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## Hospital Choices

Bethel Township Fire Department responds to over 400 emergency medical service (EMS) calls per year. Frequently, the patient needs to be transported to a medical facility. Bethel Township crews will offer a wide range of choices on where to go. We transport to:

Upper Valley	Good Samaritan	Miami Valley
Huber Heights Emergency Room	Springfield Regional Medical Center	Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Grandview	Children's Medical Center	Soin Medical Center

Other hospitals such as Kettering Medical Center or Southview Hospital are too far away for our crews to make a quick turn around and get back to protect the Township. For example, a trip to Kettering would take over an hour and half for our crews to return for the next emergency, whereas a trip to Grandview would be under an hour. In addition to the distance, we have to pass other hospitals (including ones in the same network) to reach those destinations. In an effort to provide maximum coverage to the entire township, it is important for the crews to deliver the patient to the most appropriate hospital in a timely manner. Hospitals in the Premier Network are Miami Valley, Upper Valley and Good Samaritan. Hospitals in the Kettering Network are Grandview, Soin and Huber Heights ER. Springfield, Wright Patt AFB and Children's are not in any other networks.

There are also times when the emergency dictates where we take patients. Examples of this include trauma, stroke, burns, and other critical emergencies. We are dictated by our "protocols" to take patients to specified hospitals that are specifically equipped to handle these emergencies. It is also possible that at times emergency rooms close due to high volume; this is called rerouting. We are notified by our dispatch when an ER is closed and we are not able to take patients there.

If you have the medic come to your house and the crews tell you that you or a loved one cannot be transported to your hospital of choice, please realize that they are following policy that has been created to ensure the best possible care for the patient and also provide the highest level of service for the residents of the township. Any additional questions or concerns about this policy, please feel free to contact Andy Ehrhart, Bethel Township Administrator and Fire Chief at 845.8472.

## Phoneton Water Project

Using 3.8 mil Levy money, the Bethel Township Trustees have entered into a contract with Miami County Commissioners and Access Engineering to undertake the design, engineering and construction of a waterline extension from Brandt to Phoneton. The project will run along US Rte 40, south on SR 202 and Wildcat to connect with Wiley Industrial Park, through Dinsmore and Shroyer and north a short distance on SR 202. Bethel Township was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for this project and a \$200,000 0% interest loan which will offset some of the costs of this project. As the design and engineering phase is completed in June, more detailed information will be available.

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

**Tuesday, May 5th**

**Polls are open**

**6:30 am to 7:30 pm**

**Voting questions? Contact the Miami County Board of Elections at 440-3900 during normal business hours**

April-June 2015

## Zoning Update

### Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-1-15	6476 US 40	Addition to Accessory Structure
ZC-2-15	6305 Heffner Rd	Addition to Residence
ZC-3-15	7490 State Route 201	School Additions
ZC-4-15	8455 Overlook Dr.	320 sq. ft. Shed
ZC-5-15	5015 S Dayton-Brandt rd.	30 x 30 Garage

### **BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):**

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the month of January. The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did meet in February to for a workshop session to review the zoning code with the BZA. The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did meet in March to hear the following case:

**Case ZA-01-15:** A request from Don Caldwell of 8430 Flick Road to rezone the property located as Miami county parcel ID number A01-071100 on SR 571 from A-2 General Agriculture to A-1 Domestic Agriculture to allow for lot split on ground used for residential and agricultural purposes. **Passed 5-0**

### **BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did not meet in January due to the applicant cancelling the variance request:

**Case V-01-15:** A request from Javier Perez of 8455 Overlook Dr. New Carlisle, Ohio, 45344. The applicant requests a variance to put an accessory structure in the front yard and decrease the side yard setback for an accessory building from the required ten (10) feet to approximately three (3) feet. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-027560. **Cancelled**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet for the month of February for a workshop to discuss zoning code updates with the ZC. The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in March to hear the following case:

**Case V-02-15:** A request from Tracy Watson, 968 Bellefontaine RD, New Carlisle Ohio 45344. The applicant requests a variance to increase the maximum size of permitted accessory structure from the required Sixteen Hundred (1600) square feet to approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred (3500) square feet. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A03-004800. **Passed 3-1**

The BZA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room. The Zoning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of the month @ 7:30 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.



Thirteen people applied for the position of Township Trustees. All the applicants were well qualified and all interviewed extremely well. The trustees, the fiscal officer and the township administrator had the daunting task of selecting one from the many for the position. We would like to extend our thanks and our appreciation to everyone who applied. The township is very lucky to have so many talented and committed citizens.

### Fire and EMS 2015:

**Runs from 1/1/15—3/23/15:**  
**EMS 94 Fire 36 Total 130**



**Fire Fact:** Did you know that a set of firefighter gear costs, on average, \$4,000 and the NFPA standard for replacement of the gear is 10 years?

## Business Spotlight

Rolling & Sliding Doors of Dayton is actually located just south of Brandt on SR 201. It has been in business serving the needs of residential, commercial, and industrial customers for 25 years. Robert Zugeider originally opened his business in Riverside. As his company expanded he moved to his current location at 8755 SR 201 in 2002. He recently constructed another building to warehouse materials for the growing business. They currently employ seven people to serve their customers.

Bob proudly states Rolling & Sliding Doors of Dayton is “Where Price, Quality, & Service Meet.” They service any make or model of garage door as well as carry a full line garage doors and automatic openers. Their product lines also include fire doors which meet building regulations and fire codes for commercial or industrial buildings. They can handle drop testing and offer emergency 24 hour service. They can install commercial counter shutters and are always equipped to help design unique industrial applications.

If you are considering converting your garage into a patio room or man-cave, they can install a screen door for your summer comfort. They would be pleased to show you what they could do to allow you to multi-use your space. Check them out in person, by phone at 846-1860, or visit [www.daytondoors.com](http://www.daytondoors.com)

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## Bethel Local Schools 0.75% Earned Income Tax RENEWAL

On May 5th, Bethel School District voters will have the opportunity to vote on the renewal of a 0.75% Earned Income Tax (EIT). First passed by voters in 2010, this EIT generates approximately \$1.2 million which makes up almost 14% of Bethel Local Schools' budget. Presently, the school only receives 3 million dollars from the state to assist with the 9 million dollar budget needed to keep the district running efficiently. And Bethel Local Schools run very efficiently. According to data from the Ohio Department of Education, of the 21 schools in our surrounding community (all schools in Miami County and/or in the Cross County Conference), **only 1 school spends less money per student than Bethel.** The revenues from the Earned Income Tax levy will only grow as the number of residents moving into Bethel School District increases.

The money collected from the EIT touches every area of the district from books and curriculum to fuel and cleaning supplies. 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 “This renewal money is not about the extras...it's about the necessities! Without it, our teachers will be unable to provide the education our community has come to expect from its schools. Its absence from our budget will only slow down the progress we are making with the district's strategic plan...to educate with excellence and inspire our students to reach their potential in an ever-changing global society.”

Bethel community members have until Monday, April 6, to register to vote for the NO NEW TAXES renewal on Tuesday, May 5th.

*Virginia Potter*

*Superintendent, Bethel Local Schools*

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## Trustees Support School's Earned Income Tax RENEWAL

On March 24, Bethel Township Trustees unanimously passed a resolution in support of Bethel Local Schools' 0.75% Earned Income Tax Renewal that is on the ballot on May 5th. Trustee Hirt stated, “It is not possible to have a great community without a great school district. We are fortunate in Bethel Township to have both and we are voting in support of the funding to continue the excellent education tradition at Bethel Local Schools”.

**ROAD UPDATE:** The frequent freezing and thawing this past winter has taken a heavy toll on our roadways. We will be doing patch work this spring, crack sealing in the summer and currently plan to overlay one road. If you notice damage to the road, please contact the township at 845.8472.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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*Or like us on Facebook— Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio*

**April**

- 1 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 3 Good Friday—Township Offices Closed
- 14 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 21 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

**May**

- 5 Election Day, Polls are open 6:30 AM—7 PM
- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 25 Memorial Day—Township Offices Closed
- 26 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

**June**

- 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

**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.

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