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TRUSTEES WELCOME READERS

Welcome to the twelfth edition of the Tate Township Newsletter. Our goal is to keep residents more informed of Township business including road maintenance, cemetery, zoning, and fire department operations. Township Officials would like your feedback about the Tate Township Newsletter. Do you like or dislike it? Do you find it informative? Would you like to see anything different in the contents? Please let us know by going to our website www.tatetownship.org. Tate Township Trustee meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the fire station located at 149 N.East St. at 7:00pm.



Firefighter/Paramedic Kent Bryant

AMERICAN LEGION POST 406 MAKES DONATION

Bethel American Legion Post 406 has donated \$1,010.00 to Bethel-Tate Fire Department to aid in the purchase of over \$5,000.00 in ice rescue equipment. The department, up until now, had minimal equipment to make any kind of an ice rescue. With funding from FD Ladies Aux fundraisers such as their annual Quarter Auctions, donations from memorials received this past year from Denzel Barker Memorial, Lou Stowell Memorial, and Mary Ann Grause

Memorial, and the American Legion donation has made it possible for the department to purchase all of the following equipment without using any taxpayer's dollars:

- 4 complete ice rescue suits
- Floating Rescue Board
- Water Rescue Rope plus Rope Throw Bags
- Reach Hook and Rescue Sling
- Ice Picks, Boot Cleats, and misc rope rescue gear.

Firefighters have gone through ice rescue training and now have the knowledge and proper equipment to safely rescue victims /animals should they fall through ice.

TRUSTEES APPROVE NEW MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

At the February 14, 2017 meeting, Tate Township Trustees unanimously approved a new vehicle for the Maintenance Dept. Under the recommendation of the Maintenance Supervisor. The current 2002 dump truck used by the department for road and cemetery maintenance and salt spreading should be replaced. The truck with high miles and very rusted is not worth the repairs needed to keep it road worthy. The new truck will be a 2017 Ford F-550 V-10 gasoline engine ordered on the State of Ohio Purchasing program from Walt Sweeney Ford. Once the truck is delivered, it will be taken to KE Rose Company in Dayton, Ohio for the dump bed and all of the salt spreading equipment to be installed. Total price of the truck and equipment added is \$63,681.00

TATE TOWNSHIP SALUTE TO LEADERS HONOREE

Tate Township Trustees nominee for Clermont County Salute to Leaders for 2016 is the late Jerry Trester. Jerry William Trester was a lifelong resident of Tate Township and the fifth generation of his family to reside in Clermont County. Born in 1939, Jerry attended school in Bethel, graduating in 1957. At that time Jerry enlisted in the Air Force reserves with a number of other Bethel graduates. He was active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis shortly before being honorably discharged in 1962.

Agriculture was always an important portion of Jerry's life. He was raised on a small dairy and tobacco farm in Tate Township. This strongly influenced his career path with Jerry working 48 years in the dairy industry. Early on he was employed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture assisting in their animal health projects. The remaining 45 years of his time were spent working for the regional milk marketing cooperative as a "field representative". This job entailed travelling throughout southern Ohio and central Kentucky to assist farmers with any issue they may have had. Jerry was very well known in this region and most every dairy farmer could recognize his smiling face. Outside of work he also operated his own farm raising beef cattle, hay, and Burley tobacco.

Jerry held public service in high regard. He was an active member of the Clermont County Farm Bureau for 23 years, serving multiple terms as president of the organization. During his tenure he made multiple trips to Columbus and Washington D.C. working to ensure farmers were fairly represented during political decision-making. In addition, Jerry served 33 years on the Clermont County Fair Board (with 2 as president) where he oversaw the Open Beef Cattle Show, Grange Exhibition, and Grandstand Entertainment. He spent many years involved with the Clermont Cattleman's Association and was also a member of the Bethel Lodge 61 F & AM.

Above all, however, was family. Jerry married Kathleen Tolin, also of Bethel, in 1959. They has two children, son Timothy and daughter Kimberly, along with five grandchildren, all of whom grew up in Tate Township. Jerry's brother Richard was also involved in agriculture and currently farms just south of Bethel in Tate Township.

Jerry passed away in 2005, less than one month after retiring. He is widely remembered and well respected by those who knew him.

Jerry's family will receive the award in his honor on March 22, 2017, 5p at the Oasis in Loveland. The event is sponsored by the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets available on line at clermontchamber.com.

ADDRESS SIGNS

Green reflective address signs are available year round at the Fire Station and are only \$13.00. These reflective signs make finding your house or business so much easier for not only emergency responders, but delivery trucks as well. Remember, your Fire Department does not go door to door selling address signs, call the station or stop by and see us to order your sign soon.

BETHEL-TATE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$41,250 IN GRANTS



Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Nartker

Firehouse Subs awarded Bethel-Tate FD an \$8,500.00 grant for a Thermal Imaging Camera. The department applied for the grant early in 2016 to Firehouse Subs as one of the two Thermal Imaging Cameras the department has is 25 years old and constantly having maintenance issues. F F / P a r a m e d i c Brandon Nartker took on the task of writing the grant proving the department's need to Firehouse Subs for the

new unit. The fire department was notified this past August of the award and now, thanks to Firehouse Subs, the camera is on our first out engine in service. Thermal Imaging Cameras are used to assist in locating victims in fires and locating hidden fires in walls and ceilings, helping firefighters to save lives and minimize property damage.

In a separate grant through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, a Power Cot and lift system grant in the amount of \$32,748.45 was awarded. This grant will allow firefighters to easily lift and load patients on a cot from ground level into a loading position into the ambulance without lifting any weight. This will be huge for the township preventing injuries to our personnel and making it safer for our patients. The grant paperwork on this project was submitted by Captain Chris Cooper. Great job to both Chris and Brandon!

FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

Bethel-Tate FD Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Quarter Auction on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Bethel-Tate Middle School. Bethel-Tate Schools has been very good to our Ladies Aux allowing them to use their facility for our annual fundraiser. Doors will open at 6p with the bidding starting at 7p. Lots of great items will be up for bid so please come out and support our ladies auxiliary. Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, homemade baked goods, soft drinks and water will be available.

The fundraisers our ladies have organized over the past 15 years have raised thousands upon thousands of dollars. One hundred percent of the profits from these fundraisers have been used to buy fire and emergency medical equipment. We truly appreciate our Ladies Aux for their hard work and dedication to the fire department.

Come out and enjoy an evening of fun and support your Bethel-Tate Fire Department. Thank you!

IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Tate Township Website is an ongoing work in progress. There has been some progress, but clearly not enough. We are making this a priority in 2017 to bring this site up to an acceptable standard. Soon, you will be able to access Trustees meeting minutes, zoning information, road maintenance and cemetery information, Fire and EMS news, and Township Deputy Sheriff alerts when a situation arises. Please keep checking the site at www.tatetownship.org and watch us progress.

ZONING NEWS

Tate Township Zoning inspector George Eckert reported the following activities for 2016:

Single Family Dwellings	6
Accessory Buildings	6
Garages	10
Room Additions	3
Decks	2
Porch.....	2
Carport	1
Zone Change	0
Zoning Appeals Applications.....	0

Please remember that if you are building any new items such as a shed, garage, deck, carport, porch, or any building in general, you **must** obtain a Tate Township Zoning Permit **prior** to a Clermont County Building Permit.

Tate Township Zoning Fees are as follows:

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	\$200.00
TWO FAMILY DWELLING.....	\$350.00
UNITS OF UP TO TWELVE (per unit).....	150.00
ROOM ADDITION (under 400 sq ft).....	\$100.00
ROOM ADDITION (over 400 sq ft)	\$150.00
ACCESSORY BUILDING (shed, under 150 sq ft) ..	\$50.00
GARAGE OR POLE BUILDING	\$100.00
LAND USE CHANGE.....	\$50.00
IN GROUND SWIMMING POOL	\$75.00
DECKS/PORCHES	\$100.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL05/sq ft
(Minimum).....	\$250.00
SIGNS	\$75.00
BOOKS/MAPS	\$30.00/\$10.00
BZA APPLICATION	\$250.00
ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATION	
REGULAR.....	\$350.00
REFUND (if withdrawn before Trustee mtg)....	\$175.00
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	\$600.00
REFUND (if withdrawn before Trustee mtg)....	\$300.00

There are regulations on yard sales in the Township. You **must** obtain a Yard Sale Permit from the Tate Township Zoning Inspector, George Eckert 734-0618

If you have any questions for the Zoning Inspector, you can call George Eckert at 734-0618.

TRUSTEES HIRE MECHANIC FOR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Konrad Sandker was hired by the Tate Township Trustees early 2016 to fill the vacancy left by Josh Vanderpool. The department now has the ability to do all of their maintenance in house saving the township money. When there is no mechanic work to be done, Konrad is out with the maintenance crew either working on township roads or working in Tate Township Cemetery. Mr. Sandker is also available to help work on fire and ambulance equipment as well.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tate Township Deputy Erik Pike submitted the following activity for 2016:

Total Calls Answered	585
Offense & Incident Reports Taken	149
Accident Reports	11
Traffic Arrests	5
Warnings Given.....	12
OMVI.....	1
Warrant Attempts	40
Warrant Recited.....	2
Warrants Served	37
Out of County Warrants.....	5
Special Details.....	125
Assist Other Departments	222
Adult Arrests	26
Adult Arrest Misdemeanor.....	49
Adult Arrests Felony	16
Juvenile Arrests Misdemeanor	7
Juvenile Arrests Felony	16
Business Checks	745
Vacant Checks	230
Investigations Worked.....	251
Public Assistance Calls.....	
Reports Closed- w/Arrest.....	20
Reports Closed C/O	91
Presentations Given at Meetings.....	3
Senior Visits	13
Public Assistance.....	4
Stolen Property Recovered	\$3,340.00

Deputy Pike urges everyone to be safe around firearms, installing and keeping gun locks on at all times storing them in a locked gun cabinet.

Deputy Pike also recommends that all residents keep your vehicles locked at all times and remove all valuables from the vehicle.

BUSY YEAR FOR TATE TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Tate Township Maintenance Supervisor Ed Stanley reports his department mowed the sides of all township roads 3 times and cut back trees with the boom mower once in 2016. The crew manually cut all low hanging limbs over township roads to a minimum height of 13'6". Should you see any low hanging trees on a township road or unsightly or hazardous brush, please

contact the Maintenance Department at 734-2384 or email Ed at estanley@tatetownship.org. If you live on a Tate Township maintained road and your driveway culvert pipe needs replaced, the township maintenance department will install the pipe. The homeowner must first get a permit from the Clermont County Engineer's Office where the size of pipe needed for your driveway will be determined by that department. Then, the homeowner purchases the culvert pipe and Tate Township Maintenance Department will install it and provide the gravel needed to complete the job. In 2016, there were 7 private driveway culvert pipes installed totaling 220 feet of pipe. On Tate Township roads, the department installed 506 feet of culvert pipes on the following roads:

- Sunset Dr @ Laura Dr..... 40' of 12" pipe
- Charlotte Dr @ Laura Dr 40' of 12" pipe
- Ruth Ln @ Laura Dr 40' of 12" pipe
- Georgia Dr @ Charlotte Ln..... 40' of 12" pipe
- Georgia Dr @ Ruth Ln..... 40' of 12" pipe
- Spring St near the Township Maintenance Barn ... 26' of 15" pipe
- Spring St (2600 block) 30' of 24" pipe
- Reed St off Spring St 20' of 12" pipe
- Inez Ave @ Runway #1 40' of 12" pipe
- Inez Ave @ Runway #2 40' of 12" pipe
- Runway Ave @ Inez Ave..... 40' of 12" pipe and built catch basin
- Macedonia Rd at 3100 block..... 30' of 48" elliptical culvert pipe
- Reisinger Rd 3100 block..... 80' of 48" pipe

The Tate Township Trustees approved the paving of 10 Township roads in 2016. Ruth Ln., Sunset Dr., Charlotte Ln., Georgia Dr., Laura Dr., Spring St., Reed St., Inez Ave., Runway Ave., and Holly Ln. Paving was done by Roberts Paving Company that totaled 2.53 miles of blacktop.

Maintenance crews were out filling potholes on township roads at various times using 19.2 tons of cold patch.

Salt usage for 2016 had crews out 15 times applying 183 tons of road salt and so far this 2017 winter only having to apply 4 applications at 50 tons of salt due to the unusually mild winter.

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2017 FOR TATE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

In 2016, there were 88 funerals with 18 being on Saturdays and 1 on a holiday. Financial report given by Ed Stanley, Cemetery Sexton is:

Open and Close Graves	\$42,175.00
Lot Sales.....	\$44,400.00
Foundations	\$5,087.78
Graves Sold	82 & 15 out
Total Income for 2016.....	\$91,662.78

New rules are now in effect at Tate Township Cemetery recommended by Ed Stanley, Tate Township Cemetery Sexton and approved by Tate Township Trustees are as follows:

- 1 Five days after special holidays, all flowers will be discarded.
2. Containers made of glass, pottery, and other easily broken

material are prohibited, and if placed will be discarded. Please refrain from using wires to hold flowers in place. Decorations that do not fit securely on the tombstone are not permitted.

3. Due to safety and maintenance issues, shepherd's hooks, solar lights, or any other object placed on a grave are not permitted.
4. The Cemetery Sexton has the right to remove any tree, shrub, bush, or flower if same has died, becomes unsightly or too large.
5. The cemetery prohibits the planting of bushes, trees, shrubs, or bulbs on grave lots.
6. The cemetery prohibits fences, borders, landscaping stones, or wood chips on grave lots unless they are maintained weekly by the owner.
7. No permanent flower receptacles or other articles may be placed on any lot.
8. Aboveground vaults or mausoleums are not allowed in any section.
9. All markers or monuments will be placed at the head of the grave. No footstones above ground.

BETHEL-TATE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016 FIRE & EMS REPORT

Bethel-Tate FD surpassed the 2,000 run mark for the first time in history. Fire Chief Rick Stowell reports his department made a total of 2,021 calls for fire and emergency medical runs with the average response time arriving on the scene from the time the call was received was 5.1 minutes. Breakdown of all calls listed below:

Fire Calls.....	445
Structure (House, Business, Barn, Outbuilding).....	51
Fire Alarm Activations.....	26
CO Alarm Activations.....	4
Vehicle Fires	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents (reported injuries).....	111
with 10 persons entrapped in vehicles	
Air Care Called	18
1 Fatality	
Field Fires	4
Illegal Open Burn.....	21
Tree Down Blocking Roadway	38
cut & cleared by FD	
Emergency To Property Calls	10
(usually flooded basements or tree into house)	
Wires Down	19
Transformer Fire	4
Hazardous Materials Call	3
(Flammable/Combustible liquids spill or corrosives)	
Natural/Propane Gas Leaks	19
Explosive Ordinance Found	0
Bomb Threat	0
Good Intent Calls	20
(not a false alarm but ends up being no fire)	
Misc. Fire Request	12
(searches, animal rescues, general service calls)	
Medical Calls	93
to Assist Medic Unit or to First Respond	

Village Calls– 146 / Township Calls– 240

Mutual Aid Given– 59 times(Central Joint Fire Dist-4/ Franklin Twp– 18/ Monroe Twp– 15/ Washington Twp– 6/ Williamsburg– 7/ Pierce Twp– 3/ Hamersville– 1/ Mt Orab– 1/ New Richmond– 1

Mutual Aid Received– 18 times(12 Central Joint/ Franklin Twp– 2/ Monroe Twp– 8/ Washington Twp– 2/ Williamsburg– 4/ Pierce Twp– 3/ Hamersville– 3/ Mt Orab– 1

Number of Calls per time of day: 7a-4p– 191/ 4p-12a– 149/ 12a-7a– 105

Total fire loss for 2016- \$184,150.00 with total property saved \$4,232,900.00

No fire related injuries or deaths

Total EMS Calls– 1,576 Total Time Out on Calls– 1,943 hours (doesn't include re-stocking and clean up)

Primary Ambulance– 1,347/ Back-up Ambulance– 269/ Engine first responding when both ambulances are out– 26

Village Calls– 804/ Township Calls– 704 Mutual Aid Given– 65 / Mutual Aid Received– 26

Avg. En Route Time– 1.3 minutes/ Avg. Response Time (time we are dispatched until on scene)- 5 minutes Time calls come in- 7a-4p calls– 706/ 4p-12a calls– 622/ 12a-7a calls– 241

Total Transports to the hospital– 1,090/ Non-Transports– 598

Hospitals Transported To: Anderson Mercy– 336/ Clermont Mercy– 627/ Children's– 28/ University– 9/Mt. Orab Mercy– 32/ Christ– 17/ Veterans– 8/Bethesda North– 9/Jewish– 4/ Good Samaritan– 6

In addition to the normal everyday calls that are made, your firefighters are trained in various levels of services that we extend out to the public. Among these services are inspecting all of our businesses, churches, four family and above apartment buildings and foster homes. Over 160 of these inspections are conducted every year, not including the re-inspections we go back on to make sure all violations have been corrected. This helps reduce the number of fires and life safety accidents in public buildings and makes for a safe environment for you to shop, worship, or live. We issue over 500 open burning permits throughout Tate Township on an annual basis. Burn Permits are inspected by a certified fire safety inspector for the type of material that is requested to be burned along with the size and location of the pile. The permit can only be issued if the requirements are met set forth by the Ohio Fire Code and the EPA. Burn Permits cannot be issued in the Village of Bethel or within 1000 feet of the Village limits. All of these inspection permits are at no charge.

We also have certified CPR and First Aid instructors that teach CPR and First Aid classes. Call station for the times and dates. Costs for these classes are CPR– 50.00, CPR and First Aid– 75.00.

All twelve of our fulltime employees have different responsibilities that keeps the department operating. These jobs range from ordering medical supplies to oil changes on every one of our vehicles. By changing our own oil on both gasoline and diesel engines rather than sending them out to be done saves the Township a lot of money on a yearly basis.

In closing, we want to remember our long-time friend and co-worker, retired Assistant Chief Robert Krekeler. A member for 55 years and the first fulltime firefighter to retire from Tate Township, passed away earlier this year at his home. A firefighter's funeral was conducted by the department passing the station enroute to his final resting place in Tate Twp Cemetery.

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE UPDATE

The latest Media Update as of February 17, 2017 from the Ohio ALB Cooperative Eradication Program are as follows:

2,227,932 tree surveys have been conducted as of 2/11/17 (since surveys began on 7/1/11)

18,846 number of ALB infested trees confirmed as of 2/11/17 (since detection on 6/17/11)

18,450 number of ALB infested trees removed as of 2/11/17 (since removals started on 11/14/11)

70,065 number of ALB high risk host trees removed as of 2/11/17 (since removals started on 5/1/13)

36,130 number of ALB high risk host tree treatments conducted since 2013

61 square miles under regulation; see "Regulated Area" map:

http://agri.ohio.gov/topnews/asianbeetle/docs/ALB_ohio_quarantine_082112.pdf

The entire 48.5 square miles of Tate Township is effected by the Asian Longhorned Beetle which prohibits the moving of firewood or wood debris outside of the regulated area and outside of East Fork State Park. Residents are also discouraged from moving firewood and wood debris inside the regulated area. For answers to questions about regulated materials and permits, or to report wood movement or suspected ALB infested trees, residents are asked to call the program office at 513-381-7180. Residents can also report suspected ALB infestations online at www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com.

The quarantine restricts the movement of hardwood logs, firewood, stumps, roots and branches out of the regulated area and also restricts the sale of nursery stock, green lumber and logs of the following trees: maples, horse chestnut, buckeye, mimosa, birch, hackberry, ash, golden raintree, katsura, sycamore, poplar, willow, mountain ash, and elms.

The wood disposal yard located at 2896 State Route 232 in Tate Township is open for business Monday-Friday from 8a until 4:30p and the first Saturday of each month from 9a-1p (excluding federal holidays). The yard accepts tree debris only and will not accept building debris, construction debris, etc. Chips are available, free of charge, to property owners residing within the quarantined areas only. Chips may be picked up by homeowners on Fridays from 8a-4:30p and the first Saturday of each month from 9a-1p. On the first Saturday of every month, the marshaling yard contractor will be available to load chips for property owners. Property owners will be limited to 10 yards of chips/day.

TATE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

149 NORTH EAST STREET

BETHEL, OHIO 45106

TATE TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS

April 21 & 22 7am– 5pm

April 21 and 22, Friday and Saturday are the days to haul off all your junk accumulated over the past year. Tate Township will have the large box dumpsters available at the Township Maintenance Building located at 2655 Spring St. to accept your unwanted items. Items not accepted are yard waste, paint, or any other hazardous materials. Tires will be accepted for a small fee. Clean up days only applies to Tate Township and Village of Bethel residents.

Last year's clean up days ended up with 90.3 tons on trash collected.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Area Tornado Shelter	Community Christian Church - 125 E. Plane St. - S. East St. entrance doors
Tate Township Website.....	www.tatetownship.org
Tate Township Road/Cemetery Department.....	734-2384
Tate Township Zoning Department.....	734-0618
Fire Department Office (non-emergency).....	734-4444
Clermont County Sheriff's Office.....	732-7500
Clermont County Communication Center (non-emergency).....	732-2231
Ohio State Highway Patrol (Batavia Post).....	732-1510
To Report an Emergency (Fire, Life Squad, Police).....	911