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From the Chairman of the Board

Dear Residents,

I am honored to be on the Board of Trustees with two other trustees who are working hard for you. We have accomplished a great deal this past year with the help of our dedicated staff. We worked to reduce response time to emergencies. We work hard to follow our zoning code making Berlin a great place to live, work, play and be educated. We have spent a great deal of money and time on our roads to make them safe and efficient. We have worked tirelessly to alleviate problems with trash pickup; we are hopeful the new contract with the new hauler will take care of these problems. And, we have strived to make our cemeteries a place that shows respect to our ancestors and a place to remember and honor our families. The board has also made it a priority to develop good working relationships with neighboring townships, county agencies, school and utilities.

The board has decided to include in this newsletter, and on our website, more information from these agencies and utilities. You will see important information not only from our Berlin Township departments but also utility safety from Bret Clark of Suburban Gas, and recycling from Jenifer Way-Young of the Delaware General Health District. On our website berlintwp.us under Quick Links, you can find many helpful pieces of information including Recycling and Disposal of hazardous materials, tires and TVs by DKMM.

As a reminder because of the past success of cleaning-up the township and fewer and fewer items being brought to Township Clean-Up day, the clean-up day activities have been suspended for this year. Also, mark your calendar's for Touch-a-Truck, August 10, 10-1 pm, this is an event that the children always look forward to. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, 2019. It is a popular event for our Township's children. It starts promptly at 11:00 AM. The children are quick and won't let the chocolate melt. So, it won't take too much of your day. But, it is a great time to meet the neighbors and say, "Hi."

Sincerely, Ken O'Brien



Delaware County Engineer plans to start phase 2 of construction beginning in spring 2019 with construction of the rest of the road between Cheshire Road and Glenmead Drive.

The intersection of Cheshire Road and Piatt Road will close in June for about 2 months to construct a new single lane roundabout. All work is scheduled to be complete by August 2019 with the new road open for the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

You can go to the Delaware County Engineer's website for the county's upcoming projects at <https://engineer.co.delaware.oh.us/> under the project tab for current & planned projects.



Know what's below; call 8-1-1 before you dig

Those who are planning an outdoor project that requires digging must call for an underground utility locate before they dig. The national one-call number is 811 for underground utility locate requests. When you call 811, your call is forwarded to the local one-call center your area. This call must be made at least forty-eight hours, but no more than, ten days before the start of your excavation. Means of excavation may include but are not limited to planting trees, landscaping, post-holes for a fence or mail box, driving pins for a retaining wall or any project that involves piercing the earth's surface. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.), a local one call center, serves as a communication link between those planning to excavate and the utility companies. When you call 811 or OHIO811 at 1-800-362-2764 a CSR will ask for specific information about the dig site, the equipment that is being used, the individuals who are performing the work, etc. After submitting your locate request, the utility companies will send a representative to the excavation site to mark the approximate location of their facilities. The exact location of underground facilities must be done by careful excavation. Locate requests can be taken 24/7 including weekends and holidays. These services are free to all that call.

Even though Suburban Natural Gas works hard to maintain the integrity of our facilities, unintended releases of natural gas do occur. The following are signs of a possible natural gas leak. Smell, natural gas companies add Mercaptan to the gas to give it the "rotten egg" odor. Sounds, depending on the line pressure and the size of pipe you may hear a varying degrees of a hissing sound. Sight, you may see blowing dirt or bubbles in creeks or streams, unusual areas of dead vegetation or insect infestation. If you suspect a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately in a direction upwind of the suspected leak. When you are clear of the area, call 911 and the local natural gas company. For more information about natural gas safety and safe digging practices, please visit www.OHIO811.org, www.safegasohio.org, www.ohiogasassoc.org, or www.sngco.com. Whether your project is big or small, make the call. Thank you,

Ohio Utilities Protection Service



Bret Clark
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Recycling Right at the Curb!

*By Jenifer Way-Young, Coordinator
 Delaware General Health District
 Keep Delaware County Beautiful*

Recycling can seem confusing, but it really isn't. Keep is simple and keep it clean! It is important to follow the guidelines to keep costs down and the recycling machinery running smoothly! Rinse out your empty containers and don't put recyclables in plastic bags as they can break machinery at the recycling facility. There are five categories of materials that you can put in your recycling cart (or take to a county drop off bin). They are paper, cartons, metal cans, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles and jugs. Paper includes cardboard, clean pizza boxes, office paper, and junk mail. You need to remove any plastic bags and packing materials from your flattened boxes! Cartons include juice boxes, milk and gravy boxes (empty) and gable-topped cartons in which refrigerated orange juice is packaged. Straws and lids must be thrown away. Cans can be steel or aluminum. No other kinds of metal can go in your curbside or county drop offs. Scrap metal must go to one of Delaware's scrapyards. Glass bottles and jars should be rinsed out. Metal lids are okay if they are reattached to the bottle. The last category is plastic. Look at the shape of the container. Only clean plastic bottles and jugs can be placed in your recycling cart. Lids are okay if they are reattached to the bottle or jug. There are opportunities to recycle and safely dispose of other materials in Central Ohio. The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District hosts special collection events for household hazardous waste and paint and separate events for electronics and tires. You can find a flyer at www.dkmm.org. Delaware County is fortunate to have 24/7 drop offs for medication (pills) at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, the Delaware City, Sunbury, Shawnee Hills and Genoa Township Police Departments.

If you have questions about recycling or want to know how or where to dispose of specific materials, please feel free to contact Jenifer Way-Young at jway-young@delawarehealth.org or call 740-203-2076.



Berlin Township Fire Department By Assistant Fire Chief Joe Pichert

One of the most important items for our Fire Department is maintaining adequate response times with the goal of improving them. The Fire Department measures response time as to how quickly an emergency crew and vehicle arrive at the scene of an emergency. The time starts when the firefighters are notified of an emergency and ends when they arrive on the scene of the emergency.

Over the last several years the Fire Department has worked on improving response times. Starting in 2015-2016 firefighters were placed at the station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to improve the response time. Prior to this time period the Fire Department staffed the fire station between 8 AM-5 PM and then relied on firefighters to travel the distance from their home to the fire station outside of this time period (6-8 minutes). Once the firefighters arrived at the station, they had to grab their gear and place it on the truck (2 minutes) then respond to the emergency. Then the travel time to the emergency scene was 6-8 minutes. The average response time was approximately 13-15 minutes. Placing firefighters at the fire station reduced travel time and preparation time, resulting in average fire truck emergency response time of

approximately 8 minutes. The Fire Department now uses a system with other area fire departments, automatic mutual aid agreements, to assist with providing assistance to those needing emergency assistance with sufficient firefighters and equipment to stabilize the emergencies. Depending on the geographical location of an emergency a neighboring fire station may not need to travel as many road miles or travel through areas that may slow down responses such as school or railroad crossing. We have developed working relationships with neighboring fire departments that benefits us all.



Many situations can increase response time such as the person placing the 911 call is unaware of their exact location. Weather is another major factor in response times, road conditions affect how fast a fire truck or ambulance can safely travel. For example, severe thunderstorms, snow conditions, or low visibility conditions limit how quickly a fire truck or ambulance may travel. Other traffic conditions also limit response time such as school letting out, a train going through or stopped at a railroad crossing, or a road closed for construction.

Piatt Road Improvements by Ron Bullard, Trustee

Plans for improving Piatt Road are in the process of being implemented. The first improvement is a new connector from Glenmead to Cheshire Road. This will provide direct access from Cheshire Road to Berlin High School. The road will be built by the Delaware County Engineer and completed in time for beginning of School this fall. A Cheshire Road roundabout is also planned for the Piatt Road intersection and included in the new road project. The new road and roundabout should improve access from the south to Berlin High School and Berlin Station Road.

Piatt Road between Peachblow and Cheshire will be widened and resurfaced. This project is in the engineering stage and is planned for construction in 2020. The roadway will be widened by about 4 feet and include paved shoulders. The mailboxes will be moved back which should improve traffic clearance between lanes. This is about a 1.6-million-dollar project with support coming from the Delaware County Engineer and an Ohio Public Works Commission grant, with the remaining funding by Berlin Township. The final schedule is dependent upon receiving the OPWC grant and final funding arrangements.

Direct access from Berlin Station to Shanahan Road will be provided when these projects are completed. Orange

Township is then planning Piatt Road to eventually be to Lewis Center road. eventually on to Lewis Center Road to the south when the roadway is completed in Orange Township.

Hello from the Berlin Township Road Department! By Brodi Irwin, Road Supervisor

As we are finishing a very wet and cold winter season, we are now seeing hopeful signs of a pleasant spring. As we have done in years past, we have a variety of road projects for this up-and-coming-season. We ask for your caution in driving safely around road workers.

Projects planned include crack sealing on Shanahan, Piatt and Hollenback Roads and Summerwood and Summerwood Extension. We will also apply Onyx asphalt coating in Summerwood and Summerwood Extension as a pro-active measure against asphalt failure. Road crews will also be out doing roadside mowing and berm repair.

Please feel free to call our road department with any questions that you have regarding road related problems and we will be very happy to help answer or find an answer to your question.



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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 Also, like us on Facebook!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget your basket!

Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Berlin Township Fire Dept.
2708 Lackey Old State Road
Delaware, OH 43015
11:00 AM**

Township children, ages 1-10 are invited
to join in the fun of a Easter Egg Hunt.
(the field to the north of the station)

Egg Rules:

- * The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00am sharp for all age groups.
- * The egg hunt is for children. Adults may help children in the 1-2 year old area only. All other areas should have only children of that age group in them.

We encourage residents to again bring their families out and enjoy this community event!

News from the Zoning Office

By David Loveless, Zoning Inspector

With the building of Berlin High School in our township, Berlin Township continues to grow. Our zoning commission will be very active this year to ensure each development benefits the overall community. All development applications are posted on our website. Berlin prides itself in fair development planning that is best for Berlin. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and share their ideas.

Spring and summer brings a lot of activity to Berlin Township. Adding a new deck, room addition, pool or storage shed? Please be sure to check with the zoning department to see if a permit is required. The storage of boats, campers and trailers needs to be behind the front line of the residence, not in front of the residence or in the street.

Thank you for helping make Berlin Township one of the most unique beautiful and desirable townships in Delaware county.