



1454 Rome Corners Road, Galena, OH 43021

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2026



Noteworthy



Offices Closed
2/16 - President's Day

Township Meetings:
Trustee - 2nd Monday
Zoning Commission - 1st Thursday
Board of Zoning Appeals - 3rd Wednesday

dates are subject to change check our [website](#) for the most current information

Buckeye Chuck, who has a 70% history of accuracy
...didn't see his shadow.
Early Spring! ... Lets Hope!



Daylight Savings
Sunday, March 8th at 2AM.
Don't forget to push those clocks ahead by one hour.

Your local Fire Department of BST&G recommends checking all fire and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are in working order / replacing their batteries



Valentine's Day - Saturday, **February 14th**
Chinese New Years - Tuesday, **February 17th**
St. Patrick's Day - Tuesday, **March 17th**
First Day of Spring - Friday **March 20th**



Random Acts of Kindness Week® **February 14-20**

The RAK foundation offers many ways to show kindness including supporting local business, donating your time or other resources, showing gratitude to someone who has helped you and even taking care of yourself so you're more positive to others.

When we choose kindness, our brains light up with oxytocin, dopamine, and connection; reminding us that kindness is not just good for the world, it is good for us. Help turn one week into a year-round habit.

Township Highlights

Congratulations to newly-elected Trustee Mary Howard (see article below) and re-elected Trustee Mike Dattilo. Both join Trustee Paul Disantis as your Berkshire Township Board of Trustees.

Mary Howard took office on January 1, 2026.

Our newest trustee, Mary Howard, is not our first female trustee, but she is only the second in our 220 year township history. (*Sylvia J. Hartsook being our first who served as trustee from 1992- 1999.*)



Mary was born in Maryland but has called Ohio and Delaware County home since 1984 when she attended Ohio Wesleyan University where she graduated with a degree in elementary education. She has lived in Berkshire Township for 15 years and at her current residence on South Galena Road the last eight. Mary has made it her passion to be involved in civic organizations since helping start the Ohio Wesleyan Club Equestrian Team. She currently is active in Sunbury-Galena Rotary Club and Women Giving Together. She is committed to being informed and trying to learn all she can about township and city government. While most days Mary fills her time with meetings of her various affiliations, when she has down time she enjoys working around her farm, riding her horse, playing with her three dogs and cheering on the Buckeyes, Reds and Bengals.



Pavilion Rentals

Even though the weather is blustery outside, warm months will be here soon and Berkshire Township opens our community pavilion rental season on May 1st. We accept reservations from any resident up to 6 months in advance for a 4 hour window any day between sunrise and sunset. We are currently booking through July.

After a successful first season we expect to be even busier in 2026. Please contact the office for current availability. (740) 965-2992 ext.3 Rental rules along with applications can be downloaded from our website.

<https://berkshiretwp.org/rentals>

Understanding Zoning Terminology

This ran a couple years ago and is worth repeating.

When filling out any of basic zoning applications you may run across terms that are not that familiar. Likewise, when you call in regarding certain road issues terms get referenced that may be confusing. Here are a few terms clarified:

Right-of Way - Corridors of land of varying dimensions (typically 30 - 150 wide) that accommodate civil services such as electric lines or storm drains.

Easement - A legal agreement with a landowner that permits access to the property. This may be to construct and operate facilities.

Easements and right-of-way are property rights, and recorded easement agreements are part of the effected real estate's title. Most are perpetual meaning they affect and apply to the new owner when a property is sold and transferred. Individuals should review these items before purchasing property or deciding to construct on their current property.

According to the Delaware County Engineer's website. "*Delaware County requires that any person, contractor, agency, company, utility, etc. wishing to perform work of any kind within the public right-of-way (R/W) of Delaware County and Township roads or easements obtain a permit before performing the work. This shall include the installation of driveways, drive pipes, the construction or reconstruction of road ditches, the installation or repair of utilities, road closures, etc, and/or occupying said right-of-way or easements for any purpose whatsoever*"

ODOT/Delaware County Engineer's Office Road Construction

Last year's Delaware County Roads Construction Guide highlighted three projects on the horizon within Berkshire Township.

First up Rome Corners and Dustin Road intersection where a new single-lane roundabout with drainage upgrades is expected to take place. Updated scheduling shows utility relocation in 2026 and actual construction now scheduled for 2027.

There will be three roundabouts across Cheshire Road. The first two are expected in 2027 and include South Galena/Rome Corners 5 point intersection and Golf Course Road including Millstone Drive. The third which will be at Africa Road is still undetermined as to its construction schedule.

The 2026/27 Construction Guide is set to be updated soon with further details. The most up to date guide can be found on this link to the [The Engineer's website](#)



Camping World - Finally OPEN

Long awaited Camping World at 395 North Wilson Road just North of SR36/37 had a soft opening this past Monday.

There will be an official Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, March 12th. Camping World takes great pride in their signature American Flags. At the opening which will be held at 10AM staff along with local veterans, police and fire will assist in raising the 40'x80' flag to the top of the 130' flag pole.

It's Tax Season

Filing your 2025 Tax forms

January 31st is the typical deadline for receiving your tax documents. If you haven't received your appropriate forms by now, check to see if they are available online or contact your employer or financial institution to inquire.

Your Delaware County District Library locations provide federal, state, municipal, and school district tax forms as needed on demand. Library staff can find the forms, print them, and print instructions, but cannot provide any advice on how to fill them out. The first copy of any tax form is printed for patrons free of charge, and the first 10 pages of printed instructions will be offered for free. Locally the Community Library has two by appointment help sessions scheduled for Friday, February 6th and Friday February 20th 9am-5pm. Check other area County Libraries for other available dates. Check this link for many other resources. <https://www.delawarelibrary.org/taxes/>

Watch for scammers. The IRS will never initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. Visit www.IRS.gov to learn further red flags of a scam and how to know if it's the IRS really contacting you.

Berkshire Township does not have an income tax

While Berkshire Township does not have an income tax, it does have two Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDDs). A JEDD is an agreement with a municipality and a township that allows the township to administer the municipality's income tax over a designated area. The portion of this income tax the Township receives helps pay for the public infrastructure of the immediate area surrounding your development along with other needed capital expenditures. The City of

Delaware collects the tax for JEDDs on our behalf should you work or live within its area. The City of Delaware can be reached at 740-203-1229 or you can visit their [website here](#).

Any specific questions should be directed to those who complete your tax returns.

Local/Community Events

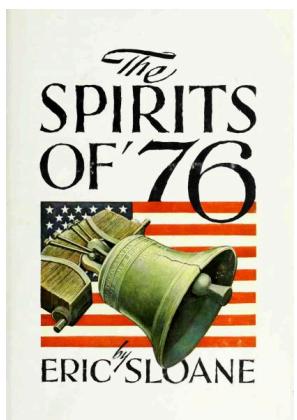


Community Library
Serving the Big Walnut Area



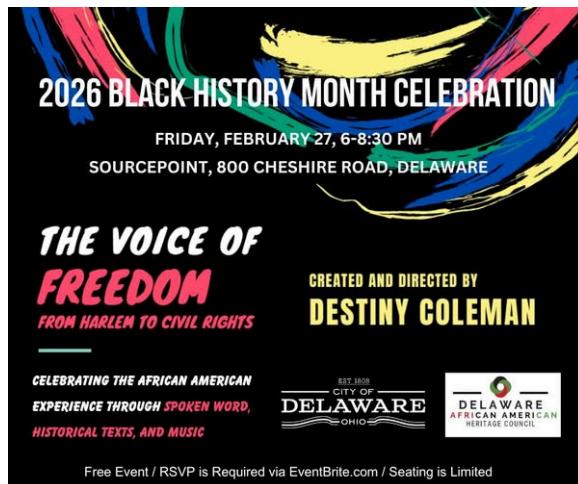
The library has officially started the Winter Reading Challenge where Reading is Dino-Mite! Preschool - Young Adults, read for prizes all month long.

Get started at yourcl.beanstack.com or stop by the library for a reading log!



Starting in January 2026, the Community Library will be hosting a monthly discussion group where participants are encouraged to engage in thoughtful dialogue with respect to America's Semiquintcentennial. Conversations will be themed around

Eric Sloane's book, The Spirits of '76. Each month, participants will cover a chapter from the book, which will be made available to participants prior to the discussion. This program is designed to be flexible, so attendees can participate in as many or as few sessions as they like.



Free Event / RSVP is Required via EventBrite.com / Seating is Limited

Details and reservations [CLICK HERE](#)



MAPLE SUGAR FEST
February 21st 10AM-2PM

Bring the whole family and celebrate the maple sugar season with us as you walk the Storybook Trail out to the Sugar Shack where you'll learn how to tap a tree, taste maple sap and syrup, observe the cooking process and more. After your adventure, visit the newborn farm babies, take a tour of the greenhouse, and warm up by the fire. Before you head home, stop in the farm store to take home some local, pure maple syrup for the ultimate pancake breakfast at home. It doesn't get much sweeter than that! ***\$10 Registration is required.** Limited spots available per arrival time. Arrival times are offered every half hour with the final arrival time at 12:30pm.

Basic Tours are also available on Feb 14th and 28th

Check out the Library Website for full list of great classes and events

**Main Street
Delaware Presents
Crafty Crawl
Feb 6th 6-8PM**

Join us for a hands-on First Friday where creativity takes over downtown! During the Crafty Crawl, local businesses will host mini creative pop-ups offering kid-friendly and adult-centric craft experiences, classes & DIYs – some free & some paid, a complete list of participating businesses and their activity is available at the link below and our Mainstreet Delaware social media. You can also pick up a printed map at the Delaware Welcome Center



[Information and registration HERE](#)

[Tickets](#)

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

[Visit our Website](#)

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