



# Fall NEWSLETTER



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

## October 2021

The first day of Fall was Wednesday, September 22nd

### Noteworthy



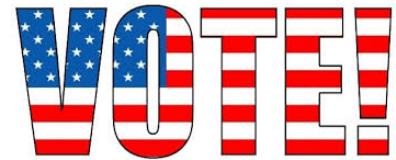
#### Township Offices Closed

- 10/11 - Columbus Day
- 11/2 - Election Day
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day



**Halloween / Beggar's Night will be Sunday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.**

*Parents/guardians are encouraged to exercise good judgment in allowing children to participate.*



**Election Day is Tuesday November 2nd**  
visit

[votedelawarcountyohio.gov](http://votedelawarcountyohio.gov)  
for all your voter information including registration, and what is on the ballot



### Holiday Food Drive

Berkshire Township will host a food drive for the Annual PIN Holiday Clearing House starting on **Tuesday October 25th thru Monday November 22nd**. Any donations can be dropped at the Township Hall during regular office hours, at any evening meeting and during voting on November 2nd. Anyone voting at Northgate Church may drop donations there as well but only during voting. Bins at both locations will be located in the front hallway.

Click here for listing of most needed items



*Note: PIN cannot accept items that are expired or past their Best By/Use Buy/Sell By Dates. We also are unable to accept items that require refrigeration or freezing. For a full list of most needed items visit the PIN site*

### Community Gardens need you!

**Saturday Nov. 6th 10-noon**

Please consider volunteering a couple hours to help with Fall cleanup in the Town Hall Garden. Bring your own garden gloves. Some extra pruning shears would also be a big help. Refreshments will be provided



### Day Light Savings Ends

The Uniform Times Act of 1966 established the system of uniformed day



light savings time throughout the U.S. On the second Sunday in March we "Spring forward" and on the first Sunday in November we "Fall back" Be sure to move your clocks back one hour on Sunday **Nov. 7th at 2 a.m.** or before going to bed the night before.

BST&G Fire Department suggests this is also a great time to replace batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors

## Township Highlights



600ft East of CR 34 (South Galena Rd.) South of 37  
82° 54' 21.43" W, 40° 15' 53.44" N

The township maintains the Berkshire Cemetery which is located across from Bent Tree Golf Course on Rt 36/37. This includes everything from grounds keeping to the actual burials and all paperwork associated. Currently there are just over 935 recorded grave sites.

## Berkshire Cemetery

At the time Berkshire Township was established this area was very much a wide open wilderness. The first burials were mainly in the wood near a family's home as there was no cemetery. However, it didn't take long for one to come about. A look back into history, shows there is no official establishment date of the Berkshire Cemetery, but the oldest recorded grave we could find is that of Joann Jones who died on December 18, 1813. (pictured right) She lies aside her husband David who followed her on September 20, 1814.



Other early graves of mention are that of Major Thomas Brown who's grave dates back to his death in 1816. He was one of the early visitors to the area in 1805 and one of the first residents in 1806. He conducted the first store and hotel. David Prince who organized the first Berkshire Episcopal Church in his home on Easter Monday, March 23, 1818 is laid to rest in our cemetery along with his wife and son. He was one of the first Berkshire Township Trustees. Beyond these of mention, if you were to take the time to wonder the graves you would also find seven that hold men that fought in the Revolutionary War, fourteen that fought in the War of 1812 and some twenty-four Civil War soldiers.

History and honor worth moment of remembrance as you drive by.

## Zoning

Have a project? Give us a Call

"A phone discussion with us is free and could avoid a future problem."

Berkshire township is a popular place. Since mid year, we have issued 50 certificates for new homes. That brings us to a total of 182 new homes this year.

Other projects like decks, pools, and additions have slowed down especially since July, but please

## Your Berkshire Township Road Department



The road Department consists of two full time employees Dan and Justin and one summer seasonal employee; Bob, pictured left to right.

The Road Department is responsible for over 20 miles of roadway, including road signage, litter control, ditch maintenance, potholing, berming,

remember if you are thinking about building a structure on your property and you live in a subdivision you must get HOA approval before applying with the township for a permit.

Its always wise to have us review all projects. You may or may not need a permit and we can help you with that. A phone discussion with us is free and could avoid a future problem. Things like having the proper set back which keeps you or your neighbor from building a deck one foot from either of your property lines. Additionally, staying out of utility and drainage easements. If you build in those areas the county or utility company can make you remove at your cost.

Better safe than sorry, Give us a call.

snow and ice control as well as maintenance and burials at the Berkshire Cemetery, grounds and building maintenance of all Township properties.

The township recently completed road improvement projects totaling \$135,740 Those projects were, Grader patch and pavement repairs and onyx on Blaney Rd., Full depth construction of Joe Walker Rd. South (in partnership with the Village of Galena), Grader patch and chip sealing of Joe Walker Rd. North, A 2" milling and repaving of Bent Tree Dr., Pavement markings on Fourwinds Dr. and chip sealing on a section of Stockwell Dr.

Twice a year the township performs an inspection on all township roads and grades the roads on the present conditions. We use these grades to assist us in determining, and budgeting for, what projects need completed in the next construction season. We also rely on the Delaware County Engineers Office to support us in the construction projects through the process to construction management.

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

[Visit our website](#)

## Business Spotlight - 1st Impressions Landscape & Garden Center



1st Impressions offers a number of in house classes. Here's what's coming up:

**October 7th**  
Oriental Landscape Planter (Bonsai)



Scott Wagner is the owner of 1st Impressions Landscape & Garden Center; a one stop shop for all things outdoor, located at 9821 E. State Route 37. Offering garden accessories, plants, landscaping services and even a

**November 5th**

Fall Wreath Making

**November 18th**

Thanksgiving Wine & Pine

Visit the website for details, cost and registration.



1st Impressions helps with the efforts to maintain the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial in Sunbury

compost lot, they certainly live up to that claim.

The retail has offerings of all types of planting from annuals to perennials, shrubs and trees and currently has a number of seasonal favorites including mums, pumpkins and cornstalks. There is also a unique gift shop where you won't find run of the mill offerings.

The landscaping services are all performed by in house staff and can help with any size or type project from hardscaping, irrigation, lighting and even water features. They also offer estate management from the basic mowing and leaf removal to tree and shrub care including fertility and insect and disease control and pruning.

One additional unique service is the compost lot. Open to the public and accepting brush, logs, sod and various other yard debris. This is a great community service you may not have know existed. The yard is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through November and then by appointment through the winter.

Finally, if your business is looking for commercial snow and ice removal give them a call.

[Check out 1st Impressions](#)



**Through the Lens**



Congratulations to Haylie McComas and her family on the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Delaware County Fair. Haylie, a sophomore at Big Walnut, is a member of Eagle Country 4-H Club and the Big Walnut-DACC FFA

*If you would like to share a photo please email us at [tgeorge@berkshiretwp.org](mailto:tgeorge@berkshiretwp.org) Your photo must have details of when and where it was taken, who took the photo and any other information. You must have permission to submit any photos of individuals and any submissions deemed inappropriate such as political, promoting businesses etc. will be returned.*

## Hidden Creek Farm

Sat./Sun through Oct 31st  
Fall Fun Weekends  
Food/Hay Ride/Pumpkin Patch/Straw Maze  
Farm Animals/Corn Cannon/The Great  
Pumpkin Slide and more...

## 1st Impressions Garden Center

Oct. 7th Class make a Bonsai Planter  
Oct 22nd Customer Appreciation Day  
Nov 5th Class Fall Wreath  
Nov 18th Class Thanksgiving Wine & Pine  
Check them out [here](#)

## Living Word Church

Oct. 16th 5-8 p.m.  
Fall Fun Fest - Free Event - Open to the Public  
Games/Bounce House/Food/Hay Rides and  
more. For details [click here](#)



Click Ad above for more information

## Tanger Outlets

Sat. October 30th  
Barktober  
A Howl-O-Ween Pet  
Parade and Costume  
Contest  
Benefiting Delaware County  
Humane Society

## Farrow Harley Davidson

Ride to Support Scouting

Start at the American  
Motorcycle Association  
and Museum and end at  
Farrow North for some  
fun festivities including:  
tamahawks, knife  
throwing, music and raffles

<https://farrowhd.com/event/12762/scouting>

