



Summer Kick Off Newsletter



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

June 2, 2026

Noteworthy



Township Offices Closed

Friday, 6/19 - Juneteenth
Friday, 7/3 - Observance of
Independence Day

Township Meeting Dates:

Trustee - 2nd Mondays

Zoning Commission - 1st Thursdays

(Note June date changed to 6/11)

(Note July date adjusted to 7/9)

Zoning Board of Appeals -
3rd Wednesdays

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

Class of 2026

Shout Out to our recent High School Graduates

Big Walnut High School held its
commencement

Saturday, May 16th

Olentangy Berlin High School
held commencements Saturday,
May 30th.

Delaware Area Career Center
held their Completion
Ceremony Thursday, May 21st

Berkshire Township would like
to congratulate
all our graduates and their
families!



The Little Library is in need of kids books.

As our park has gained popularity,
so has our little free library. We
are in need of refreshing our
books. If you have enjoyed a book
or two, please consider donating
some back. Books can be added
directly to the library or dropped at
our office.

Township Highlights

Township seeing many personnel changes this Spring

Tyler Lane the township administrator for the last three years, informed the township trustees of his resignation in April. Tyler and his family are moving out of state with new opportunities on the horizon. Tyler helped see the township through completion of our recent park's projects including the basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. Tyler and his wife were woven into the community and will be missed by many.

The township administrator position has been filled by Kevin Vaughn as of May 4th. Kevin is no stranger to Berkshire Township as he held the administrator role for nearly three years prior to Mr. Lane. Kevin was enjoying retirement but circumstances aligned and he and the trustees agreed that he was not done with his calling in the government sector. Kevin began the building expansion and playground projects along with being a key player in a number of economic development projects that are now completed or in process within the township. Please help us welcome Kevin back.

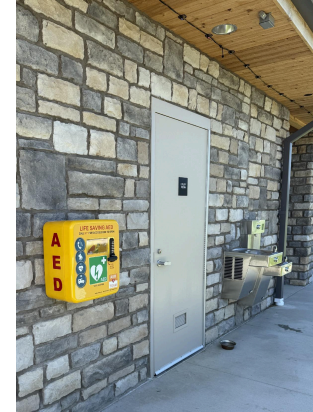
At the May 11th Trustee meeting, trustee Paul Disantis informed the Board of Trustees that he had made the decision to move from the township and therefore was no longer eligible to serve as a

trustee. Paul had held his position since June of 2022 and was a proponent of the parks, pushing to establish the parks committee and oversee the playground project. Paul was also chairman of the zoning board for many years prior to becoming a trustee. Paul's dedication to the township will be missed.

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, trustees Mike Dattilo and Mary Howard will appoint a new trustee to complete the balance of Paul's term which runs through December of 2027. The township accepted letters of interest through Friday, May 22nd and is the process of interviewing candidates and choosing Paul's successor.

Putting your Safety First

A state of the art AED security box and new AED have been installed for the Berkshire Community Park area. The unit is installed on the North side of the pavilion near the drinking fountain and facing the ball courts. To access simply dial the number on the box. The caller will be seamlessly connected to 911 for a code to open the box and access the AED and EMS will be alerted and dispatched. Once used the AED will be restored to the locked box. This system will aide in preventing any theft or tampering with the equipment and offer seamless connection to life saving teams in our area.



Courts Open at Last



While we had hoped that the new courts would be ready for use in April, Mother Nature had a different plan, deluging Central Ohio with a seesaw of temperatures and rain. Vasco construction finally got the break they were waiting for, and topcoats, linage and final touches were completed and the gates opened on May 18th. That afternoon players hit the courts, and each day has brought more court action.

We know pickleball is especially popular, there is an on-deck rack installed to help facilitate rotation of play. Please be courteous and share court time as needed.

Pavilion Rentals

After reviewing various requests, the township has decided to allow the pavilion doors to be opened or closed by renters allowing for adjustments based on the weather conditions. Please make sure that you use caution when operating keeping fingers out of tracking and being mindful of anyone that could be in the way of the doors, especially when bringing them down.

Road to Improvement



The roads crew has been very busy this Spring. In addition to the first full round of roadside mowing, (top left) nearly 100 tons of berm stone have been put down on the township roads. Stone on the edge of the road, acts as support for the road's edge and creates a smooth transition from road to pavement ditch. There was also a major project on Dustin Road where the waterway was washing away the roadside and the crew was able to redirect that waterway to allow better flow. They additionally installed rock to slow the erosion along the roadside. (top right)

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



Join the Berkshire Township Trustees as they host a Flag Day Celebration on Sunday, June 14th. We will kick off the day with Firefighter's Honor Guard presenting the colors and a Big Walnut student performing the National Anthem. A patriotic kid's parade will follow with our maintenance team leading kids around the path. Bikes, scooters, wagons and the like; or on foot, kids of all ages are welcome to join. Everyone is encouraged to sport red, white and blue and decorate

Flag Day in the United States is observed annually on June 14, and commemorates the adoption of the American flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.



According to PBS (Public Broadcast System), President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 designating June 14th as Flag Day and in 1949 President Harry Truman officially designated the date of National Flag Day. It's a day to celebrate the nation's flag, to reaffirm allegiance to the nation, honor the values of liberty and justice and remember the sacrifices made to secure freedom.

their means of transportation. Treats will be provided for all participants. At the conclusion of the parade grab a hot dog lunch and enjoy socializing with your neighbors and checking out the America 250 booth, while the kids hunt for Uncle Sam in a scavenger hunt. We hope to see you all there.

(rain date - Monday June 15th - 5 p.m.)

The American flag, has changed 27 times to date. Today, It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the top left corner or canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies

Community Spotlight



BST&G Fire moves into new station

Per a post on their Facebook page, BST&G's Station 352 and Medic 11, became operational on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 0700 hours!

"This is a monumental moment for the fire district, Delaware County EMS and the entire community. We are so thankful for our residents, because we couldn't have done this without your continued and amazing support!"

The station has a Dedication and Grand Opening Ceremony/Open House on the horizon. Please follow the [BST&G Facebook page](#) for further details.



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Freedom Train

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250
GALENA
OHIO
BERKSHIRE

HONOR SERVICE • SACRIFICE

FREEDOM TRAIN

RIDE. REPRESENT. BE RECOGNIZED.
APPLY TODAY!

HONORING YOUR SERVICE. CELEBRATING AMERICA 250.



BE A PARADE HERO!
HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

VOLUNTEER AND GET THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE!
Positioned by your family!

Join the fun and make a difference! We're looking for friendly volunteers to help keep our parade safe, organized, and enjoyable for everyone.

AS A VOLUNTEER, YOU'LL:

- ENJOY FRONT ROW VIEWS - the best seat in the house!
- BE PART OF THE ACTION - help your community shine!
- MAKE IT MEMORABLE - for you, your family, and the whole community!

FUN • COMMUNITY • PRIDE • YOU!

SIGN UP TODAY!
Let's make this year's parade the safest and best one yet!

Our parade. Our community. Our responsibility. Let's do this **TOGETHER!**

VOLUNTEER. WATCH. CELEBRATE. KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

Get Involved - Meet you Neighbors - Join the Fun!

Community Events



YOUTH FISHING DERBY!
TERRY HUMMEL MEMORIAL

FREE! FOR ALL AGES
(Prizes for ages 1-18)

SUNBURY UPGROUND RESERVOIR
OTIS ST, SUNBURY, OH

SAT, JUNE 6, 2026
8 AM - 1 PM

POLES & BAIT PROVIDED!
Or Bring Your Own!

FREE LUNCH!

STOCKED RESERVOIR!

AWESOME PRIZES!
Poles, Lures, Gear

JUST SHOW UP READY TO FISH!
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
For Details: www.americanlegionsunbury.com

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Sunbury - 51 E. Cherry Street
New Format - Second Saturdays June - September. See social media for theme and times

Delaware - 20 E. Williams Street Saturdays
9-noon (May 23rd through Oct. 31st)

Powell - 240 N. Liberty Street
9-noon (May 23rd through Oct. 3rd)

Westerville - COHatch/North High Brewing
9-noon (May 16th - Sept. 26th)

Harlem Township - 3858 S. St. Rt 605
Wednesdays. 4-7 (May 21st - Aug 27th)

Buell Homestead - 6867 Cheshire Road
Tuesday - Sunday 10-7 (Year Round) Eggs, Seasonal Produce and more

Click link of each location above for details

Summer is here and if you don't know about Culture Pass Plus, check this out!

Culture Pass plus



Culture Pass Plus is a way to get tickets and discounts to explore

culture at Central Ohio organizations with your library card. Enjoy places like Columbus Museum of Art, Dawes Arboretum, Sunbury Performing Arts, Columbus Clippers, Olentangy Caverns, Veterans Memorial and more.... check out all the options [HERE](#)

As always, don't miss all the story times, great classes and even food trucks at your local library. **Click logo for library website.**



**Big Walnut Civic Association Presents
Movies on the Square**

June 5th - Miracle, July 3th - Captain America (Miller Park - Galena) August 6th - GOAT

Visit [website](#) for further details



Visit Main Street Delaware's Website



Wheels for Meals charity car show

Enjoy live music by The Gemstones, food trucks, activities for kids, opportunities to meet adoptable pets from the Humane Society of Delaware County, and a chance to explore a fire engine from the Delaware City Fire Department.

You can also connect with community partners on Thrive Drive, check out a Meals on Wheels delivery van, and learn about a typical delivery route.

CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS: Register your car at MySourcePoint.org/carshow2026/

Meals on Wheels program serves over 1,200 meals per day to over 600 people in Delaware County.



Live music on West Winter Street from local bands! Admission is free. 7 to 9 p.m.
June 10 – Gentlemen of the Road
August 12 – The Thirsty Travelers



Friday, June 19 | 6:00–11:00 pm
Saturday, June 20 | 5:00–11:00 pm
Get ready for TWO unforgettable nights of faith, family fun, food, music, and community! All capped off with fireworks on Saturday night. There's something for everyone at this year's festival which kicks off a year-long celebration marking 50 years since St. John Neumann's canonization and our parish's first Mass in Sunbury.

[click logo for link](#)



You probably knew that Preservation Parks was packed with fun nature and craft events but did you know they had a concert series this summer. Check out the fun Thursdays starting in July at Gallant Woods Park. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a food truck and music this summer! Concerts are free and fun entertainment for all ages.

July 2 – 122nd Army Band (Patriotic Big Band)
July 9 – Just Jazz Live (Jazz, Motown, Pop)
July 16 – Roscommon Sessions (Irish Band)
July 23 – OSU Alumni Band (Big Band)
July 30 – The Joint Rockers (Rock & Blues)
August 6 – Sensational Soul Brothers (Blues Brothers Tribute)

Click on the logo above for more details and full schedule of summer events.



4th of July Fun & Fireworks Sunbury in conjunction with Village of Galena and Berkshire Township

Star Spangled Banner 9:45 am
Parade 10 am

Kids Zone and Food Trucks
6:00 pm

Glow - Foam Party
8:30pm

Fireworks at Dusk...around 9pm

[Big Walnut America 250](#)

Tanger[®]Outlets



Pride Celebration
June 12 1:00-3:00PM

Join Tanger Outlets near Nike for a family-friendly Pride

Celebration, in partnership with Delaware Ohio Pride.

Enjoy live music, free treats (while supplies last), and fun for all as we come together to celebrate love, inclusion, and community. Come as you are—everyone is welcome.

Visit [Tanger Events](#) for more details.

2026 Summer Events

LIVE MUSIC SERIES · LEWIS CENTER, OHIO

Alum Creek Lake · Thu · Fri · Sat · Free Admission · Dockside Stage

ALL PERFORMANCES · 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM · FREE ADMISSION

Fri & Sat — Band Night Thursday — Solo Artist Special Event

JUNE

THU

11

JUN

Jon Cross

Country · Singer-Songwriter
Central Ohio country artist — today's hits & 90s favorites.

SOLO

SAT

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JUN

John Schwab Band

Classic Rock · Country · Soul
Lead vocalist of Ohio's legendary McGuffey Lane — Hendrix to Buffett, James Brown to Taylor.

BAND

JULY

FRI

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JUL

Mason Hasting

Country · Singer-Songwriter
Columbus country artist kicks off 4th of July weekend dockside on the lake!

4th of July SPECIAL

FRI

17

JUL

The Usual Suspects

70s-90s Rock · Soul · Motown · Blues
High-energy 10-piece Columbus band with full 4-piece horn section. Blues Brothers to Skynyrd.

BAND

THU

23

JUL

Tim Owings

Acoustic · One-Man Band · All Genres
25 years on Ohio stages, 300+ songs — guitar, harmonica & live drum machine, all at once.

SOLO

AUGUST

SAT

8

AUG

Whiskey Would

Blues · Country · Rock
Columbus crowd favorite — top central Ohio vocalists & players crossing genres and decades.

BAND

THU

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AUG

Drew Allan

Pop · Rock · Classic Rock · R&B
Columbus singer-songwriter — pop, rock, blues, country, soul & island vibes.

SOLO

SEPTEMBER

THU

17

SEP

Tim Owings

Acoustic · One-Man Band · All Genres
Returns to close out the 2026 season — crowd favorite back for one final lakeside night.

SOLO

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

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