



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025

1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



Noteworthy



Township Offices Closed

2/17 - President's Day

Township Meetings:

Trustee - 2nd Monday

Zoning Board - 1st Thursday

Zoning Board of Appeals - 3rd Wednesday

dates are subject to change

check our [website](#) for the most current information

Other Notable Dates:

2/14 - Valentine's Day

3/9 - Daylight Savings begins at 2AM.
Spring Ahead

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day

Battling Groundhogs



Marion's famous groundhog, Buckeye Chuck, has predicted an early spring!

When stepping out this past Sunday under cloudy skies Chuck did not see his shadow, meaning an early Spring is in store or so says the centuries-old annual tradition in the U.S.

Punxsutawney Phil his debatably more famous fury friend to our East in Pennsylvania, saw his shadow Sunday and predicted six more weeks of winter.

The good news for both woodland critters is that in Ohio in the weeks ahead, your bound to see weather supporting both predictions.

Township Highlights



Community Pavilion is Complete...ready for rentals

During a few welcomed weather breaks, the Setterlin Construction team was able to finish the Community Pavilion roof and a few other final touches. Once fully open for the season, this beautiful pavilion will offer a great space for residents to sit and have a meal, meet up with friends, and enjoy kids at play in our new playground or even host a full party. The space has views of the playground, wildflowers and woods from 3 sides and allows those views to be maintained even during less than perfect weather with glass garage style doors which can be closed giving the space added user function.

Like the township hall, the pavilion which will hold a maximum of 106 persons, will be available for residents to rent May 1st through October 30th at the cost of \$100 which will reserve a 4-hour window for your event. Reservations must be confirmed at least two weeks prior to an event. We ask that anyone casually using the pavilion without a confirmed rental vacate the space if a paid rental is posted on our message board.

[Find rental paperwork on our website](#)



Berkshire Township Branding

State Route 36/37 bridge over I71 is now complete and the final touch was the addition of the Berkshire Township signage on both north and south bound sides welcoming travelers heading in and out of Columbus. Prior to this branding most travelers would have assumed their exit off the highway landed them in Sunbury but we now clearly welcome all to Berkshire Township. Funding for this project came from our Joint Economic District Funds which are specifically earmarked for infrastructure and area improvement projects such as this.

Berkshire Township enters new trash agreement with Rumpke Waste & Recycling.



The previous Berkshire Township contract for waste and recycling ended on January 31, 2025. In December our township along with Berlin Township and Delaware Township finalized negotiations entering into a new 3-year new contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling. Per the terms of the agreement the township will continue to have weekly trash removal along with bi-weekly recycling. Joining with the other two townships allowed for us to keep the cost as reasonable as possible. The new contract is a \$3.00 per month increase however this rate is locked for the 3-year period unlike the prior contract that increased each year. Seniors 62 and older that are head of household can contact Rumpke and receive a 10% discount. If your household has already received this discount there is no need to sign up again.

For inquiries on service, special pick-up or other questions call (800) 828-8171



Roads and Maintenance Department

It has been a busy time for our Roads and Maintenance Department. Early spring of 2024 saw the start of our building expansion which is wrapping up now. This project had a number of delays due to issues that were uncovered during site preparation and construction. All have been addressed and final punch list items are being completed during weather breaks. While our crew hoped this project would have been

done by Fall they are just now moving into the new space which added three bays to our existing building with one being a dedicated wash bay. Keeping our equipment clean and in good working order helps significantly extend the life of those valuable resources.

The department has also had some changes in personnel and we are happy to welcome Tristan Baldy to the team. Tristan started work with Berkshire Township this week. He has prior experience with ODOT and another municipality and is sure to be a great addition to the department.

Berkshire Township Zoning

As we get a glimpse of spring weather here in central Ohio, thoughts of patios, pools, additions, and other projects start to surface. If you have an upcoming project please make sure you check with Berkshire Township and/or Delaware County for what permits might be needed. Most contractors have a good idea what is needed but it is wise to double check as not all municipalities handle permits the same and often we see contractors new to our township that may not be aware of what is required. We recently updated a number of our applications online. Applications now have the year of update included in the labeling so if its been a while since you had to file an application, please make sure you are using the most current version. If you have questions, please contact David Weade, our Zoning Inspector. David is a wealth of knowledge and happy to assist. David can be reached at our office (740) 965-2992.

Community



Upcoming Road Projects 2025

While there are a number of Delaware County road projects slated this season that may impact drivers in our area, two projects stand out close to home.

First up will be the Cheshire Road Grade Separation over CSX/NS Railroads which is slated during the Spring 2025 to Spring 2026 timeframe and will entail a new bridge on Cheshire Road over the CSX and NS railroads near Glenross. Cheshire Road will be closed for about 9-12 months during construction.

The second is also a Cheshire Road project but at Golf Course Road and is slated for Fall 2025 to Summer 2026. This will be the construction of a new single-lane roundabout and is expected to cause a 2 month closure.

Additional projects close to our area will include:

At the intersection of State Route 3 and Lewis Center Road slated for Summer to Fall 2025 This multifaceted project will include widening Lewis Center to 3 lanes from Worthington Road to SR 3, and adding a left and turn lane on SR 3, plus replacement of a large culvert on Lewis Center Road east of SR 3. The project will also include preparations for a future traffic signal to be built separately.

At Big Walnut Road at S. Old 3C and at Tussic Street, new single-lane roundabouts at 2 intersections on Big Walnut Road. It is expected to cause a 2 month closure at Tussic followed by 2 month closure at South Old 3C. Project includes a multi-use path from Old 3C to Tussic and sidewalk on Tussic Street to Totten Springs Dr.

The full list of projects posted to date can be found on this link to the [The Engineer's website](#)

Tax Season - Resources to help

January 31st is the typical deadline for receiving your tax documents. If your taxes are straight forward and you don't want to buy special programs, a great resource is online at www.delawarelibrary.org/taxes. This site has all the most up to date information on an easy-to-use webpage including links to IRS Free File and Ohio Department of Taxation I-File sites.

Additional help can be found through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at The Sunbury Community Library, which has several session offering free help. The focus is on senior citizens and low to



moderate income taxpayers. The phone number for appointments is 614-259-8720.

During tax time, be particularly vigilant and watch for scammers. The IRS will never initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. Visit www.IRS.gov to learn further red flags of a scam and how to know if its the IRS really contacting you.

Community Events



Winter Reading Challenge

Feb. 1-28. PreK to Young Adult participation and prizes. Register on line

Movie Nights

Feb. 13th & Mar. 13th Adults / Feb. 14th Family Night

Origami for Everyone

Feb. 11th 6-7 and Feb. 13th 4-5. (\$35)

Food for Friends that Share

Collection dates Feb. 13-15 and Feb 17-18

101 Dalmations Kids - Special Preview

Feb. 15th 2-2:30

Coding Boot Camp for Adults

In partnership with Fiero Code and Community Library

Thursdays 6:30-7:30 [Link](#)

Check out the Website for details



Sambuca's has upped it game and is currently offering a number of fun events from basket making and macrame to seed starting and plant swaps and even wine and charcuterie board events. See there [website](#) for details.



Downtown Recipe Tour Friday, February 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Join us gathering recipes from some of your favorite downtown businesses! Stop by the Delaware Welcome Center at 20 E. William Street, where we'll provide you with a binder ring and a list of participating businesses so you can collect recipe cards!



Love, Lanterns and Luminaries

Friday, February 14, 6 - 9 p.m.

Gallant Woods Park & Gallant Farm

Come explore Gallant Farm by lantern light and see what life was like before the Rural Electrification Act lit up the countryside. Then hike a luminary trail into Gallant Woods Park. [Find details Here](#)

Village Coffee - Valentines Flight Night

Friday, February 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
25 E Granville St Sunbury, OH 43074

Each flight serves approximately two people and includes four 6oz drinks and four petite desserts.

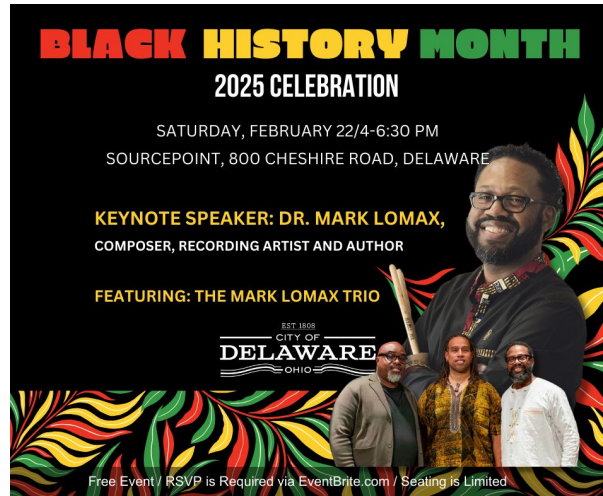
[Register Here](#)



February 22nd - Celebrate the maple sugar season with us as you walk the Storybook Trail out to the Sugar Shack where you'll learn how to tap a tree, taste maple sap and syrup, observe the cooking process and more. After your adventure, visit the newborn farm babies, take a tour of the greenhouse, and warm up by the fire. Before you head home, stop in the farm store to take home some local, pure maple syrup and grass fed sausage for the ultimate breakfast at home.

***Pre-registration is required - click here.**

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