





1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

# **Noteworthy**



### **Township Offices Closed**

12/22 & 12/25 - Christmas 1/1 - New Year's 1/15 - M.L.K. Jr. Day

### **Township Meetings:**

Trustee - 2nd Monday
Zoning Board - 1st Thursday
Zoning Board of Appeals - 3rd Wednesday
dates are subject to change
check website for most up to date information



### **Rumpke**

Christmas and New Year's both fall on weekdays. Service will NOT occur on those days. Service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week. Rumpke will return to its

regular collection schedule the following week.

Please follow guidelines for tree disposal which fall under yard debris and must not exceed 4ft and must be bundled. All ornaments and lights must be removed. Do not place in a plastic bag.

# **Township Highlights**



# **Shiny and Bright**

Our service crew has topped last year with the addition of lights in the trees lining the entrance to the township hall. We have also added a North Pole photo opportunity to our front entrance Stop by after dusk and check out the decorated trees and feel free to take a photo or selfie just in time to kick off the holiday season.

### **Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Berkshire Township Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals each have 5 members and an alternate who reside in Berkshire Township and who are appointed by the Township Trustees. These positions are up for renewal in January, every 5 years on a rotating basis. This means that each January there is one position on each of the boards that is up for a renewal.

The Zoning Board typically meets once a month on the first Thursday. They review, interpret, uphold and make recommended amendments to the Zoning Code. Final say on any changes in zoning need to be approved by the Township Trustees. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month and is charged with hearing appeals for exceptions to the zoning code as it applies to a particular piece of property. Each member is paid \$100 per meeting attended. Serving on either of the boards is a great way to get involved in your community.

If you have interest in being considered for a zoning board position, please forward a resume to Berkshire Township Administrator Tyler Lane at this link. tlane@berkshiretwp.org

### **Roads and Maintenance Department**

2023 is quickly coming to an end and the service department has been rather busy with projects around the township. As we reflect, we received our new mowing tractor and were able to complete roadside, and ditch mowing more frequently than in the past, giving the right a way a much nicer appearance. A renovated seating area adjacent to the water supply, was completed at the cemetery This is now a welcome hub complete with a new rules sign, shrubs, flowers and a glass enclosed map to help visitors to locate their loved ones. The walking path around the township hall was another project that was completed, almost 400 tons of material were laid and graded over the ¾ mile path, giving it a much nicer appearance and elevated walking/running experience. With a plan to enhance the green space, we worked closely OPN seed who specializes in native species and ecologically friendly landscapes to provide a second walking path in the large open space around the complex with wildflowers and tall grasses, which we planted and this fall, and they should be coming up this spring and through out the summer and fall months next year. Heading into the year end, our team is geared up getting equipment prepped and ready for winter.

As we drop in temperature and the snow begins to blow please make note of these few reminders for snow plow season:

- Whenever possible keep cars off the road overnight
- Make sure mailboxes are not leaning into the roadway
- Prune your street trees 14' above the roadway surface
- Keep portable basketball hoops or any other objects away from the road.

Roads are plowed based on a schedule which puts main thoroughfares as first priority followed by secondary roads and finally cul de sacs and dead ends. Please know we make it our priority to be as quick and efficient as possible. Also note that a number of the roads within our township boundaries are maintained by Delaware County or are a shared responsibility with an adjacent municipality. Not sure who maintains what...check our <u>website</u> under the public works tab.

# **Noteworthy**





If you have strands of burned out lights or you're replacing the old with energy efficient LED lights don't throw them out! Recycle them! Simply drop your string lights into the gift-wrapped

recycling boxes at any location. **Local drop locations include:** 

Delaware City Public Works 440 E. William Street Delaware Delaware County Libraries all locations

Delaware Public Health District 137 St. Rt. 3 (Kroger Plaza) Sunbury Genoa Township Admin. Office 5111 S. Old 3C Highway

For more information contact: Jenifer-Way-Young 740-368-1700 jway-young@delawarehealth.org

### **Oh Christmas Tree**

President Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923. Here are some dates of **local tree lighting events** near Berkshire Township.

#### December 1

City of Westerville - Uptown 7:00 at City Hall - events 6-8:30

Main Street Delaware - Corner of Williams and Sandusky 6:30 - events 6-9

#### December 2

Sunbury - Christmas on the Square 7pm - events 4-8

#### **December 3**

Orange Township - North Orange Park - 4-6:30

Village of Galena - Santa and tree lighting on the square 7:30

#### December 9

Genoa Township - 5:30 McNamara Park

98 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on farms and Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska. In the United States, there are more than 12,000 cut-your-own farms If you love a real tree and better yet the opportunity to pick it out and cut it down yourself, you live in a great area. We have a number of live **Christmas tree farms** in Ohio and a number within a short car ride of the township. Here a few of the closest to choose from:

<u>Country Cabin</u> 3600 Wilson Road Nov.24-26 (reservations required)

https://www.countrycabintreefarm.com/

Taylor Tree Farm 3720 Wilson Road 740 965-3293 Dec. 2&3

Fly Away Farm 1950 Lackey Old State 740 816-0818 Dec. 2&3

Glass Family Farm 6551 Lewis Center Road 740 548-7027 - 9-5 daily Sun 1-5

<u>Crackler Farms</u> 4971 Crackler Road 740 524-5311 Opening Day Wed. Nov. 22nd. (reservations required) https://cacklerfarms.com

Just want to pick out a live tree without going to the farm check out **1st Impressions** 9821 St. Rt. 37 740 965-6486 right here in Berkshire Township

Please call or check out each businesses webpage or social media for more details. (links above)



### You may save a life this Holiday Season

Stress, over eating and increased alcohol are top contributors to strokes and the holidays are full of those and other top contributing factors. Reviewing warning signs and being aware can save a life.

### F.A.S.T. Warning Signs to spot a STROKE

Use the letters in F.A.S.T. to spot a Stroke

- F = Face Drooping Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- A = Arm Weakness Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = Speech Difficulty Is speech slurred?
- T = Time to call 911 Stroke is an emergency. Every minute counts. Call 911 immediately. Note the time when any of the symptoms first appear.





# Church Spotlight

Berkshire Township is blessed to be home to four churches. Our Spotlight Space this issue is dedicated to to offering a comprehensive list of special events and services at all of them. As we

enter the holiday season if you are looking for a place to worship and join in fellowship please reach out as all their doors are open to members and visitors alike. Each offers a livestream of their services as well.

Living Word Lutheran Church Pastor Derrick Hurst 7539 Dustin Road (740) 965-3335

Sundays
9 AM Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday
School
10:30 AM Worship

#### Advent

Midweek Advent Soup Supper 6pm with worship 7PM

#### December 3rd

Family Christmas Party/Serve Night 6-8 PM Those in attendance will be making tie blankets for My Very Own Blanket. Please bring a plate of homemade cookies to exchange with another family.

#### December 24th

10:30 AM Pre-Christmas worship - a sneak peak at Christmas 7PM - Family Christmas worship 11PM Candlelight Christmas worship

#### December 25th

Christmas Morning - 10:30 AM

View Live Stream

Northgate Church Pastor Chris Stephens 51 Fourwinds Drive (740) 369-6000

Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM Worship

**Prayer Nights - Thursday Evenings** 

Gospel Light Baptist Church Pastor Chris Tullos 35 South Galena Road (740) 817-2597

Wednesday's 6:30 PM Bible Study / Prayer Sunday's 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 Worship

No special times for Christmas Services

View Live Stream

St John Neumann Catholic Church Fr. Dan Durry Pastor 9633 East St Rt. 37 (740) 965-1358

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Tuesday/Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 11:00 a.m.
First Saturday 9:00 a.m.

#### Advent begins December 3rd.

Advent Reconciliation Service
December 6th 6:30 PM

**Peast of the Immaculate Conception December 7th Vigil Mass - 6 PM December 8th Vigil Mass 11 AM** 

### December 14th

The Children's Choir will be featured during our Parish Choir Lessons and Carols - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM.

**December 24th** 

**1st Thursday of month at 6:30pm:** One with Him - worship, intimacy, and intercession

**3rd Thursday of month at 7pm:** Prayer for Northgate - focus on our church ministries and leaders

**4th Thursday of month at 6:30pm:** Prayer for the Nation - focus on

Prayer for the Nation - focus on government, people and the church

**December 25th** 

Family-Style (shorter) Christmas Service 10:30 AM

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Christmas Eve Masses - 4, 6:30 PM and Midnight

**December 25th** 

Christmas Day Masses - 10 AM

Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

December 31 - 5 PM January - 11 AM

View Live Stream



# **Community Events**



Saturday, December 2nd 4PM-8PM
'Tis the time of year to bring good cheer!
Ice Sculpting, live music, Nativity scene, crafts, treats, carriage rides, Santa and The Grinch.
Topped with a lighted Musical Parade.

Click here for full details





.**HolidayEvents** 



 First Friday Tree Lighting - Dec. 1st 6-9PM - complete with carriage rides, skating rink, and Santa

FREE Shuttle from County Lot 145 N. Union Street

- Skating Rink Dec. 2nd 5-9PM & Dec 3rd 1-9PM
- Christmas Parade Dec. 4th 3PM kicks off at Mingo then down Sandusky and ends at Wilmer
- Carriage Rides Fridays Dec. 1st, 8th and 15th 6 -8 PM
- Dash for Dasher Scavenger Hunt Dec. 2nd 11AM - 2PM
- Historic Holiday Tour Dec. 9h Narrated bus tours departing from Boardman Park beginning at 1, 2:30 and 4:00
- Visits with Santa Delaware Welcome Center \$10 tickets available at www.mainstreetdelaware.com Walk ins welcome during specific times with appointments during remainder. Fridays and Saturdays Dec 1,2 - 8,9 and 15,16

### **Build a Christmas Critter**

December 10th - 6-8 sign-up required \$5.00

**Deck the Stacks Tween/Teen Xmas party** 

December 22nd - 12PM - 1PM dress up as a favorite Christmas character and bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share. - sign-up required.

Check out the Website for details



### **Tanger**Outlets

Click below to see holiday hours, store promotions and pop-up events at the outlets.
Shopping at Tanger!

Visit our Website

Click link below for details, appointments and tickets.

Visit our Website



# 1ST IMPRESSIONS

Enchanted Evergreen Evenings - Series (these are paid events and require registration)

Thursday, December 7 - Holiday Wreath Thursday, December 14th - Holiday Center Piece

Sign up for Workshops Here

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

Visit our Website

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