



Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....July 2019

Greetings!

In 2018 residents showed widespread support for the township's Parks and Trails Master Plan. We've officially taken the first steps to putting levies on the November ballot which will provide the funds needed to buy land and begin building parks and trails - making the Plan a reality.



The proposed levies total 1.5 mills, amounting to \$52.50 a year or 14 cents a day per \$100,000 of home valuation as shown on the County Auditor's website.

More details are coming soon, so stay tuned, but we're excited that this November our residents will have the opportunity to vote on the future of Berkshire Township.

P.S. Trash and Recycle pickups are delayed by one day this week due to the July 4th holiday. Pickup is scheduled for Friday July 5th.

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

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, cancelled due to no agenda
- Tuesday, July 16 6:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, July 17 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, July 22 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

AUGUST

- Thursday, August 1 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, August 12 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Thursday, August 15 6:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, August 21 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, August 26 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public



Are you caring for a loved one?
 Could you benefit from a "crash course" on caregiving?
 Do you know about the many community resources available to help you thrive as a caregiver?
JOIN SOURCEPOINT FOR A FREE CLASS ABOUT WHERE TO START.
 The class is packed with information for new, current, and future caregivers. Topics include safety, falls, getting organized, basic legal information, local resources, and self care.

CAREGIVER CONCEPTS

Thursday, July 11, 9-10 a.m.
 Berkshire Township Hall

Available in this area for the first time!



Register at MySourcePoint.org/caregiver

Register at MySourcePoint.org/caregiver or by calling 740-363-6677.

SourcePoint's caregiver programs are funded in part by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging.



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Caregiver Concepts Class Thursday July 11 from 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/ [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the poster above**



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Strand Theatre Kids Movies Continue This Month

The historic Strand Theatre in downtown Delaware is hosting a summer movie series for kids, and admission is free.*

Every Tuesday in July the Strand is partnering with different Delaware County groups by asking for donations, ranging from personal hygiene supplies to toys to school supplies 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.

*Free to all with suggested donations for local charities.



Senior Appliance Pickup Service Now Available

DELAWARE, Oh. – The Senior Appliance Pickup service is again available to older adults looking to rid themselves of any electronics and appliances.

This year marks the 16th year for this Delaware General Health District Keep Delaware County Beautiful program, which is funded by SourcePoint. **The service is free and available to all Delaware County adults age 55 and older.**

Accurate IT will be picking up items for recycling. The company is R2 certified, meaning e-waste is handled in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Residents are limited to one television per household. Multiples of other electronics and appliances will be accepted. Program will continue until funds are depleted, so call soon if you are interested.

To schedule a pickup, contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful coordinator Jenifer Way-Young at 740-203-2076.

Township Park News

Park Volunteers Susan Holtry and Summer Fenton have once again generously donated their time and energy to make the Pollinator Garden a fun and beautiful place to hang out.



In addition to weeding and pruning, they spent hours planting new annuals and perennials to enhance the ones we have.

Susan, an artist, also created "poured paint" stepping stones which now adorn the Little Library area. Check them out next time you are at the park. It's a great place to come and relax.

a reminder...

If you are visiting the park or the walking path during hours when the office is open, you are welcome to use the restrooms inside, if needed.



Traffic News - Good and Not as Good

The good news is the long-awaited traffic light at SR 3 and South Galena Road was scheduled to be up and operating by the end of June. As of this writing it was not complete but progress has been made. This will close the chapter on a lengthy improvement project at that intersection.

On the not as convenient side, two roads affecting our residents will have lengthy closures.

- Cheshire Road is closed between Berlin Manor Dr. on the east to Gregory Rd. on the west, as they are building a roundabout at Cheshire and Piatt Rds. It is scheduled to be closed until sometime in August. This affects those who use Cheshire Rd. going west to SourcePoint, Rt. 23, Ohio Health on Ohio Health Blvd. etc.
- Walnut Street, going into the Village of Galena is scheduled to be closed June 24 through August 26 for emergency repairs. The closure runs from High St. to Church street in Galena.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to more information about current road projects from the County Engineer's Website

Summer Heat and Closed Cars = Disaster for Children and Pets

The Delaware General Health District has issued an advisory to help us all remember that it's not safe to leave a child in a car EVER but especially in the summer heat. 52 children died in the U.S. in 2018 and every single death was preventable.



While their warning is specifically about child safety, the same advice goes for pets, too. A car can heat up in minutes beyond a child or a pet's ability to survive. For more information and good advice on how to avoid this tragedy or what to do if you witness this occurring, [CLICK HERE](#) (photo from "Safe Kids AZ")

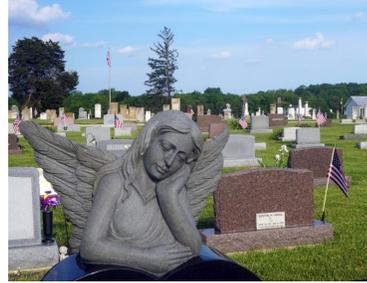
Berkshire Cemetery

Last month we told you about the amount of work needed to maintain a beautiful cemetery. This month we address a related issue.

We're having problem with decorations on grave sites in the cemetery. Please take note of the requirements below. If there are items in violation, our staff may remove them for

the safety of staff and visitors.

The biggest concern is items that are not allowed (metal stakes, any glass containers, decorative stone, etc.) and also decor that extends more than 12 inches from the face of the headstones. No decor is permitted to the sides or the rear of a headstone. This is for the safety of workers as well as visitors when mowing or weed-eating is done. These types of objects can become projectiles and injure someone.



Individual Grave Site Decor - Please read

- **Glass containers or metal stakes, gravel or stone, fences, etc. are prohibited and will be removed.**
- The planting of any tree, shrub, rose bush or similar plant is prohibited.
- **Any decoration or flower planting must be placed within twelve inches (12") of the face of the grave marker and may not extend past the sides or behind the marker.**
- Maintaining flowers planted or decorations within the twelve-inch area is the responsibility of the lot owner or family.
- Artificial flowers will be removed by maintenance twice a year, April 1st and Nov. 1st, or if they become damaged, unsightly, or a danger to mowing and trimming.
- Berkshire Township will use reasonable care in maintenance of the cemetery and grave sites. However, considering the vulnerability of the grave, lot markers, memorials as well as floral tributes, Berkshire Township disclaims any responsibility or liability for accidents or damage to such items resulting from the ordinary hazards of maintenance work.

For complete rules and regulations, please review the handbook by clicking [HERE](#)

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. 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.

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 not 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.



Coming Next Month...

"Do you know where you live?"

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www.BerkshireTwp.org