

# CURRENT

*Bethel Township Trustees*

## Miami County Sanitary Engineering: Sewer Update

Phase II of the Brandt Sewer Project (gravity sewer lines in Brandt) has been in full swing throughout the summer. Progress has been steady and the contractor is on schedule with the project being approximately 70% complete. Paving of all township roadways in Brandt will be started in October and will be completed by November 15, 2011. The entire project will be completed by the end of this year. Sewer hook-ups for residents will begin shortly after that.



*Field's Excavating works on Walnut Street in Brandt.*

The Phoneton area sewer project design is being finalized. The bidding phase is scheduled to begin in late October with contracts being signed by the end of the year. A public meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011, at 6:30 PM in the Bethel High School auditorium.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department at 440-5654.

## Fire Levy Renewal on November Ballot - NO NEW TAXES

On Tuesday, November 8th, residents will be asked to renew the current 2.0 Mil Fire/EMS Levy. The Fire Department is funded through three (3) income sources; a permanent 1.0 Mil Levy, a 2.0 Mil Levy and EMS billing. The renewal of the 2.0 Mil levy would generate approximately \$241,821.79 per year. This levy, coupled with \$136,819.28 generated by the 1.0 Mil Permanent Fire Levy, make up over 70% of the annual operating budget for the Fire Department. These levies are vital to the Department's operation to continue to provide residents with fast response times and top quality service. In addition, the effectiveness of your local fire department directly impacts your homeowner's insurance premium.

Currently, there are 45 members of the Bethel Township Fire Department protecting the residents and businesses of Bethel Township. Members man the station 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Over 95% of the members are cross trained in both Fire and EMS, and all full-time Township staff are members of the Fire Department and are certified firefighters or firefighters/EMT's.

Annually, the Bethel Township Fire Department responds to approximately 600 calls for assistance. For additional information, please contact Bethel Fire Chief, Dave Stitzel at 845.4724.

There will be no increase in your taxes. **Please vote "YES" on November 8th.**



*Lt. Mike Arnold instructs Firefighter/EMT-B Nori Kuroso on the proper techniques for using the "Jaws of Life" tool during September's Fire Training.*



*Beggars Night*

**Monday, October 31, 6PM to 8PM**

**Don't Forget to Vote!!**

**Tuesday, November 8th**

**Polls are open 6:30AM**

## Public Meeting Notice: Miami County Sanitary Engineering To Hold Phoneton Sewer Project Informational Meeting



Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department will hold a public information meeting concerning the Miami County Commissioners Phoneton Sewer Project. This informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 6:30PM in the Auditorium of the Bethel Local School Building located at 7490 SR 201.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department at 937-440-5653.

The Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department has a website, at [www.miamicountysed.com](http://www.miamicountysed.com). Updates on the Brandt and Phoneton Sewer Projects, as well as information on all of the services they provide can be found on their website. Services include: drinking water, solid waste disposal and sewer service.

## Miami County Brandt Sewer Assistance Available

The Miami County Economic & Community Development Department has funds available to low and moderate income (LMI) homeowners in Brandt to install a sanitary sewer line. The assistance will cover the sewer assessment, County tap-in fee, and the cost of labor and materials to install the sanitary sewer line.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must own and reside in the home as the primary residence (**Rental properties are not eligible for assistance**),
- Must be current with your property taxes, or become current prior to application approval,
- Must be current with mortgage (last 6 months),
- All applicants to the program must meet low to moderate income guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. All income for program eligibility is based on current income. Current income will be projected to yearly gross income.

**Miami County**  
*Low and Moderate Income Limits*

# Persons Living in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Income Limit</b>	\$34,950	\$39,950	\$44,950	\$49,900	\$53,900	\$57,900	\$61,900	\$65,900

(e.g. mother, father, two children = 4 living in household)

Applications were mailed August 30, 2011, to all households in the Brandt Sewer Service Area. The deadline to submit the applications to Miami County Economic and Community Development Department is **October 7, 2011**. There are applications available in the Bethel Township Office if you did not receive one. Please contact Nikki Reese at 937-440-8110; if you have questions on the application. The sanitary sewer tap-in/service line installation project will be publicly bid out by Miami County and the lowest and best bidder will receive the contract for all of the applicants qualifying for the grant assistance. The Miami County Board of Commissioners will be the owner of the project. The County anticipates bidding the project out January 2012.

**Fire and EMS Runs to Date:**

**Runs from 6/11-9/13/2011**

EMS 113 Fire 31 Total 115

**Runs Year to Date**

EMS 279 Fire 95 Total 374



**Zoning Certificates Issued:**

ZC-08-11	8740 SR 201	Sign
ZC-09-11	9550 Palmer	Accessory Building
ZC-10-11	9310 SR 202	Addition
ZC-11-11	8305 Wildcat	Pool
ZC-12-11	8235 Wildcat	Accessory Building

**Membership Spotlight: The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission**

At a recent township meeting, one of our residents asked what organizations the Township held membership in. In an effort to inform our constituents of these organizations, and their cost and benefit to the community, we are featuring an article in this issue on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC).

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) is a voluntary association of local government and non-governmental organizations surrounding Dayton. It serves as the common ground where area partners come together to give life to the visions that ultimately serve the common good. Together public and private partners are able to collaborate and develop strategies that improve the quality of life and create an environment of economic vitality of the region.

MVRPC serves not only the metropolitan Dayton area, but the surrounding five counties; Montgomery, Greene, Preble, Miami, Darke, and portions of northern Warren. The commission performs various regional planning activities, including air quality, water quality, transportation, land use, research and Geographic Information System (GIS). As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MVRPC is responsible for transportation planning in Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties and the communities of Carlisle, Franklin, and Springboro in northern Warren County.

Air quality planning activities meet the requirements of all participating governmental units to conform to the Clean Air Act and subsequent amendments. MVRPC is responsible for recommending elements of the regions portion of the State Implementation Plan for air quality attainment.


MVRPC maintains the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan in its role as the Designated Water Quality Planning Agency for the five-county Miami Valley Region.

Federal transportation dollars require the approval MVRPC to certify as well as plan for transportation needs of the region. MVRPC is responsible for the Long Range Transportation Plan 30 year strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in multi-modal transportation facilities. The plan is updated every four years, and may be amended as a result of changes in projected federal, state, and local funding. The Plan provides the context from which the Region’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is drawn. The TIP is a four year transportation capital improvement program that is updated every two years. All federally and /or state financed projects must comply with the TIP.

The cost to our community is based on our population as established by the census. Currently, we are paying \$2,266.42 annually to MVRPC.

For more information about MVRPC you are encouraged to check out their web site [www.mvrpc.org](http://www.mvrpc.org) or for specific questions about the Township’s membership contact our representative to the Board of Directors, Trustee Hirt.


Jerome L.(Jerry) Hirt, Sr.  
Bethel Township Trustee



**2011 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Fun, Food and Demonstrations at the Fire House in Brandt**



## Zoning Update

### **Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):**

The Zoning Commission did not meet for the months of July & August; however, they met in regular session on Sept. 22, 2011 to consider changes to Article 1 & 2 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution.

The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room.

### **Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did not meet for the months of July, August or September, no cases were filed for their review.

The BZA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room.

Public notice for both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are posted in the news section of the Township web site at [www.betheltownship.org](http://www.betheltownship.org), and in the Troy Daily News. Additionally, residents within 300' of the requesting property are notified by first class mail as per the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and the Ohio Revised Code.

## Road Improvements in the Township

In our January 2011 article for the Bethel Current, “Things Have Changed...and So Have We”, we wrote about the changes and adjustments that we had made over the previous 12 months to be as fiscally prudent as possible. We spotlighted several areas that we were able to reduce costs significantly in, while maintaining Township services at their current level. At this time, we would like to update you on Township road improvements.

The most significant changes occurred in our Summer Road Programs. During our annual inspection of Township roads in April, it was determined that approximately one (1) mile of roadway on both New Carlisle Road and Pisgah Road were in need of repaving. Working within our budget, it was determined that only one road would be repaved this year. Due to the significantly heavier traffic volume, New Carlisle Road was repaved at a cost of \$106,300.88.

However, Pisgah Road was still in need of work to maintain the integrity of the roadway. Working with the Miami County Engineer's Office, Township officials determined that chip sealing Pisgah Road was a cost effective way of maintaining the roadway for up to five (5) years and fit within this year's budget. Total cost of this project was approximately \$22,000.00.

In addition to these two projects, this year crack sealing was done by Township staff. In the past, crack sealing has been contracted out due to the high cost of purchasing the equipment used to apply the crack sealant. This year, the Township purchased the crack sealant material from an Ohio company that supplied the application equipment, as part of the overall cost of their product. By utilizing in-house staff to apply the material, we were able to double the amount of cracks that were sealed this season.

These are just some of the ways your elected officials and staff continue to work to provide the residents and businesses in Bethel Township with the highest level of services, while maximizing the use of your tax dollars.

Cliff Wray, Trustee

Deborah Watson, Fiscal Officer



*Wagner Paving crews work to apply chip seal to Pisgah Road near SR 571*





## Voting Precinct Location Changes

Bethel Township has been notified, by the Miami County Board of Elections, that the Township Building in Brandt will no longer be a voting site during elections. The new West Charleston Church of the Brethren building located at 7390 SR 202 will be the new voting site. The Church is just north of SR571 on the east side of SR202. The Board of Elections will notify all affected voters by mail of the change in voting location. If you have any questions concerning where you vote, please call the Miami County Board of Elections at 937-440-3900.

The Bethel Township Historical Society will host their “Meet the Candidates Night” on Thursday, October 27th @ 7PM in the auditorium of the Bethel School 7490 State Route 201.

**All other voting locations within the township will remain the same.**

## Beggar’s Night: Monday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00PM

Be on the lookout for little ghosts and goblins as they come knocking at your door from 6:00 to 8:00PM on Beggars Night 2011, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Do’s and Don’ts:

#### Don’t:

- Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking.
- Go into a home of someone you do not know.
- Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult.

#### Do’s:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Go in groups with at least one adult.
- Go to houses with lights on.
- Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.



The Bethel Township Fire Department will have treats for all the little ghosts and goblins courtesy of the Bethel Township Fire Association, Bethel Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Treats will be passed out at the Fire House in Brandt and by members of the Department as they travel various neighborhoods. The Safety of our Beggars is most important...remind your little ones to make sure that the Fire Engine or Medic Unit comes to a complete stop before approaching to get their treat.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [WWW.BETHEL-TOWNSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.BETHEL-TOWNSHIP.ORG)

### October

- 5 Miami County Sanitary Engineering’s Phoneton Sewer Informational Meeting, Bethel School Auditorium, 6:30PM
- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 Fire Department Open House in Brandt, 1-4PM
- 11 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 November ZC & BZA Meeting deadline
- 18 Trustees Workshop Meeting, 8:30AM
- 18 Co. Planning Commission Mtg., Troy, 7:30 PM
- 25 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 20 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Cancelled  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 27 Historical Society’s “Meet the Candidate Night”, Bethel School Auditorium, 7PM
- 31 Beggar’s Night, 6PM—8PM

### November

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM

### November Con’t...

- 8 Election Day Polls Open 6:30AM-7:30PM
- 8 No Trustee Meeting
- 15 Trustees Workshop Meeting, 8:30AM
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 18 December ZC & BZA Meeting deadline
- 21 Co. Planning Commission Mtg., Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24-25 Township Offices Closed Thanksgiving Holiday  
Fire/EMS on regular schedule

### December

- 7 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 20 Trustees Workshop Meeting, 8:30AM
- 20 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. ,Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 26 Township Offices Closed Christmas Holiday  
Fire/EMS on regular schedule

All meetings are held in the Bethel Township Community Room, 8735 S. Second Street-Brandt unless otherwise noted.  
All meetings are subject to cancellation.