



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2022

*The first day of Spring was Sunday, March 20th*

### Noteworthy



#### **Township Offices Closed**

5/3 - Election Day  
5/30 - Memorial Day

#### Earth Day

Earth Day is Friday, April 22nd  
The first Earth Day was in 1970.  
(Read more in the article below)



Mother's Day is May 8th  
Don't forget to take the time to  
remember mom



**Election Day is  
Tuesday May 3rd**  
visit

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

**Zoning Board** meets the 1st Thursday of each month  
**Trustee Meetings** are 2nd and 4th Mondays  
**Zoning Board of Appeals** as needed on 3rd Wednesdays



The Delaware County Engineer's Office has updated the "Township Connections" webpage, <https://engineer.co.delaware.oh.us/township-connections/>. This is a great resource page to find information useful to the Townships in Delaware County. In addition to the **2022 Road Construction Guide** There is an added a link for the 2022 **ODOT District 6 Construction Guide**.

### Township Highlights

#### **New Trustee**

**Paul Disantis appointed by Judge David A. Hejmanowski**

Effective January 1, 2022 Josh Varble resigned as township trustee. Josh and his family had decided to move from the township which leaving him unable to retain the seat. On February 24th Paul Disantis was appointed to the seat that was left vacant. Paul is an attorney who currently serves as Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio House of Representatives. He was previously Chairman of our Berkshire Township Zoning Commission and was a Captain in the United States Army Reserves where he was a JAG officer. Paul has been a resident of Berkshire Township for



nine years and he and his wife Sandra are excited to celebrate their twin daughters graduation in May from Olentangy Berlin High School.

## Your Berkshire Township Road Department

The Road Department has had some changes which started with the need to replace Justin Williams and the approval to add a third member both occurring early in 2022. Our staff went straight to work posting and reviewing dozens of resumes and holding interviews. We had some great candidates and ultimately choose Scott Hoffman as our new Supervisor who along with Connor Woodford were hired to joined the team in early March. These new team members along with our veteran Dan Hale are here daily to keep Berkshire Township a great place to live.



Scott Hoffman (center) Connor Woodford (left) and Dan Hale (right)

As Old Man winter is behind us the crew has been busy filling pot holes, checking road signs and culverts for replacement or repairs and beginning early Spring grounds maintenance. If you see the guys out and about please be cautious to not crowd trucks or pass without making sure the roads is clear to do so.



## From the Desk of our Zoning Inspector Do I need a permit?

*Hey, do I need a permit? The most common question we get. Here are a few items we get inquiries about all the time. This is a quick look list but if you really not sure please give us a call.*

*Note: All forms/guideline for your application are on our [website](#)*

### Permit needed for:

- Deck
- Patio with footers of any kind
- Shed (with or without a foundation)
- Pole Barn
- Pool

### No Permit needed for:

- Fences
- Paver Patio with no footers

## Community Gardens

Please consider joining Berkshire's start-up community garden club.

We have a beautiful space that we are trying to rejuvenate after the pandemic shut

## National Poppy Day

The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United



downs and other factors left it over grown and without community support.

Thanks to a couple great resident volunteers and a student group at Berkshire Middles School we are moving in the right direction but need a regular group to share some gardening love.

If you are interested please contact:  
Tracy George at the Township Office  
[tgeorge@berkshiretpw.org](mailto:tgeorge@berkshiretpw.org) /  
740.965.2992

States by asking Congress to designate the **Friday before Memorial Day**, as National Poppy Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. On May 28th wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.



## Little Free Library

Did you know that we have a Little Free Library right in our Berkshire Township Community Garden? On you next walk, come check it out or maybe bring a few books to donate. We will be regularly rotating out books and making sure there are a few options for everyone.



## History of Earth Day

The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.

—Gaylord Nelson (1916-2005), former governor of Wisconsin, founder of Earth Day

Surprisingly Earth Day was established in 1970. Prior to this there was no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nor any clean air or water acts. In other words, there were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment.

According to [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov), the official government website; Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force this issue onto the national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked! In December 1970, Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

*Note: You can find out more about this historical event by clicking the highlighted link above*

## Business Spotlight - Amazing Golf options in our Backyard



Designed by Dennis Griffiths, **Bent Tree Golf Club** is one of the best championship courses in the Columbus area. The course features bent grass tees, fairways and greens, as well as many bunkers and abundant water. There is also a twenty stall practice facility and a large putting green to help you to hone your stroke.

The course is open to the public but a full membership offers advanced scheduling of tee times before the public, free play at 5 other associated courses and a variety of other benefits.

In addition to the Bent Tree Golf Club's championship golf course, they offer the amenities of an elegant clubhouse with a relaxing outdoor patio, a grill room for casual dining and a beautiful banquet facility for up to 200 guest.

New membership will be available starting in October but be sure to check the course out now during public play.

Please call the golf shop at at 740-965-5140 or [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your tee time online for the best available rates 24/7

**Northstar Golf Club** is a semi-private club designed by John Cook with six sets of tees to accommodate players of all skill level. The 18-hole, par 72 course opened for play in July, 2007 with numerous sand traps, ponds, creeks and extensive wetland areas. Public bookings are available daily, Monday - Thursday and Friday - Sunday after 3pm.

The championship course is complemented by a beautiful clubhouse and patio area which is ideal for golf outings, wedding receptions, banquets, corporate events and private parties of up to 200 people. The restaurant is open to the public 10-9 and offer happy hour from 3-6. There is a pool complete with swim lanes and zero entry. Adjacent to the pool are two tennis courts and a large gazebo for casual outdoor dining.

Access to the pool and tennis facilities are part of the Golf Membership, separate Pool and Tennis Memberships can be purchased on an annual basis.

The links are calling [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule a tee time or call direct at (740) 524-4653 for main reception at Northstar



## Ohio Outdoor Fire Laws: What you Need to Know

During Spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green. Fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather can also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours. Materials to NEVER burn at anytime in Ohio include: Food Waste, Dead Animals or materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt or made from petroleum

### **Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires**

***This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Ban includes burning of yard waste, trash and debris even in a proper burn barrel.***

## Community Events

### Tanger Outlets

#### TangerStyle! runs until April 24<sup>th</sup>

TangerClub Members receive 25% off a single item or 20% off their entire purchase at participating stores. Tanger Insiders receives 15% off a single item or their entire purchase at participating stores.

**Click here for more information**

*Local artist, Birdy,  
created this 8 foot*



masterpiece of Maya Angelou in celebration of Black and Women's History Month. It's located across from Sunglass Hut.



MAY 14 & 15 2022 The 47th Delaware Arts Festival welcomes you back to downtown Delaware for two days of art, fun, food and entertainment the whole family can enjoy. Once again, a sea of white tents will line both sides of Sandusky and West Winter Streets with artists exhibiting their creative work including jewelry, leather creations, tie dyed art, pottery, paintings, photography and much more. Food trucks and musical entertainment are scheduled for South Sandusky Street. As in years past, the not-for-profit festival is awarding \$20,000 to three county wide senior high school art students to further their visual arts studies.



### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Event is held at General Rosecrans Elementary from 11am to 1:30pm on Saturday April 9th 2022. There will be Food, Inflatables, Games, Face Painting and Photos with the Easter Bunny  
Egg Hunt times:  
1:00 ages 0-3 - 1:15 ages 3-7 - 1:30 ages 8-10



April 16, 6 pm  
kicks off the  
season  
Delaware  
Cruise Nights  
2022

presented by the Delaware Knights Auto Club

We cruise downtown Delaware's Sandusky Street every 3rd Saturday of each month April through October. We donate to a charity each month and that donation table will be set up at RNR Tire on Sandusky Street. This months charity will be the Delaware Humane society, you can donate money or choose something from our list of items to bring. We appreciate everyone! Bring anything and everything you have to come out and cruise!

### Farrow Harley Davidson

May 21st Hotrods & Handlebars  
Don't miss the largest car and bike show of its kind at Farrow Harley-Davidson, a spectacular gathering of cool bikes and classic cars! This year Whiskey Would performs from 4-6 pm and we will feature Thunderstruck, America's AC/DC live and on stage 7-9 pm at Farrow North

2022 season is gonna start off with a bang!

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## Sunbury Memorial Day Flea - May 23

Come to Sunbury and visit more than 150 vendors offering timeless treasures, crafts, antiques, plants and food. Antique shops surround the square and two other flea markets are held nearby.



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

[Visit our website](#)

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