



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021



NEWSLETTER April 2025

Dates of Importance

Township Offices Closed

5/6 - Special Election day - *business office closed*
5/26 - Memorial Day



Easter -
Sunday, April 20th

Berkshire Township Public Meetings

Zoning Board

1st Thursday of each month *as needed*

Trustee Meetings

2nd Monday of each month

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Wednesday of each month *as needed*

Earth Day -

Tuesday, April 22nd
A 55 year old celebration of
Mother Earth.



Berkshire Community Pavilion Opening Day

Friday May 1st

Reservations available 5/1-10/30
details on our [website](#)



Mother's Day-
Sunday, May 11th
*Don't forget to take the time to
remember mom*



May 6th Special Election in Ohio

All regular polling locations will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Voter registration to participate in this election (if you are not already registered) is Monday, April 7th at 9p.m. In person voting at the Delaware County Board of elections is also available beginning Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Visit the website <https://vote.delawarecountyohio.gov/> for details and in-person voting schedule.

Issue 2 - a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution is on the ballot for all Ohio

Township Highlights

Rumpke reminders for residents:

- Please put your trash out the night before pick-up. Rumpke cannot be responsible for missed pickups if trash is not at the curb.
- Trash cans and bags should not exceed 50 lbs when filled.
- Please contact Rumpke at least 48hrs. before needing a large item or excessive amount of trash picked up. (additional fees may apply)
- Any mattress or upholstered items **MUST BE WRAPPED** and sealed in plastic or will not be picked up. Uhaul, Home Depot, Amazon and other stores sell plastic bags for this purpose. A drop cloth will also work well.
- According to Federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept **batteries**, **tires**, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.



- Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are also not acceptable.

When in doubt please contact Rumpke direct at (800) 828-8171. See [website](#) for more information.



Trustee Mike Dattilo (left) attending the ceremony led by Sons of the American Revolution (centered) on Saturday March 29th at Berkshire Cemetery. A memorial stone was placed in new garden area (photo right)

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

This past Saturday, the Sons of the American Revolution honored five Revolutionary War Veterans at a patriot grave marking ceremony at our Berkshire Cemetery.

The group led by Scott Humphrey, the Patriot Grave Marking Chair of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, honored *Andrew Himrod 1763-1842 *Crocker Jones 1748-1839 *Solomon Jones 1753-1822 *Ebenezer Landon 1759-1840 *Christian Loop 1754-1826. (There are a total of 10 Revolutionary War Veterans buried in our cemetery).

A memorial plaque was placed in a newly created memorial garden installed by our cemetery team last fall. There are plans for an additional plaque to honor the remaining revolutionary soldiers in the near future. The National Society Sons of the American Revolution (Benjamin Franklin Chapter) is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations to our group are tax deductible for IRS income tax purposes. If you would like to make a donation please click the link below and select "Grave Marking"

Donations Welcomed

Zoning Department Updates

As of January 31, 2025 the **Berkshire Township Zoning Commission** appointed Anthony Lonigro; who previously served a year on the Board of Zoning Appeals, replacing Austin Slattery who's 5-year term was up. They also appointed Jessica Duvall who was appointed as the Commission Alternate replacing Philip Pifer who left the board due to schedule conflicts.

The **Berkshire Township Board of Zoning Appeals** appointed Fred Grunewald to replace Scott Lillie who's 5-year term was up

Economic Development Updates

Ashford of Berkshire, a Wallick Community is a senior residential care facility that will be built on South Wilson Road across from the Tanger Outlet Mall. The community will include 108 units of assisted living and memory care. Residential amenities will include a commercial kitchen serving three meals a day, nursing care, multi-purpose rooms, salon, and fitness/rehab facilities. When fully operational the community will be staffed with 45 full-time jobs. Their hope is to be fully operational by the first quarter of 2027.

then moved Ellen Ebe from board alternate to full board member replacing Tony Lonigro who as mentioned above joined the Berkshire Township Zoning Commission. Finally, Erika Crawford was appointed to fill the alternate position.

All appointments and changes are made by the Berkshire Township Trustees.

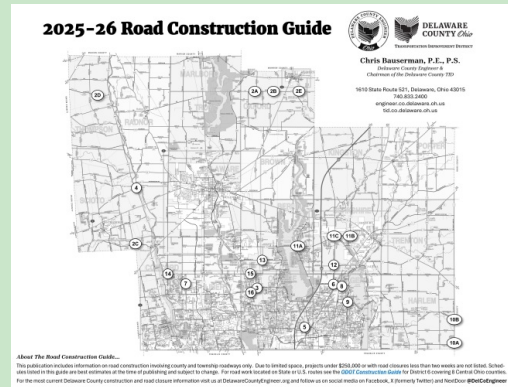
The Zoning Commission holds regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month and the Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed on the third Wednesday. All meetings are open to the public and agendas and legal notices for items being reviewed can be found on our website.

Greens at Northstar: Elysian Northstar LLC, an **Epcon Communities** franchise, has taken over the development of the condos located in the southeast corner of North Galena Road and Wilson Road. There are currently 22 condos built by the previous developer. Elysian applied for and received approval of an amendment to the final development plan to build 104 additional detached homes constructed in and among the existing condos. There will be single story units, some with walk-out basements overlooking Northstar Golf Course. These are individually owned condominiums with a community homeowners association for maintenance and upkeep. Construction has started on Phase 1.

Take Note:

Delaware County Engineer's Office recently published their [2025-26 Road Construction Guide](#).

Highlights that effect residents for 2025 close to home include Worthington and Lewis Center Road new peanut shaped roundabout. Lewis Center Road will be CLOSED from Rome Corners Road to State Route 3, And Worthington Road will Be CLOSED between Plumb Road and Sheffield Park Drive, from Monday (3/31/25) thru Sunday (6/1/25) for road widening and the construction of a peanut-shaped roundabout. Further east, State Route 3 and Lewis Center Road Intersection will undergo two phases, first getting new turn lanes and a traffic signal installed along with widening on SR 3 . Traffic is expected to be maintained for this but a widening on Lewis Center Road Starting at the new aforementioned peanut shaped roundabout will require a full closure for two months in late 2025 or 2026. For additional planned projects such as Cheshire Road Roundabouts and Rome Corners and Dustin Road intersection roundabouts projected for 2026, see posted updates at the [Delaware County Engineer's Office website](#).



National Digging Month

Many active diggers don't contact 811 before digging because they think their project is too shallow to require it, but the truth is, utilities can be buried just inches below the surface. The only way to know for sure is to contact 811 before any digging project. The service is free and only takes a few days to a week from time of your call. Even if you hire a professional contractor, check with them and make sure they have called or if they expect you as the property owner to make sure the call is made. Plan ahead and avoid major issues!

Severe Weather Season is upon us.

Just over one year ago on Thursday, March 14th Berkshire Township and surrounding communities were hit with severe tornados. While a tornado could occur during any month in Ohio our peak season is April - June. Please make sure that you stay aware of

WARNING	Severe weather has been observed or detected by doppler radar. Take action immediately!
WATCH	Conditions favorable for development of severe storms/tornadoes. Be prepared to take action.
OUTLOOK	Heads up that severe weather is possible on a given day. Check back for updates.

weather. Outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard by those outdoors and should not be your source of notice while in your home.

Please make sure you have an app on your phone such as Storm Shield or the Weather Channel and a NOAA weather radio is a great idea, if you don't already have one!



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 with a proper burn barrel. This is due to traditionally dry conditions and higher winds.

Per BST&G firepits are not included (3'x3' max)

Understanding today's utility pricing options

Ohio has a deregulated energy market which allows consumers to choose their suppliers for gas and electric encouraging competition. Your given utility company has what is referred to as a PTC (price to compare) Your utility bill will show your rate and it is easy to check rates for other suppliers, using the [Apples to Apples tool](#) on line. This tool allows consumers to compare rates and there is potential to save a good amount depending on your current supplier. Rates are offered in various term and time lines. Most may require locking in for a certain period of time but often there is no penalty for terminating early if you find a better deal. Most time frames range from 3 -24 months. Just before your term is up you will be notified to review and renew or you can switch to another supplier. Switching can be a bit bothersome but the savings are often worth the time. Make sure to review the terms and if your not sure have someone who you trust look over your options. Key facts to know:

- You have the freedom to choose the company to supply the generation of your electricity, but your local utility (like Duke Energy, AEP Ohio, or AES Ohio) will still be responsible for delivering the electricity to your home and maintaining the infrastructure (poles, wires, etc.). i.e. there will be no change in service
- You will continue to receive and pay your local utility bill just as you always have, although you will probably see some charges separated out.
- If you pick an alternative supplier, the new supplier will notify your utility company of the change, and you have a grace period (usually 7 days) to cancel the contract if needed.

Community Events



First Fridays are from 6 pm – 9 pm and each month offers a different themed event, free children's activities, and businesses stay open late.

The first event of the season on April 4th is celebrating wellness of all types.

- Main stage with entertainment and education throughout the night, located at the Winter and Sandusky Streets intersection.
- Rec Zone with corn hole, basketball, and



*Living Word Lutheran Church
7935 Dustin Road, Galena April 12, 2-4 p.m.*

more!

COSI will be the May 2nd event
Find events/details at [Main Street Delaware](#)



Check out all the great events at [Harley Davidson North:](#)

- Start up Saturday's weekly at 10 AM with service donuts and coffee
- April 19th - QFC Money Machine NOON & Easter Bunny 12-4
- May 3rd - Cinco de Mayo celebration with Music/Food/Drinks
- May 17th - Thunder Tunnel - Breast Cancer Awareness ride followed by Food/Drinks/Prizes and QFC Money Machine



**SAMBUCA'S
TERRARIUM
WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY
APRIL
10TH
6:30 PM**

**ALL
INSTRUCTIONS
AND MATERIAL
INCLUDED!**



**COMMUNITY
EASTER
EGG HUNT**

General Rosecrans
Elementary

**April 12, 2025
Noon - 3pm
Egg Hunt @ 2pm**

* Food Trucks *
Face Painting * Inflatables

Rain Date - April 13



The egg hunt kicks off at 2pm, and there's fun for the whole family with food trucks, face painting, and inflatable fun! Don't miss out on this egg-citing day!



**Easter
EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 19th
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Hop on over for a visit with the Easter Bunny and enjoy fun Easter activities!

Ruffner Park, 183 Harrison Street

There will be pictures, games, snacks and meet the Easter Bunny starting at noon.

Saturday, April 19, 2025
12:00PM 2:05PM
(Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1pm)

Ruffner Park



MAY 17-18 The 50th Delaware Arts Festival welcomes you back to downtown Delaware for two days of art, fun, food and entertainment the whole family can enjoy. The Festival is completely volunteer run, and dedicated to providing scholarships for Delaware County high school graduates who are continuing their



SAMBUCA'S
MAKE & TAKE
WORKSHOP

TEA FOR TWO
COOKIE DECORATING
CLASS

MAY 9TH
6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR ARRANGING
FLOWERS BUT IN A
WHOLE DIFFERENT WAY!
CHRISTINE MEYER,
OWNER OF COOKIEBURG,
WILL BE TEACHING US
HOW DECORATE THESE
FLOWER COOKIES IN TEA
CUP PERFECT FOR
GIFTING TO MOM FOR
MOTHER'S DAY!

INSTRUCTED BY: COOKIEBURG

[Link to website](#)



From traditional story times to cooking classes, yoga, coding, crafts and more the Community Library has something for everyone. Have you submitted your taxes? They can help with that too... Take a look at all their services and events on their website.

[Visit our Website](#)

studies in the visual arts at the university level. Artists exhibiting their work, food trucks and musical entertainment are scheduled for South Sandusky Street. For more details [CLICK HERE](#)



NAMI Walks
Mid-Ohio

Make connections. Inspire hope.
Change lives.

Saturday May 17, 2025
9am - Noon Tanger Outlets
(Sunbury, Ohio)
NAMIWalks.org/MidOhio

Join us on May 17th at the Tanger Outlets in Sunbury for a day of fun, music, food, and family-friendly activities, all while supporting mental health in our community. every step you take makes a difference!

NAMIWalks.org/MidOhio



Delaware Community Conversations: Meaningful Movies The Housing Challenge



APRIL 1
**The Pursuit
of Happyness**
7:00 p.m.



APRIL 8
The Public
7:00 p.m.



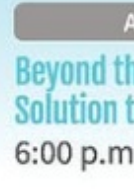
APRIL 15
**The Fisher
King**
7:00 p.m.



APRIL 22
**The Lady in
the Van**
7:00 p.m.



APRIL 29
**Under the
Bridge: The
Criminalization
of Homelessness**
6:00 p.m.



APRIL 30
**Beyond the Bridge: A
Solution to Homelessness**
6:00 p.m.

Please check showtimes.
Doors open 30 minutes
prior to showtime.



The Strand Theatre | 28 East Winter Street | Downtown Delaware | strandtheatreoh.org

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

[Visit our website](#)

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