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# CURRENT

## *Bethel Township Trustees*

### Storm Hits Bethel Township

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, a torrential rainstorm struck Miami and Clark Counties. This storm dumped as much as six inches of rain in approximately ninety minutes. Flash flooding was like nothing ever seen before in this area. "I have lived in this area for 59 years and have seen runoff and some flash flooding but nothing like this" stated Trustee Jerry Hirt. The results of the rainfall took quick effect on the area causing several road closures, water over roadways, vehicle crashes, lightning strikes, and overall flooding. After the event, we were left with damage to roadways, homes, crops, drainage systems, vehicles, and mass property damage in general.

Almost every street was affected by some form of flooding. State Routes 571, 201, 202, US Route 40, New Carlisle, Pisgah, and Dayton Brandt were all temporarily closed due to flooding or damage to the roadway. With the hard work of road crews and contractors hired by the Township to make emergency repairs, all roadways were opened by the next morning. The Township is still working on permanent repairs to New Carlisle, Pisgah, and Wildcat as well as replacing washouts and berm damage. Another issue was the amount of debris that washed out of fields onto roadways, everything from logs to corn stubble. In some areas this was up to a foot deep on the roadways. Road crews utilized the Township's snow plows to plow the debris off the roadway and open up lanes of travel.

Fire crews responded to over twenty incidents during and after the event. Crews checked on victims of "slide off" crashes, flooding, assist to citizens getting out of their houses, and one reported structure fire that luckily was only some damaged electrical equipment as a result of a lightning strike. Conditions were so hazardous that a medic and a fire engine got "stuck" in the mud while responding to calls. Both vehicles were removed with the help of citizens and the road department. Bethel Township Fire Department would like to formally thank both for their efforts in getting them back on the road. Crews did assist with the rescue of a woman from her flooded residence. Shelter was provided for at the fire station for anyone displaced from their homes or stranded from their vehicles. We, as a Township, are very fortunate that we had no reported injuries and no deaths as a result of this severe flooding.

As we proceed with cleanup efforts, Bethel Township would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and ask for their patience as we make repairs. We have submitted initial damage reports to the Miami County Emergency Management Agency, who will then request federal monies for repairs. Hopefully, these funds will be issued to help with the overall cost of the repairs.



**Damage on New Carlisle Road**



**Damage on Palmer Road**



## Zoning Update

### Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-07-14	7825 Newbury	Pool
ZC-08-14	5145 Ross Rd	16x24 Storage shed
ZC-09-14	5355 Westland	Pool
ZC-10-14	5435 S Dayton Brandt	Addition
ZC-11-14	6203 Scarff	New Residence
ZC-12-14	9351 Bellefontaine	Addition
ZC-13-14	6575 Walnut	New Residence
ZC-14-14	7890 SE 202	Addition
ZC-15-14	6875 Studebaker	Pool
ZC-16-14	4790 SR 201	6 Industrial Unit classrooms
ZC-17-14	8728 US 40	Residential Deck

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

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

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the months of April or June.

**In May: ZA-01-14:** A request from the Bethel Township Trustees to change the definition of road frontage and to make changes to Article 20 Planned Development.

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 Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet to hear the following cases:

**In April: Case V-02-14:** A request from Justin Powell of 8735 State Route 722 Arcanum Ohio 45304. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the amount of feet needed put up a billboard from the required one hundred (100) feet of the right of way to twenty (20) feet of the right of way located at 6770 Cobaugh New Carlisle Ohio 45344 zoned as I-1.

**In May: Case V-03-14:** A request from Randy Britton of 209 Ranchview Drive Vandalia Ohio 45377. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the side yard setback needed to build a house from the required twenty (20) feet to five (5) feet and to decrease the front yard setback from fifty (50) feet to (ten) 10 feet. The property is located at 6825 US RT 40 Tipp City Ohio 45371. The property is zoned as R-1A Single Family Residential.

**In May: Case V-04-14:** A request from Michael Volz of 8890 E SR 40 New Carlisle OH 45344. The applicant requests a variance to put an accessory structure in the front yard and to increase the maximum sq ft from Nineteen hundred (1900) sq ft to Twenty Seven Hundred (2700) sq ft. The property is zoned as R-1AAA Single Family Residential.

**In May: Case V-05-15:** A request from David Strycula of 6484 Apple Seed Pl Huber Heights OH 45424. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the front yard setback from Fifty (50) ft to twenty five (25) ft to put an addition onto his house. The property is located at 7890 State Route 202 Tipp City Ohio 45371. The property is zoned as R-1AAA Single family residential.

**In June: Case CU-1-14:** A request from Justin Powell, 8315 State Route 202, Arcanum, OH, 45304. The applicant requests conditional use approval to allow for the construction of a double stack 14'x 40' billboard on the property located at 6770 Cobaugh, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-014500.

**Case V-06-14:** A request from Bethel Local Schools of 7490 State Route 201 Tipp City OH 45371. The applicant requests a variance to reduce the size of parking spaces from 10x20 to 10x18. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-250020.

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



## Recycling

Glass is endlessly recyclable. Did you know it can take up to a million years for a glass bottle to decompose? Most glass jars and bottles manufactured in the United States today contain at least a 25% recycled glass content. In addition to keeping glass out of landfills, recycled content glass can be produced with 75% less energy than new glass.

**Currently our current recycling vendor, Waste Management, does not accept glass for recycling.**

The township has a separate green bin, labeled “GLASS” for residents to use. We take the glass to the county recycling station in Troy. If you have any questions on the type of glass that can be accepted, please contact the township at 845.8472. Thank you for helping Bethel Township do its part for the environment.

**Not all glass can be recycled. Below is a list of items that should NOT be placed in the recycling bin:**

- Mirror or Window glass
- Crystal
- Plastic or metal lids
- Heat resistant glass, such as Pyrex
- Any glass contaminated w/w/stones, dirt or food waste
- Ceramics - dishware, bakeware and decorative items
- Lightbulbs

## United Way—Bethel & Monroe Townships and Tipp City

We have all seen the logo—a person on an open hand—perhaps you have donated to the United Way or perhaps you have benefited from their generosity at some point in your life. However you know them, the United Way of Tipp City, Bethel and Monroe Townships, which is a local chapter of the national United Way organization, is on a mission to improve lives in our community. Their goal is to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life and for a good community. Their annual budget comes solely from the financial giving of members in the community. If you would like to donate, please call 669-3863 or visit their website [www.tippcityauw.org](http://www.tippcityauw.org). If you work outside the community and wish to donate, you can do a payroll deduction and designate Tipp City, Bethel and Monroe Townships as the recipient. Funds raised in the community STAY in the community.



United Way supports over 20 different non-profits in Miami County. Below are several of the non profits they support and contact information.

**Health Partners Free Clinic**—332-0894 A medical clinic for anyone who is uninsured or underinsured.

**Miami County Dental Clinic**—339-8658 For anyone who is uninsured or underinsured and Medicaid eligible.

**Well Child Clinic and Prenatal Wellness**—573-3500 A clinic for children up to 18 years old and expectant mothers.

**Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County**—335-6761 Assists victims of emotional and physical violence as well as homeless victims.

**Child Care Choices**—667-1799 A free child care resource and referral service for families looking for child care.

**Needy Baskets**—667-1977 An emergency food distribution to those struggling with financial stability.

### Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

**Runs from 4/1/14-6/24/14:** EMS 96 Fire 40 TOTAL 136

**Runs YTD :** EMS 206 Fire 85 TOTAL 291





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [WWW.BETHELTONNSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.BETHELTONNSHIP.ORG)*

### July

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 4 Independence Day, Township offices closed
- 8 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 County Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

### August

- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7PM
- 12 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 19 County Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 26 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

### September

- 1 Labor Day, Township offices closed
- 3 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 19 County 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.  
All meetings are subject to cancellation.