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## On the Ballot November 5th

On the ballot in November, will be several items for township voters to consider.

**School Board:** There are three seats up for election in November. Two current school board members, Scott Hawthorn and Joe Solch as well as newcomer Brian Moore are all running unopposed for these positions. School board members serve a four year term and there are five school board members.

**Township Trustee:** There are two township trustee positions that are up for election. Two current trustees, Jerry Hirt and Beth van Haaren, are running unopposed. There are three township trustees and one fiscal officer in a township. All positions are four year terms.

**3.8 mil Renewal Tax Levy:** This is a renewal of the 3.8 mil Bethel Township General Fund Levy originally passed in August 2003. It was renewed for an additional five years in 2008. The purpose of the 3.8 mil 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. This is a renewal levy so there are no new taxes. This levy is a five year levy.

**0.6 mil Renewal Tax Levy:** This is a Troy/Miami County Public Library levy. All Miami County residents will vote on this levy, which was originally approved by voters in 2009. The purpose of this levy is to provide local funding for the Troy/Miami County library. Bethel Local Schools and other Bethel residents have access to the Miami County Bookmobile as a result of this levy. This is a renewal levy so there are no new taxes. This is a five year levy.

If you have additional questions about what is on the ballot on November 5th, please contact the Miami County Board of Elections at 440-3900 during normal business hours.

## New Precinct Designation

Beginning with the November 2013 election, Bethel South Central precinct will be split into two precincts. The new precincts will be defined as:

- Voters who live in Bethel Township on properties NOT annexed to Huber Heights, will remain in **Bethel South Central** precinct and will continue to vote at the new West Charleston Church of the Brethren, located just north of 571 on SR 202.
- Voters who live on property that was formerly part of Bethel Township but was annexed to Huber Heights (Parktowne, Windbrooke, and Carriage Trails) will be voting at the Fire station in Brandt. This new precinct will be called **Bethel - Huber Heights**. Voters in this precinct vote on Bethel School District issues. They do not vote on Bethel Township issues.

The board of elections will be sending notification out to the residents whose precinct location has changed. If you have additional questions about your precinct or your voting location, please contact the Miami County Board of Elections at 440-3900 during normal business hours.



*Beggars Night*

Thursday, October 31, 6 pm to 8 pm

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

**Tuesday, November 5**

**Polls are open  
7 am to 7 pm**

## Zoning Update

### Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-15-13	7245 Us Route 40	Accessory Building
ZC-16-13	6159 Us Route 40	Swimming Pool
ZC-17-13	8866 State Route 202	Swimming Pool
ZC-18-13	6737 US Route 40	Accessory Building
ZC-19-13	6240 Palmer	Deck
ZC-20-13	5165 Us Route 40	Swimming Pool
ZC-21-13	4580 Rudy	Swimming Pool
ZC-22-13	4515 State Route 202	Accessory Building
ZC-23-13	7490 State Route 201	Accessory Building
ZC-24-13	8140 Wildcat	Accessory Building

### Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):

The Zoning Commission did not meet for the month of July. The Zoning Commission met in regular session in August to hear the following case:

**ZC-04-13:** A request from Gordon & Debra West, 8263 US Route 40 to rezone the property located at 8263 US Route 40 from A-2 General Agriculture to a combination of A-1 Domestic Agriculture and B-3 Highway Business to allow for a potential lot split on ground used for residential and commercial purposes. The request passed.

The Zoning Commission met in September for a workshop meeting to review changes to 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 BZA did not meet for the months of July, August or September. 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.

## Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

**Runs from 06/01/13-9/19/13:** EMS 76 Fire 21 TOTAL 97

**Runs YTD :** EMS 242 Fire 62 TOTAL 304



## Fire Department Open House



Please **JOIN US** for the Bethel Township Fire Department Open House  
**Sunday, October 6 from 2 to 4 pm.**

Please drop by and meet the firefighters, climb in a fire truck, paint a pumpkin or just enjoy the delicious food.

October is National Fire Prevention Month. The Open House will be held at the Fire Station in Brandt (8735 South Second Street). For more information, contact the Bethel Township Fire Department at 845.4274.

## Road Maintenance

The winter months will soon be upon us and bring the challenges of driving in snowy, icy and/or wet conditions. The Bethel Township Road Department makes every effort to keep roadways as safe as possible during inclement weather.

### Snow removal tips

To help snow removal crews complete each snow event in the most efficient manner, the Road Department asks residents to do the following:

- Remove any objects near roadways that could potentially be struck during snow and ice removal.
- Don't pass a snow plow unless absolutely necessary.
- Allow plenty of stopping distance and keep a safe distance behind the plow trucks. This also reduces the chances of loose material hitting your vehicle.
- Never assume that the snow plow operator can see you. Every plow truck has blind spots that reduce side and rear visibility.
- Delay non-essential travel until after the roads have been cleared.
- Keep headlights on low beam.
- When clearing your driveway, do not push the snow out into the street. This can create a danger to motorists.
- To avoid clearing your driveway entrance repeatedly, wait until the plow truck has completed clearing the roadway. Pile snow to the left side of drive as you face your house, specifically when clearing near the road. This will prevent the plow from dragging the pile across your driveway apron.

### Plowing responsibilities

Not all roadways within Bethel Township are maintained by Bethel Township. Certain roadways are maintained by other government agencies or private concerns. The Bethel Township Road Department maintains approximately 26 miles of the 75 miles of roadway in the Township.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (937) 339-1921 maintains all state routes.
- The Miami County Engineer's Office (937) 440-5656 maintains County roads. In our township, county roads are Bellefontaine, Elizabeth—Bethel, Palmer, Studebaker, Scarff (north of New Carlisle Road), Dayton-Brandt, Ross, Sullivan and Rudy.
- Streets in mobile home parks are maintained by the owners of the park.
- Private drives and lanes are not maintained by the Township.

## Bethel Business Spotlight

Thirty four years ago in a shop behind his home, Ken Bender started Circle Body Repair. Since 1997, Ken has based his business in Bethel Township. Circle Body Repair is a full service truck and automobile body repair center that can handle both foreign and domestic products.

Ken states "we can handle anything from your classic car, up to up to today's most current vehicles." With a clean and efficient shop as well as two employees, Circle Body Repair handles hundreds of vehicles every year. Whether its insurance work or pay on your own, they can handle your body repair needs.

When asked what sets his business apart, Ken stated "I provide quality work at an affordable price". Ken also offers services such as towing and undercoating. Circle Body Repair is located at 8715 S. State Route 202 and Ken Bender can be reached at 937-845-3450 or e-mail at [circlebody@aol.com](mailto:circlebody@aol.com). Business hours are M-F 8-5 and Sat. 9-2.





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### October

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 8 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

### November

- 5 Election Day
- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7PM
- 12 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 19 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 26 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 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](http://www.betheltownship.org) for Workshop Session cancellations.

### December

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

**Bethel Local Schools** invites you to view the proposed facility additions to the school. All meetings will be held in the Bethel Auditorium. Come join us and get the information!

**Wednesday 10/9 @ 6:50 PM**—  
a light supper will be served.

**Sunday 10/27 @ 3 PM**

**Monday 11/11 @ 7 PM**

**3 opportunities to view the plans and ask questions!**



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