



## Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....November 2019



Greetings!

We're pleased that many of you had the opportunity to visit the Park Levy Open Houses at the township hall in September and October, and the Oinkadoodle Boo event on the 19th.

Just a reminder, Election Day is Tuesday November 5th. In addition to the candidates on the ballot, Berkshire residents will have several issues to decide.

As was mentioned last month, we now have a contract, contingent on the park levies passing, to purchase 56+/- acres surrounding our current property on Rome Corners Road. The passing of the levy and bond issues on Nov. 5 would enable us to begin the creation of a centrally located community park in Berkshire Township.

These are the reasons the trustees voted to put these issues to vote at this time:

- No more land is being "made"
- Developers are buying existing land at a rapid rate
- If the township does not move forward now, our opportunities become fewer and fewer
- Bond rates are low at this time
- The trustees wanted to leave the decision to the voters

The internet/social media can be a double-edged sword. Discerning facts from opinions and truth from misinformation can be challenging. We encourage everyone to do their own research and have provided factual information regarding every step of our process below.

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Sincerely,

*Bill Holtry, Rod Myers, 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. [The TOWNSHIP FAQ's](#) page also provides a lot of useful information for residents. Ask your neighbors if they are on the email list. It's our main vehicle for keeping residents informed.

### Calendar of Events



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

#### NOVEMBER

- **Tuesday, November 5 ELECTION DAY**
- Thursday, November 7 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- **Monday, November 11 VETERAN'S DAY Township offices closed**
- Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, November 25, 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- **Thursday, November 28 THANKSGIVING, TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED**

#### DECEMBER

- Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

- Wednesday December 18, 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, December 23, 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- **Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY, Township offices closed**



## Not yet...but soon!

As this is being written, there is a freeze warning out for tonight. No snow YET, but it will come all too soon. Here are a few tips from our maintenance department to keep us all safer on the roads this winter. Our township maintains over 20 miles of roads - if you count each direction - that's 40 miles. Priority when plowing is main roads first, subdivisions and secondary roads next. If the snow is falling very quickly, they sometimes have to start their route again, immediately after completing a first pass.

- Snowplows may travel slowly, but try not to pass them. It makes their job harder and is more dangerous for you both
- When a snowplow is approaching from the opposite direction on an undivided road, move as far to the right of your lane as safely possible
- Do not follow too closely. Snowplows need to back up frequently and may not be able to see you if you are too close
- Before you start out, be sure your windows and windshields are all cleared of snow and ice, and **DON'T FORGET YOUR HEADLIGHTS. TAILLIGHTS AND TURN SIGNALS**
- Slow down. Whether you have a 4WD vehicle or not, ice is ice, and speeding in hazardous winter conditions is dangerous for you and others on the road

## We'd like to thank a few special folks

It sometimes take a village, and to help with our two park levy Open Houses and well as the OinkDoodleBoo event, we relied on the efforts of quite a few people.

For the Open Houses, thank you to the Berkshire Township Park Board. In addition to planning, members volunteered their time to attend in order to answer questions and facilitate a successful event.

For OinkDoodleBoo a special thanks to author Alan St. Jean for donating his time and entertaining the kids. Also, our Park Board members, again, helped to plan and host the event.



The following people and businesses gave donations of time, products or discounts.

- BST&G Fire Department
- Little Lady Soft Serve
- Chipotle Restaurants
- Mayme Hausman
- Tractor Supply
- Village Creek Farmers Market

**Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to more family-oriented events in the future!**

## TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

**CONTACT INFO FOR RUMPKE**  
**1-800-828-8171 email contact:**  
[centralohio.market@rumpke.com](mailto:centralohio.market@rumpke.com)



Thursday is the service day for the township. Trash will be picked up weekly and recycling will be picked up every other week, with the exception of scheduled holidays when any pick-ups will be Friday. **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVED FROM RUMPKE HAS YOUR RECYCLING and HOLIDAY CALENDAR ON IT, or you can contact Rumpke at the email above with questions.**

A friendly reminder on trash cart placement: The wheels on the trash cart should be towards your house, with the small silver-colored handle on the front of the cart and the lid opening facing the street. This allows the drivers to collect the carts in a more automated, time-saving, safe way. Thanks for your help on this small detail.

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.)

For residents who may not be familiar with the decision, the choice to contract with one hauler was made for several reasons, but the two main ones were: 1) Economics (it saved the majority of residents quite a bit on their monthly bill and provided recycling) and 2) Safety/Maintenance (it greatly reduced the number of heavy trucks on our roads daily, making it safer for our kids and reducing wear and tear on our roads.)

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the most recent Rumpke Newsletter. It contains a lot of useful recycling information.

***New to the township? Rumpke Waste is the single authorized trash hauler for Berkshire residents. Call them at 1-800-828-8171 to subscribe and be sure to tell them you are a Berkshire Township resident to receive our special contract rates.***

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### *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](mailto: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. Now taking 2020 reservations.



*P.S. A big thank you to all the renters who have used the hall and done such a great job on clean up and re-setting the space. You are the best!*

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