



Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....March 2019

Greetings!

March arrives and we can't help but think of spring and the warmer days just around the corner. But we all know that March is a tease; before we see spring blossoms we'll likely see more wintry snowflakes.



Hopefully, all residents have now had their Republic trash, recycling and cans collected. Service with Rumpke appears to be functioning well. If Republic has still not collected their blue containers at your address please contact Jason at 614-272-3728.

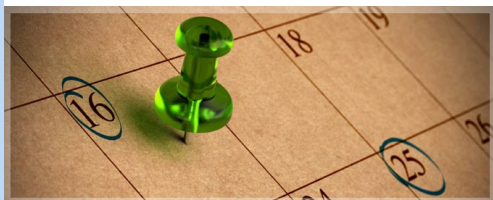
Unfortunately we know that many of our residents were affected by the high winds and suffered a loss of electricity this past week. If you are not aware, **AEP** has an outage reporting system which you can use either by phone, which is **(800) 672-2231** or online at <https://www.aepohio.com/outages/> They also have a text message update system to let you know about power outages and estimated restoration times at your address if you are away from home.

Some areas of the township are served by **Consolidated Cooperative Electric**. The phone number for their Toll Free Outage Hotline is **(866) 567-2753** and their website is <http://www.consolidated.coop/contact-us/>

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.

Calendar of Events



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

MARCH

- Sunday, March 3 4-H Open House at the Township Hall. Open to all. See article below
- Thursday, March 7 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, March 11 6:45 p.m. Special Trustee Meeting, open to the public 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, March 20 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, March 25 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

APRIL

- Thursday, April 4 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, April 8 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, April 17 7:00 p.m.. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, April 22 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

This Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Attend the Delaware County 4-H Open House at the Berkshire Township Hall



4-H Open House

Delaware County

Talk to members and volunteers and find out what 4-H has to offer. Discover 4-H project topics such as arts, photography, gardening, sewing, foods, shooting sports, small animals, livestock and more.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization and we empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Come and find out how you can be involved.

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SUNDAY
MARCH 3
2:30 to 4:30 PM

Berkshire Township Hall
1454 Rome Corners Road
Galena

4-H is a non-formal educational youth development program offered to youth age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19. Ohio 4-H reaches more than 240,000 youth each year – helping kids “learn by doing” through hands-on activities. 4-H is celebrating 100 years in Delaware County in 2019!

All 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences to stimulate a lifelong learning of values and skills. Members learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration while increasing their knowledge in math, science, technology and a variety of other topics.

4-H creates fun while learning in a variety of ways. Kids can participate through community clubs, camps, in-school and after-school activities, and summer programs. They increase their self-confidence and personal life skills while learning about specific subjects - anything from animals or computers to public speaking, cooking, art, gardening and environmental sciences, just to name a few.

[CLICK HERE for MORE INFO on 4-H for YOUR KIDS or PLAN TO ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE](#)

4-H Throwback Question

The Delaware County 4-H organization shared this photo with us. It's a group of 4-H kids in Berkshire Township from **1938!**

They have no records of who is pictured and would love to know if **YOU** might recognize anyone. Please let us know if you or any of your relatives are pictured in this photograph.



The Township welcomes Beth Hugh

We're pleased to announce that Beth Hugh has joined the staff of Berkshire Township. Beth served as Maintenance and Parks Director for Orange Township for almost ten years. During her tenure at Orange, the township was awarded nearly five million dollars in grants for parks and trails development, and she oversaw the construction of three parks and 10+ miles of trails.

At Berkshire she will focus on the implementation of our Parks and Trails Master Plan which includes development of the "Central Park" at the township hall, building a pavilion and restroom facility, developing trails for connectivity throughout the township, as well as writing and applying for grant funding. One of her first projects is the creation of a Community Park Board. Please see the article below for more information. We are actively looking for residents interested in being on this advisory board.

Beth can be reached at 740-965-2992, ext. 208 or by email at berkshire.bhugh@gmail.com

The Berkshire Township Community Park Board is looking for applicants

As part of the Master Plan for parks and trails in the township, we are establishing a Community Park Board. This will be an advisory board, comprised of five members who will be appointed by the trustees. Members will serve either one or two year terms. Ideally, we'd like to see supporters from a wide section of unincorporated areas of the township to help with the creation of our park and trails system.



The trustees recognize as we develop and grow, the preservation of green and recreational spaces will be crucial to maintaining the quality of life valued by all. Members of this board will further that mission and shape our community for generations to come.

If you're interested in serving in this volunteer capacity, please submit a letter as to why you would like to apply along with a copy of your resume to Beth Hugh at berkshire.BHugh@gmail.com

Beth can also be reached at 740-965-2992, ext. 208 if you have any questions.



JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEAN UP... *You'll want to know about this*

If you've ever tried to dispose of certain hazardous waste materials, such as tires, electronics or paints, you know how hard and how expensive it can be. Did you know that there's an organization in our area designed for residents to help with this process?

The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow (DKMM) Joint Solid Waste District is charged with implementing the District's Solid Waste Management Plan. They are holding four special recycle events held in our area in 2019. The link to a 2-page flyer for these events is below. Please print off and save for your reference. Please call the DKMM District office at (740) 393-4600 with any other questions that you may have

The first event will be held Sat. April 27th at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Mt. Gilead

PLEASE READ THE FLYER COMPLETELY. NOT ALL ITEMS ACCEPTED AT ALL EVENTS. CERTAIN FEES APPLY - SEE DETAILS

[LINK TO SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENT FLYER p. 1](#)
[LINK TO SPECIAL COLLECTION EVEN FLYER p.2](#)



and Speaking of Clean-Up

The lovely garden at the Township Hall doesn't look like this by accident. It takes hours of effort by generous volunteers to weed, plant, prune and primp to create the oasis of colorful blooms for residents to enjoy and bees and butterflies to feed upon.

We would welcome any help that you could provide if you're interested in donating some time to help with this endeavor. Please call Beth Hugh at 740-965-2992 ext. 208 for more info.

Last Call! Scholarship Money Awaits...

but don't delay. Deadline to apply is this Monday, March 4,

The Delaware County Foundation currently manages more than 35 Scholarship Funds and awarded more than 180 scholarships in 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to a list of scholarships available for local students for 2019. Don't delay - the deadline is Monday March 4, 2019

The "Homesteading in Delaware County Workshop" hosted by the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District on January 31st was a great success.



More than thirty people attended at the township hall to learn more about successful gardening and beekeeping practices. Thank you Dona Rhea for organizing an excellent event.

Pollinator plant seeds were passed out to attendees, hands-on composting was shown, and advice on growing fruits and vegetables in your landscape were provided. Supplies, benefits, and professional support for beekeeping were discussed as well. OSU Extension Master Gardeners, Delaware General Health District, and Apiarist Doug Stanton answered lots of questions after their presentations. If you missed the educational seminar, but want some seeds to grow your



own pollinator-friendly flowers, contact the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District at 740-368-1921.

TRASH and RECYCLE NEWS

Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services is the single hauler for trash and recycling services in Berkshire Township.



CONTACT INFO FOR RUMPKE

1-800-828-8171 email contact: 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. **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVED FROM RUMPKE HAS YOUR RECYCLING CALENDAR ON IT. PLEASE SAVE IT.**

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.)

As a reminder to 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 children and reducing wear and tear on our roads.

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.

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

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. Saturday dates are filling up for 2019



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