



## Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....May 2019

Greetings!

We've turned our backs on Old Man Winter (finally!) and now it's on to warm weather chores, graduations, and more. Bring on summer!



We were thrilled with the number of residents who stepped up and asked to be part of the newly formed Park Advisory Board. Beth Hugh has more info on that below. As trustees, what we can say is Berkshire is fortunate to have concerned, active people who are looking to make our community the best it can be. Thank you all!

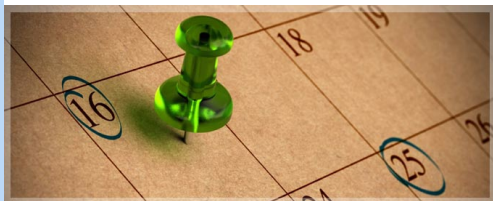
### Three notes on trash service...

- A friendly reminder on trash cart placement. The wheels on the trash cart should be towards your house, with the small silver-colored handle on the front of the cart and the lid opening facing the street. This allows the drivers to collect the carts in a more automated, time-saving, safe way.
- Rumpke has produced a useful and informative newsletter which you can read [HERE](#) (This issue specifically has a lot of good recycling info)
- Also, Monday May 27th is Memorial Day and will bump our trash pick-up day that week until Friday.

Sincerely,  
Bill Holtry, Rod Myers, 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



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

### MAY

- Thursday, May 2 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting cancelled due to no agenda
- Tuesday, May 7 **ELECTION DAY** (see below)
- Monday, May 13 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, May 15 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Thursday, May 23 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- **Monday, May 27 MEMORIAL DAY, Township Offices Closed**

### JUNE

- Thursday, May 6 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, June 10 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, June 13 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, June 24 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public



### May Primary Election Reminder

As a reminder to voters, there are no local issues on this May ballot.

If you are a registered Democrat, Non-Partisan, Libertarian, Independent, etc. there will be no ballot available to you.

The only items on the ballot in any Berkshire precinct are for registered Republicans, who will vote on Municipal Court judges and County Clerk of Courts primary candidates.

## Park Advisory Board Appointees Announced

*Beth Hugh*



As part of the Master Plan for parks and trails in the township, we've established a Community Park Board. This advisory board is comprised of seven members who have been appointed by the trustees.

Berkshire Township is fortunate to have residents who are concerned about the future of our community, and I look forward to taking the next step in our Township's Parks and Trails Development Plans. We had 13 applications and appreciate all who applied. Applicants were selected using a combination of experience, interests and geographic location within the Township, so as many neighborhoods and areas of the Township as possible are represented.

***Congratulations to the following people who stepped up to be part of shaping Berkshire Township for tomorrow.***

***Stephanie Allen, Summer Fenton, Julie Heitz, Tony Nicol, Emma Speight, Matthew Ulrey and Kelly Zakrajsek.***

The first meeting of the Community Park Board will be held May 21st at 6:00 p.m. It is open to the public.

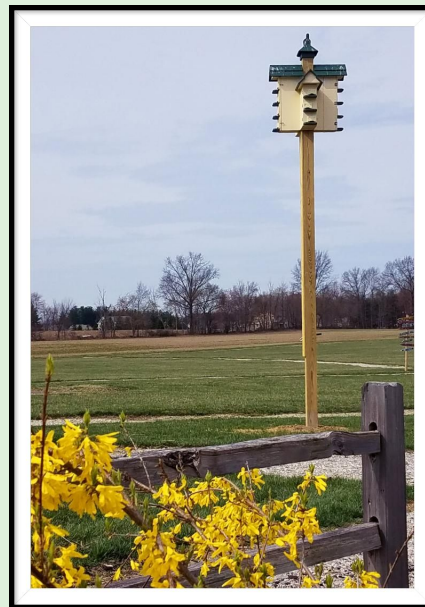
### BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK NEWS

#### Berkshire Township has a new Free Little Library in the park

It's stocked and open for readers of all ages!



Trustee Bill Holtry and his father, Bill, Sr. refinished the house completely. With the expertise of our maintenance staff, who re-worked the mounting and pulley system, it was recently installed. Now we await tenants and hope for our very own Berkshire Purple Martin families who will want to call it home.



Our library is now part of the Free Little Library Organization, which is the world's largest book sharing movement. Our charter number is #75862, and we are located on their world-wide map. You can read more at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

#### Vintage Bird House Added in Park

Two years ago, the township was approached by Sunbury resident Clint Wilhelm, who had come across a vintage Purple Martin birdhouse. Clint offered to donate it to our new park. A lot of TLC was needed to restore it, and we knew just who to ask.



If you're walking the path or visiting the garden and hear a melodic, high-pitched bird call, you might be listening to this little fella. For the second year in a row, an Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*, is making its home in the field to the west of the hall. A beautiful bird, whose numbers are in steep decline, can often be found on the ground or perched in a tree, singing his bright tune. Because this bird is a ground-nester, we're not mowing the west field so we can provide a safe habitat for this threatened, but striking bird. You'll know him by his call and vivid yellow breast.

[Listen to his song here](#)

### Delaware General Health District Announces Award

The Delaware General Health District is pleased to announce Delaware County is the healthiest county in Ohio for the fifth year in a row, and 9th overall in the nation!



The 2019 County Health Rankings places Delaware County as first in Ohio for both health outcomes and health factors. Health outcomes focus on how healthy people are presently and health factors are based on how healthy people will be in the future. The rankings, presented by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, are available online at [countyhealthrankings.org](http://countyhealthrankings.org).

According to the rankings, Delaware County residents engage in the healthiest behavior among Ohio's 88 counties – a ranking covering nine categories, including adult smoking, adult obesity, food environment, physical inactivity, access to exercise opportunities, excessive drinking, alcohol-impaired driving deaths, sexually transmitted infections and teen births.

"This ranking once again reflects the priority our residents have placed on improving the factors that affect their health," Health Commissioner Shelia Hiddleston said. "It also solidifies how important it is to sustain the services and programs that are currently helping residents stay healthy."

*Other bulletins from the Health Department including contact lists, reports on outbreaks of Hepatitis A, advice to avoid tick and mosquito borne diseases and other useful resources may be found on our website [by clicking HERE](#)*



### JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEAN UP... Hazardous Waste & Paint Recycle Event May 18th, 9 a.m - 1 p.m.

If you've ever tried to dispose of certain hazardous waste materials, such as tires, electronics or paints, you know how hard and how expensive it can be.

**DKMM recycle event will be held Sat. May 18th at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Marion, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Please read the flyers completely. Not all items accepted at all events. \*Fees may apply

419-946-6400 for more information

[LINK TO SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENT FLYER p. 1](#)

[LINK TO SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENT FLYER p.2](#)

### TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

**CONTACT INFO FOR RUMPKE**  
**1-800-828-8171 email contact:**  
[centralohio.market@rumpke.com](mailto:centralohio.market@rumpke.com)



Thursday is the service day for the township. Trash will be picked up weekly and recycling will be picked up every other week, with the exception of scheduled holidays when any pick-ups will be Friday. (May 27th, Memorial Day is one of the holidays which will bump service) **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVED FROM RUMPKE HAS YOUR RECYCLING and HOLIDAY CALENDAR ON IT, or you can contact Rumpke at the email above with questions.**

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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.)

As a reminder to residents who may not be familiar with the decision, the choice to contract with one hauler was made for several reasons, but the two main ones were: 1) Economics (it saved the majority of residents quite a bit on their monthly bill and provided recycling) and 2) Safety/Maintenance (it greatly reduced the number of heavy trucks on our roads daily, making it safer for our children and reducing wear and tear on our roads.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the most recent Rumpke Newsletter. It contains a lot of useful recycling information.

**New to the township? Rumpke Waste is the single authorized trash hauler for Berkshire residents. Call them at 1-800-828-8171 to subscribe and be sure to tell them you are a Berkshire Township resident to receive our special contract rates.**

## *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. Saturday dates are filling up for 2019



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