

# Milford Township News

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### Important Dates

- Sept 12: Darrtown Reunion—put on by Bicentennial Committee
- October 10: : Somerville Fire Assoc Pork Chop Dinner
- November 3: Vote!
- April 9, 2016: Milford Twp Fire Assoc 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

## About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

Happy almost fall! Even though, this “fall” newsletter is being mailed in late summer, there is just too much good Township information that you should know about!

As always, this mailing owes a debt of gratitude to Henry Sester and his company, Ket-Moy Printing ([www.ket-moy.com](http://www.ket-moy.com)). Henry continues to put the Township first, as he publishes this newsletter at a large discount. **We are also grateful to be supported (see ads inside) by some great local businesses; B & M Landscaping, Arbor Medicine LLC, and E&M Repair and Fabrication.** We thank them for their support and hope that you will consider using all of our Township’s wonderful local businesses.

Inside, you will find articles from and about the Fire Department, Butler County MetroParks, the Butler County Auditor, Somerville Fire Department, and the Collinsville Livestock Protective Association.. If you would like to contribute or add an important event, then please call Brad Mills at 907-6793 or email [bradmills21@gmail.com](mailto:bradmills21@gmail.com). In addition to this newsletter, you can find past newsletters, or other important Township information at [www.milfordtownship.net](http://www.milfordtownship.net).

## Fire Report Captain Gallagher, Milford Township Fire Association

The members of the department have been busy completing work on the newly remodeled Darrtown Fire House. Using money raised from our Spaghetti Dinner and aluminum can collecting, we were able to purchase and install new station signs, air compressors for each station, folding tables, a copier for each station, a washer and dryer for each station, educational materials for students at Bogan School, and many other items for the department. Your support as a community has helped make this possible!

Asst. Chief Meador has headed up the Aluminum Can project since the beginning. He reported that since we started this project just a few years ago, we have turned in over \$6,000 worth of cans. This would not have been possible with out the help of the members of the community. Thank you to those who drop off cans at the fire houses in Collinsville and Darrtown. If you are not, please consider helping with this project in the future.

By the time this new letter goes out, our open house will have already passed. Every other year we host an open house at the Collinsville fire house and Community Center. We have many different displays and demonstrations through the day, with train rides for the kids and hotdogs and hamburgers. The event is free for all who attend.

We will also have a display at the Bogan Carnival in September. We pass out safety materials and let everyone look at the fire equipment. Hope to see everyone supporting the school.

We will be have our **12th annual Spaghetti Dinner April 9th, 2016**. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for another great community event.

As fall approaches remember to check your chimney and replace the battery in your smoke detectors throughout the house. These simple tasks can save lives and property.

## Darrtown to hold a reunion and fall festival – September 12, 2015

Darrtown will hold a community-wide reunion and fall festival on Saturday, September 12, 2015 and the public is invited!

Many attendees at the 2014 Darrtown bicentennial celebration expressed interest in an annual community-wide gathering. In response, the Bicentennial Committee became the Darrtown Reunion Committee and the idea of a “Second Saturday in September” Fall Festival was born.

Early risers may begin their day at the Darrtown Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast, which starts at 7:30 A.M., in the church fellowship room.

A 10 AM parade up Main street will serve as the official start of the Fall Festival. Parade marshal, Dale Bufler, a Darrtown native and former Talawanda school administrator, will lead the procession through the village. The Talawanda High School band will accompany more than three-dozen parade units that will include classic cars and trucks, antique tractors, fire engines, horses and wagons, lawn tractors, and cavorting clowns. The parade will begin in the southeast section of Darrtown and end at E-Dot Park, in the northwest corner of the village.

At the conclusion of the parade, E-Dot Park will be the center of festivities. From mid-morning to dusk, music will flow from a stage, located in E-Dot Park’s Don Beckett Field. Bill Clark and Earl Hendricks are arranging the musical selections.

Many of the vehicles that participated in the parade will join other cars and tractors on display, in various locations throughout E-Dot Park.

A German beer garden, hosted by the St. Matthew Lutheran church, will be located in Don Beckett Field. The menu offers an \$8 dinner of roast pork, potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, and water or pop. The sandwich menu includes pulled pork, metts, smoked sausage, and hot dogs. Beer and pop will be sold separately.

Nearly three-dozen vendors will display their wares throughout the day. A list of the vendors, along with other information about the Fall Festival, may be found at the Darrtown website (see [www.darrtown.com](http://www.darrtown.com)).

A corn-hole tournament, a skillet-toss (for women only) and a Frisbee-throwing contest promise fun for participants and spectators.

- The double-elimination Corn Hole Tournament will begin at noon on the pavement near E-Dot Park’s main gate. A maximum of 30 teams will compete for cash prizes. Teams must register by September 6<sup>th</sup>. To register, call Don Beckett (after 9 PM) at 513-523-6171.
- The Skillet Toss contest is scheduled to start at 2 PM. Females will test their ability to throw a nine-inch skillet as far as they can, along a designated line. Four-member teams will compete for a prize of \$40, in each of five age groups (15-29) (30-44) (45-59) (60 and up) and (combo). In the individual division, first and second place winners in four age groups will win Kroger gift cards. Teams and individuals may sign up at the event. For more info, call Joe Pater at 513-756-0444.
- The Frisbee throwing contest will be held at 4 PM. Individuals will throw Frisbees at a stationary basket mounted on a pole. First round qualifiers will advance to a second round. This will be a “split the pot” contest, with the champion Frisbee thrower winning 50% of the entry-fee money. Individuals may sign up at the event. For more info, call Fred Lindley at 937-602-3270.

Information about the three events may be found at the Darrtown website (see: [www.darrtown.com](http://www.darrtown.com)).

Questions about the Darrtown Reunion and Fall Festival may be directed to any of the Reunion Committee members (Don Beckett, Tasha Cain, Duane Clark, Paul Gillespie, Betty Daniels, Jack Daniels, Fred Lindley, Joe Pater, Reid Shoker, and Ron Wiley).

All proceeds derived from the Darrtown Fall Festival benefit the Darrtown Reunion Fund.



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## Poll Workers Needed!, Betty Goins, Butler County Board of Elections

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### **Community Service Help Wanted**

The Butler County Board of Elections needs your help to provide a vital community service to the voters of Butler County. We are in need of an additional 600-800 people to work the polls on Election Day this November 3rd. To be eligible, you must be U.S. citizen and registered to vote in Butler County. Poll workers are required to attend a 2-3 hour training session, attend an organizational meeting on Monday, November 2, at their assigned polling location, and work the polls from 5:30am until approximately 8:30pm on Election Day. You will earn a minimum of \$165 while performing this important service. Interested parties may complete an application on the Board of Elections website at [www.butlercountyelections.org](http://www.butlercountyelections.org) or by calling (513) 785-5711.

### **Fundraising Opportunity**

We also have an exciting fundraising opportunity for poll workers to share their pay with a church or nonprofit organization of their choice. Through the "Work a Day, Share Your Pay" program, groups of workers commit to work the polls and then donate part or all of their pay to their favorite organization or charity. Organizations have the potential to raise hundreds of dollars in a single day by recruiting just a handful of people to help. And you can take pride in knowing you are performing a vital community service while also helping to support an organization close to your heart. Call the Board for more information at (513) 785-5711.

## Emerald Ash Borer part II, Mark Gilmore, ArborJet

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In the Fall 2014 newsletter, I wrote a brief history and treatment guidelines about the exotic imported pest Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the scourge of all species of native ash trees. Township Newsletters back to 2010 can be found at: <http://www.milfordtownship.net/newsletter.html>

If anything has changed, it is only that the mortality acceleration, predictably, has worsened. That said, we're still finding perfectly robust ash trees this summer, definite candidates for treatment. One tree maybe 15-20 years old, perhaps not surprisingly, was growing in a spot that for decades had been a fenced area for calves. We've seen other mature robust landscape ash that were transplanted as saplings, and are possibly nursery cultivars.

Without treatment, ash tree mortality is assured, and homeowners should plan for the only two options there are: treatment, or removal. If choosing removal, especially for "high-value" landscape ash, first consider the removal cost, loss of shade, and loss of aesthetic / property value - I do still highly recommend first considering treatment. Recall the proverb "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago."

As for identification, the main attributes to look for are opposite branching, and pinnately compound leaves - an internet search for "ash tree identification", and "tree key identification" will yield numerous Extension bulletins, pictorial references, and guides.



While April through mid-June spring season treatment is optimum, treatments are effective applied through the remaining summer months, and especially September. Transportation of any insecticide within a tree relies on the "transpiration" of water from roots to leaves, and is necessary to reach the EAB larvae which are introduced at the uppermost branches - they kill the tree from top to bottom as they bore "serpentine galleries" that effectively girdle the tree, destroying its vascular system.

By August, this season's EAB larvae have grown to 1" or more in length, and are in the most damaging phase of their lifecycle. Unfortunately, this phase can last until the first hard freeze in December - fall treatment will kill the larvae, and prevent further decline that would occur between now and December.

*"Recent area ash firewood clearly showing serpentine galleries made by EAB larvae, destroying tree's vascular system"*



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**Meeting Times**

The Township Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Township Maintenance Bldg.

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Village of Somerville News

**SAT., OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>—SOMERVILLE VOL. FIRE ASSN. PORK CHOP DINNER**

**Who:** Somerville Volunteer Fire Association

**What:** Grilled Pork Chop Dinner

**Where:** Somerville Fire Station  
260 East Church St (SR 744)

**Time:** DINNER from 4 to 7pm (eat in or carry out)  
BINGO from 7pm to closing  
OTHER—Raffle table tickets from 4 to 7:30  
(no need to be present to win)

**Why:** Proceeds enable this non-profit organization to provide financial help to the Somerville Volunteer Fire Dept, when Village funding falls short.

**Questions:** You can call Jon (513-524-3865) or Jane (513-726-5544 or 513-200-5182).



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