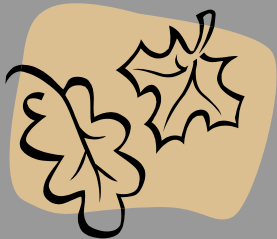


# Milford Township News

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## Important Dates

- September 26: Beckner Fundraiser at the Milford Twp Community Center
- November 3: Election! Get out and vote!

## About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

We hope that this newsletter finds you well, hopeful, and encouraged. While you will notice a lack of events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are still many exciting things continuing within Milford Township!

As always, this mailing owes so much to Henry Sester and Ket-Moy Printing ([www.ket-moy.com](http://www.ket-moy.com)). Henry puts 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; Realtors Tammy Thome and Austin Thome, Brubaker Grain, Butler County Equipment, Eric's Pizza, and Butterfield Farm Market!**

If you would like past newsletters, contribute an article or add an important event, then please contact Brad Mills at 907-6793, [bradmills21@gmail.com](mailto:bradmills21@gmail.com), or visit [www.milfordtownship.net](http://www.milfordtownship.net).

## Fire Report, Milford Township Fire Association

We would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support for our Spaghetti Dinner this year. It was very different from our usual dinner. First, we would like to thank the local businesses and residents for their very generous donations of both food and money. Then, the almost 400 families who came out to get the drive through dinners. Finally, the Township trustees who let us hold the event during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This November election, the Fire Department tax levy is up for renewal. This is a five year 2 mill levy that is ongoing. The levy will not raise your taxes since it is a renewal of the current 2 mill levy. Again, thank all of you for your continued support of the fire department.

As fall approaches remember to check your chimneys for clogs. Have them checked to prevent chimney fires. Also check batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors.

We are continuing to collect aluminum cans at each of the stations. This money goes to purchases needed; such as, supplies and equipment. Assistant Chief Jim Meador has done a great job taking care of collecting and taking the cans to recycle.

**Flag Donated to Somerville Station 163:** A big thank you to Dean Ganson of Amazing Flagpoles ([amazingflagpoles.com](http://amazingflagpoles.com)) for donating and installing a new flagpole at Station 163!

We are still making the reflective address signs. If you would like to order one, contact any fireman or call 726-4311 and leave a message.

We are always looking for residents of the community to join the department. If you are interested in learning more about training and what our duties are contact any volunteer or call 726-4311 and leave a message.

Shawn Gallagher

\*Like us on Facebook to get the most up to date information. We are listed as Milford Township Fire Department-Butler County, OH. <https://www.facebook.com/Milford-Township-Fire-Department-Butler-County-OH-210085453172/>



## 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Day 2020

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, **The Darrtown Memorial Association** proudly observed our **122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service**. For the first time in many years our service was moved to the Darrtown United Methodist Church and **for the first time, the service was presented to a “drive-in” audience.**

The change in venue and presentation was guided by the Covid 19 pandemic and our dedication to keep this century long event running and to keep all those that participated in the program and those attending, safe from harm of the virus.

We want to publicly thank those that helped make this **122<sup>nd</sup>** event memorable. **The Methodist Men’s Choir (Tom Agee, Blaine Beckemeier, Chris Jordan, Charley Kennel, and Chris Trumbull)** shared their Acapella voices with song, singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, It Is Well With My Soul and America The Beautiful. **Pastor Chris Trumbull**, *The Darrtown United Methodist Church*, graciously provided our Invocation and **Pastor Robert Browning**, *St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Darrtown* gave the Benediction. Our speaker, **Captain Scott Eberwin, U.S. Navy, Retired.** Native of Hanover Township, graduate of Talawanda High School and Miami University - gave remarks with the topic of: *Memorial Day ... Why? ... Why Not?* We ended the service with everyone joining in the singing of “Taps” sounded by **Nathan Top.**

We would also like to acknowledge **Bethart Printing** who prints our programs and would also like to thank **Bob Ratterman**, The

Oxford Press. for the nice article in the May 31-June 6, 2020 – *Longtime Memorial Day Service Continues Despite Coronavirus.*

We would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in joining **The Darrtown Memorial Association** to contact one of the members listed below and to help us plan our upcoming **123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Service**. We are always looking for enthusiast individuals to join us and help in the planning of our annual service.

Members of **The Darrtown Memorial Association**: **Mark Habel-Chair, Sandy Ward Jolivette-Secretary, Amy Butterfield, Rebecca Evans, and Carolyn Russell.**

This year’s program was dedicated to  
**Marna I. Evans - 93 years 5/15/26-7/5/19**  
**Kenneth L. Russell - 81 years 2/27/38-10/17/19**

The Darrtown Memorial Association lost two long time and valued members of our committee this past year and would like to acknowledge them for the many, many years of faithful service and contributions to the Association, to the community, and to our lives and the lives of their families. Always in our hearts!

## Butler County Auditor, David Brown, Deputy Auditor

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The Butler County Auditor’s Office spent the last two years appraising approximately 160,000 properties as part of our state-mandated 2020 property reappraisal. This project is a massive undertaking and one that we strive to perform with great accuracy. Upon completion of our appraisal, values are submitted to the State Tax Commissioner for final approval. Property owners are also informed that their new, 2020 property value is available for review.

Homeowners and those with agricultural property will be receiving notification in the mail soon.

The good news, for all of us, is the housing market has remained strong despite the COVID-19 pandemic. However, some areas of commercial real estate have suffered and that will be reflected in our appraisals.

If you have questions after reviewing your new 2020 value(s), please contact the Auditor’s Office at 513-887-3154.



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# Milford Township Updates

**Road Paving:** Milford Township has made major improvements to road surfaces this year! Soon, hopefully by the mailing of this letter, all public roads and alleys will be paved in Somerville, a small section of Hamilton Eaton leading in to Somerville, and Bauer Road.

**Lighting Upgrades:** Have you noticed the new street lighting in Somerville, Darrtown, and at Green Brier Lake? New lights that will provide better visibility and save the Township money!

**COVID-19 Measures:** The Township will be making improvements to the Community Center and Fire Departments that include major upgrades to bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures as well as installing hand sanitizing stations throughout. We will also be spending more time and using new equipment to clean and sanitize after each use.

**New Playground Equipment:** We are expecting that during the month of September, there will be new playground equipment in Somerville! Milford Township is working together with the Tyler Richardson Foundation to install new equipment and mulch. The Coalition for a Healthy Community has also contributed to the project.

**September 26 Fundraiser:** Consider planning to come to a drive-thru carryout dinner at the Community Center! For more information, check out the flier to the left, and visit FaceBook at [https://www.facebook.com/Beckners-Battle-103861681458819/?view\\_public\\_for=103861681458819](https://www.facebook.com/Beckners-Battle-103861681458819/?view_public_for=103861681458819). The link can be clicked through the Township's website ([www.milfordtownship.net](http://www.milfordtownship.net)) or you can also search "Beckner's Battle" on FaceBook.



## Butler Rural Electric, Lisa Staggs Herrmann

### Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Cincinnati Bell partner to bring high-speed internet to cooperative members

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Cincinnati Bell have partnered to begin delivering high-speed Fioptics internet to parts of the cooperative's service territory. The partnership allows Cincinnati Bell to provide fiber-based services to the cooperative's substations and other equipment to enhance reliability.

Homes will receive fiber based on the route for fiber to reach the cooperative's substations. After the project is complete, fiber will be closer to homes in Milford Township than ever before. Our hope is that this will help reduce the cost of fiber expansion in the future. Butler Rural Electric Cooperative will continue to look for ways to make fiber available to all members.

Cincinnati Bell has begun work to make Fioptics internet available to more than 2,000 Butler Rural Electric Cooperative members over the next year. 506 homes in Milford Township will receive fiber internet as part of the agreement. Cincinnati Bell will notify members as addresses become eligible for internet.

To find out if your home or business will have access to Fioptics internet as part of the partnership, visit [cincinnati-bell.com/special-pages/brec](http://cincinnati-bell.com/special-pages/brec) to submit your address and contact information. A Cincinnati Bell representative will get back to you shortly after submitting the form. If your address is not part of the current agreement, Cincinnati Bell will add it to a database of interested members.

For more information about the partnership, visit [cincinnati-bell.com/special-pages/brec](http://cincinnati-bell.com/special-pages/brec) or [butlerrural.coop/content/fiber-internet-availability](http://butlerrural.coop/content/fiber-internet-availability)



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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 Community Center

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