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From the Chairman of the Board

Residents,

Welcome back from the COVID-19 life to an emerging normal life. Your Trustees have been working with little personal interactions, which is changing back to more normal personal contact.

The following is a list of issues the Trustees are working to resolve:

- The first in person Trustees Meeting was the July 12 meeting. We will be following any guidelines provided by the Delaware Health District (DHD).
- The township house meeting room is now available beginning again with any guidelines provided by the DHD.
- A "Touch-A-Truck" event is planned for August 7, 2021. The event will be at the Fire Station
- The Halloween Open House is planned for 1:00-3:00 October 24, 2021 at the Fire Station. Many participating agencies will be here and the event is usually well attended by the public. This event provides an opportunity for children and adults to see vehicles and discuss operation's with First Responders and Road crews. Many Delaware County agencies also attend and present at this event.
- Halloween is scheduled for our normal October 31 "Trick or Treat" evening.
- Berlin Township has received grant approval from the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Delaware County Engineer for Piatt Road Improvements.
- The Berlin Township Fire Department will have a renewal levy on the November ballot. This levy will continue at the same rate as the existing levy.
- Fairview Cemetery has been turned over to Berlin Township with much work to be completed before normal operation. Mowing and street maintenance is progressing and internments in lots which were sold before the Court handed the cemetery to the township.
- A Trails and Recreation Committee has been authorized by the Trustees. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Trustees.
- The numbers indicate our population has increased to over 8100 and the Zoning Department has issued 127 new Home Permits through June during 2021. There does not seem to be any reduction in the building pace, which is about double the 2020 rate. Welcome to all the new residents.

Enjoy the return from COVID-19 and be safe.

Ron Bullard, 2021 Chairman Berlin Township Trustees



Fire Department News *By Assistant Fire Chief Joe Pichert*

In 2020, the Fire Department responded to a total of 466 incidents ranging from fires, car accidents, assisting EMS personnel, rescue, and service calls. Fire responses were 46 of the Department's incident response volume. Fire responses include structure fires, cooking fires, vehicle fires, etc., and of those 43 incidents, 22 were structures that caught fire.

EMS responses totaled 146 responses. These responses are when an EMS crew request assistance from the Fire Department to provide additional manpower assisting with the treatment of an injured or ill person. Examples are carrying an ill person up stairs from a basement, providing CPR to someone in cardiac arrest, and holding traction on a broken leg. Rescue responses totaled 54. These responses include auto accidents, search for lost persons on land and in the water, rescues made from bodies of water. Of the 54 rescue responses 11 involved searches or rescues made involving a body of water. The remaining incident responses consisted of hazardous conditions such as gas leak or carbon monoxide emergencies, false alarms, service calls, and responses due to severe weather.

Delaware County EMS Medic 10 is a paramedic transport unit that is housed with its crew at the fire station. In 2020, they responded to 439 calls for assistance.

Zoning Department News *by David Loveless*

A challenging year is behind us and we will once again be going outside and participating in our favorite recreational activities. Berlin Township is fortunate to have Alum Creek Reservoir and Park so near to us providing so many recreational opportunities. Hiking, bicycling, camping, boating, a dog park for our furry family members and so much more.

If you own a boat, camper, RV or any kind of trailer, they must be stored properly. When in use, they only permitted in your driveway or at the curb for a period of twenty-fours. If you want to store your "equipment" on your property for longer periods of time, your side yard is acceptable, behind the front of the house. Storage facilities off site are also an option and there are many

outdoor storage centers in our area.

At this time we have all the positions filled for Alternates on Zoning Appeal and Zoning Commission Boards. We thank Mike Bardash and Martin Johnson for their time and commitment on the zoning commission. Welcome, Quinn Machan and Jessica Kuenzli as BZA alternates and Jenny Sloas and Sherry Graham, as BZC alternates.

As growth continues, our efforts are focused on maintaining the rural feel that brought you here. I encourage you to contact the zoning office with your questions and concerns.

HOW TO DRIVE IN A ROUNDABOUT

Roundabouts are designed to make intersections safer and more efficient for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. There are two types of roundabouts: Single-lane roundabouts and multi-lane roundabouts.

Important tips for driving roundabouts:

- * Yield to drivers in the roundabout
- * Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists using the crosswalks
- * Stay in your lane; do not change lanes
- * Do not stop in the roundabout

(If you're in a roundabout when an emergency vehicle also enters, exit the roundabout first, and then pull over.)



Fairview Cemetery *by Tim Foor*

On October 7, 2020, the township was awarded ownership of Fairview Memorial Park. The cemetery had a long history of mismanagement which resulted in the former owners being incarcerated and no one left to care for the cemetery. According to Ohio law, the township had to take over the cemetery when it became abandoned. That being said, there is a great deal of history in one of the youngest cemeteries in Delaware County. Fairview Memorial Park was incorporated August 30, 1960 by Theodore M. Gray, Mary C. Bidlack, and James N. Teaple. Witnesses who signed the Articles of Incorporation were Theodore M. Gray, Henry W. Wolf (who was also named statutory agent), and Edward A. Flahive. Theodore M. Gray Sr. was the father of Ohio Senator Theodore M. Gray Jr. Mr. Gray passed in 1962 leaving the cemetery to his wife Dorothy Gray. Dorothy signed the cemetery over to Dan Edwards. Dan signed it over to Sheridan Rinehart, who passed it to Theodore Martin. The cemetery was laid out in a "Memorial Gardens" style layout with no standing grave markers. The township has inherited many issues with this cemetery; however we are working through them. Late summer, Ohio Valley Archaeology will be doing ground-penetrating radar to locate unmarked graves and detect anomalies in burials, which may have occurred over the years. The township has placed new gravel in the driveways and spread quite a bit of grass seed. Several volunteers who helped take care of the cemetery and many others contributed while the cemetery was in the court hands. Two of those volunteers have passed recently and we thank them for their contributions.

Ken Bird , while battling cancer, was one of the volunteers who mowed the cemetery while it was in court proceedings. Ken passed March 22, 2021.

Phyllis Hess, who kept score at many Olentangy games, donate money to paint the sign in 2017. She passed March 17, 2021 and is interred at Fairview Memorial Park.

Clean Streets

We need to be careful and not put anything on the roadway. Grass clippings, leaves and snow make the streets very slippery and create hazards for anyone walking, running, bicycling or riding a motorcycle. Anything put on the roadway may make the person who did so liable.



The Township Hall is back open for rentals, birthday parties, anniversary, reunions , wedding /baby showers & meetings. We don't rent the hall for profit parties. The hall rents to residents only, for a fee of \$150.00 with a \$100.00 returnable deposit providing the hall is left clean.

Please call Cathy Rippel at 740.548.5217 x102 for more information and to see if a date is available for rental.

Rumpke Trash & Recycling *by Trustee Bullard*

The current 3 year contract with Rumpke ends December 31, thus we are looking for a contract beginning January 1. The current provider seems to be providing good service, thus we (Berlin, Berkshire, and Delaware Townships) are looking at extending the current contract. Please let the trustees know if you have any comments on Rumpke's service. Rumpke has proposed a 3% a year increase for a 3 year contract extension.

Piatt Road Improvement Project *by Trustee Bullard*

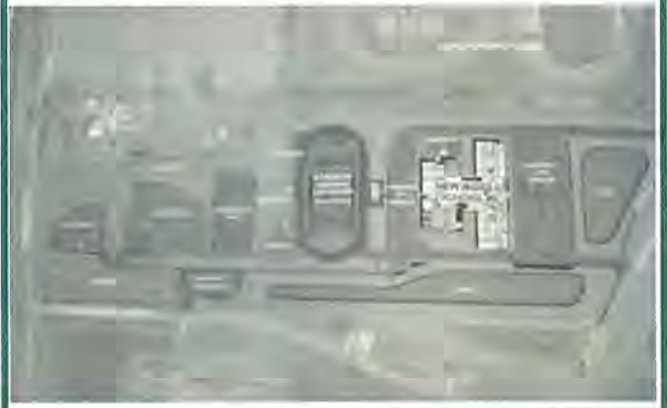
The Berlin Township Trustees and the Delaware County Engineer have been working together for several years on a project to improve Piatt Road from the Cheshire Roundabout to Peachblow Road. The project includes widening the road surface, along with moving the mail boxes, utilities, and ditches back. During the past year necessary right of way has been secured from the landowners and necessary trees have been removed, before the Indiana Bat nesting season became an issue. The Trustees thank the Piatt Road landowners for their support in helping to move the project forward.

An application was submitted last year for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant to help with the construction costs. The final approval has been given. Grant approval allows construction to occur in late summer to early fall.

A new roundabout on Peachblow Road, in front of the new Shale Hallow Elementary School. Work will be completed in time when the school opens August 19th.

Olentangy Local School District is beginning on a new middle school at Piatt, Glenmead, Gregory intersection. Contact OLSD for details on when the school is to open and which student's are to attend the new school.

Below is a picture of the new middle school's plan.





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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!

Road Department News *by Brodi Irwin*

Summer has arrived and with it a lot of construction in and around Berlin Township. Please be mindful in your travels of road closures and delays. Safety of the men and women working on the roadside trying to fulfill their job is critical. These projects will seem never ending as Berlin Township is growing. These projects are essential to the safe travel of our motoring public as they navigate through the township. Yearly pavement preservation projects will be going on this year along with a new construction-widening project on Piatt Road from Cheshire Road to Peachblow Road.

Please also watch for our roadside mowing crews and sign repair crews as they work very close to the road.

Our Road Department thank the Berlin Township Community for all the kind emails and phone calls during the winter months when snow plowing is our top priority it really lifts the workers spirits when it seems that the snow will never end.

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