be \$18.95, with a 10% senior discount available for homes where the head-of-household is 62 or older. Rumpke will bill quarterly. Services provided will be almost identical to what we currently receive. **Please be watching for a mailing from Rumpke with specific details, etc.**

The new contract will begin effective February 1, 2019. **This means your last pick-up from Republic should occur on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Your first pick-up with Rumpke should occur on Thursday, February 7th, 2019.**

*****THIS MAY ALSO IMPACT YOUR PAYMENT TO REPUBLIC WASTE. BE SURE NOT TO PAY THEM FOR SERVICE PAST THE JANUARY 31, 2019 DATE. This will be your responsibility and not something the township can address. You will also be responsible for contacting Rumpke after you receive their mailer to verify your account with them. See the article below for more info.*****

You will be receiving new trash and recycling containers from Rumpke. Republic will be picking theirs up at a date to be determined. It will be your responsibility to have the old containers available for pick-up when those dates are announced.

As we currently have, recycling will be picked up every other week. **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVE FROM RUMPKE WILL HAVE YOUR RECYCLING CALENDAR ON IT. PLEASE SAVE IT.**

We'll be providing more details as they become available. The trustees believe that this contract offers

the best choice for residents township-wide. If you know a neighbor who does not get this email newsletter, please share.

Sincerely,
Rod Myers, Bill Holtry and Mike Dattilo, Township Trustees

Always, for the most up-to-the minute info, be sure to visit the [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#) and [TOWNSHIP NEWS](#) page on our website.

Calendar of Events



All events listed take place at the Berkshire Township Hall, 1454 Rome Corners Rd., Galena OH 43021 unless otherwise noted

JANUARY 2019

- **Tuesday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY, Township Offices Closed**
- Thursday, January 3 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, Cancelled due to lack of agenda
- Monday, January 14 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, January 16, Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, cancelled due to lack of agenda
- **Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King Day, Township Offices Closed**
- Monday, January 28 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 7 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, February 11 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- **Monday, February 18 Presidents' Day TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED**
- Wednesday, February 20 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, if needed
- Monday, February 25 **"New to Medicare Class"** 10:00 a.m. til Noon, offered by SourcePoint at the Berkshire Twp. Hall. [Click Here for Link to Register](#)
- Monday, February 25 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

TRASH and RECYCLE NEWS

The township is scheduled to begin using a new trash hauler effective with the February 7, 2019 pick-up date.

Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services will be the new provider for Berkshire Township residents.

Please watch your mailbox for details from Rumpke, as well as a postcard reminder from the township and this email newsletter in January for more information.



Watch for a mailing from them with specific details. You will need to contact Rumpke to verify your service information before Feb. 1, 2019.

Here's a link to an information sheet from Rumpke with more information

[RUMPKE GUIDELINES AND INFO](#)

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Until January 31, 2019 Republic remains your hauler. Republic Services contact person for trash/recycling pick-up issues is Vic Citro

VCitro@RepublicServices.com

937-292-0602

We encourage you to always collect your empty trash cans after pick-up as high winds may cause them to blow into the road, creating a traffic hazard. (It keeps our streets and neighborhoods looking nicer, too.)

Sunbury Development Zoning Approved for South Galena Rd. Project

According to an article in the December 4, 2018 Delaware Gazette, at their meeting on November 26th, the Village of Sunbury Zoning Commission approved rezoning 61.9 acres on South Galena Road, just a few hundred feet north of Five Points. Currently zoned Agricultural, the new zoning is for Planned Residential. This land was annexed out of Berkshire Township by the village in 2016. It borders 1-71 on the west, South Galena Rd. on the east and The Estates of Cheshire on the north.



OVERALL ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN
SUNBURY FARMS
SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCES

The plan calls for 161 single family homes to be built on the parcel. As result of an inter-governmental agreement between the county and the Village of Sunbury, the county, not the village, will be providing sewer to the development. The township was excluded from any participation in that agreement. The County Engineer may also require a left-turn lane to be built on northbound South Galena by opening day, with a round-about projected to be built at the Five Points intersection in the next five to seven years. The next step will be for the Village Council to vote on the rezoning, with developer Pat Shively calling for construction to begin in 2019. Unless the Village declares it "an emergency", the zoning will require a Public Hearing, three readings and an up or down vote. If approved, it would become effective following a 30-day Right of Referendum period. If declared an emergency, the three readings and the Right of Referendum would be waived.



New to Medicare Class Coming in February to the Township Hall

If you're approaching 65, or are already on Medicare but not sure if the plan you have is the best one for your needs, PLEASE ATTEND!

This free class is presented by SourcePoint's insurance experts at our township hall. They'll help you learn what's available and they've helped county residents save thousands of dollars by choosing the right plan. Trying to navigate the Medicare waters will make your head spin. Sign up today for this free class and get the information you need. Because their mission is to help you find the best plan and they don't represent any company or interest, you'll get the best advice possible.

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO REGISTER FOR THIS BENEFICIAL FREE EVENT](#)

The session will provide an overview of the many components of Medicare:

- Part A (inpatient hospitalization/skilled nursing)
- Part B (outpatient hospital/doctors/labs/radiology)
- Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans)
- Part D (prescription drugs)
- Learn how to cover the gaps in Medicare benefits through Medicare Supplement Plans.

IF YOU'RE 55 LET US DRIVE!

DATA Bus and SourcePoint have teamed up to provide transportation for Seniors who are Delaware County residents

SENIORS 55 OR OLDER RECEIVE: (Some exclusions apply, call for details)

- 8 One way DATA Bus trips each month within Delaware County
 - 2 One way trips of the 8 can be out of the County
 - Out of county trips are to medical facilities only
 - For example: St. Ann's or OSU Hospital
 - You pay just \$4.00 for each one way trip (please pay with exact change)
- Call DATA Bus to request your ride!!

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740-363-3355



DATA Bus is a proud service provider for SourcePoint: Thrive after 55!

DID YOU KNOW....

Transportation can sometimes be challenging for senior residents. SourcePoint and DATA Bus have partnered to create a great opportunity for folks who may have occasional transportation needs in our county.

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Call DATA Bus at 740-363-3355 or visit their website by clicking the link below
[DATA Bus Website](#)

Rent the Township Hall for your next

party

If you're a township resident looking for a good place to host your next family gathering, meeting or party contact Shawna at Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com

The hall is available for rental to Berkshire Township residents only. More info and photos are available on our website on the "[Services and Maintenance](#)" page. Dates fill up quickly, so make your plans soon. Booking for 2019 now.



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