



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER August 2022

1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

Noteworthy

Township Offices Closed

9/5 - Labor Day 10/10 - Columbus Day

Township Meetings

Zoning Board Meetings - 1st Thursday
Trustee Meetings - 2nd Monday
Board of Zoning Appeals - 3rd Wednesday
Dates are subject to change check the website for the
most up to date information.

Township Meeting Update

At the July 27th Trustee Meeting, Berkshire Township Trustees voted unanimously to move to one meeting per month. This Change is effective immediately. Meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of the Month. The next meeting will be on Monday August 8th, 2022

Time to start thinking Back to School

Big Walnut Schools are back in session on Monday August 22nd.

Olentangy Local Schools are back in session on Thursday, August 18th.

Both districts will have Monday September 5th off for Labor Day as well as September 19th for Fair Day/Professional Development respectively.

Please be aware of these dates as school zone speed limits will be back in effect and children will be present in crosswalks as well as around school areas for before and after school activities.

We wish all our educators, building personnel, and students a safe, happy and productive School year!



Sales Tax Holiday

Ohio will have a Sales Tax Holiday

Friday, August 5, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. to Sunday, August 7, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

Ø Clothing priced at \$75 or less Ø School supplies or Instructional materials priced at \$20 or less

<u>For greater detail visit the Ohio Department</u> of Taxation



New Board of Zoning Appeals member

Kim Zianno Hartman is the township's newest BZA board member. Kim replaces Alicia Robson who resigned earlier in the year. Kim was chosen by the Berkshire Board of Trustees from a number of applicates and sworn in on June 27th.

Kim and her husband Ed have lived in the township for the last six years. Kim graduated from the O.S.U. Mortz College of Law and has worked in labor and employment law, served as a mediator/ arbitrator and currently serves as the Chief Administrative officer of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Storm Water Drains Drains are for Rain!

Storm water drainage is an essential part of many neighborhoods. Storm drains provide efficient drainage for streets, your yard, home gutters, and sump pumps. Keeping these clear and free of leaves, grass, and litter will go a long way in assuring the drains are working properly for you and your neighbors and additionally keeping retention ponds and other waterways clean and clear.

Don't

- Blow grass into the streets when mowing
- Rake or blow leaves and other yard debris into the streets
- Leave trash cans uncovered
- Ignore built up debris on or around storm sewer grates
- Push or drop debris into the storm grates.

Do

- Utilize yard waste bags for leaves and grass trimmings
- Blow grass away from the street when mowing
- Check your storm drain for any litter collecting or blocking the grate
- Let the township know if you see any issues with drainage







A new cemetery shed was installed in May with a peace dove adorning the cupola.

Berkshire Cemetery

This summer our township maintenance team has been hard at work improving the Berkshire Cemetery. Just after Memorial Day a new shed was installed. The old shed had been in disrepair

for quite awhile and becoming both an eye sore and a hazard. Debris piles have been removed, along with a few dead or diseased tress and greater attention to mowing and trimming has been emphasized.

Mowing and trimming can be very time consuming and to that end if you have family plots in the cemetery we ask your help in being aware of and following rules set forth for grave sites. While we do permit a 12" area in front of grave markers to be planted with flowers the area cannot extend past the marker on either side even if the family owns multiple adjoining graves. The area may not contain, glass, gravel, stone or any boarder or fencing materials. Trees, shrubs and rose bushes are also not permitted. It is the responsibility of the family to maintain whatever is added to a grave. Overgrown or otherwise not maintained areas will be cleared. Additionally, grave blankets, wreaths and artificial flowers are only permitted from November 2nd to March 31st. These or any other decorations left will be removed twice a year on April 1st and November 1st. We also reserve the right to remove items at anytime that interfere with regular maintenance.

Help us to make this final resting place a beautiful one.

Business Spotlight - Buell's Homestead Farm Market



My Buell's haul on a recent visit.

Buell's Homestead Farm Market

6867 Cheshire Road Galena, Ohio 43021 (740) 548-6349

Market hours are daily 8-7 Cash and Venmo accepted

Follow and get updates on their FaceBook page

Link to @the Buell's



The Buell Homestead Farm Market has been the family business since 1828. That was just a few short years after Emilia Bennett married Jerimiah Buell in October of 1820. The land where the market and Buell's home is located was part of Emilia's dowry. The family land holdings at one time was close to 700 acres with a log cabin at each corner.

Today, Larry the fifth generation of farmers and his wife Jenny live on the main property and their children, grand children and even great grandchildren all live on adjacent land. The family today owns less than 100 acres and farms around 30 of those. Back in the early 1800's maple syrup was one of the families first harvested items. The Buell's still sell freshly tapped maple syrup to this day along with farm fresh eggs. In the Spring, the market sells planters and hanging baskets leading into growing season when they offer tomatoes, onions, lettuces, beans, cucumbers, squash, watermelon, cantaloupe, berries and fresh flowers along with sweetcorn which has just become available in the last couple weeks due to the incredibly rainy early season causing a late arrival to market.

In just a month or so, plan to see mums which will quickly be joined by pumpkins and other Fall favorites.

If you haven't been the market, make plans to stop by soon!



All Horse Parade - Sunday Sept. 11

Bring your lawn chairs, friends and neighbors, and enjoy yourself at one of the largest annual horse parade gatherings east of the Mississippi! The parade steps off each year promptly at 3pm from the main gate of the Delaware County Fairgrounds onto Pennsylvania Avenue. The parade route is 2.3 miles in length, providing ample viewing locations. The parade is circular in direction and returns to the fairgrounds. Parade admission is always free!

Delaware County Fair Sept. 17 - 24

Dating back to first exhibition and show hosted on the first Friday, in October by the Delaware County Agricultural Society the Delaware County Fair is rich in history.

The Delaware County Fair has a long tradition of not only providing an enjoyable place for people to exchange ideas, demonstrate skills and exhibit products, but is also a great source for recreation, entertainment, visiting and learning.

Daily general admission (excludes Jug Day) is \$8 (children under 8 are FREE)
Weekly pass can be purchased for \$40
Senior Day is Tuesday September 20
(those +55 are FREE)
Military Day is Friday September 23
(Military/Veterans are FREE)

Ticket Information and Fair Schedule click here

Little Brown Jug

Live racing daily Sept. 18 through Jug Day on Sept. 22

Come celebrate the Little Brown Jug! On the fastest half-mile track in the world, it is one of the jewels in the Triple Crown of Harness

1st Impressions Garden Center



TangerOutlets

Second Saturdays run through October

Second Saturdays are the best time to shop! You and your family will enjoy live music, fun activities, and an Artisan Market featuring local craft vendors. Grab a beer from the beer tent as you shop the center! All proceeds benefitting local charity Epilepsy Foundation Columbus. 12 PM - 4 PM

Check the **website** for rotating truck schedule



Racing. The Little Brown Jug is the premier pacing classic for 3-year-olds and provides a fascinating chapter in the more-than-a-century-old history of harness racing. This race was built in the tradition of the famed Grand Circuit and is an exciting finish to the week-long Delaware County Fair.



September 24th 4 PM - 9 PM

The biggest, baddest event for motorcycles, cars, trucks, and the largest gathering of enthusiasts EVER at Farrow North! Food trucks, vendors row and an evening of live music.

Please check our township website for current event schedule along with general information and forms.

Visit our website

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