



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

November/December 2021

Noteworthy



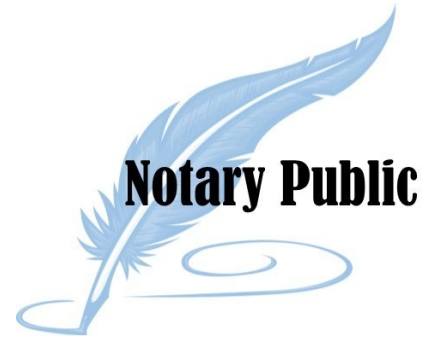
Township Offices Closed

- 12/24 - Christmas
- 12/31 - New Years
- 1/17 - Martin Luther King



Upcoming Township Meeting Dates

- 12/2 Zoning Board Meeting
- 12/13 Trustee Meeting
- 12/15 Zoning BOA Meeting
- 12/27 Trustee Meeting/Canceled
- 1/6 Zoning Board Meeting
- 1/10 Trustee Meeting
- 1/24 Trustee Meeting



We now have a Notary Public on staff in the township office. We are happy to offer this service to our residents free of charge by appointment only. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Recycle Holiday String Lights - Now through January 14, 2022

If you have strands of burned-out lights or your replacing the old with energy efficient LED lights don't throw them out! Recycle them! Simply drop your string lights into the grift-wrapped recycling boxes at any location.

- There are 6 drop locations including:
- Delaware City Public Works at 440 E. William Street Delaware
 - Delaware County Libraries all locations
 - Delaware Public Health District Sunbury Office Kroger Shopping Plaza

For more information contact:
Jenifer Way-Young 740-368-1700 / jway-young@delawarehealth.org



Township Highlights

Your Berkshire Township Board of Trustees

The outcome of the November 2nd election was that both Rod Meyers and Mike Dattilo will be maintaining their roles as Berkshire Township Trustees for

Your Berkshire Township Road Department

This fall the maintenance team completed the clean-up of the former barn/silo area. This included removing any previously dumped large debris, large rocks and finally grading and planting new grass. A much needed improvement.

the next 4 years; they, along with Josh Varble, look forward to serving you in the years to come.

Trustee Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of the month at 7 PM at the township hall.



from left to right
Josh Varble, Rod Meyers, &
Mike Dattilo

Twenty-five new roads have been added to the township's responsibility in 2021 (a 14% increase in lane miles) With winter weather around the corner a few things our residence can do to help us be more efficient include: keeping cars off the road overnight, making sure mailboxes are not leaning into the roadway, pruning your street trees 14' above the roadway surface and keeping portable basketball hoops or any other object away from the road. Roads are plowed based on a schedule which puts main thoroughfares as first priority followed by secondary roads and finally cul de sacs and dead ends. Please know we make it our priority to be as quick and efficient as possible.

Did you know, the township utilizes an equipment replacement program that requires each department to budget funds each year for the replacement of equipment and vehicles on a set replacement schedule. This assures that the money has already been set aside for the purchase when it is time to be replaced. Our very large trucks are cycled every 12 years while smaller vehicles are cycled every 8 years. This schedule is aimed at capitalizing on the time when the equipment is at its peak of return through sale and when they start to be needing greater maintenance therefore allowing us to maximize our return on purchase.



First Annual Food Drive a success!



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Holiday Food Drive. A special thank you to Northgate Church for joining in and having collections boxes during November. On Tuesday November 23rd five banker's boxes full of items were delivered to People in Need, Inc. of Delaware County.

Garden Clean-Up



Saturday November, 6th 16 volunteers joined in and spent a beautiful all be it brisk morning helping with a winter clean-up of the Berkshire Community gardens and the township hall frontage. The group included Mary Howard and Brian Maxwell two residence that have been very helpful with the garden in the past, a number of township board and office members along with 6 Berkshire Middle Schoolers and their advisor. The kids were paired up with our adult volunteers and removed weeds, cut back spent plants and hauled away debris. It was great so see local students helping out in the community and I think a learning experience as well.

In 2022 we are hopeful that a community garden club can be established. If you have interest in joining please contact Tracy George, our township administrative assistant.
tgeorge@berkshiretp.org



Please visit our township website for current events schedule, meeting agendas and minutes, town hall rental and cemetery information, along with community information and forms.

www.berkshiretp.org

Community Highlights and Events

Big Walnut High School Public Open House/Dedication

On Tuesday January 4th; nearly 3 years in the making, the new Big Walnut High School will welcome it's 1851 students. The new building is 302,310 sq. ft. which is a nearly 65% increase in size from the current building



and includes highlights such as a new theater with catwalks, orchestra pit, green rooms and scene shop. There is a new academic common area which affords both small group student gatherings and large group learning opportunities in an open concept three-story space and a competition gym with running track just to name a few amazing features.

A public Open House/Dedication ceremony is planned for Thursday, December 16, 2021 4-7 PM.

The evening commences at 4:00 PM, offering the public the opportunity to tour the new football stadium. At 5:00 PM a dedication ceremony will take place inside the new gym. Following the ceremony, both the new high school and Prairie Run Elementary (opened Aug 2020) will be open to the public to tour.



Visit the [Big Walnut Local Schools](#) website for more updates and photos of the new high school.

1st Impressions Garden Center



Dec. 5th 5:30-7:30 PM
Holiday Wreath Making

Dec. 9th - all day
Kids make your own kissing ball/cookies and hot cocoa

Dec. 16th - 5:30-7:30 PM
Christmas Wine and Pine

Check them out [here](#)

Tanger Outlets



Through Dec 24th

Join the fun of Elf on the Shelf Scavenger hunt, a Christmas tradition, Purchase the exclusive Tanger Outlets Activity Book for \$8 and unlock loads of fun while Shopping at Tanger! Plus, there's a free Holiday gift for everyone who completes the scavenger hunt! Purchase at Shopper Services or online (*click the image above*)

Dec. 2nd

Sensory Friendly Tree Lighting & Santa photos for families in the autism community

Church Spotlight

Berkshire Township is blessed to be home to four churches. Our Spotlight space this issue is dedicated to offering a comprehensive list of special events and services at all of them. 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. Each also offers livestream of their services as well.



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

Sundays

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

Wednesday's

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

December 5th

Family Christmas Party - 3:30 PM *Whether you are a family of 1 or 101 please bring a plate of homemade cookies to exchange with another family. Families will make tie blankets for kids in the foster care system, pack care packages for college students and decorate Christmas cards for those in nursing homes.*

December 19th

Special Children's program during worship - 10:30 AM

December 24th

Family Service - 7 PM
Candle Light - 11 PM

December 25th

Christmas Morning - 10:30 AM

[Livestream services at this link](#)

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

Sundays
9 AM and 11 AM Worship

December 19th

Family-Style Christmas Services 9 AM and 11 AM refreshments will follow after

Northgate Church is a loving church family where people encounter God, get equipped and live empowered. We have had the privilege of being part of Berkshire Township since 1993. As the area continues to see rapid growth, we are seeing rapid growth as well. Some of the words that people use to describe Northgate are: family, honor, freedom, passionate, authentic, transparent, and joy. Our goal is not necessarily to grow a big church, but to grow big people who do big things.

[Livestream services at this link](#)

6:30 PM Bible Study / Prayer
Sunday's
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 Worship

December 18th

Christmas Play
Come to Bethlehem - 7 PM

December 19th

Encore of Christmas Play
"Come to Bethlehem - 10:30 AM

No special times for Christmas Services

[Livestream services at this link](#)

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

Saturdays
4 PM Service
Sundays
9 AM/11 AM 5 PM Services

November 25th

Thanksgiving Day Service - 9 AM
Collecting can goods for Big Walnut Friends Who Share

November 30th

Advent Confession - 7 PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 7th Vigil Mass - 6 PM
December 8th Vigil Mass - 11 AM - 7 pm

December 17th

Christmas Concert - 7:30 PM

December 24th

Contemporary Choir - 4 PM
Right Here Right Now Band - 6 PM
Traditional Choir w/ Brass Quintet - Midnight

December 25th

Carols w/Saturday Choir - 10 AM

[Livestream services at this link](#)

Holiday Safety Tips



More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. Keep lit candles away from items that can easily burn and keep track of

the candles you have lit making sure they are all out when leaving the house or at the end of the evening.

Avoid stringing too many strands of lights together and use lights approved for use where you are putting them. Always follow manufacturers recommendations. Make sure lights and cords are in good condition



Make sure your tree is at least 3ft from any heat sources and if you have a live tree keep it well watered. Make sure that the water is not accessible to your family pet as contaminants in the sitting water can make them sick.

Always turn off the Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Holiday plants can be a beautiful addition to your decor but be aware that many can be toxic to young children and our furry friends. Ingesting Poinsettia leaves can cause nausea and

vomiting; or worse, if they have been treated with any pesticides. Holly and Mistletoe have greater toxicity levels than poinsettias and those beautiful Amaryllis top them for danger when ingested. Make sure these plants are displayed in a place that is out of reach

The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) both say that chimneys should be inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified professional. Left unkept they can play a role in home heating fires.



Berkshire Township wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!