



Memorial Day Newsletter



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

May 21, 2024

Noteworthy



Township Offices Closed
Monday, 5/27 - Memorial Day
Wednesday, 6/19 - Juneteenth
Thursday, 7/4 - Independence Day

Meeting Dates:
6/6 Zoning Commission
6/10 Trustee
*6/26 - Board of Zoning Appeals
7/8 Trustee
*7/11 - Zoning Commission
7/17 - Board of Zoning Appeals

** Due to scheduling issues the above have been moved by 1 week*



Shout Out to our recent Grads

Big Walnut and Olentangy local Schools both held their 2024 commencement ceremonies May 19th.
The township wishes all our graduates the best in their future endeavors.



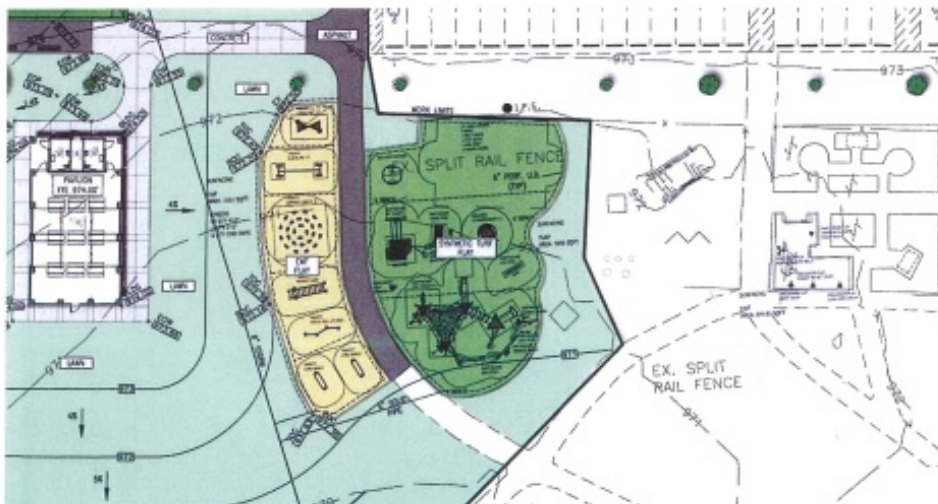
May 23rd is the last day of classes for both Big Walnut and Olentangy local schools.

Please be aware of early dismissal times and children playing during your commutes.

Township Highlights

Site Concept

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April 24, 2024



New Pavilion and Playground set to Break Ground

It has been nearly a year since the Berkshire Township parks committee was formed and held its first meeting on June 22nd, 2023. ***"The members of the committee have met consistently and worked diligently to form a great proposal that our design firm then made a reality" stated chairman Paul Disantis. "we are very grateful for the time and effort of all involved"***

Bids requests for the new Pavilion and Playground were advertised in April and on May 7th. Setterlin Building Company was chosen as the contractor who will be moving forward with the project. It is expected that site work will begin in June with playground expected to be complete by mid fall and the whole project is expected to be complete by year end 2024. When complete there will be a three-season pavilion with a footprint of approximately 2100 sq. foot that will have a headcount capacity of 75, and have attached restrooms. Additionally, there will be a two area accessible playground which will accommodate children of all ages. Originally, the project was to include basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, but due to site issues this phase has been postponed until the township and Delaware County can jointly solve some drainage issues that prevented permits for these amenities.

See full plans and follow updates on progress on our website www.berkshiretwp.org

Roundabout gets a Facelift



Berkshire Township maintenance crews gave the Roundabout located at Fourwinds Drive and Summit Drive a much needed upgrade. The original trees did not fair well and had died, and the grass was a constant maintenance issue. New shrubs, decorative rock and mulched flower beds add great curb appeal and also reduce upkeep.

Economic Development Update

- Berkshire Crossing - The new single family homes for rent located on Wilson Road are progressing nicely. All streets and utilities for phase one are installed. They are under construction with their first ten homes and have received an additional six permits at this time. When complete, there will be 100 homes in total.
- Northstar Apartments, also on Wilson Road, are nearing completion. The complex includes 240 one and two bedroom apartments with a club house and pool. They are nearing completion on the last buildings.
- Crews at The District at Berkshire, a Champion Apartment project located on Wilson Road across from the outlet mall have started on the club house and pool. The first apartment buildings should be started by June. There will be a total of 306 apartments when completed.
- Englefield Oil/ BP gas station and Duchess store on Route 37 has completed tear down and is in the rebuild phase with hopes to be open for business by September.
- Rental Stop has started construction on their new store located at the corner of Domigan Road and State Route 37. They are temporarily operating on Kintner Parkway until the new facility is completed this fall.
- Northstar Golf Club has started a clubhouse expansion. They are adding 13,600 square feet to the existing club house for meeting rooms, banquet facilities and locker rooms. They hope to be completed by November.

Trail



The .6 mile Berkshire Township path located at the township hall site, is scheduled to be paved and have a new fitness trail installed in 2024

This past month Berkshire Township was awarded a 2024 Healthy Communities Micro Grant (HCMG) through the Delaware Public Health District. The grant award of \$2,750.00 will cover the cost of installation and first year subscription for a QR F.I.T. Trail System which is a five-station, contactless, equipment-free, bodyweight training system. These stations will be installed around the township hall perimeter path allowing users to scan one of the QR codes accessing a Lower Body, Upper Body, Core or Flexibility video to perform a prescribed exercise. The system gets updates regularly while also keeping a library of videos to keep the experience fresh and interesting. We hope to have this system in place in the near future.

Community Spotlight

Disaster Loans for homeowners and renters

If you are located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Low-interest federal disaster loans are for **HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS**, plus **businesses of all sizes, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, small aquaculture businesses, and small agricultural cooperatives** impacted by the storms. All can apply for their **uncompensated losses** – i.e., their insurance wasn't enough to complete their repairs, or they didn't have insurance. **The Deadline to apply for a Physical Damage Disaster Loan is July 1, 2024.**



The Agency will waive the interest rate for the first year on new disaster loans and the first payment is deferred until the 12 month after receipt of the initial loan disbursement.

Individuals may apply online at www.sba.gov/disaster or call (800) 659-2955 to locate a local recovery Center.



President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The proclamation declared " that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states " are, and henceforward shall be free."

Juneteenth - 11th Federal Holiday

Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was made effective in 1863, there was no enforcement in places still under confederate control until much later.



Texas which was at the time the westernmost Confederate state would not have its slaves freed until June 19, 1865 when Union troops arrived and freed some 250,000 enslaved black people by an executive degree. Juneteenth which is also referred to as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Liberation Day is the celebration of this historic date.

Juneteenth is the is the first federal holiday established since Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983. President Joe Biden signed the bill on June 17, 2021, making Juneteenth the eleventh American federal holiday.



Delaware Public Health District Seeking Board of Health Representative

The Delaware District Advisory Council (DAC) is currently accepting letters of interest from people who would like to serve as a member of the Delaware Public Health District Board of Health. This Board appointment will serve a term that expires in March 2029. The appointee MUST RESIDE in either a township or village within Delaware County.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and qualifications to:
Delaware County District Advisory Council, c/o Delaware Public Health District – Garrett Guillozet, Health Commissioner, 470 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015 or to gguillozet@delawarehealth.org.



There is so much to do at your local library...

Take a look at the many fun activities and classes at the Community Library. The library offers a bit of everything for everyone. There are classic storytime's, music events and movies along side Tai Chi/Yoga and stretching classes. You can jump into a homesteading workshop with Nelle learning great vintage skills twice a month on 1st/3rd Mondays and new to the mix find some great food at the new **Food Trucks at the Library** which has its next event Wednesday May 29th from 11-2 with Ain't your Mama's Kitchen. Check out all the great offerings and sign ups at the link below.

[Visit our Website](#)

Community Events



This month is the kick off to various farmers markets around the area:

Sunbury - 51 E. Cherry Street Saturdays
9-1pm (May 25 through Sept. 28th)

Delaware - 20 E. Williams Street Saturdays
9-noon (May 25 through Oct. 26th)

Powell - 240 N. Liberty Street
9-noon (May 25 through Oct. 5th)

Westerville - 21 S. State Street
9-noon (May 18th - Sept. 28th)

Harlem Township - 3883 S. St. RT. 606
Thurs. 4-7 (May 23 - Oct. 24)



Market Hours

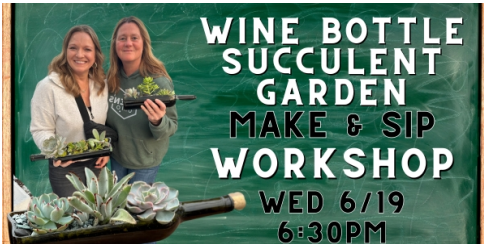
Mondays - closed
Tues. - Wed. 10-7
Thur. Sun 8-7

Current produce

(as of May 16th Facebook post)

Lettuce, kale, kohlrabi, green onions, rhubarb and some herbs (sage and spearmint). Don't forget the eggs!

[click on the barn for details](#)



Click on the logo for website and more information.

TangerOutlets

June through October
Every **Second Saturday from 12 PM - 2 PM**

Join us for **FREE** Family Fun! Enjoy live music, food trucks, sidewalk sales, crafts, and more! Second Saturdays activities take place near Nike and J. Crew. It's the best time to shop for the best deals while creating memories with your family and friends.

Check out deals/promotions and event highlights on their webpage.

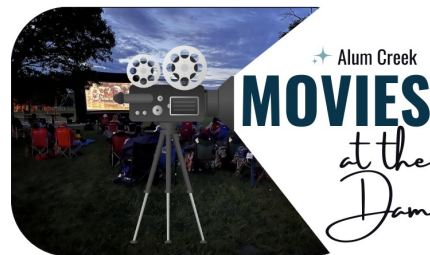
www.Tanger.com



May Madness

A kick off to summer with margaritas, music and mania! May Madness being held May 25th from 11-6pm, will have fun activities including: food trucks, island music, artist booths, water slides, fair games, summer beers, zany races, and sand sculptures! This will be a family friendly event, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Visit [website](#) for further details



MOVIES AT THE DAMN

Join us all summer long for some dam fun movie nights! Bring a blanket for an unforgettable **FREE** movie night series! Snacks are available for purchase through our good friends at SACCA.

Please note that movie start times vary throughout the summer due to the changes to the sunset time.

- June 15th: Black Panther @ 9:30pm
- July 27th: Barbie @ 9:30pm
- August 17th: Wonder Park @ 9pm
- September 21st: Migration @8pm

Alum Creek Marina

2024 Summer Concert Series

Free For All Ages!

May 26th. *Stop Drop and Roll*
June 1st. *Cami Nyx and The Shades*
June 8th. *Usual Suspects and The Repeat Offenders*
June 15th. *John Schwab*
June 22nd. *Reelin' In The Years*
June 29th. *Clubber Lang*
July 4th. *Jackass Genius*
July 6th. *Whiskey Would*
July 13th. *At It Again*
July 20th. *Tailgate Band*
July 27th. *Shucking Bubba*
August 3rd. *Travis Brown and The Drifters*
August 10th. *AJ Angelo*
August 17th. *Triple Creek*
August 24th. *Whiskey Would*
September 1st. *Jackass Genius*

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

Visit our website

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