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## **Bethel Township Fire Department Medical Facility Information**

Bethel Township Fire Department responds to over 500 emergency medical service (EMS) calls per year. Frequently, the patient must 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**

**Springfield Reg. Med. Center**

**Wright Patt Air Force Base**

**Huber Heights Emergency**

**Children's Medical Center**

**Soin Medical Center**

**Grandview**

**Miami Valley**

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. 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.

## **Firefighter Starts Non-Profit**

Bethel Firefighter Nick Magoteaux, who has been with the Bethel Township Fire Department since 2010, started a non-profit in 2014 in an effort to honor a friend and firefighter. Brothers Helping Brothers began after a fellow firefighter from Phillipsburg Fire Department passed away from the H1N1 flu. Nick, who serves as a Lieutenant and Advance EMT, started Brothers Helping Brothers to honor his fallen friend's memory. Brothers Helping Brothers is a 501c3 non-profit that helps small and rural fire departments with equipment needs. The Bethel Township Trustees have supported Nick's nonprofit by donating used equipment from the fire department to be distributed to struggling small or rural fire departments. To date Brothers Helping Brothers has helped nine fire departments all across the nation. If you would like to donate or volunteer to help Brothers Helping Brothers' mission, visit their website [www.brothershelpingbrothers.org](http://www.brothershelpingbrothers.org) or contact Nick Magoteaux via email at [nmagoteaux@brothershelpingbrothers.org](mailto:nmagoteaux@brothershelpingbrothers.org).



## Zoning Update

### Zoning Update: April – June 2018

#### Zoning Certificates Issued Since Last Newsletter:

ZC-07-18	9325 St. Rt. 201	Commercial addition
ZC-08-18	9063 St. Rt. 201	Commercial building
ZC-09-18	5110 E. St. Rt. 571	Addition to residence
ZC-10-18	9385 Palmer Rd.	Porch addition
ZC-11-18	TBD Pisgah Rd.	New residence
ZC-12-18	7460 S. Dayton-Brandt Rd.	Addition to residence
ZC-13-18	6391 Studebaker Rd.	New residence
ZC-14-18	6326 Dayton Brandt Rd.	Pole barn
ZC-15-18	5430 St. Rt. 202	Addition to residence
ZC-16-18	6445 E. US Rt. 40	Sign
ZC-17-18	5630 Dayton-Brandt Rd.	In-ground pool

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

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission heard the following case:

ZA-01-18	5730 St. Rt. 571	Rezoning 2.001 acres from A-2 to B-2, Office Residential (Approved)
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The Bethel Township Zoning Commission will hear the following case in June:

ZA-02-18	6191 Agenbroad Rd.	Rezoning for adjacent land transfer and lot split.
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The Bethel Township Zoning Commission will hear the following cases in July:

ZA-03-18	9055 S. Palmer Rd.	Rezoning for lot split
ZTA-01-18	Zoning Resolution Update	Updates to Bethel Township Zoning Resolution

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

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals heard the following cases:

V-02-18	6845 Studebaker Rd.	Setback variance (Denied)
V-03-18	4582 US 40	Accessory building square footage (Cancelled)
CU-01-18	6391 Studebaker Rd.	Second residence (Approved)

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hear the following cases in June:

CU-02-18	5370 St. Rt. 571	Commercial Recreation Facility #1
CU-03-18	5370 St. Rt. 571	Commercial Recreation Facility #2

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 notices 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 500' of the subject property are notified by first-class mail as per the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and the Ohio Revised Code.

## Recycling Update—what we accept at our Recycling Center



- **Plastics**, 1-7
- **Aluminum** — cans and aluminum foil
- **Metal Cans** — soup cans, vegetable cans
- **Paper** — office paper, magazines, phone books, newspaper
- **Cardboard** — corrugated boxes, food boxes. No food waste on the cardboard — i.e. NO PIZZA BOXES!

When placing your items in the recycling dumpsters please make sure that the lids close. The hauling company charges the Township an overage fee when the lids on the dumpsters are not fully closed.

## From the Fire Department



### Fire and EMS YTD:

EMS: YTD: 206 April-June: 106

Fire: YTD: 81 April-June: 49

## Burn Regulations

After the insert article in the previous newsletter there were some questions on open burning and recreational fires in the Township. Fires are divided into two classifications: disposal of organic waste (brush, limbs, etc.) and recreational. The following are the directives given to our fire crews regarding open burning and recreational fires.

### Disposal of Organic Waste Fires:

- Fires shall be no more than 5 feet x 5 feet x 5 feet high for residential and 10 feet x 10 feet x 10 feet high for agricultural. The agricultural designation is not the zoning classification but the use. Example: a residence on five acres zoned agricultural does not automatically get the larger fire.
- Residential disposal of waste must take place in an area cleared of leaves, high grasses, or other combustible material.
- Agricultural disposal of waste must take place in a tilled field away from large stands of trees, grass fields, or other combustible material.
- Disposal of Waste fires must follow state guidelines. Please visit [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org) for more information.

### Recreational Fires:

- Recreational fires shall be no more than 3 feet x 3 feet x 2 feet high.
- Recreational fires shall be no longer than 4hrs in duration and no more than 3 per week.

### All Fires (Recreational and Disposal):

- Shall be a minimum of 25 feet from any structure and a minimum of 50 feet from any property line.
- Shall be attended at all times.
- Shall meet the requirements of any state or local "burn bans."
- Absolutely none of the materials listed below shall be burnt at any time:
  - Garbage/Trash
  - Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic coated wire; and
  - Dead animals—unless approved for control of disease by a governing agency



**Fires not meeting the above criteria shall be extinguished by the Fire Department.**

Please note that the fire department does not govern the smoke generated by any of these fires. If there is an issue with the smoke generated from a fire, please contact the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency at (937) 225-4435 or visit the website at [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org).

## Road Repair

The Township is pleased to announce that we will be repaving three Township roads this summer. The quotes for Scarff Road (SR 571 to US Rt. 40), East and West Haskett and Wonder Way came in lower than expected. The actual costs are Scarff (from 40 to 571): \$171,301.60; Wonder Way: \$19,106.00; East Haskett: \$32,739.20; West Haskett: \$34,238.40 for a total of \$257,385.20. In addition, we have \$20,000 to \$40,000 of base and culvert repair to do to the curve connecting East and West Haskett. The repaving projects will begin sometime in mid- to late-July, depending on the weather. The Township did not do any repaving projects in 2016 or 2017. The monies saved from those years, in addition to funds from the 3.8 mill Levy will be used for the projects. In addition to paving projects, the Township will be doing crack sealing on road surfaces as well as repairing potholes. Please give us a call if you see a pothole we have not fixed or have any questions about our roads.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### July

- 4 Independence Day, Township Offices CLOSED
- 10 Trustees Zoning Public Hearing, 6:30 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals, 6:30 PM  
Zoning Commission, 7:30 PM

### August

- 1 Historical Society
- 14 Trustees Zoning Public Hearing, 6:30 PM
- 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

### Sept

- 3 Labor Day, Township Offices Closed
- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 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

### Please note:

**The Board of Trustees meets in Workshop Session on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 AM 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.