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Emergency Response Times

We have been asked on several occasions about response times of our township or county departments to emergency calls.

Response times for the police are often effected by the nature of the call, the availability of on-duty personnel and priority. The Sheriff's Department responds to the needs of the entire county. We are fortunate to have additional personnel assigned to Bethel Township by virtue of a contract the township has with the Sheriff's Department. One deputy is assigned exclusively to the Township for eight – eight hour shifts per week. This is funded by local police levy Bethel residents have passed. The remainder of the time, we rely on the deputies that are on duty for the entire county. Especially during those periods, calls for services are prioritized by nature of the call. For example, if you called to report a B&E (breaking and entry) your priority would be less than if you reported a burglary in progress.

Calls for Fire or Emergency Medical Services are always an emergency and get immediate dispatch and response. The township en-route response time for Fire or EMS is two and a half minutes and on scene is 7 and a half minutes. Occasionally, there are emergency calls when all of the township equipment has been dispatched. When that occurs we have mutual-aid on call from adjoining departments. The 9-1-1 call center automatically dispatches the appropriate mutual-aid department.

The vast majority of delays in what seems to be slow response time is normally related to cell phone calls requesting police or emergency services. Cell phone signals are normally picked up by the closest cell tower. However, your phone's signal strength and call volume can affect which tower handles your call. With several providers and multiple towers in our region your call maybe connected to any one of several dispatch centers. **Whenever you call 9-1-1 make sure the operator answers: MIAMI COUNTY 9-1-1. If not, ask "Is this Miami County 911?" If the answer is no, ask to be transferred to Miami County.** Otherwise, it may require several questions by the call taker before they realize you are outside of their dispatch area. All of this will delay the dispatch and require at least one transfer of your call and probably increase response time.

Voting Locations and Local Issues

Tuesday, November 4th, voters in Bethel Township will head to the polls. There are two levies for Bethel Local Schools on the ballot. Both are renewal levies. One is the earned income levy that was originally passed in 2010 and the second is an emergency operating levy. Bethel Township has no levies on the ballot. Just a reminder on voting locations:

- **Bethel West and South Central** vote at the new West Charleston Church of the Brethren - 4817 SR 202.
- **Bethel South East and East** vote at the First Baptist Church 8870 SR 571.
- **Bethel Huber Heights** votes at the Fire Station in Brandt. This precinct does not vote on township issues, but does vote on Bethel School issues.

If you have additional questions about your precinct, your voting location or ballot language, please contact the Miami County Board of Elections at 440-3900 during normal business hours.



Beggars Night

Thursday, October 30, 6 pm to 8 pm

Don't Forget to Vote!!

Tuesday, November 4

Polls are open

7 am to 7 pm

Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-18-14	6770 Cobaugh	6x12 Billboard
ZC-19-14	8755 SR 201	Warehouse
ZC-20-14	7995 SR 571	Pool
ZC-21-14	5219 SR 202	New Residence
ZC-22-14	7490 SR 201	Temp. Gravel parking lot
ZC-23-14	9200 Mann	Pole Garage
ZC-24-14	9235 SR 201	Warehouse

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the months of July or August. The Zoning Commission met in September to hear the following cases:

Case ZA-02-14: A request from Dan Heberling, 4878 Scarff Rd to rezone both 7790 and 7730 Ross Rd from A-2 General Agriculture to A-1 Domestic Agriculture for a lot split on ground used for agricultural and residential purposes. The Miami County parcel ID # for 7790 Ross is A01053300 and for 7730 Ross is A01054500. **PASSED 5-0**

Case ZA-03-14: A request from Bethel Township Trustees to amend Article 36 (Billboards) of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution. **PASSED 5-0**

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in July to hear the following case:

Case V-07-14: A request from Justin Powell of 8735 State Route 722 Arcanum Ohio 45304. The applicant requests a triple variance to decrease the amount of feet needed to put up a billboard from the required one hundred (100) feet of the right of way to zero (0) feet of the right of way, to decrease the amount of distance needed between billboards from One Thousand Five Hundred (1500) feet to Nine Hundred and Sixty Three (963), and to decrease the distance needed from a residential zoned lot from Two Hundred (200) feet to One Hundred and Fifty Three (153) feet located at 6770 Cobaugh Tipp City OH 45371 zoned as I-1. The property is identified as Parcel ID # A-01-014500. **PASSED 3-0**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in August to hear the following case:

Case V-08-14: A request from Michael Begley of 6574 State Route 571 Tipp City Ohio 45371. The applicant requests a variance to increase the maximum size of permitted accessory structure from the required Sixteen Hundred (1600) square feet to approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty (1960) square feet located at 6574 State Route 571 Tipp City Ohio 45371 zoned as R-1AAA. The property is identified as Parcel ID # A01-067200. **PASSED 3-0**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in September to hear the following case:

Case V-09-14: A request from Roger McMahan of 7075 State Route 201 Tipp City Ohio 45371. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the rear yard setback for a primary building from the required Fifty (50) feet to approximately Forty Five (45) feet located to property directly north of 7075 State Route 201 Tipp City Ohio 45371 zoned as R-1AAA. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-055110. **PASSED 3-1**

Please JOIN US for the
Bethel Township Fire Department Open House
Sunday, October 12 from 1 to 3 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, call 845.4274.

Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

Runs from 7/1/14—9/23/14:

EMS 120 Fire 31 Total 151

Runs for the YEAR

EMS 325 Fire 116

Total 441



Bethel Local Schools Renewal Levies

Bethel Local Schools is asking its voters to support the NO NEW TAXES Renewals on November 4. Since these renewals ***will not cost the tax payers any additional money*** over the next four years, the Board of Education decided to place both the Emergency Levy and Earned Income Tax renewals on the ballot at the same time. This way, the voters will only have to vote once over the life of both renewals.

Both of these renewals generate nearly 1.6 million general fund monies per year. The Emergency Levy brings in about \$530,000 per year with the Earned Income Tax (.75%) collecting about 1.1 million dollars. Presently, Bethel Local Schools only receives 3 million dollars from the state to assist with the 9 million dollar budget needed to keep the district running efficiently; the renewal monies help to offset these operating costs. Sensitive to its community and taxpayers, the Board emphasizes that there be no new taxes collected in the renewal nor will those individuals on fixed incomes such as our senior citizens be asked to contribute more than they have contributed in the past. The revenues from the Earned Income Tax levy will only grow as the number of residents moving into Bethel School District grows.

The money collected from these renewals touches every area of the district from books to facilities. It provides students with positive learning environments and the materials needed to grow and succeed on a daily basis. Looking forward, Bethel's Superintendent, Virginia Potter, stated "The money generated from this renewal will be used to create new learning opportunities for students, provide a more updated and innovative technology infrastructure, systematically adopt and purchase new curriculum and textbooks, remodel classrooms and bathroom facilities and supply students with the necessary equipment and educational supplies needed to prepare them to operate in a global community."

Bethel community members have until Tuesday, October 6 to register to vote for these NO NEW TAXES renewals on Tuesday, November 4. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Bethel School's superintendent, Virginia Potter, at 845-9414 or via email potterv@bethel.k12.oh.us

Move Right for Sirens & Lights

We all share the responsibility of knowing and practicing proper driving behaviors. One of the most important "rules of the road" deals with yielding the right of way to emergency vehicles. Each day, emergency vehicles respond to urgent requests from the public. The call may be for a person that has stopped breathing, a fire alarm, or a car accident. It is the concern of all Emergency Services that response time for services be minimized. Precious minutes lost while en route to an emergency that could be the difference between life and death. All drivers should know their responsibilities when approached by an emergency vehicle with its red lights flashing or siren sounding.

What Drivers Should Do:

- Remain calm
- Pull to the right and come to a stop.
- When on a high-speed road or when there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible.
- When in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as the traffic in the lane to your right moves over.
- If you cannot move to the right because of an obstacle, simply stop. Your prompt action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing; it will allow the driver to anticipate where to drive.
- When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stationary at an intersection, do not move unless you can pull to the right.

What Drivers Should NOT Do:

- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane or turn left.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WWW.BETHELTONNSHIP.ORG

October

- 1 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Fire Department Open House 1PM—3PM
- 14 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 28 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

November

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

December

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