



# Berlin Township NEWSLETTER

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## Chairman's Corner

by *Trustee Chairman Ron Bullard*

### *Dear Residents,*

Summer is ending; all the schools are open along with their activities. Take some time to enjoy the season. Following is a list of current township related items:

1. Trash pickup is at the top of everyone's list. The trustees have been working with Republic to improve the service and the last few weeks have shown some improvement. A joint Request for Bid (Berlin, Berkshire and Delaware Townships) has been issued and publicized. We should know who has responded by the end of October. The current contract expires at the end of 2018 and may be replaced or extended depending upon the response to the RFB.
2. A public meeting will be held with Piatt Road residents to discuss the planned road improvement project.
3. Berlin Township has completed all the road paving, sealing, and crack sealing project for 2018.
4. Disposition of the Fairview Cemetery is progressing in the Delaware Circuit Court. This is a continuing matter before the District Court.
5. Berlin High School has opened and has increased the traffic load on all roads in the area. Delaware County has constructed a new section of Piatt Road from Glenmead to Berlin Station Road which provides a second way of getting to the school. An additional section of Piatt Road from Glenn Meade to Cheshire is in the planning stages and will include a round about on Cheshire Road
6. The Township Fire Station Open House is set for October 21 (see separate article).
7. Drive safely and look out for children, adults, campers, and boats. Snow season is just a few weeks ahead, thus the normal bad weather precautions should be followed. Do not put snow in the street, remove parked vehicles when possible, and provide as much room as possible for the snow plow drivers. Growth in the township has added about 8 additional miles this year thus the trustees are investigating more ways to clear the roads.
8. The Berlin Township Zoning Commission is working to update the Comprehensive Plan. Please follow their efforts on the website and attend meetings when possible to provide your input. This is your plan and the Zoning Commission desires all of your comments.
9. Berlin Township has received approval of a Grant to help with the cost of replacing Handicap Accessible Ramps in the Piatt Meadows neighborhood. This work will take place in 2019. The Trustees plan to apply for more funding as additional grants become available.

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# Election Day is November 6th!

# Berlin Township Fire Department Open House



On Sunday October 21, starting at 1:00PM and ending at 3:00PM, the Fire Department will be hosting their annual Open House. The Open House is an opportunity to visit with firefighters and paramedics to learn about the equipment fire trucks and ambulances carry and how it is used on an emergency scene. There will be fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars on display along with vehicles from the Berlin Township Road Department. Tours of the fire station will be

conducted throughout the event. Informational booths from different local government agencies and safety handouts will be on display. Refreshments will be served during the Open House. Once again the Trustees will be grilling hot dogs which will be available at no charge.

Please bring a can food to donate to People In Need. There will be a table set up for the donations!

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2018**

**1:00PM – 3:00PM**

**Berlin Township Fire Station 2708 Lackey Old State Road  
Delaware, Ohio 43015**

## Fire Department News

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the residents of Berlin Township approved an additional fire levy that provided additional funds to assist with operations of the Fire Department. On behalf of the members of the Fire Department thank you for your support of the fire levy. These funds allowed for the hiring of 3 more full time firefighters. The firefighters were hired in June and work a rotating shift schedule in which they work 24 hour shifts.

With the weather getting colder, a lot of residents may have outdoor fires for cooking, parties, or recreation. The Ohio EPA regulates what is allowed to be burned in a City/Village (incorporated area) and in a Township (unincorporated area). It is also regulates how close you can burn near an occupied structure. For the majority of Berlin Township residents, the following fires are allowed if there is less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and a neighboring occupied structure.

You may have a fire for cooking, warmth, pleasure, ceremonial or similar purposes without notification and/or permission from the Ohio EPA as long as:

Burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood  
the fire is no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high; and  
fire is not used for any waste disposal.

Larger ceremonial fires are allowed with these guidelines:

use only clean, dry, seasoned firewood;  
the fire is no larger than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high;  
the fire burns no longer than 3 hours; and  
fire is not used for waste disposal.



## In Sympathy

*By Trustee Tom D'Amico*

It is with sadness that we report that Mike Morrill a longtime servant on the Berlin Township Board of Zoning Appeals passed away in September. Mike served on the Zoning Appeals Board for over twenty years as Chairman with integrity and honor. He was passionate about the growth of the township and involved in many other ways. He will be deeply missed. Our condolences to the Morrill family.

## Check Smoke Detector Batteries

October 7 – 13 is Fire Prevention Week, each year a theme is used to promote this event. The theme for this year is **Look. Listen. Learn.**

With today's homes burning faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as 1-2 minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.



Chief Hall says this year's "Look. Listen. Learn" theme highlights three steps residents can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

**LOOK:** for places fire could start.

**LISTEN:** for the sound of the smoke detector. Batteries should be changed this week in your smoke detectors.

**LEARN:** 2 ways out of every room

While the Fire Department is focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply virtually everywhere. Stay safe!



## New Tobacco Trend

*by Delaware County Health Department*

The Tobacco Free Delaware County coalition and the Delaware General Health District would like to share some important information about a new tobacco trend. Smoking rates are on the decline, however, the rate of e-cigarette use is on the rise and especially among our youth in Delaware County. Our latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicated that 1 in 5 (or 20%) of our youth 17 and older uses e-cigarettes. The most popular form of e-cigarette is the JUUL (pronounced "jewel"). It looks like a USB device, has no vapor and is hidden in plain sight. Many teens don't realize it contains nicotine, setting them on a path of addiction throughout adulthood. Click here (<https://delawarehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/JUUL-Info-Flyer.pdf>) to learn more about this trend and information on how to prevent and reduce the use of tobacco products.

## New Ossuarium Cheshire Cemetery

*By Trustee Tom D'Amico*

You may have noticed a new addition to the front of the cemetery grounds. Our cemetery now has an Ossuarium. This structure will allow people the option for the cremated remains of their loved ones to be placed in separate "niches" as well as the option to have the ashes placed in a communal vault. The final details are being worked out and the Ossuarium should be available in early 2019.



Please contact our cemetery sexton Larry Buell at 614-738-3979 with questions.

## Eagle Scout Project

The Trustees would like to thank Trenton Closson of Troop 387 for building the bridge that leads to the Ossuarium for his eagle scout project.





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Mike Bardash  
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BZC Alternate  
Steve Flaherty  
Ray Armstrong

Zoning Clerk  
Lisa Knapp

**Berlin Township Board  
of Zoning Appeals**

Joe Korleski  
Vice-Chairman

Jason Acevedo  
Brad Cook  
Michele Cook  
Don Sutton

BZA Alternate's  
Needed

Zoning Clerk  
Lisa Knapp

**CURRENT RESIDENT OR**

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
SUNBURY, OH  
PERMIT NO. 41

Zoning Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoning Inspector, David Loveless—Zoning Secretary, Cathy Rippel

Trustee and Zoning Commission meeting minutes, along with other township information can be found on the Township website [www.berlintwp.us](http://www.berlintwp.us) Also, like us on Facebook!

Berlin Township's Beggar's Night is October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. Parents are urged to use caution when taking children out for trick or treat.

**Remember:**

- Turn on outside lights if you're participating in the fun!
- Carry a flashlight to increase visibility!
- Use costumes and treat containers that allow walking without tripping!
- Use sidewalks whenever possible!
- Be Safe and have FUN!!



**Welcome New Zoning Inspector, David Loveless**

I would like to introduce myself, David Loveless, Berlin Township's new zoning inspector. As a Delaware county resident for over 20 years, I have watched our area grow from sparsely populated streets to one of the fastest growing counties in the country.

My professional background includes a Landscape Architecture degree fro The Ohio State University, thirty plus years in the commercial construction industry, single-family home construction and landscape industries.

I look forward to serving the residents of Berlin Township with any questions and problem solving pertaining to our zoning regulations.

**Community Survey Enclosed**

*By Martin Johnson, Zoning Commission Member*

Our Zoning Commission is looking for resident feedback, via a community survey, to help with planned updates to the township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). A link to the on-line survey can be found on the township's website at [www.berlintwp.us](http://www.berlintwp.us). For those who cannot access the on-line version, a copy of the survey has been also enclosed with this newsletter and can be submitted by either dropping it off at the township Zoning Office (3271 Cheshire Road, Delaware, OH 43015), mailing it back to the attention of Cathy Rippel, Zoning Secretary (same address), or by e-mailing a copy [zoningingsecretary@berlintwp.us](mailto:zoningingsecretary@berlintwp.us) If e-mailing, please put "CLUP Survey" as the e-mail subject line.

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Survey Question	Response				
Which township do you live in?	Berlin	Orange	Berkshire	Genoa	Other
Length of residency in township	1 - 2 years	3 - 5 years	6 - 10 years	11 - 20 years	21+ years
Age of respondent	Less than 18 years	19 - 25 years	26 - 35 years	36-50 years	51+ years
# of household residents	1 - 2	3 - 5	5 +		

Are you interested in periodic updates from the township?  
If Yes, please provide your e-mail address(es)

Please rate the following <b>Commercial Development</b> types from 1 (Most Desirable) to 4 (Least Desirable)	Option Type	Rating	[Hatched Area]		
	Retail / Restaurants				
	Office / Professional / Medical				
	Logistics / Distribution				
	Industrial				

Please rate the following <b>Residential Development</b> characteristics from 1 (Most Desirable) to 5 (Least Desirable)	Lot Size / Development Density		[Hatched Area]		
	Visual screening from existing, adjacent properties				
	Active green space (playgrounds, ball fields, etc.)				
	Passive green space (grassy areas, nature areas)				
	Walking trails/paths				

Please rate your feeling with current plans to increase commercial/industrial tax base within the township	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Please rate your feeling with current plans to retain a more rural feel within the township	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Please rate your feeling with current plans to include some development for multi-family construction (apartments / condos)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Please rate your feeling with current plans to include some development for retirement / empty nest communities	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

### Please provide any additional comments on the back of this page

The Berlin Township Zoning Commission (BZC) is a legislative board made up of five members and two alternates who reside in the township. This board is responsible to hear rezoning cases for changes of use and/or modifications to approved development plans as well as provide oversight of the Berlin Township Zoning Resolutions and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

The Berlin Township CLUP is a high-level, strategic plan intended to outline the overall vision of township's development objectives and providing a strategic framework for property use across the township (agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, etc).

More information can be found at:

<http://www.berlintwp.us/index.php/departments/zoning/>