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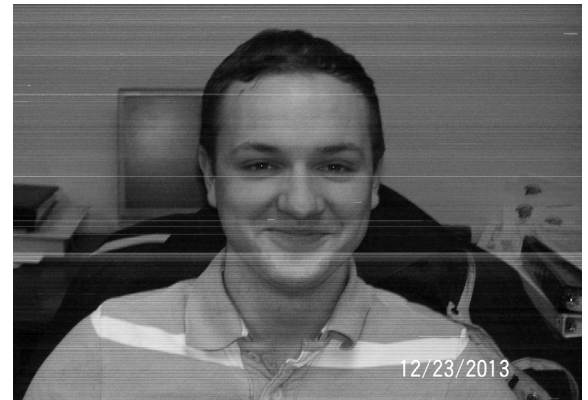
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Water Line Grant Funding

In October, Bethel Township was the recipient of a \$400,000 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant for the purpose of constructing water lines in and around Phoneton. An additional \$200,000 loan at 0% interest was also part of the OPWC funding. Bethel Township is currently working with Miami County Sanitary Engineering to select an engineering firm for the design of the project. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1,500,000. 3.8 mill Levy funds will be used to offset a portion of the assessment costs. The water line will eventually connect to the water lines in Wiley Industrial Park. Water in the Wiley Industrial Park is currently supplied by Huber Heights. The estimated flow through the lines is over 46,000 gallons of water per day! The project should go out to bid for the construction by the fall of 2014 and construction will begin in the spring of 2015. As the project progresses, we will keep you updated on the design milestones, construction dates and costs.

New Zoning Administrator

Bethel Township welcomes Jeff Green to the staff. Jeff is a 2013 graduate of Wright State University with a major in Urban Affairs. In 2012, he worked part time for the Township as an intern, preparing and submitting grants. Jeff is originally from LaSalle, Ohio which is near Cincinnati, and currently lives in Fairborn. This fall Jeff plans on pursuing his Masters Degree in Urban Affairs. Jeff's primary duties with Bethel Township will be in planning/zoning and grant writing. If you need information on zoning please give Jeff a call at (937)845-8472.



3.8 mill Levy Passes

In November, Bethel Township voters renewed the 3.8 mill Bethel Township General Fund Levy. The official results show that the levy passed, 59% to 41%. The monies generated by this levy will continue to fund infrastructure projects in Bethel Township.



Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-25-13	6476 State Route 40	Addition
ZC-26-13	5095 South Rudy	Accessory Structure
ZC-27-13	4690 State Route 571	New Residence
ZC-28-13	8255 State Route 201	New Residence
ZC-29-13	7985 S Palmer Road	Deck and Pool
ZC-30-13	7990 S Palmer Road	Pole Barn
ZC-31-13	8760 State Route 201	4 Ft Addition to Sign
ZC-32-13	5135 State Route 571	Pool
ZC-33-13	8080 State Route 201	Addition
ZC-24-13	8276 Palmer Road	32x48 Pole Barn
ZC-35-13	8276 Palmer Road	30x56 Pole Barn

Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet in the months of October or November.

The Zoning Commission met in regular session in December to hear the following case:

Case ZA-06-13: A request From Don Gilliam, 8195 State Route 202 to rezone the property 8125 State Route 202 from A-2 General Agriculture to A-1 Domestic Agriculture and R-1AAA Single family residential for a lot split on ground used for agricultural and residential purposes.

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 November or December.

The BZA met in regular session in October to hear the following case:

V-03-13: A request from Aaron Shoup, 7990 South Palmer, New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicant requests a variance to allow for an accessory building to be constructed without having a primary structure on property zoned R-1AAA Single Family. The variance passed, by a vote of 5-0.

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, 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 10/1/13-12/21/13: EMS 117 Fire 28 TOTAL 145

Runs YTD : EMS 342 Fire 84 TOTAL 426



Road Maintenance

December brought quite a bit of snow and ice and then a deluge of rain. The weather made driving a challenge for all of us. As winter continues, we'd like to remind everyone again about the following snow removal tips. 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, *including vehicles*, near or on 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.

Bethel Business Spotlight

In June, 2013, Lori Angel-York and Rob York opened "Canine Cottage" on State Route 202. Canine Cottage is a day care and grooming facility for dogs. With over 25 years experience in the pet grooming and care business, Lori is excited about their new location and the potential for the business. Lori says, "We have great indoor and outdoor space for the dogs. Our plan is to keep a home like atmosphere, so the dogs are comfortable and having a good time." In the spring of 2014, Canine Cottage will be adding retail space, featuring handcrafted and vintage items as well as all natural products for dogs. They will also start individual and group dog training classes. Lori and Rob both grew up in Bethel Township and are thrilled to be a part of the community again.



Canine Cottage is located at 8265 State Route 202 and Lori Angel-York can be reached at 937-716-DOGS (3647). You can also find them on facebook at www.facebook.com/caninecottage Troy.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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January

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 14 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 21 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 28 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 30 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

March

- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 25 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM

February

- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7PM
- 11 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 25 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
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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.