



## Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....November 2018

Greetings!

By now we've all had our fill of political ads. In a few days, those will be over for a while. (But by all means, don't be so turned off by ads that you fail to vote on or before November 6th. That right is still one of our most important as American citizens.)



On a different political note, on October 22 the township trustees passed a resolution in support of **House Bill 602 - "The Clean Water Fair Pricing Act."** We're asking our residents to contact your state officials in support of this bill.

### What's this about?

- Development and economic opportunities in rural townships hinge on sewer service availability.
- Recently, in spite of our repeated requests to be part of the discussion with the County regarding future sewer service for areas of Berkshire, an agreement was signed with the Village of Sunbury which, we believe, circumvents the best interest of some township landowners. The township had no input. In the agreement, the County has agreed to provide sewer to a certain section of Berkshire, while granting Sunbury the authority to provide sewer to other sections of the township.
- The issue is that existing non-village residents in the Sunbury-served area can be charged a higher rate for their service - with no limit as to what that rate can be - **or** they must annex into Sunbury in order to have sewer at the same cost as other village residents.
- If they sell their property and the new owner/developer needs sewer, they **MUST** annex to receive it.
- This practice is considered predatory and unfair by many legislators.
- Another fact - **state tax dollars paid by all of us** are used by the municipalities to build the sewer systems. They are then allowed to discriminate based on where you live to overcharge for the sewer service.

**HB 602 - The Clean Water Fair Pricing Act "** would prohibit any municipality in Ohio that accepts state funding for water and sewer system upgrades from overcharging any consumer based on where they live. It would prohibit what amounts to railroading landowners into annexation in order to be provided with basic sanitary service at a fair price. According to its sponsor, Representative Mike Duffey, this bill will stop these unfair practices.

**Below is a box with links to more info on this issue and a list of contact info for your local legislators.** Please let your voice be heard.

You may also Contact Jeff George at our office at 740-965-2992 with questions on this matter.

**NOTICE: THE TOWNSHIP'S TRASH DAY IS CHANGING TO THURSDAY - see article below**

Sincerely,  
Rod Myers, Bill Holtry and Mike Dattilo, Township Trustees

Always, for the most up-to-the minute info, be sure to visit the [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#) and [TOWNSHIP NEWS](#) page on our website.

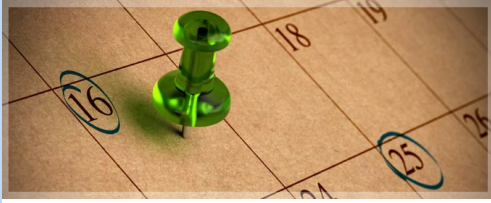
## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER 2018

- Wednesday, Oct. 31 **Trick-or-Treat** for kids in the Villages of Sunbury and Galena is this night.

### NOVEMBER 2018

- Thursday, November 1 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 6 ELECTION DAY**



*All events listed take place at the Berkshire Township Hall, 1454 Rome Corners Rd., Galena OH 43021 unless otherwise noted*

- Monday, November 12 VETERANS DAY, Township offices closed
- Thursday, November 14 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Thursday, November 15 7:00 Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, November 26 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

**DECEMBER 2018**

- Thursday, December 6 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, December 10 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, December 19 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- **Tuesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS Township Offices Closed**
- Thursday, December 27 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public



**TRASH and RECYCLE NEWS**

**TRASH PICKUP DAY CHANGES TO THURSDAY EFFECTIVE NOV. 8th**

You should be receiving a postcard and/or robocall from Republic Waste in the next week advising you that the **trash pickup day for the entire township will change from Friday to Thursday, effective Thursday, November 8th.** This should help so if some pickups are missed they can be made on Friday instead of sitting over the weekend.

The current contract for trash for the township expires early in 2019. The trustees are in the process of reviewing bid proposals. We will keep everyone informed as the process moves forward. In the meantime, the contact info to use for Republic is below.

Why do we use a single hauler? For residents who may not be familiar with the decision, the choice to contract with one hauler was made for several reasons, but the main ones were: 1) Economics (it saved the majority of residents quite a bit on their monthly bill, (plus added recycling) and 2) Safety/Maintenance (it greatly reduced the number of heavy trucks on our roads daily - saving road wear and tear and making our streets safer for kids.)

**Republic Services contact person for trash/recycling pick-up issues is Vic Citro**  
[VCitro@RepublicServices.com](mailto:VCitro@RepublicServices.com)  
 937-292-0602

**[CLICK HERE FOR UPDATED REPUBLIC WASTE CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019 TRASH AND RECYCLE PICKUP](#)**

**[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO MAP OF A and B COLLECTION AREAS FOR RECYCLING SCHEDULE](#)**

**TRASH AND RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS**

We encourage you to always collect your empty trash cans after pick-up as high winds may cause them to blow into the road, creating a traffic hazard. (It keeps our streets and neighborhoods looking nicer, too.)

*New to the township? Republic Waste is the single authorized trash hauler for Berkshire residents. Call them to subscribe and be sure to tell them you are a Berkshire Township resident to receive our special contract rates.*



**Tuesday, November 6th is Election Day.**

If you have not already voted, we urge every registered voter to exercise their Constitutional rights on November 6th by casting your vote.

**Links & Contact Info for HB 602**  
 Urge your legislators to vote YES on HB 602  
[Rep. Duffey testimony](#)  
[Resolution supporting HB 602](#)  
[County-Sunbury Sewer Agreement](#)  
[Sample of Letter to Officials](#)

**Senator Kris Jordan 614-466-8086**  
 1 Capitol Sq., Ground floor

Not sure where you vote? [CLICK HERE](#) for your poll location. Hint: if you voted in the May Primary or the August Special Election, your location has not changed.

Or, you can call (740) 833-2080 and ask the Delaware County Board of Elections - they can quickly tell you.

Columbus, OH 43215

Rep. Rick Carfagna 614-466-1431

77 S. High St., 13th floor

Columbus, OH 43215

Rep. Andrew Brenner 614-644-6711

(same address as Carfagna)

**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS**

TAKE ACTION

Contact Your Legislator!



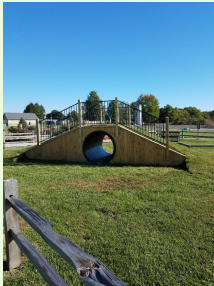
## PARKS and TRAILS MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Thanks to everyone who took the time to attend the Parks Master Plan Open House on Monday, October 15th. If you attended but didn't fill out a comment sheet, it's not too late. The trustees will vote soon on the adoption of the plan and welcome your comments before they vote.

Please email your comments - good or bad -  
by Tuesday, November 6th  
to [Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com](mailto:Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com)



## New Play Ground Hill is Open!



The culvert/hill in the kids' play area is complete. Check it out next time you're at the Township Hall. Special Thanks to Mike Dattilo, Jeff George, Dan Hale and Justin Williams for doing the hard work on this one!



## Delaware General Health District Satellite Office Coming Our Way

The Health District's new satellite office in Sunbury will offer a variety of services, including birth and death certificates, plumbing licenses, clinic services and more!

As we receive more information about this office we will let you know. It certainly will be a convenience to have these services available with an easy-to-park location for our residents. Stay tuned for more information about the opening date!



## Single-Stream Recycling and Why Plastic Bags are a No-No

We've mentioned that recycling is undergoing a change, but there is



one thing in effect now that many people are unaware of. Plastic shopping bags from the grocery or other stores are a big no-no when it comes to recycling. If they are included in your recycling - you've gummed up the works - literally.

We like to use them to bag recyclables in the house then and just throw them in the bin, but if you do that, *everything* in the bag is likely to end up in the garbage, *NOT* the recycle stream. Watch this short video to better understand why.

<https://youtu.be/kwuBfgvfUC4>

#### **What can you do?**

- Don't bag your recyclables
- Take used plastic bags to the grocery store where they have bins just for recycling them
- Use reusable bags when you shop, to eliminate the need for plastic bags

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## *Rent the Township Hall for your next party*

If you're a township resident looking for a good place to host your next family gathering, meeting or party contact Shawna at [Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com](mailto:Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com)

The hall is available for rental to Berkshire Township residents only. More info and photos are available on our website on the "[Services and Maintenance](#)" page. Dates fill up quickly, so make your plans soon.



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