



## MEMORIAL DAY NEWSLETTER



May 2022

1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

### Noteworthy



#### Township Offices Closed

5/30 - Memorial Day  
6/20 - Juneteenth Observance  
7/4 - Independence Day

#### Township Meetings:

Trustee - 2nd and 4th Mondays  
Zoning Board - 1st Thursday  
Zoning Board of Appeals - 3rd Wednesdays

*dates are subject to change  
check website for most up to date information*



May 11th the entire Berkshire staff as well as Trustee

Chairman Mike Datillo took a CPR refresher course. This was given by the BST&G staff. While we hope no one has to use the training we value the knowledge and being able to act in an emergency if needed.

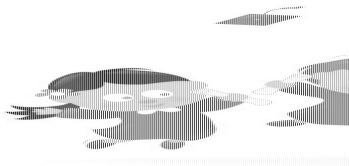


### HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### HOAs we are updating our files:

Please have a member of your board reach out and provide a listing of your current members and contact information.

Kevin Vaughn our township administrator would appreciate the opportunity to attending one of your HOA meetings to connect and talk about ways we may be able to help you and your community.



**Big Walnut High School** held its 2022 commencement this past Saturday, May 21st and **Olentangy Berlin High School's** commencement followed on Sunday May 22nd. Berkshire Township would like to congratulate all our graduates and their families!

### Township Highlights

## Zoning Notice - Vacancy Announcement

Due to a resignation of board member Alicia Robson, the Berkshire Township Board of Trustees is seeking letters of interest from anyone, who resides in and is an elector of Berkshire Township, Delaware County Ohio, who would like the opportunity to serve as a Zoning Board of Appeals member for the remaining term ending January 31, 2026. The Board of Zoning Appeals is a trustee-appointed board responsible for hearing all requests for variances, conditional uses, administrative appeals, and modification or substitution of non-conforming uses to the township zoning resolution. The zoning board of appeals meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed.

*Anyone interested please forward a letter of interest and resume to:*

**Tracy George - Administrative Assistant on or before Tuesday, June 7th.**

**Please email to [tgeorge@berkshiretwp.org](mailto:tgeorge@berkshiretwp.org) or mail to or deliver in person to the township office at 1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena OH 43021**

Check out our [township website](#) for:

- Up to date files on current zoning projects being proposed or in progress.
- Find meeting agendas and minutes.
- Download zoning application forms and find the cost of each application listed as well.

Give us a call with any questions. We are here to help!



## Welcome

Chris Sharlike joined the Berkshire Township Team this month. Chris lives in Sunbury and works full time at Sunbury United Methodist Church. Chris filled the newly created Board Clerk position and is now taking all minutes and recording township meetings.

*Minutes and recordings are posted once approved at the following regular meeting and appear on our website under Trustee or Zoning tabs.*

## Berkshire Cemetery

May marks the major Spring clean up of our Berkshire Cemetery. Our team has been busy with mowing, trimming and pouring new marker foundations which we do twice a year. They have also cleaned up old debris piles, removed some trees which were too close to the right a way and prepared for a new maintenance shed. We are also planning for a future memorial garden.



## Special Thanks to Berkshire Middle School

Members of the OBMS Service Club met at the Berkshire Township Hall for the second time to offer their help. Last Fall they concentrated on cleaning up our community gardens and preparing them for the Winter. This time they had fun filling new planters at the front of the building and sprucing up 3 existing and 1 additional birdhouse. The houses are proudly painted to represent Big Walnut and Berlin High Schools, The Ohio State University and one for our Berkshire Township. Stop by the gardens to check them out.



## Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the **Articles of Confederation** and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing **June 14 as Flag Day**.

According to the **U.S. Flag Code**, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning”. While this is the preferred way to dispose a flag, it can also be dangerous. A safer alternative to burning the flag is to donate it to your local government or other organization that accepts them. Any VFW or American Legion post will usually have a drop off. The American Legion Department of Ohio at 60 Big Run in Delaware just added a brand new drop box constructed by Tyler Pokorny of Boy Scout Troop 61 as his Eagle Scout project. Ace Hardware in Sunbury accepts old flags as well.



[Link to Fun Flag Facts](#)



To find out more about The American Legion and their purpose and programs click the link below.

[Find out more](#)

According to the Veterans Affairs Style Guide, **'veteran'** is always capitalized as **'Veteran,'** not unlike the DoD's insistence that Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines are always capitalized as well

## The American Legion

Founded in Paris France, according to their mission The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. Advocates of patriotism and honor, the organization focuses on services to veterans, servicemen and communities. From their American Legion Baseball, one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs; to the Operation Comfort Warriors program, multiple charity events, volunteering, scholarships and nonpartisan political influence this organization touches their members and communities in many ways.

Today there are nearly 2 million members and 13,000 posts worldwide with 55 departments, 1 in each state, D.C., Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines There are more than 20 Posts in and around the greater Columbus area including the The American Legion Department of Ohio in Delaware,

***The American Legion Post 457*** with the help of ***Boy Scout Troop 701*** will place flags on Veteran's graves at our Berkshire Cemetery at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27th



## Business Spotlight Tractor Supply Co.

Tractor Supply is located at 9945 E. SR 37 and will celebrate three years in the community this August. Jack Hamilton is the store manager and he along with eight of his current staff have been with this location since it opened.

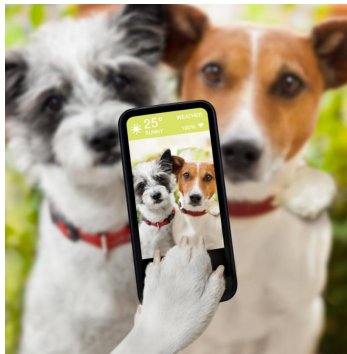
Tractor supply considers itself a chain with a wide variety of agricultural & livestock supplies, plus tools, workwear & boots. When I have visited this store it is much more than that. The

atmosphere is friendly and both workers and customers feel more like neighbors and friends. On my last visit there were chicks and ducks and bunny's ready to head home with the next potential 4H ribbon winner, as well as a guest vendor selling a number of patriotic items out front.

I recently took a really good look at the Tractor Supply website and found it to be really impressive. Beyond the basic store hours and offering online ordering with various delivery or pick-up options, there is much more including numerous links to Do-It-Yourself videos, how to articles, improvements tips and even recipes. You can find these links under their various Life out Here categories which include: Pets, Barn, Coop, Garden, Home/Land, Tool Shop, and Outdoor Life. Building a firepit, home remedies for getting rid of mosquitos, starting a charcoal fire and making the perfect steak all sound like a great start to the Memorial Day weekend.

[Check Out Tractor Supply](#)

[Tractor Supply is currently hiring](#) - See postings here



If you have been to our Township Hall, you know that we have some beautiful artwork on our walls. What you might not know is that was all taken by Berkshire Township residents of beautiful sites in our township. We are looking to add to this art and are looking for submissions. If you have a great photo of nature or architecture from in our township we would love to see it.

*If you would like to share a photo please email us at [tgeorge@berkshiretpw.org](mailto:tgeorge@berkshiretpw.org) Your photo must have details of when and where it was taken, who took the photo and any other information. Your submission will give permission if we decide to reproduce and display the photo.*

## Community Events

### Local area Farmer's Markets

- Buell's Farm/6867 Cheshire - Daily 7am - 9 pm
- Sunbury on the Square - Saturdays 9 - noon
- Delaware/20 E. Winter St - Saturdays 9 - noon
- Westerville at City Hall - Saturdays 9 - noon
- Westervelt Farms/724 Africa Rd - Daily noon - 7:30



The Community Library, will hold its **Summer Reading Challenge** from May 26-July23. Stop by the library to pick up a reading log beginning



May 26 or visit [www.yourcl.org](http://www.yourcl.org) and download the Beanstack app.  
The more you read, the more you win!

## **The National Freedom Ride**

May 28, 2022  
10:00AM - 2:00PM



Gather at Farrow North to begin the day at 9am. Riders will roll out at 10:30am and take 71 southbound into Columbus Ohio where they will proceed to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) and arrive at approximately 11am for live music, food trucks and discount admissions into the NVMM. Celebrate our FREEDOM and share in the patriotic celebrations of our Veterans!



## **BIG WALNUT EAGLES**

**Music Boosters Memorial Day Market** on the Sunbury town square - May 30th Join in a fundraiser to support Big Walnuts Music and Band programs. \$1 donation for entrance which includes access to 80-100 vendors, 5-8 food vendors and a kid's zone featuring bounce houses, face painting, area to design thank you cards for veterans and music from our High School Band members.

*All proceeds from this event will be spent directly on the music programs available for Big Walnut's students in 7-12 grade.*

**Tanger Outlets**

Second Saturdays,  
June - October  
12 PM - 4 PM

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.

Check the [website](#) for rotating truck schedule



## **St. John Neumann's Community Festival! June 17 & 18, 2022**

Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 17 & 18 and plan to attend the 8th Annual SJN Community Festival for a TON of FUN for all ages! This year's festival features include "DiCalcara's Italian Kitchen" with Deacon Carl's famous spaghetti and meatballs, a Sweet Shoppe, and a Silent Auction. We'll also have funnel cakes in the Jet's Pizza Pavilion, food trucks, kids' rides, music from The Conspiracy Band Friday evening and The Reaganomics Saturday evening, adult and children's midway games, a beer garden, and a raffle with CASH PRIZES!

Festival Hours  
Friday, June 17: 6:00 -11:00 pm  
Saturday, June 18: 5:00 -11:00 pm

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

[Visit our website](#)