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Bethel Township Trustees

Bethel Township 3.8 mill Levy

On the ballot in November, will be a renewal of the 3.8 mill General Fund Levy. This levy began in August 2003, and was renewed for an additional five years in 2008. The purpose of the 3.8 mill levy was and continues to be a means of funding for a wide variety of programs and infrastructure that will help insure the future viability of the township and protect it from further annexation. The funds generated from the levy can be used to implement infrastructure projects—roads, water, sewer. Monies from the 3.8 mil levy have been used to repave the streets in Brandt after the Brandt sewer project and offset some of the cost of assessments in the project. The initial engineering study for the Phoneton Sewer project was paid for with 3.8 mill levy monies, allowing Miami County Sanitary Engineering to apply for and be granted a \$5.5 million Principal Forgiveness financing from the Ohio EPA for this project. We also anticipate additional financial support of the Phoneton Sewer Project. The funds to repave Wiley Industrial Park will come from the 3.8 mill levy as will a portion of the funding for the other road repaving projects. The force main from Brandt north on 201 to Bethel Local Schools will also be paid for using 3.8 mill levy monies.

Another use for the monies this levy generates is to provide matching funds when applying for state and federal financing and grants. As we continue to look at ways to improve Friendship Park, partner with Bethel Local Schools or extend water lines to Phoneton, the 3.8 mill levy could provide matching funds for a grant. As state and federal funding to townships continues to be reduced, these grants offer an opportunity to stretch our existing funds further.

We continue to pledge appropriating 3.8 mill Levy funds to preserve the integrity of the township and discourage any potential future annexations. Bethel Township remains committed to providing the most efficient government services possible. We encourage you to attend our meetings and offer your input. The trustees meet in regular session on the second and fourth Tuesday every month at 7:00pm.

Beth van Haaren, Township Trustee

Swimming Pool Safety

Swimming pools have always been thought of as a means of fun and relaxation. While they can be fun and entertaining *an estimated 260 children under the age of 5 drown in swimming pools each year.* If you're going to have a pool in your backyard, make sure special precautions are taken to ensure your child's safety and your peace of mind

The following safety tips may prevent your child from falling into the pool and drowning or suffering an injury:

- Supervision is the best form of child safety. There should always be an adult present when children are near water. Never let them swim by themselves.
- Designate one adult to watch the pool area at all functions, alternating every 15 minutes.
- Build a fence around the pool area (fence should be a least 5-foot high per township zoning regulations) and secure with gate latches, gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The latch should be out of reach of small children. For above-ground pools, steps and ladders to the pool should be secured or removed when the pool is not in use.
- Lifesaving equipment should always be kept in the pool area and hanging where they are visible to everyone. Ropes, poles and life preservers are most common.



Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-07-13	7200 Studebaker	Addition
ZC-08-13	8263 US Route 40	Addition
ZC-09-13	5055 Eastland	Addition
ZC-10-13	7285 Palmer	Addition
ZC-11-13	Void	
ZC-12-13	5575 State Route 202	New Residence
ZC-13-13	9025 Bellefontaine	Accessory Building
ZC-14-13	2775 West Charleston	Accessory Building

Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):

The Zoning Commission did not meet for the month of April. The Zoning Commission met in workshop session in May for the annual review of the 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 BZA did not meet for the months of April and June.

The BZA met in regular session on May 23, 2013 to hear the following case:

CU-03-13: A request from Rob & Lori York, 3427 Tipp-Cowlesville Rd., Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests conditional use approval for to allow for the existing building to be used for dog grooming, dog training, dog daycare on the property located at 8265 State Route 202. The application passed.

V-02-13: A request from Douglas & Marie Schilling, 7835 State Route 571, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests a variance to allow for an accessory building to be located in the front yard on property zoned R-1AAA Single Family. The property in question is located at 7835 State Route 571. The application passed.

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

Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

Runs from 03/09/13-5/30/13: EMS 75 Fire 29 TOTAL 104

Runs YTD : EMS 38 Fire 159 TOTAL 197



Bonfire Guidelines

Ohio EPA has several guidelines regarding open burning. Under Ohio Law the following materials may not be burned anywhere at anytime:

Garbage—any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food

Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic coated wire.

Dead Animals—unless approved for control of disease by a governing agency.

Any questions about an open burn or bonfire please contact the Bethel Township Fire Department at 845.4274.

Road Maintenance

Summer and warmer weather brings the opportunity to repair the damage to our roads caused by winter's snow and ice as well as just normal wear and tear. The township is responsible for 26 miles of roadway within Bethel Township. Summer work on the roads includes repaving, chip sealing, striping, berming, and crack sealing. The township is currently receiving bids for the repaving of Singer Road, Lisa Drive, Julie Court and Gibson Drive and the chip sealing of Agenbroad Road (between Dayton-Brandt and Palmer) and Bethelville. The bidding process is open until July 5, and the contracts will be awarded shortly thereafter. Crack sealing of 6.5 miles of various township roads should begin in mid July and take approximately 3 days, depending on the weather. The approximate cost of these paving and crack sealing projects will be close to \$350,000. Money for these road improvements comes from several funds and the trustees and fiscal officer have been allowing money to build up in the various funds over the past few years in order to have necessary money available. Nine township roads have been submitted to the county for their striping program. The township's road crew works on berming sections of roadways throughout the summer. We appreciate your patience with the road crews and the slight delays and detours these road improvements will cause over the next few months. If you have questions on a road project or wish to report a section of damaged road, please contact Andy Ehrhart at the township at 845.8742 or one of the trustees.

Phoneton Sewer Project

The Phoneton Area Extension Sewer project is nearing completion. This project is a result of a study commissioned by the Township Trustees and the Miami County Commissioners in 2008-09 which evaluated the need and the feasibility of bringing sewer to the area. The need for centralized sanitary sewers was originally studied in 1958, due to gross septage contamination of the local drainage ways. Thanks to the grant application submitted by the Miami County Sanitary Engineer, the project was funded largely by a \$5.5 million Principal Forgiveness from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. In addition to Phoneton and Wiley Industrial Park, Bethel Local Schools, Sunshine Mobile Home Park also are now connected to the sanitary sewer. A force main also runs north on State Route 202 to eventually service West Charleston residents and Process Equipment Company. Property owners in Phoneton and Wiley Industrial Park received letters the beginning of June, informing them of the connection process. Anyone with questions about the scope of the project, costs, timeframe or connection issues should contact Doug Evans at Miami County Sanitary Engineering at 440-5653.

Glass Recycling

Glass is endlessly recyclable. Did you know it can take up to a million years for a glass bottle to decompose? Most glass jars and bottles manufactured in the United States today contain at least a 25% recycled glass content. In addition to keeping glass out of landfills, recycled content glass can be produced with 75% less energy than new glass. Currently our current recycling vendor, Waste Management, does not accept glass for recycling. The township has a separate green bin, labeled "GLASS" for residents to use. We then take the glass to the county recycling station in Troy. If you have any questions on the type of glass that can be accepted, please contact the township at 845.8472. Thank you for helping Bethel Township do its part for the environment.

Not all glass can be recycled. Below is a list of items that should **NOT** be placed in the recycling bin:

- Mirror or Window glass
- Crystal
- Plastic or metal lids
- Heat resistant glass, such as Pyrex
- Any glass contaminated with stones, dirt or food waste
- Ceramics, such as dishware, bakeware and decorative items
- Lightbulbs





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July

- 3 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 23 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

August

- 7 Historical Society
- 13 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 20 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 27 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

September

- 4 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

Please note:

The Board of Trustees meets in Workshop Session on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month @ 8:30AM in the Township Building in Brandt. Please check the Township's website at www.betheltownship.org for Workshop Session cancellations.

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