



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

## NEWSLETTER April 2023

### Noteworthy



#### Township Offices Closed

5/2 - Special Election day - *business office closed*  
5/29 - Memorial Day

#### Berkshire Township Public Meetings

##### **Zoning Board**

1st Thursday of each month *as needed*

##### **Trustee Meetings**

2nd Monday of each month

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

3rd Wednesday of each month *as needed*

**Earth Day** - Saturday, April  
22nd  
"Invest in our Planet"



**Mother's Day** is May 14th  
Don't forget to take the time to  
remember mom



There will be a **May 2nd Special Election for Berkshire Township Residents**. All regular polling locations will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. In person voting at the Delaware County Board of Elections is also available beginning April 4, 2023.

Visit the website <https://vote.delawarecountyohio.gov/> for details and in-person voting schedule.

**The issue on the ballot is as follows:**

#### **Proposed Zoning Amendment (By Referendum Petition)**

#### **Berkshire Township**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A proposal to amend the zoning map of the unincorporated area of Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed zoning amendment:

On October 10, 2022, the Board of Township Trustees for Berkshire Township approved the rezoning for Application #22-104 - Plumb Creek, a PRD Zoning Application submitted by Highland Realty Development, 720 East Broad Street, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215 to rezone ±87.70 acres, Parcel numbers 41733001048000, 41733001060000, and 99999902000000, Dustin Road and 6269 Plumb Road, Galena, Ohio 43021, from Planned Institutional District (PIND) to Planned Residential District (PRD) to permit the development of single-family homes.

Shall the zoning amendment as adopted by Berkshire Township be approved?

**Reminder:**



## Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May October and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Ban includes burning of yard waste, trash and debris even with a proper burn barrel.

### ODOT Ohio Department of Transportation

recently published a newsletter on the improved Interchange at I-71 and U.S. 36/SR 37 and the proposed Sunbury Parkway. The newsletter offers some history and explanation of the projects and the loss of expected private funding. There is currently a new feasibility study in the works and tentative public meetings which are to take place this spring through summer 2023 with a final announcement on decisions by fall.

Project Map



Link to our [Berkshire Township website](#) for the full newsletter and ways to be updated/participate.

## Township Highlights

### Welcome to the Berkshire Township Staff - Donielle Owen our new Board Clerk.

Donielle has a background in commercial real estate, including facilities and operations management. She is the mother of 3 including two college daughters and a 3 year old son. She and her family recently moved to Johnstown where she is enjoying time being a stay-at-home mom. When she is not chasing her 3 year old around she enjoys quiet reading, sports and well earned naps. Donielle replaces Chris Sharlike taking minutes for all township public meetings.



### Economic Development Updates

**Camping World** continues to move closer to their opening. Most site work is complete and occupancy permits are on the horizon. Their assortment of RVs, outdoor products and accessories will be an exciting addition to Berkshire Township.

**Berkshire Crossing's** 100 Unit residential for rent subdivision at the SW corner of North Galena Road and Wilson Road is moving forward. Roads have begun to be laid. The first homes are expected to be ready for occupancy in late 2023.

**NorthStar Apartments** 240 units, should be beginning the first buildings in the coming weeks. We should see units be available for rent in 2023

**The District at Berkshire** on South Wilson Road due East of the outlets; which will have 300 units when complete, will see some site work in the next month.

### Your Berkshire Township Road Department

It appears that winter is behind us and the Berkshire Road Crew is looking to spring projects. Filling pot holes, checking road signs and culverts for replacement or repairs and beginning early spring grounds maintenance.

We have a new tractor expected by May and this will significantly help with roadside

### Township Hall Rentals

The Berkshire Township Hall is available for rentals during non business hours for township residents. With party season gearing up, here are a few notes to remember:

- Renter must be a township resident and present at event.
- Maximum of 3 rentals per

mowing, The new model will provide better trimming capabilities and allow our staff to keep eyes ahead while in operation, increasing safety for them and those on the road.

If you see the guys out and about please be cautious to not crowd trucks or pass without making sure the roads is clear to do so.

- year per renter
- We do not rent for the purpose of commercial activity.
- We will not hold dates without payment being received.
- **Rental forms** are available on our Berkshire Township website.

## Retire your Tattered Flag

The United States Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

It's important to remember the cardinal rule: tattered American flags should not be flown under any circumstances. It is disrespectful to the country, but in particular, the United States military. When you notice your flag beginning to wear and tear, take it down immediately to make the proper repairs or retire it. To that end, **Berkshire Township's new Flag disposal bin** offers a place to drop your old flag and we will make sure it properly is disposed of.

*The flag retirement box is accessible on the township hall porch. Please only deposit U.S. flags in need of retirement.*



## Special Thank You to Delaware County Historical Society

Over the last eighteen months our office has been working with the Delaware County Historical Society as a resource for historical fact finding, as well as working to preserve some township records of particular interest. Two ledgers of Berkshire Township records have been digitized and the files stored as PDF files, allowing universal access using the free Adobe Acrobat reader. The files listed below, browsed, downloaded, stored by any individual who wishes to do so. Visit the [archive catalog here](#) Type in Berkshire Township and both records will be available. *Please note they are very large files and may need a few minutes to download.*

### A 171 paged Berkshire Township Record Book 2 (1807 - 1859)

The first page of this volume indicates it is the 2nd book although Book 1 has not been discovered. Considering the township was founded in 1806 it may have been part of a personal diary or journal. This book has many records of livestock ownership and the markings, and important events in township business.

### A 151 page Berkshire Township Mortgage Book (1877 - 1956)

Mortgages including but not limited to cemetery lots.

## Spring is in the Air



### Spring Cleaning

During the 1800s, according to the [Washington Post](#), the biggest annual housecleaning took place in

Whether you have the need to deep clean, declutter or just tidy up a bit we wish you all good fortune.

Here are a few tips to help the process. Areas that are often over looked include; wiping down/disinfecting light switches, doorknobs, remote controls, soap dispensers, small appliances and inside your refrigerator. Wash trash cans, throw pillows, bedspreads and shower curtain

the spring cleaning because the winter left homes coated with "a layer of soot and grime in every room." Use of oil lamps and heating with coal or wood, created a proper mess and so to a proper cleaning including opening windows to let the soot out, which, of course, could only be done during warmer weather.

In Persian culture, spring cleaning traces back 3,000 years ago to Nowruz, or Persian New Year and a spring tradition called khaneh tekani. This translates to "shaking the house." It was believed that sweeping up dust and removing clutter from one's home would prevent ill-fortune in the upcoming year

liners. Dust fake plants, picture frames, tops of doors, light fixtures, fan blades, above cabinets and baseboards.

While busy with the cleaning your bound to find a few things that need to be tossed or donated. Check the **Delaware Knox Marian Morrow Solid Waste District** to be sure your disposing of items properly. From antifreeze and appliances to tires and yard waste, this site can help on where to dispose of those items trash service won't take.



## Community Events



Living Word Lutheran Church  
7935 Dustin Road, Galena April 1, 10-Noon



- 4/8 Seed & Plant exchange
- 4/17 Movies for Grown-ups
- 4/25 Nelle's Homesteading - Raising Chickens
- 5/6 Student Showcase
- 5/29 Memorial Day CLOSED

**COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

GET YOUR PHOTO WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

HUNGRY? TORTILLA FOOD TRUCK KONA ICE

**GENERAL ROSECRANS ELEMENTARY**

**FOOD / DRINKS INFLATABLES GAMES FACE PAINTING**

**SAT. APRIL 1ST 11:00AM-2:00PM**

**EGG HUNT TIMES**  
1:00PM - AGES 0-3  
1:20PM - AGES 4-7  
1:40PM - AGES 8-10

**WFW** VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Post #7256  
**Big Walnut Civic Association**  
**HARLEM ROAD CHURCH**  
**VINEYARD CHURCH**

**SUNBURY CHRISTIAN**  
**Community Library** Serving the Big Walnut Area  
**SUNBURY NAZARENE**  
**CITY NORTH CHURCH**

**BIG WALNUT GIRL SCOUTS** **BIG WALNUT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION** **BIG WALNUT LEO CLUB**

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MAY 20 - 21 The 48th Delaware Arts Festival welcomes you back to downtown Delaware for two days of art, fun, food and entertainment the whole family can enjoy. Once again, a sea of white tents will line both sides of Sandusky and West Winter Streets with artists exhibiting their creative work including jewelry, leather creations, tie dyed art, pottery, paintings, photography and much more. Food trucks and musical entertainment are scheduled for South Sandusky Street. As in years past, the not-for-profit festival is awarding \$20,000 to three county wide senior high school art students to further their visual arts studies. For more details **[CLICK HERE](#)**



**April 15, 6 pm  
kicks off the  
season**

**Delaware Cruise  
Nights 2022**

**presented by the Delaware Knights Auto Club**

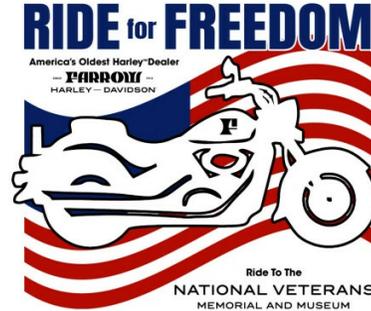
Cruising downtown Delaware's Sandusky Street every **3rd Saturday of the month April through October**. We donate to a charity each month and that donation table will be set up at RNR Tire on Sandusky Street. 2023 season is gonna start off with a bang!

Sunbury Farmers Market sign ups coming April 29th 9-noon at the town hall. The first market will kick off on May 6th 9-noon.



## Farrow Harley Davidson

**May 27th National Ride for Freedom**  
Gather at Farrow North to begin the day. Riders will roll out at 10:30am and take a Police-escorted ride down 71 southbound into downtown, to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM)  
Live music, food trucks and discount admissions (optional donation) into the NVMM. Celebrate our FREEDOM and share in the patriotic celebrations of our Fallen Veterans with two traveling exhibits at the NVMM in addition to the permanent displays.



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

[Visit our website](#)

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