



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



## BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER July 30, 2024

### Noteworthy

#### Township Offices Closed

9/2 - Labor Day

#### Township Meetings

Zoning Board Meetings - 1st Thursday

Trustee Meetings - 2nd Monday

Board of Zoning Appeals - 3rd Wednesday

*Meetings held at 7PM unless otherwise publicized. Dates are subject to change check the website for the most up to date information.*

#### Other Township Events

*Neighborhood Strategies will host 2 more public meetings nights as they work toward finalizing the townships vision for future development, 36/71 Gateway Enhancement and Zoning Initiative.*

July 31 - 6 PM

September 26 - 6PM



#### Share your input

June 27th was the first of a series of public meeting to participate in the 36/71 Gateway Enhancement and Zoning Initiative. This project seeks your valuable input on

several key initiatives: evaluating and enhancing our existing zoning overlay districts, creating a new district to boost commercial tax revenue, and developing a gateway and placemaking program to enrich our Township's identity and appeal. Your feedback is crucial in helping us make informed decisions that reflect the needs and aspirations of our residents. **The next meeting is planned for Wednesday July 31st from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. At the Berkshire Township Hall 1454 Rome Corners Road.**

For updates and on going information

<https://www.planberkshiretwp.info/>

### Township Highlights



*Fred Grunewald, Adam Miller, Trustee Disantis, Jen Flanders and Jessica Duvall toss first shovels of dirt during Berkshire Township parks groundbreaking.*

*(not pictured are other Parks Committee Members, Michelle Slawinski and Lesley Shryock)*

#### Breaking Ground

On Monday July 8th there was a small ground breaking ceremony for a very big project. The Berkshire Township Parks Committee along with Trustees Mike Dattilo, Paul Disantis, and Rod Myers ceremonially put the first shovels in dirt where the new playground and pavilion will sit. The actual construction began the following week and is expected to be complete by late Fall. Original plans began over two years ago. As planning progressed, it became clear a project this size needed community input and in June of 2023 trustees approved the the formation of a parks committee lead by Trustee Disantis. The six member team has reviewed ideas, worked with vendors and put forth their recommendations early this year.

Original plans also included basketball, pickleball and tennis courts which has to be put on hold due to drainage issue that need further collaboration with Delaware County but are still planned for a future date.

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## Perimeter Path now Paved - Come Get F.I.T.

The long awaited perimeter path paving occurred the week of July 15th. The path runs from the parking lot south across the field and loops the perimeter of the facility. Following the new path, the loop is approximately 8/10th of a mile beginning at the parking lot, looping once and taking path back to start. Additionally, we have added a QR F.I.T. workout program along the path. QR F.I.T is a contactless, equipment-free bodyweight exercise system with 5 stations offering free exercise videos with custom options for upper & lower body, core and flexibility. The system has a vast 300+ library of fitness videos so you can vary your workouts. Bring your phone to scan in and give it a try.



*QR F.I.T was made possible through a fully paid grant from the Delaware County Health Department. Berkshire Township is very grateful for their support.*

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*Calliopsis, Blue Vervain, and Cornflowers pictured above mix with Black-eyed Susan's, Morning Glories, Yarrow, Clover and a number of other florals and grasses.*

## Beautiful Blooms of Wildflowers

The Wildflower path has been displaying a variety of beautiful flowers since Memorial Day. The original dominate purple has recently been replaced with Yellow highlights. As this is the first season it is exciting to see a good variety of flowers. A good estimate of when a field will show its full potential is at around the three year mark. It will be fun to watch what the next pallet of blooms brings. You will notice that our construction project has unfortunately had to mow a good size section. The area not being built on should bounce back in the Spring. We will be reworking, where needed, the path around the new pavilion and playground once the project is complete. For now be aware that part of this original path is cut off by construction and we may need to post signs for complete closures depending on what is happening each day on the construction site.





## Maintenance Building Expansion Takes Shape

Our Maintenance building which was originally estimated to be completed by the end of July is now projected for an August finish for the building structure. A planned catwalk with wash bay for trucks will be added in the Fall as production issues pushed this install back but the full project should be complete before the winter season which will allow all vehicles to be undercover at all times.

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## Zoning Update:

On May 7, 2024 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 .

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## Berkshire Little Library

Thank you to those who have continued to drop off books and keep the Little Library resource running. We have recently checked all books for any significant damage and it is very full. Please come take a look and feel free to take or give a book.

Please, if the library is full drop books at the offices and we will make sure to rotate them in when the supply has gone down. Also, please make sure that the door is closed to keep critters and weather at bay.

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## Time to start thinking Back to School

### Big Walnut Schools

are back in session on Wednesday/Thursday  
August 14th/15th. *(staggered start)*  
All students reporting Friday, August 16th.

[Link to District Website](#)

### Olentangy Local Schools

are back in session on Thursday, August 15th.  
[Link to District Website](#)

Both districts will have Monday, September 2nd off for Labor Day as well as Monday, September 16th 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 Bigger and Better

Since August of 2019, Ohioans have been getting a break from paying tax on specific items, which especially benefited families with school-age children, college and higher-education students and teachers preparing to go back to school and mostly included clothing and school supplies priced under \$75.

This year the **tax holiday is expanded from a weekend to a full week and will now include most all purchases of individual goods \$500 or less.** *(There are a few exclusions such as motor vehicles, watercraft, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping and marijuana products).*

This year's Sales Tax Holiday runs  
**Tuesday, July 30th at 12:00 a.m. to**  
**Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11:59 p.m.**

**For greater detail visit the Ohio Department of Taxation**



Sunbury Sizzle & Sounds food and music festival is Saturday, **August 17 from 11 AM to 11 PM. at the Sunbury Town Square.** This event will feature two DJ's and 4 bands all kicking off at 11 AM. Old Skool will headline the event starting at 9:30 PM. You will also see over 50 vendors and various food vendors. Shuttle service is available from a number of pick up points including Bill Walnut Middle School, Big Walnut Grill and PJ's Family Restaurant. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for more details.



### All Horse Parade - Sunday Sept. 8

Every year on the Sunday immediately preceding the opening of the Delaware County Fair, the All Horse Parade takes to the streets. as one of the largest and most unique non-motorized annual horse parade gatherings east of the Mississippi.

You can expect over 140 units including hundreds of horses, mules, donkeys and bands. Kicking off at 3 p.m. from the main gate of the Delaware County Fairgrounds onto Pennsylvania Avenue. With a 2.3 mile route, there is ample viewing locations and parade admission is FREE.

Find more details at the fair link below

**Delaware County Fair Sept. 14 - 21**

## Tanger Outlets

### Take advantage of the extended Sales Tax Holiday at Tanger

Ohio Sales tax holiday is expanded from a weekend to a **full week** and will now include most **all purchases of individual goods \$500 or less.**

**Shop July 30st - August 8th**

### Second Saturdays presented by Destination Delaware

Join us for FREE Family Fun! Enjoy live music, food trucks, sidewalk sales, crafts and more! Second Saturdays activities take place near Nike and J. Crew. 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 12th.

August 10th - Chalk Festival

September 14th - TangerKids Festival

Check the [website](#) for rotating truck schedule



Ride from **Farrow North Harley-Davidson**, riding to the Chapel Hill Golf Course.

This ride will be police escorted with a ride captain and include lunch & beverages. Ride to be organized and ran by Ohio Fallen Heroes.

Proceeds benefit the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial- Ohio's only recognized memorial honoring all Ohio military personnel killed in the War on Terrorism.

Well its almost that time again. The Delaware County Fair will be back in action Saturday September 14th - Saturday September 21st.

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 20 (Military/Veterans are FREE)

**Fair Schedule and Ticket Information**  
**[click here](#)**



**Little Brown Jug**  
**Live racing September 15th through**  
**Jug Day on September 19th, 2024**

The 79th edition of The Little Brown Jug pacing classic is back in action with five days of racing (Sunday, September 15 through Thursday, September 19). Those wanting to check out the action can find all the details in the [link](#)



Adoption event!

Free Hot Dogs and Chips (with donations to the Humane Society of Delaware County) while supplies last.

Click below for adoption info and details.

<https://hscOhio.org>



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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