



Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....June 2019

Greetings!

Be careful what you wish for is an old but true adage.

The past few days were a reminder that with warm summer days comes an increased risk of strong storms. Many of us received emergency weather warnings on our phones Monday night. If you did not, please see the article below to sign up for warnings specific to your address from the Delco Alerts system.



We are grateful that there were no tornado touchdowns in our area but realize that this is just the beginning of storm season, so be prepared, make sure your family has an emergency plan, and keep those flashlight batteries and portable chargers at hand.

P.S. Trash and Recycle pickups are delayed by one day this week due to Memorial Day. Township pickup is scheduled for Friday this week.

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. [The FAQ's page](#) also provides a lot of useful information for residents

Calendar of Events



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

JUNE

- Thursday, June 6 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting cancelled due to no agenda
- Monday, June 10 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, June 13 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, June 24 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

July

- **Thursday, July 4 FOURTH OF JULY, township offices closed**
- Monday, July 8 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Thursday, July 11 9-10 a.m. "Caregiver Concepts" program. presented by Sourcepoint. (see below)
- Thursday, July 11 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, July 17 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, July 22 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO WITH THE LITTLE ONES THIS SUMMER?

Beginning June 4th, the historic Strand Theatre in downtown Delaware is hosting a summer movie series for kids, and admission is free.*

Every Tuesday in June and July the Strand is partnering with different Delaware County groups by asking for donations, ranging from

Free Summer Kids Shows
Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Doors open 10 minutes prior to each showtime.

<p>June 4 Reading United Way of Delaware County Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: Delaware County Park Authority</p>	<p>June 11 Reading Turning Point Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: The Brown Family</p>	<p>June 18 Reading People to Help, Inc. of Delaware County Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: ET</p>	<p>June 25 Reading Andrews House Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: SHARON, WAHLETA & PERKINS C.C., LLP</p>
<p>July 9 Reading Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Delaware County Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: Reading Public Library</p>	<p>July 16 Reading Grace Clinic Delaware Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: Assurance</p>	<p>July 23 Reading Delaware Noon Kiwanis Club Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: Reading Properties</p>	<p>July 30 Reading Delaware General Health Services, Inc. Donation Items: All sizes of clothing, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Sponsorship: Reading Properties</p>

*Free to all with suggested donations for local charities.

personal hygiene supplies to toys to canned food in lieu of a cost for a ticket. You can catch a fun movie with your little ones and help our community at the same time.

Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the flyer with more details on donations and a weekly schedule of times and films to be shown.

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Park Board "Dream Team"

On May 21, the Berkshire Township Park Board met for the first time. The focus of the evening was for members to get to know each other, review the board's by-laws, elect officers and get an overview of the projects ahead. Emma Speight was elected chair, Matt Ulrey Vice-Chair, and Julie Heitz was elected Secretary.

From the Township's perspective, we couldn't be happier with the experience and energy this group of residents brings to the table. As Parks Director Beth Hugh stated, this Board is "a township's dream."

Future meeting dates are as follows: June 20, July 16, August 15, September 19, October 17, November TBD and December

12. They will also be announced on the website and in this newsletter each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Pictured from L to R: Emma Speight, Matt Ulrey, Julie Heitz, Stephanie Allen, Kelly Zakrajsek and Summer Fenton. Not pictured, Tony Nicol.

Helpful Info from Delaware County Emergency Communications (Delco Alert)

Delaware County has 16 outdoor warning sirens. They all turn on even if a weather event is affecting only one small area in the county. In our area there is one at the BST&G Fire Station and one in Galena. A live human being in the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency office or the Delaware County 9-1-1 Center makes the decision to turn them on.



Fun fact: Outdoor warning sirens are meant to be heard outdoors & they tell you to GET INSIDE!

Phone alerts are kicked out automatically when the National Weather Service issues a watch (meaning conditions are ripe for severe weather) or a warning (meaning severe weather is happening now). The NWS can narrowly target locations (aka "geolocate") for their alerts, so very often you might be able to hear a siren but not get an alert. Common sense tip: Stay inside and seek shelter if you hear a siren but haven't gotten an alert. Bonus common sense tip: Stay inside and seek shelter if it's raining cats and dogs, the sky is lit up with lightning and the wind sounds like a freight train!

Sign up for the Delco Alerts system at: <https://emergencycomms.co.delaware.oh.us/delco-alerts/>. Notifications are based on the address you enter.

Another great option for getting information about severe weather is a NOAA weather radio. These units are available on Amazon or from a big box retailer like Walmart, Home Depot or Best Buy, and they only cost about \$30. These are also activated by the NWS's alerts.

If you are experiencing a crisis during a severe weather event, call 9-1-1. If you have a question or a comment that is not an emergency, wait until the event has passed and then contact the Delaware County EMA at 740-833-2180 during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Caregiver Concepts Class coming next month Thursday July 11, 9-10 a.m. at the Township Hall

This one-hour crash course on caregiving is packed with information for new, current and future caregivers. Topics include safety, falls, getting organized, basic legal information, local resources, and self-care. **To register, call (740) 363-6677 or visit mysourcepoint.org/caregiver/**



Berkshire Cemetery

It's easy to underestimate what's required to maintain a well-kept cemetery. It's a place some people may only visit once, when they attend a funeral, but others may visit frequently to pay respects to a loved-one or just have quiet time in a serene space. The upkeep needed may go unnoticed.



The Berkshire Cemetery is mowed regularly. It is weeded and trimmed, the landscaping is maintained, the drives are plowed in the winter, to name just a few examples of the tasks required.

A historic cemetery like ours has dozens of headstones dating back to the early 1800's. Keeping them standing and in good repair is a constant job.



In May, our maintenance department spent quite a few days doing restoration of old headstones and installing foundations for new ones. This was in addition to the weekly work required. We appreciate their efforts and hope you do, as well, if you visit the cemetery in the months to come.



The next Hazardous Waste & Paint Recycle Event is Saturday, August 24th at the Knox County Fairgrounds

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. Aug. 24th at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Mt. Vernon, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

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

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

TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

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, with the exception of scheduled holidays when any pick-ups will be Friday. **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVED FROM RUMPKE HAS YOUR RECYCLING and HOLIDAY CALENDAR ON IT, or you can contact Rumpke at the email above with questions.**

A friendly reminder on trash cart placement. Simply put, the wheels on the trash cart should be towards your house, with the small silver-colored handle on the front of the cart and the lid opening facing the street. This allows the drivers to collect the carts in a more automated, time-saving, safe way. Thanks for your help on this small detail.

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.)

For 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 kids and reducing wear and tear on our roads.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the most recent Rumpke Newsletter. It contains a lot of useful recycling information.

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.



P.S. A big thank you to all the renters who have used the hall and done such a great job on clean up and re-setting the space. You are the best!

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