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Friendship Park Update

The Township's Friendship Park on Church Street recently received a stunning upgrade with the installation of new playground equipment, making it a must-visit destination for families in the area. The playground now features state-of-the-art equipment designed for children of all ages, including modern swings, climbing structures, and slides. Color of green for Bethel and durable materials create a safe and visually appealing environment, encouraging kids to explore, climb, and engage in active play. Parents can relax on a nearby bench.



This revitalization project is part of the Township's ongoing commitment to enhancing community spaces and promoting outdoor activities. With the addition of the new equipment, the park now serves as a hub for family gatherings, play dates, and community events. The upgrades not only cater to the physical well-being of children but also foster social interactions and creative play, contributing to the overall development of young minds. Friendship Park, with its new playground equipment, is a reflection of the community's investment in creating a vibrant and family-friendly environment for all. And it was completed with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding, not your tax dollars!



From Fire Prevention Officer Lieutenant Teegarden...

With colder weather approaching, it is important to be prepared ahead of the weather. When time falls back an hour, change out smoke detector and CO (carbon monoxide) detector batteries. If your residence has a basement, it is crucial that a CO detector is placed there. It is recommended that a CO detector is placed in a central location outside each sleeping area and that at least one smoke detector is installed in every level of the residence. Smoke detectors need to be replaced approximately every 10 years while CO detectors need to be replaced approximately every 7-10 years.



With homes that have a chimney, it is recommended that before the first use of the season you have the chimney cleaned and inspected. Without yearly cleaning and inspection, the increase buildup of creosote in the chimney or damage to the masonry raises the risk of fire in your home. Creosote increases when the air supply is restricted in the chimney, unseasoned wood is burned, and when the chimney temperature is cooler than normal. Too much creosote buildup can cause chimney fires and these low burning fires can go undetected until they spread. It is also important to never start a fire in a fireplace with any type of accelerant due to toxic fumes and increases in the amount of creosote buildup. In addition, the flammable liquids can cause damage to the chimney flue liner and to the interior masonry. For routine cleaning of your fireplace, let the ash from the fireplace cool down and use a metal shovel and a metal bucket to remove the ash from your residence and let it cool further outside, away from other combustibles. Once leftover ash in the fireplace cools down significantly, you can use a vacuum to get the remaining amount out.

Staff Highlights



Ben Cahill, Fire Chief

Mr. Cahill, a Huber Heights resident, has 2 kids and a loving wife who support him as he transitions into this role. He has been in the fire service for 10 years and Bethel Township was where it all started. He is proud to serve Bethel Township in the role of Fire Chief and welcomes any questions or concerns that residents may have. He plans to keep the fire department thriving as they look forward to new opportunities for the safety of our citizens. Please join the Township at our Fire Department Open House on October 13th from 2:00-4:00 PM to get a chance to meet some of the staff, including Mr. Cahill. He thanks the community for this great opportunity to serve and looks forward to the future to what Bethel Fire can bring.

Marty Caskey, Zoning Department

One of our former Zoning Directors, Mr. Caskey was recently re-hired as a seasonal worker into the Zoning Department to help with zoning cases until a new Township Administrator/Zoning Director can be hired. He has a wealth of Zoning experience and volunteered to help the current Trustees to ensure uninterrupted service to the community. Welcome back, Marty!



Fun Events in our Township

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY OCT 13
2 PM – 4 PM
at the fire station
in Brandt
**FUN FOR THE
ENTIRE FAMILY**



BEGGAR'S NIGHT
Trick Or Treat!
**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 31ST
6PM-8PM
RAIN OR SHINE**



BETHEL
ELEMENTARY PTO'S
BOOTH-OR-TREAT
OCTOBER 26TH FROM 2:00 TO 4:00PM
BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FREE FOR BETHEL KIDDOS AGE 0-12

The PTO is asking members of our wonderful community to sponsor a booth. What does this look like? You will have a 10x10 area to decorate with a child-appropriate theme of your choosing. You can offer games, snacks, or just hand out candy. There are no limits to your creativity.



SCANTOGET INVOLVED



Our goal is to strengthen the bond between the community, the PTO and our school. This will help keep the "small school feel" alive.

Upcoming Election — Tuesday, November 5th

All precincts vote at Bethel High School — use the Hive entrance around back
Early voting begins Tuesday, October 8th and ends Sunday, November 3rd

Fire/EMS



Fire/EMS Runs			
July 1 — Sept 25			
Fire	13	YTD	81
EMS	125	YTD	330
		TOTAL	411

Training Completed

In September the Bethel Township Fire Department conducted a rural water movement training day. This included engine pump operations, drafting from a static water source (dump tanks for this evolution), and tanker shuttle operations.

We would like to thank the Tipp City Fire Department for joining us at our training as we work towards solidifying the relationship with our fellow mutual aid agencies.



Fire Department Open House

In celebration of National Fire Prevention Week and their focus on having working smoke alarms in the home, the Fire Dept will host its annual Open House on Sunday, October 13th, from 2-4 PM. Firetrucks, medics, and the station will be on display. There will be activities, demonstrations, free pumpkins for the kids to decorate (until gone), and food & drink. The event is free and open to the public. Come out and meet the outstanding men and women who staff your local fire department. We look forward to seeing you there!

Zoning Update

ZONING CERTIFICATES ISSUED:

ZC-17-24	5345 S SR 202	ADDITION TO RESIDENCE
ZC-18-24	2962 S SR 202	POLE BARN
ZC-19-24	9490 MANN RD	ADDITION TO RESIDENCE
ZC-20-24	8780 E NEW CARLISLE RD	GARAGE ADDITION
ZC-21-24	9161 SR 201	ADD'L STORAGE BUILDINGS
ZC-22-24	2376 W CHARLESTON RD	IN-GROUND POOL
ZC-23-24	4230 GIBSON DR	NEW CONSTRUCTION
ZC-24-24	5455 STUDEBAKER RD	ABOVE-GROUND POOL
ZC-25-24	8270 E NEW CARLISLE RD	ACCESSORY BUILDING
ZC-26-24	4330 LISA DR	NEW COMMERCIAL BLDG

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room. The Zoning Commission meets @ 7:30 pm the same night and in the same location.

Public notice for both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are posted on the Township website at www.betheltownship.org and in the Troy Daily News.

Additionally, residents within 500' of the requesting property are notified by first class mail as per the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and the Ohio Revised Code.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission had no cases in the third quarter.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals had no cases in the third quarter.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees held no public hearings for zoning cases in the third quarter.

Wildcat Road Paving Project

Trustee Kama Dick oversaw a major repaving project on Wildcat Road. She worked in conjunction with Miami County Engineer's Office to obtain the best deal possible. The project was not only completed in a timely manner, but came in at \$248,183.10, nearly \$10,000 under budget.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October

- 1 Trustee Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 2 Historical Society, 7 PM
- 13 Fire Dept Open House, 2-4 PM @ Fire House
- 14 Columbus/Indigenous People's Day observed, Township Offices Closed
- 15 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7 PM
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 26 BOOth-or-Treat, 2-4 PM @ Bethel Elementary
- 29 Trustee Workshop Meeting, 7 PM
- 31 Beggar's Night 6-8 PM throughout the Township

November

- 4 Zoning Public Hearing & Trustee Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 5 General Election Polling, 6:30 AM— 7:30 PM @ Bethel High School (Hive entrance)
- 6 Historical Society, 7 PM
- 11 Veteran's Day observed, Township Offices Closed
- 19 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7 PM
- 26 Trustee Workshop Meeting, 7 PM
- 28 Thanksgiving observed, Township Offices Closed

December

- 3 Trustee Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 4 Historical Society, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7 PM
- 25 Christmas observed, Township Offices Closed
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM *
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM *
- 30 Trustee Workshop Meeting, 7 PM

We invite you to attend!

The Board of Trustees generally meets in Workshop Session on the last Tuesday of each month and Regular Business session on the first Tuesday of each month, if needed.

*** Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission only meet if a case is pending.**

Please check the Township's website for meeting notices, cancellations, or updates.

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