



HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER 2024

1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



Noteworthy



Township Offices Closed

12/24 & 12/25 - Christmas
1/1 - New Year's
1/20 - M.L.K. Jr. Day
2/17 - President's Day

Township Meetings:

Trustee - 2nd Monday
Zoning Board - 1st Thursday
(Note: January meeting is on 1-9-25)
Zoning Board of Appeals - 3rd Wednesday
dates are subject to change
check [website](#) for most up to date information



Rumpke

Christmas and New Year's both fall on weekdays. Service will NOT occur on those days. Service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week.

Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

Please follow guidelines for tree disposal which fall under yard debris and must not exceed 4ft and must be bundled. All ornaments and lights must be removed. Do not place in a plastic bag.

Township Highlights

Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Openings

The Berkshire Township Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are each apprised of five (5) members and an alternate. Members are appointed by the Township Trustees and must reside in Berkshire Township. Board positions are up for renewal every five years, on a rotating basis, in January. This means that each January there is one position on each of the boards that is up for a renewal.

The Zoning Commission typically meets once a month on the first Thursday. It reviews, interprets, upholds, and makes recommended amendments to the Zoning Code. Final say on any changes in zoning need to be approved by the Township Trustees. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month and is charged with hearing appeals for exceptions to the zoning code as it applies to a particular piece of property. Each member is paid \$100 per meeting attended. Serving on either of the boards is a great way to get involved in your community.

We currently have one spot on each board up for renewal. If you have interest in being considered for a position, please forward a resume to Berkshire Township Administrator Tyler Lane at this link. tlane@berkshiretwp.org

Ribbon Cutting Opens New Community Playground



Trustee and Parks Committee Chairman Paul Disantis cuts the ribbon officially dedicating the new Berkshire Community Playground.



Playground highlights accessibility with a natural aesthetic that invites children of all abilities to explore.



Adjacent to the playground is a TrekFit area for older kids ages 13 and up.

On Saturday November 2, 2024, the township administrator Tyler Lane along with trustees Mike Dattilo, Rod Myers and Paul Disantis, welcomed the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the long-awaited playground. Well over 100 kids and their families joined other resident admirers for a fun morning of play, crafting, and treats. Each of the first 100 kids received a goodie bag filled with gifts from our many sponsors. Craft stations allowed kids to get a temporary tattoo, make a buckeye necklace, and paint a rock for the new Friendship Rock Garden. Little Ladies Soft Serve and The Crafted Cloud cotton candy provided yummy treats and mother nature blessed us with a beautiful fall day.

In addition to checking out the playground, residents were able to walk through the pavilion which is still under construction but near wrapping up. Once complete, the pavilion will serve the community as a gathering space complete with picnic tables and family friendly restrooms. The park facilities will be open down till dusk and have camera surveillance for safety. Stop by and check it all out. We look forward to all the fun to be had in 2025 and beyond.

We would like to send a special shoutout to all those who helped make the day a huge success including our staff, parks committee, Girls Scout Troup 5174, Berlin High School Service Club, Delaware County Chamber, Health Department and Sheriff's Mounted Police along with BST&G Fire Department and Rumpke Waste. We also want to give a big shout out to our sponsors who help provide financing to make it all possible.



Tier 1 Sponsors: Setterlin Construction, Midstates Recreation, Consolidated Electric, B.J.G. Law Offices, Champion Companies, Huntington Bank, and Northstar
Tier 2 Sponsors: Ricart Automotive and First Commonwealth Bank

Kindness Rock Garden

In conjunction with the playground ribbon cutting a kindness rock garden was established by the township with the assistance of Girl Scout Troop 5174. The premise is to share kindness in the form of a decorated rock. Take a rock you like, make a rock to leave and enjoy the fun. The rock garden is just across from the Little Library in our garden area. Paint markers are available for use located in the mailbox next to the garden. We can't wait to see the kindness flow.



Old Barn Silo gets a Facelift

In 1994 Berkshire Township purchased the property that currently houses its township hall (est. 2010) and new park facilities. The property was purchased from the Milton family who were lifelong generational farmers. Roger Milton took over the farm at an early age when his dad passed. Roger also worked for the township. As part of our park project the silo has been repaired, painted and logo'd. We hope it stands tall for years to come, marking our township grounds.

Noteworthy



Don't throw them out! Recycle them!
At these following locations:

Ashley Wornstaff
Memorial Library
302 E. High St.
Ashley, OH

Delaware County
District Library
All Locations

Genoa Township
Administration Office
5111 S. Old 3C Highway
Westerville, OH

Sunbury Municipal
Building
9 W. Granville St.
Sunbury, OH

Delaware City
Public Works
440 E. William St.
Delaware, OH

Delaware Public
Health District
470 S. Sandusky St.
Delaware, OH

Price Farms
Organics, Ltd.
4838 Warrensburg Rd.
Delaware, OH

Shawnee Hills
Municipal Building
9484 Dublin Rd.
Shawnee Hills, OH



Oh Christmas Tree

President Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923. Here are some dates of **local tree lighting events** near Berkshire Township.

December 1

Village of Galena - Tree lighting and carolers 5-7

December 6

Main Street Delaware - Corner of Williams and Sandusky 6:30 - events 6-9

City of Westerville - Uptown 7:00 at City Hall - events 6-8

December 7

City of Sunbury - Christmas on the Square - 4-8

December 8

Orange Township - North Orange Park - 4-6:30

December 14

Genoa Township - 5:30 McNamara Park - events 4-6



If you love a real tree and better yet the opportunity to pick it out and cut it down yourself, you live in a great area. Ohio has over 700 **live tree farms**. Here are a few within a short car ride of the township.

Country Cabin 3600 Wilson Road Nov.29,30 and Dec. 1 (reservations required)

Taylor Tree Farm 3720 Wilson Road 740 965-3293 Dec. 7&8

Fly Away Farm 1950 Lackey Old State 740 816-0818 Dec. 7&8 9 - dusk cash or check only

Stonehaven Tree Farm 6718 Perry Road Centerburg (614) 668-6293 Nov. 22 - Dec. 15 F/S/S

Crackler Farms 4971 Crackler Road 740 524-5311 Opening Day Wed. Nov. 27nd. (reservations required)

Just want to pick out a live tree without going to the farm check out
1st Impressions 9821 St. Rt. 37 740 965-6486 right here in Berkshire Township

Please call or check out each businesses webpage or social media for more details. (links above)

You may save a life this Holiday Season

Stress, overeating and increased alcohol are top contributors to strokes and the holidays are full of those and other top contributing factors. Reviewing warning signs and being aware can save a life.

F.A.S.T. Warning Signs to spot a STROKE

Use the letters in F.A.S.T. to spot a Stroke

- F = Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- A = Arm Weakness – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = Speech Difficulty – Is speech slurred?
- T = Time to call 911 – Stroke is an emergency. Every minute counts. Call 911 immediately. Note the time when any of the symptoms first appear.



Church Spotlight

Berkshire Township is blessed to be home to three churches. As we enter the holiday season if you are looking for a place to worship and join in fellowship please reach out as all their doors are open to members and visitors alike and all offer livestream of their services.

Living Word Lutheran Church
Pastor Derrick Hurst
7539 Dustin Road
(740) 965-3335

Sundays
8 AM Worship
9 AM Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday
School
10:30 AM Worship

Advent

Midweek Advent Soup Supper 6pm with worship 7PM Dec. 4, 11, 18)

December 8th

Family Christmas Party/Serve Night
4-6 PM *Those in attendance will be making tie blankets for My Very Own Blanket. Please bring a plate of homemade cookies to exchange with another family.*

December 24th

7PM - Family Christmas worship
11PM Candlelight Christmas worship

St John Neumann Catholic Church
Fr. Dan Durry Pastor
9633 East St Rt. 37
(740) 965-1358

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Tuesday/Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 11:00 a.m.
First Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Advent Mass Time

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Nov. 30, 5:00-7:00 pm & Dec. 1, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Advent Reconciliation Service:

December 4 6:30 pm
Adoration, Confessions, & Sacred Music
Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary: December
9 Masses: 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve: December 24 Masses:
4:00 pm, 6:30 pm

December 25th

Christmas Morning - 10:30 AM

[View Live Stream](#)

Northgate Church
Pastor Chris Stephens
51 Fourwinds Drive
(740) 369-6000

Sundays
10 AM Worship
Kids Church open the duration of the
service (check in at 9:45 AM)

Prayer Nights
Thursday Evenings 6:30 PM

December 22nd

Family-Style (shorter) Christmas Service
10:30 AM

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Christmas Day: December 25 Masses:

Midnight, 10:00 am

Mary, Mother of God: Masses:

December 31 at 6:00 pm (Vigil)

January 1 at 11:00 am

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Gospel Light Baptist Church
Pastor Chris Tullos
35 South Galena Road
(740) 817-2597

Please note that this church is in a temporary location at 14122 Bethel Rd, Hartford, Ohio, while a new Church is being built.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Community Events



Sunbury/Big Walnut Area Chamber of Commerce

"CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE 2024."

Saturday December 7th

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Craft & Gift Fair
Sunbury Square between Town Hall & Vernon St.
5:00 pm - Lighted Musical Christmas Parade
Lineup takes place on Burrer Drive.

7:00 pm – Tree Lighting on the Square

Other great festivities:

Ice Sculpting on the Square.

Holiday music by DJ Meeko!



- **First Friday Tree Lighting** - Dec. 1st 6-9PM - complete with carriage rides, skating rink, and Santa

FREE Shuttle from County Lot 145 N. Union Street

- **Skating Rink** Dec. 2nd 5-9PM & Dec 3rd 1-9PM
- **Christmas Parade** Dec. 8th 5PM - *kicks off at Mingo then down Sandusky and ends at Wilmer*

Parade Announcer-Dave Mazza, NBC4!
 Nativity scene provided by St. John Neumann Catholic Church!
 Holiday treats and ornament making at the Town Hall
 Sunbury Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale
 Christmas Carolers on the Square
 Businesses on the Square will be open or have special treats outside.
 Letters to Santa outside the Chamber
 Santa dog costume contest 6:30
 Donut eating contest
 Visit with Santa inside the Town Hall

[Click here for full details](#)



Christmas at the Library

December 14th - 6-8 Crafts/Games/Santa



[Check out the Website for details](#)

- **Carriage Rides** Fridays - Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th 6 -8 PM
- **Dash for Dasher Scavenger Hunt** Dec. 7th 11AM - 1PM
- **Great Gingerbread Build-off** Dec 7th 2:30 at COhatch, 18 E William Street
- **Markers Market Dec 12th 6-9**
- **Historic Holiday Tour** Dec. 15th Narrated bus tours departing from Boardman Park beginning at 1, 2:30 and 4:00
- **Visits with Santa - Delaware**
Welcome Center \$15 tickets available at www.mainstreetdelaware.com
Walk ins welcome during specific times with appointments during remainder. Fridays and Saturdays Dec 6,7 - 13,14 and 20,21

Click link below for details, appointments and tickets.

[Visit our Website](#)



Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights

Nov. 22 – Jan. 1 | 5:30 - 9 p.m. (weeknights)/
 5:30 - 10 p.m.(weekends)

Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights is the perfect activity if you want to see holiday lights and stay warm. The three-mile drive-through experience at the Alum Creek State Park Campgrounds takes about 30 minutes, featuring twinkling holiday displays and dazzling tunnels, with the perfect holiday music pairing piped through the radio. Learn more [here](#).





TangerOutlets

Click below to see holiday hours, store promotions and pop-up events at the outlets.
Shopping at Tanger!

[Visit our Website](#)



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