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## Township Firefighters Attend Dance

Five Bethel Township firefighters recently put on their dress uniforms and escorted a very happy Ryleigh Shafer to the father-daughter dance held at Bethel Local Schools. A kindergartner at Bethel Elementary, Ryleigh lost her father, Justin, to cancer in October 2016. Justin was a Bethel Township firefighter who had been with the department for 3 years.

While no one can replace Ryleigh's father, she has an army of supporters. "She comes up every Saturday shift we work. We have gotten really close to her. We definitely owe it to Justin to help her out," said Bethel firefighter Jace Justice.

Ryleigh was all smiles as she walked into her first father-daughter dance with her five friends from the Bethel Township Fire Department. There was lots of dancing, pictures and time just to hang out

with punch and cookies. Ryleigh even taught them a few dance moves.

"We take care of one another. Especially in times of need. Ever since Justin passed away, we have been trying to do stuff with the kids. We want to make sure they know that we are still a part of their family," said Bethel Fire Lt. Nick Magateaux, who frequently worked the same shift as Ryleigh's father.



## Election on May 2—Voting Locations in Bethel Township

Tuesday, May 2nd, voters in Bethel Township will head to the polls. There are three issues on the ballot: 2.0 mill Renewal Capitol Improvement Levy and a 7.0 mill General Operations Levy—both for Bethel Local School District and a 1.43 mill Bond issue for Miami Valley CTC. Bethel Township has no issues on the ballot. The polls are open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on May 2. Early voting begins on Tuesday, April 4 at the Miami County Courthouse in Troy.

- **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.
- **Huber Heights A and Huber Heights B** vote at the Fire Station in Brandt. These precincts do **not** vote on township issues, but do 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 (937) 440-3900 during normal business hours or you can find them at <http://electionsonthe.net/oh/miami/>

## Zoning Update

### ZONING CERTIFICATES ISSUED

ZC-01-17	2962 Ginghamburg-West Charleston Rd.	New residence
ZC-02-17	7450 Scarff Rd.	Accessory building
ZC-03-17	7264 Agenbroad Rd.	New residence
ZC-04-17	9385 S. Shroyer Dr.	Accessory building
ZC-05-17	2945 E. US 40	Addition to residence
ZC-06-17	6705 E. Church St.	Addition to residence
ZC-07-17	5824 St. Rt. 571	New residence

### BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC)

The Zoning Commission reviewed the following cases year-to-date 2017:

ZA-05-16	5700 St. Rt. 571	Rezoning 10.024 acres from A-2 to A-1 in order to split a 4.03-acre parcel (Approved)
ZA-06-16	St. Rt. 571	Cancelled
ZA-07-16	968 Bellefontaine Rd.	Rezoning 2.518 acres from R-1AAA to B-2 for a veterinary clinic (Approved with condition)
ZA-01-17	6476 US 40	Rezoning several parcels to R-1AAA so seven parcels can be consolidated to three parcels (Approved with condition)
ZA-02-17	9140 St. Rt. 202 @ US 40	Rezoning two lots from B-1 and B-3 to I-1 to join and erect a gas station (Pending)
ZA-03-17	Cancelled	
ZA-04-17	6625 Cobaugh Rd.	Rezoning one parcel from I-1 to R-1AAA (Pending)

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals reviewed the following variance and conditional use cases year-to-date 2017:

V-10-16	5930 Rudy Rd.	Pole barn height (Approved)
V-11-16	7930 Singer Rd.	Pole barn square footage (Approved)
V-12-16	6185 Dayton-Brandt Rd.	Pole barn height (Approved)
V-01-17	6476 US 40	Lot size & frontage less than allowed for R-1AAA
CU-01-17	968 Bellefontaine Rd.	Veterinary clinic (Pending)

The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM and the BZA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Bethel Township Meeting Room when they have cases. Public notice for both the ZC and the BZA meetings are posted in the news section of the Township website 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.

## From the Fire Department

### Chimney Safety Tips

The end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 statistics show a rise in chimney fires. As it warms, use this time to think about safety for the upcoming season.

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
- Make sure there is a cap to keep debris and animals out of the chimney.
- Keep the tops of chimneys clear of limbs or debris.
- Check to make sure the damper is functioning properly.
- Make sure your Carbon Monoxide detector is working properly.



### Fire and EMS 2017:

**Runs from 1/1/17—3/16/17:**

EMS 83 Fire 29 Total 111

## Bethel Local Schools Renewal Levies

Bethel Local Schools is asking voters to support the NO NEW TAXES Renewals on the ballot May 2. These renewals, a 2 mill Capital Improvement Levy and a 7 mill General Operations Levy **will not cost the tax payers any additional money** over the next five years. The Capitol Improvement Levy is a five year, 2 mil Levy that currently generates approximately \$206,000 per year. This levy has been in place and successfully renewed since 1996. The funds from this levy can only be used for building improvements and repairs. The General Operations Levy is a five year, 7 mil levy that raises just over one million dollars and is used for student supplies, equipment, salaries, fuel, utilities and many other day to day expenses. The General Operations Levy was first passed by voters in 2012. Presently, Bethel Local Schools only receives 4 million dollars from the state to assist with the 11 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.

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, purchase new curriculum and textbooks, remodel and expand 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 Monday, April 3 to register to vote for these renewals. Election Day is Tuesday, May 2, and early voting begins on Tuesday, April 4. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Bethel School's superintendent, Virginia Potter, at 845-9414 or via email [potterv@bethelk12.org](mailto:potterv@bethelk12.org)

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## Trustees Support School's Levy Renewals

On March 14, Bethel Township Trustees unanimously passed a resolution in support of Bethel Local Schools' 2 mill Capital Improvement Levy and 7 mill General Operations Levy that are on the ballot on May 2nd. Both levies are renewals. Trustee Beth van Haaren stated, "Great communities and great schools go hand in hand. We are proud to pass this resolution and to continue the tradition of supporting our school and by extension our township."

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## Ditch Law in Ohio

Spring is upon us and with it comes lots of rain and the potential for flooding. Per the Ohio Revised Code, the responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of drains, ditches and watercourses, whether established county ditches or not, rests entirely upon the land owners affected and benefitted. It is not the obligation of the County or Township to maintain or improve the storm drainage facilities across any individual's property for either agricultural purposes or the development of home sites. Please check the open ditches on your property on a regular basis and keep them free of debris. This will help the storm water to move in the ditch and away from your property, which in turn may reduce your risk of flooding. Keeping the ditches clean also minimizes clogging of tiles under your driveway and under the roads, catch basins and other storm water tiles. Remember storm drains are for water movement only, they are not designed to remove grass, gravel, leaves or any other type of waste materials. If you would like more information on ditch law in Ohio, please contact Miami County Soil and Water at [www.miamiswcd.org](http://www.miamiswcd.org) or 335-7645.



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## Cemetery Cleanup

Bethel Township is responsible for maintaining all five public cemeteries in the Township. Bethel West and West Charleston are the only active cemeteries in the Township. Spring clean up in all Township Cemeteries will start on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Decorations must be removed by April 16<sup>th</sup> and may be replaced in the cemeteries after May 15<sup>th</sup>. Any live flowers, artificial flowers or decorations may be removed by the cemetery crews when deemed unsightly, at anytime during the year or if they cause a problem with mowing and maintenance of the Cemetery. If you have any questions on the cemeteries or the spring clean up, please call the township at 845-8472.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**April**

- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 Public Hearing—Zoning, 6:30 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  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

**May**

- 3 Historical Society
- 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
- 29 Memorial Day—Township Offices are closed

**June**

- 7 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 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

**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

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