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BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER August 3, 2023

Noteworthy

Township Offices Closed

8/8 - Election Day (business offices closed)
9/4 - Labor Day

Township Meetings

Zoning Board Meetings - 1st Thursday
(August meeting is canceled due to lack of content)
Trustee Meetings - 2nd Monday
Board of Zoning Appeals - 3rd Wednesday
Dates are subject to change check the website for the most up to date information.

Zoning Update:

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023 the latest changes to the Berkshire Township Zoning Resolution went into effect. If you are looking to apply for a zoning permit, please make sure to reference the latest copy which can be found on our [website under the zoning tab](#). Please direct questions our Zoning Inspector - David Weade .

August 8th Election

#govote!
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 is election day. Polls will be open from **6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** There will be one item on the ballot for Berkshire Township Residents and all of Ohio voters. Issue 1. For details on voting such as your polling location, details of early voting or a copy of the ballot, please see the [Delaware County Board of Elections](#)

Time to start thinking Back to School

Big Walnut Schools are back in session on Wednesday, August 16th. *(staggered start)*
All students reporting Friday, August 18th.

Olentangy Local Schools are back in session on Thursday, August 17th.

Both districts will have Monday, September 4th off for Labor Day as well as Monday, September 18th for Fair Day/Professional Development respectively.

Please be aware of these dates as school zone speed limits will be back in effect, and children will be present in crosswalks as well as around school areas for before and after school activities.

We wish all our educators, building personnel, and students a safe, happy and productive school year!



Sales Tax Holiday

Each year in early August, Ohioans get a break from paying tax on specific items, which especially benefits families with school-age children, college and higher-education students and teachers preparing to go back to school. This year's Sales Tax Holiday runs **Friday, Aug. 4 at midnight to Sunday, Aug. 6 at 11:59 p.m.**

During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- Clothing priced at \$75 or less
- School supplies or Instructional materials priced at \$20 or less

[For greater detail visit the Ohio Department of Taxation](#)

Township Highlights

Berkshire Township's new Administrator



Tyler Lane joined the Berkshire Township team on Monday, July 17th. Tyler most recently was a member of the Delaware County Economic Development staff. He previously served as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office. Tyler is a graduate of Capital University and earned his law degree from Ohio Northern University. Chosen by the Trustees, from a number of candidates, it was clear that his law background as well as experience and ties to Delaware County made him a great fit for Berkshire.

Tyler's wife Lindsey is a teacher at Olentangy Berlin H.S. and he helps coach Olentangy Berlin M.S. football. They have an eighteen month old son and are getting ready to move into a new home in Price Ponds just around the corner from our township offices.

Welcome Tyler Lane!

BIG GREEN TRACTOR

Our roads team saw the arrival of a long awaited John Deer 6110M tractor July 21st. The twin flail mowing tractor had been ordered eleven months ago and due to various supply issues was significantly delayed. Grateful for its arrival this piece is a welcomed addition with new safety features such as a higher cab for better viewing of operation as well as being a much heavier machine making it more stable while mowing.

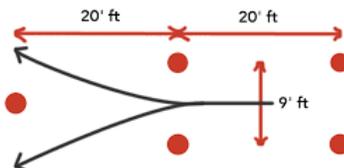


The Berkshire Township Roads/Maintenance Team left to right: Dan Hale, Connor Woodford and Supervisor Scott Hoffman

Road/Maintenance Department Projects

- Blayney Road chip seal next month. This is a partnership with Delaware County and will be subcontracted out. As we have more detail information on specific dates and any closures, we will post updates on our website and FaceBook.
- The cemetery has newly planted grass and added planters at the shed site, 3 additional trash cans positioned at the end of each road, gravel topping of all cemetery roads and a new gate to deter the property being used as a cut through from S. Galena Road. The team will soon be relocating the cemetery rules sign along with installing a new map case near water and benches area.

Maneuverability Kit



The examiner will determine if you go right or left of the nose cone.

Don't forget we have a Driver's Maneuverability Kit available at the Township Hall. The kit includes everything you need to set up and practice including cones, poles, flags, diagram and tape measure. This is located on our front porch, free to use, but must be kept in our parking lot.

Berkshire Township Parks Committee

After plans to move ahead on Berkshire Township's Park/Recreation area project were tabled during the April 10, 2023 Trustee Meeting, the trustees voted to form a new Parks Committee. We posted the opportunity and reviewed submissions from 13 individuals interested in serving the township. The trustees choose six individuals and announced them at the June 12, 2023 Trustee meeting. The members are: Fred Grunewald, Jennifer Flanders, Jessica McCoy, Adam Miller, Lesley Shryock and Michelle Slawinski.



The Parks Committee has met monthly under guidance of Trustee Paul Disantis. So far they have reviewed the proposed plan from design firm Fanning Howey which was developed during 2022. This plan included a 4 season pavilion, sport courts, walking path and playground. They have also discussed the Berkshire Township Wildflower Project which has been approved and will include a tall grass area with nature trail. As they continue to move forward the team is exploring community wants, grants, sponsorship and will be weighing it all against a proposed budget of \$2.5M to \$3.0M.

While the Parks Committee Meetings are not an open forum they most certainly welcome any public comment or questions. If you have any thing you would like put in front of the committee please email the Berkshire Township main office at tgeorge@berkshiretp.org.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Cheshire Woods July 4th Community Kids Bike Parade.

It was a beautiful day for the first ever bike parade in Cheshire Woods. Strollers, scooters, bikes, & little cars meandered through the neighborhood to kick off 4th of July celebrations. It was great to see so many smiles!

Community Events



All Horse Parade - Sunday Sept. 10

The 38th annual Horse Parade and one of the largest and most unique non-motorized annual horse parade gatherings east of the Mississippi, kicks off on Sunday, September 10th at 3 p.m. from the main gate of the Delaware County Fairgrounds onto Pennsylvania Avenue. The parade expects over 140 units including hundreds of horses, mules, donkeys and bands. The parade route is 2.3 miles in length, providing ample viewing locations. The parade is circular in direction and returns to the fairgrounds. Parade admission is always free!

Find more details at the fair link below

Delaware County Fair Sept. 16 - 23

When I think county fair it immediately takes me back to childhood and grandma taking me and my cousins. There wasn't any part I didn't love, from the animals and exhibits to games and rides and oh that fair food. Just toss the question of favorite fair food out at your next gathering of friends and its sure to bring up some great stories.

Well its almost that time again. The Delaware County Fair will be back in action Saturday September 16th - Saturday September 23rd.

Daily general admission (*excludes Jug Day*) is \$8 (children under 8 are FREE)
Weekly pass can be purchased for \$50
Senior Day is Tuesday September 18 (those +55 are FREE)
Military Day is Friday September 22 (Military/Veterans are FREE)

[Ticket Information/Fair Schedule click here](#)

Sambuca's Market and Greenhouse



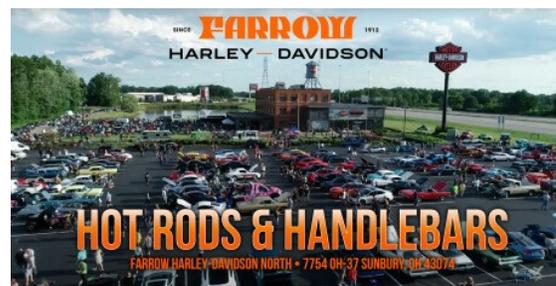
In addition to Tasty Tuesdays which look to run through September 19th per the website, Sambuca's has a number of fun paid workshop events coming up including a Make and Sip Gnome Planter Workshop on August 9th and a Charcuterie Board Workshop on September 13th. For hours, promotions, and event schedules check out sambucasgreenhouse.com



TangerOutlets Second Saturdays sponsored by Destination Delaware

Join us for FREE Family Fun! Enjoy live music, food trucks, sidewalk sales, and more! Second Saturdays activities take place near Nike. It's the best time to shop for the best deals while creating memories with your family and friends.

Second Saturday's run through October 14th. Check the [website](#) for rotating truck schedule



September 16th 4 PM - 8 PM

Little Brown Jug Live racing September 17th through Jug Day on September 21st, 2023

In it's 78th edition The Little Brown Jug pacing classic is back in action with five days of racing (Sunday, September 17 through Thursday, September 21). This year, officials are pleased to announce that the expected purse of the 2023 Little Brown Jug will be \$1,000,000

On the [website](#), Tom Wright, president of the Little Brown Jug Society is quoted as stating "It has been our goal and mission to bring the purse to the \$1 million mark." and continues, "We have always felt that the Jug deserves to be the richest pacing event in North America. Our fans are the greatest in the sport and we wanted to reward their support with this historic event."

Those wanting to check out the action can find all the details in the link prior. Those who can't attend in person will have the option to watch the Little Brown Jug and some of it's undercard on Fox Sports' "A Day at the Races."

From the website - Join us for the Biggest & Baddest bi-annual event in Central Ohio for motorcycles, cars and trucks at Farrow North Harley-Davidson! We hosted our largest event to date this past September and are looking forward to exceeding those entry & patron numbers this time around.

Food Trucks, Beverages and LIVE Music will be on-site for your enjoyment along with great views of both 2 & 4-wheel show quality rides. Set your calendars join the fun. You don't want to miss this!

[DETAILS HERE](#)



For more of what's going on around town
Check out [Destination Delaware](#)

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

[Visit our website](#)

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