

Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....April 2019

Greetings!

Lots of news and happenings to tell you about this month.

As you'll read below, the township's in the process of forming a Park Advisory Board. We've already received several applications and are anxious to move forward. Please consider applying if you have an interest. Be a part of implementing the Parks and Trails Master Plan and shaping the natural and recreational areas of Berkshire Township for future generations. Contact Beth Hugh today at Berkshire.BHugh@gmail.com or by phone at 740-965-2992, ext. 208 if you have any questions.



Berkshire Baby Boomers Unite!

If you're interested in forming a group for seniors in our community, we'd like to hear from you. The township hall could be made available during the weekdays on a regular basis if there's interest in having a 55+ group to meet for a potluck, play cards, or just gather for coffee and treats once a month. This would not be facilitated by the township but would need a person/s to organize and run it. Contact Shawna at Berkshire.shawna@gmail.com or by phone at 74965-2992, ext. 207 if you have an interest. Let's talk.

Last but not least, several folks have experienced issues with final billing from Republic. Here is what you "officially" owe: the last quarter in 2018 (Oct. - Dec.) and the month of January in 2019. You owe for no service past January 31, 2019. The township does not have the ability to be a middleman between Republic and residents, but from the contractual standpoint, that is the info you should need to resolve any issues.

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

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, open to the public
- Monday, April 22 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

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- Thursday, May 2 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 7 **ELECTION DAY** (see below)
- Monday, May 13 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, May 15 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Thursday, May 23 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- **Monday, May 27 MEMORIAL DAY, Township Offices Closed**

Berkshire Township Community Park Board Requests 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 appointed by the trustees.



Wouldn't you like to be part of creating an excellent Parks and Trails system in our community? Make a lasting impact today!

Members will serve either one or two year terms. Plans are to meet quarterly or on an "as-needed" basis, so there's not a huge time commitment. 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 Board will work directly with staff to achieve the goals set.

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'd 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.

Cemetery Spruce-up. Please read.

In early April our maintenance staff will do a clean-up of graves in the cemetery. If you've put any artificial flowers, sprays, grave blankets or other decor on a grave during the last six months they need to be removed as soon as possible. **Decor left after April 7th may be disposed of by the maintenance staff.** The township assumes no responsibility financial or otherwise for decorations removed.



Decorations are scheduled for removal on the first of November, as well. This regular maintenance is done to ensure the beauty and safety of the cemetery are preserved.

As a reminder, the rules do not permit any glass containers, gravel or stone, or other hazardous articles to be used. They present hazards for staff and visitors when the cemetery is mowed. Such items may be removed at any time if they are deemed a nuisance, hazard or unsightly.



A reminder... The lovely Learning 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 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.

Poll Workers Needed for May 7 Election! (and you get paid!)

The Delaware County Board of Elections is in need of folks to work the Polls on Tuesday, May 7th. There are several openings right in our township. Interested? Here's what you need to know.

- Must be a Delaware County registered voter
- Provide your own transportation to and from your polling location
- Be able to work from 5:30am to approximately 8:30pm on election day
- Attend paid training
- High School Seniors who are 17 and registered to vote can work

If you are a registered voter in Delaware County and are interested in serving your community on Election Day as a Poll Worker, please contact:

- Amy Murphy (Democratic Poll Worker Coordinator) amurphy@co.delaware.oh.us

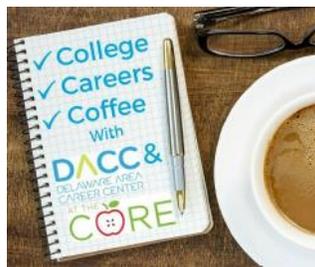
740-833-2096 office or 614-266-5454 cell
or

- Ali M. Solove (Republican Poll Worker Coordinator) asolove@co.delaware.oh.us
740-833-2085 office 614-595-0861 cell

One more election note: Berkshire precincts will have only one item on the May ballot, and it will be a primary race decision for registered Republican voters only. There is a primary race for Republican candidates for the position of Delaware County Clerk of Courts. The Democratic candidate is running unopposed, so no party other than Republican in our precincts will have anything to vote on that day. There are no issues up for vote in Berkshire Precincts. Not sure where your polling location is? [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the Delaware County Board of Elections.



Career Center to Hold "Coffee Chat" in Berkshire Tuesday, April 16



Is your student thinking college *and* career? Attend a session at the Berkshire Township Hall on 4/16 at 6:30 to learn more about the "super electives" your kids can take later in high school via the Delaware Area Career Center. Investigate Zoo school, engineering, nursing, bioscience, app development, digital design and more! Go to www.gettingatthecore.com/college-career-coffee-chats for more information. This is a free event, but space is limited. Make your RSVP today at the link above.

JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEAN UP... Electronics & Tires recycle event April 27 9 a.m - 1 p.m.

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.

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

Please read the flyers completely. Not all items accepted at all events. *Fees may apply
419-946-6400 for more information

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TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

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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