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## TRUSTEES WELCOME READERS

Welcome to the thirteenth 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](http://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.

## BETHEL-TATE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$243,286.00 FEMA AFG GRANT



The last FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Bethel-Tate received was back in 2006. Since then, we have been denied up until now, we finally got it! These grants are competitive, meaning fire departments from all 50 states apply for various types of fire and ems equipment and training needs. The department has to prove the need is there for whatever they are asking for.

What we ask for was not just a wish list, but equipment we either paid 100% for out of taxpayer dollars or get lucky enough to get the equipment from federal assistance, 95% worth of federal assistance. We have 36 self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs) we must use to go in to hazardous conditions whether it's a structure that's on fire or a hazmat call where a poisonous gas is leaking. Under NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) guidelines, these packs and bottles have a 15 year life and anytime after that, if used and something goes wrong with that pack while in use, the fire department could be liable for non-compliance. Our packs and 72 air bottles are 2002 and are expired, the cost to replace these packs including the bottles are \$205,450.00. These packs are powered by a rechargeable battery and have an amplified microphone with light up displays showing how much air the firefighter has in the bottle, plus an alarming device that sounds when the firefighter is motionless for 30 seconds alerting other firefighters in a burning structure a fireman might be down.



The second portion of the grant is a Breathing Air Compressor at a cost of \$48,500.00. This is replacing our existing 1983 machine that is down for maintenance issues more than it is operational.

Total cost of the entire project is \$255,450.00 with the department's 5% portion of \$12,164.00.

# ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE UPDATE

The following latest information was taken from the USDA website:

March 8, 2019

This eNewsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date with Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) eradication efforts and serve as a meaningful resource for the most current information. Presently, there are active eradication programs operating in three states: New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio. The following information pertains to eradication activities in Ohio.

OHIO– First detection in June 2011

**Regulated Area:** 56.5 sq. miles\*

56.5 Clermont County (Tate and Williamsburg Townships)

**Infested Trees: 19,066**

18,981– Tate Township

48 Monroe Township

3– Stonelick/Batavia Township

34 East Fork Recreational Area

**Removals: 100,421**

19,036 Infested:

18,951– Tate Township

48 Monroe Township

3– Stonelick/Batavia Township

34 East Fork Recreational Area

81,385 High-risk hosts

63,872– Tate Township

1,138– Monroe Township

0– Stonelick/Batavia Township

16,375 East Fork Recreational Area

**Surveys: 2,895,088**

- Monroe Township declared eradication in September 2018, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by .5 sq.miles.

Stonelick and Batavia Townships declared eradication in March 2018, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 5 sq.miles.

Ground and aerial survey crews continue to conduct delimiting surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Clermont County. Staff continues to monitor regulated areas, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements. To report suspicious activity, please call 513-381-7180. Infested trees are removed throughout the year, as they are detected. The wood disposal yard located at 2896 State Route 232 in Bethel is open for business: Mon. through Fri. from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wood chips are available for residents from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00p.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

## TATE TOWNSHIP ZONING NEWS

Tate Township Zoning Inspector George Eckert reported the following activities for 2018:

Single Family Dwellings..... 7

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Accessory Buildings.....          | 10 |
| Garages.....                      | 16 |
| Room Additions .....              | 7  |
| Decks.....                        | 2  |
| Porch .....                       | 5  |
| Carport.....                      | 1  |
| Zone Change.....                  | 0  |
| Zoning Appeals Applications ..... | 3  |

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/INDUSTRIAL .....                       | .05/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 meeting)..... | \$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.

## TATE TOWNSHIP SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tate Township Deputy Erik Pike submitted the following activity for 2018:

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| Total Calls Answered .....             | 684 |
| Offense & Incident Reports Taken ..... | 202 |
| Accident Reports .....                 | 10  |
| Traffic Citations.....                 | 26  |
| Traffic Warnings Given.....            | 63  |
| OVI.....                               | 4   |
| Warrant Arrests .....                  | 69  |
| Civil Papers Served .....              | 46  |
| Criminal Arrests .....                 | 39  |

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Business Checks .....          | 988        |
| Vacant Checks .....            | 997        |
| Investigations Worked .....    | 289        |
| Reports Closed.....            | 163        |
| Stolen Property Recovered..... | \$8,569.00 |

This is only Tate Twp Deputy Pike’s unit and doesn’t reflect the stats of other Deputies calls in the township for the entire year.

Last November, the Tate Township Trustees put on a tax levy to retain the Tate township Deputy. This levy was worded as a police levy that was mistakenly sent to the Village of Bethel residents where there was some confusion as to what this levy was for. This November, a levy will be put back on the ballot only to keep our township deputy, Tate Township Trustees ask for your support on this important effort to keep our Township safe.

### ADDRESS SIGNS

Green reflective address signs are available year round at the Fire Station for \$15.00. 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.

### 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 2018. The crew manually cut all low hanging limbs over township roads to a minimum height of 13’6”. Sixty-Two loads of trees and tree limbs were taken to the marshaling yard (216 cu yds) as required by the USDA do to the Asian Longhorn Beetle problem here in Tate Twp. 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 Building Department where the size of pipe needed for your driveway will be determined by that department. Then, the homeowner buys proper sized pipe and contacts the maintenance dept. At this point, the maintenance dept. will schedule the work to be done with an additional cost of gravel that is needed to install the culvert pipe. If a homeowner is going to do improvements to their driveway such as blacktopping or concrete, you will need to call the maintenance department who will come out to inspect your culvert pipe free of charge before any work is done to make sure the pipe is in good shape and does not have to be replaced. This will prevent any surprises

like having to tear up your new driveway due to a culvert failure.

Happy-Hollow Rd was resurfaced and berms added totaling one mile in the township from St Rt 133 to the Tate-Williamsburg Twp line. Brown County Asphalt was awarded the contract for this work approved by the Tate Twp Trustees during their April 2018 meeting at a cost of \$88,112.40, also the maintenance department replaced 12 culverts on the road and did 2 miles of ditching.

Pothole patchwork required 3 tons of Cold Mix on township roads in 2018. Maintenance crews also replaced 390 feet of culvert pipes in 13 locations on township roads and replaced 510 feet of private drive culvert pipe at 15 different locations.

Tate Township replaced over 500 road signs and posts due to receiving a grant. These new reflective signs make it easier to recognize different hazards along our township roads such as limited views, hidden drives, curve ahead, school bus stopping, etc.

And finally, the maintenance dept. bought 188.45 tons of road salt in 2018 and used 162.5 tons salting the roads 12 times and plowing 4 times.

### TATE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Check out our website at [www.tatetownship.org](http://www.tatetownship.org) to keep up on township news. Read all the Tate Township meeting minutes, see monthly fire department reports, and any special events that go on throughout the year. You can also send emails to any township official should you need answers to a concern or question you may have. Special thanks to Pam Sandker for her hard work keeping our website current.

### TATE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY REPORT

In 2018, there were 95 total burials and 20 Cremations, one Indigent with 14 funerals held on Saturdays. Financial report given by Ed Stanley, Cemetery Sexton is:

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Lot Sales.....                                  | \$44,400.00       |
| Foundations .....                               | \$5,087.78        |
| Graves Sold                                     |                   |
| residents in the Village and Township .....     | 51                |
| residents out of the Village and Township ..... | 10                |
| Graves bought back .....                        | 11 and 10 re-sold |
| Foundations Poured .....                        | 53                |
| Tate Township Cemetery mowed .....              | 23 times          |
| Old Bethel, Crane-Schoolhouse,                  |                   |
| and The Wall on St Rt 125 mowed .....           | 24 times          |
| Wells Cemetery (Swope Rd) mowed.....            | 8 times           |
| Total Income for 2018 .....                     | \$72,000.00       |

Cremation Graves are now available, call for pricing.

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Tate Township Cemetery rules 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 2018 FIRE & EMS REPORT

Bethel-Tate FD responded to 2,050 emergency calls for fire and EMS in 2018 with an average response time (time 911 call was received at the dispatch center until we arrived on the scene was 5.2 minutes. This is an average time taken from all 2,050 calls.

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| Fire Calls .....                                     | 477 |
| Structure (House, Business, Barn, Outbuilding) ..... | 66  |
| Fire Alarm Activations .....                         | 35  |
| CO Alarm Activations .....                           | 5   |
| Vehicle Fires .....                                  | 8   |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents (reported injuries).....     | 92  |
| with 8 persons entrapped in vehicles                 |     |
| Air Care Called.....                                 | 5   |
| 0 Fatalities from Auto Accidents                     |     |
| Field Fires.....                                     | 3   |
| Illegal Open Burn .....                              | 23  |
| Dumpster Fires .....                                 | 2   |
| Tree Down Blocking Roadway.....                      | 70  |
| cut & cleared by FD                                  |     |
| Emergency To Property Calls.....                     | 9   |
| (usually flooded basements or tree into house)       |     |
| Wires Down.....                                      | 32  |
| Transformer Fire.....                                | 5   |
| Hazardous Materials Call .....                       | 3   |
| (Flammable/Combustible liquids spill or corrosives)  |     |
| Natural/Propane Gas Leaks .....                      | 16  |

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|---|-----|
| Explosive Ordinance Found .....                   | 0   |
| Bomb Threat .....                                 | 0   |
| Good Intent Calls .....                           | 15  |
| (not a false alarm but ends up being no fire)     |     |
| Misc. Fire Request .....                          | 13  |
| (searches, animal rescues, general service calls) |     |
| Medical Calls .....                               | 77  |
| to Assist Medic Unit or to First Respond          |     |
| Village Calls .....                               | 119 |
| Township Calls .....                              | 279 |

Mutual Aid Given           79 times(Central Joint Fire Dist-5/  
Franklin Twp- 27/ Monroe Twp- 13/ Washington Twp- 5/  
Williamsburg- 10/ Pierce Twp- 4/ Hamersville- 3/ Mt Orab- 9/  
New Richmond- 3

Mutual Aid Received- 12 times(1 Central Joint/ Franklin Twp-  
5/ Monroe Twp- 4/ Washington Twp- 3/ Williamsburg- 0/ Pierce  
Twp- 0/ Hamersville- 4/ Mt Orab- 0

Number of Calls per time of day: 7a-4p- 192/ 4p-12a- 217/ 12a-  
7a- 68

Total fire loss for 2018- \$124,355.00 with total property saved  
\$4,432,500.00

1 fire related injury to a Firefighter and 1 fire related death to a  
civilian from a structure fire

Total EMS Calls- 1,573 Total Time Out on Calls- 1,783 hours  
(doesn't include re-stocking and clean up)

Primary Ambulance- 1,382/ Back-up Ambulance- 227/ Engine  
first responding when both ambulances are out- 38

Village Calls- 746/ Township Calls- 685 Mutual Aid Given-  
142/ Mutual Aid Received- 13

Avg. En Route Time- 1.2 minutes/ Avg. Response Time (time  
we are dispatched until on scene)- 5 minutes Time calls come in-  
7a-4p calls- 678/ 4p-12a calls- 636/ 12a-7a calls- 260

Total Transports to the hospital- 1,057/ Non-Transports- 452

Hospitals Transported To: Anderson Mercy- 393/ Clermont  
Mercy- 558/ Children's- 25/ University- 11/Mt. Orab Mercy-  
33/ Christ- 16/ Veterans- 12/Bethesda North- 2/Jewish- 1/Good  
Samaritan- 1/UC Westchester- 1

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.

## TATE TOWNSHIP SALUTE TO LEADERS HONOREE

The 2019 Tate Township recipient of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce Salute to Leaders award is the Bethel-Tate Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. The Tate Township Trustees voted for the Auxiliary from the recommendation by Terri Daughtery for their hard work. The Ladies Auxiliary, established in 1954, reorganized in 2001 raises thousands of dollars each year for the Fire Department. The FD then spends the money on fire and ems equipment that would normally be spent with taxpayers dollars. These ladies volunteer many hours each year not only with fundraising events, but are called upon to bring refreshments to fire scenes any time of the day or night. The organization also prepares the annual Fire Department Christmas Party /Awards dinner and has 19 members. Members are: Debbie Stowell- President, Deanne Cooper-Vice President, Mallory Smith- Secretary, Kim Griffith-Treasurer, Ginny Long, Mary Smith, Kristen Wilson, Laura Tolin, Kathy Brannock, Helen Cole, Cindy Rich, Kristen Griffith, Brittany Griffith, Angie O'Neil, Mindy Smith, Sarah Smith, Samantha Myers, Rebecca Rueb.

The group of ladies will be honored at an awards ceremony on April 23 at the Oasis Conference center in Loveland.

The upkeep on all the life-saving and firefighting equipment from vehicles to small engines is constant when making the amount of emergency calls we do each year. By doing the majority of the maintenance ourselves is a cost savings for the taxpayers. Thanks to all of our residents in the Village of Bethel and Tate Township for your continued support!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Bethel-Tate FD Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Quarter Auction on Thursday, April 25, 2019 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 18 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.. The Ladies Auxiliary thanks you!

### PLEASE, CALL 911!

Every year there are residents who either call or drive to the fire station to report either a fire related incident or the need for a life squad thinking it will be faster vs. calling 911. Fact is, it actually takes us longer to get to you! There is the belief that firefighters and paramedics, while on duty are just sitting around the station ready for the next call to come in. Every shift, on duty crews have assignments that includes, but not limited to, conducting fire inspections which are off site, cpr classes which at times can be out of the station, outside either training, mowing grass and weed eating, maybe we're out on other calls where no one is at the station. I think you probably get the picture that not every minute of the day is spent in the station waiting on the next call. That is why it is so important to call 911 where a trained call taker can get the most accurate information, and while talking to you, they are sending the information to another desk where a dispatcher is alerting our firefighters by a tone that goes out on our radios. So no matter where we are, if 2 of us are in one end of the building and the other 3 or 4 of us are outside or at the other end of the station, we all get the call at once which makes a quicker response to you.

## BETHEL-TATE FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED CDBG GRANT

Bethel-Tate Fire Department, with approval from Tate Township Trustees applied for the 2018 Clermont County Community Block development Grant in 2018. The fire department's entire blacktop parking lot and the concrete apron along the N. East St end of the building is in desperate need of repairs. At the request of Chief Stowell, the Trustees approved to set aside \$20,000.00 of the \$120,000.00 replacement project during the March 2018 Trustees meeting and submitted the application request to the Clermont County Commissioners. This competitive grant request is reviewed by the Commissioners and is only given to a select few throughout Clermont County. Our application scored the highest out of every grant request submitted and was awarded nearly \$100,000.00. Post award paperwork was submitted where there is now an environmental study in progress. Once this is completed, bids will go out for the project and construction of the parking lot and concrete aprons will begin.

# TATE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

149 NORTH EAST STREET

BETHEL, OHIO 45106

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## TATE TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS

*June 21 & 22 7am– 5pm*

*June 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 residence.*

*Last year's clean up days ended up with 110.87 tons on trash collected along with 185 tires taken.*

*Tate Township residents who have Rumpke trash collection and are not able to bring your junk to the clean up days, Rumpke will take 1 large item each week as long as you call ahead to Rumpke to let them know. Mattresses and box springs can be picked up as long as they are wrapped in plastic. No hazardous materials are accepted.*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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|---|--|
| Area Tornado Shelter .....                                | Community Christian Church - 125 E. Plane St. - S. East St. entrance doors |
| Tate Township Website.....                                | <a href="http://www.tatetownship.org">www.tatetownship.org</a>             |
| 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  |