



WINTER/EARLY SPRING - 2026 BETHEL TOWNSHIP

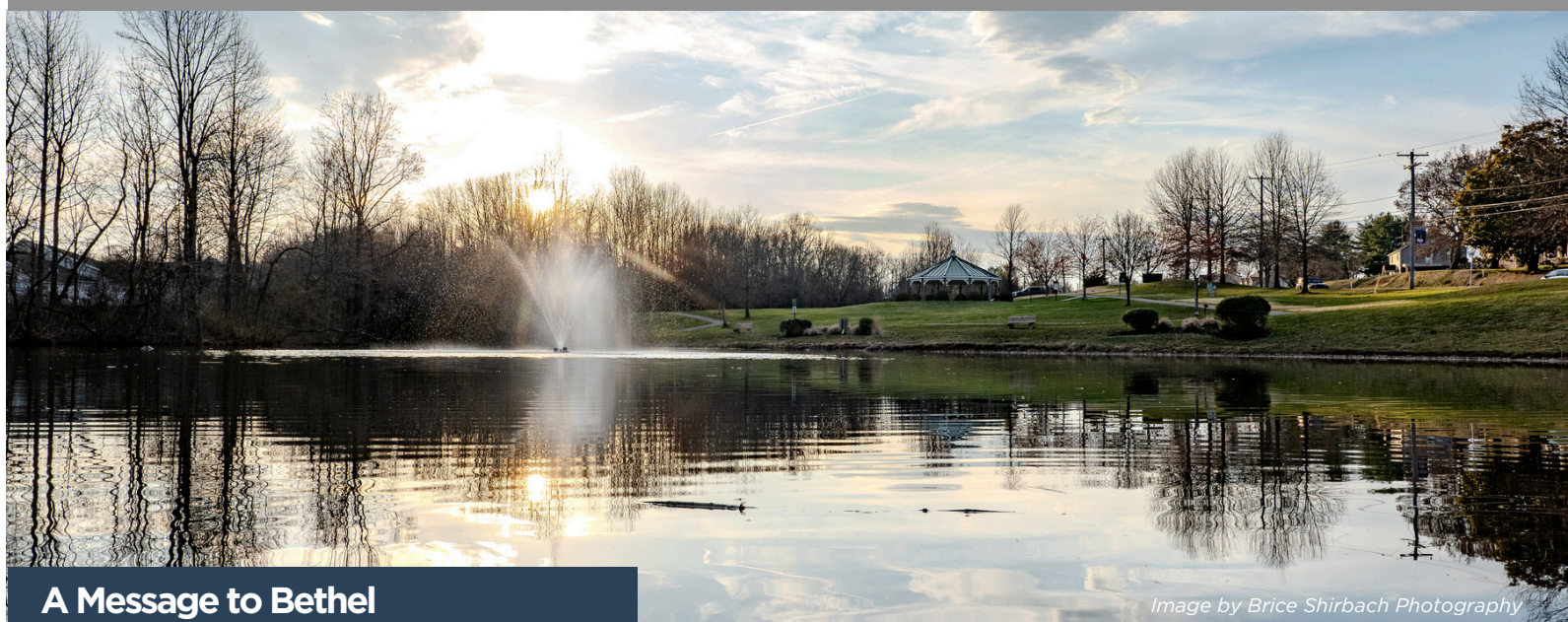


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A Message to Bethel Township Residents

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors continues to work to ensure that Township services remain strong while planning for future improvements to infrastructure, public safety, and community programs.

In January, the Board held its annual reorganization meeting and began the year by confirming appointments, adopting resolutions for Township operations, and setting priorities for 2026.

Throughout the first quarter of the year, the Board has focused on maintaining and improving Township operations, including preventative maintenance of Township facilities, upgrades to the Township office, and annual insurance renewals. The Board is also actively working to update the Township website and Zoning Ordinances, pursuing grant opportunities to support Township projects, and continuing to support community events.

Board of Supervisors Reorganization

At the January Reorganization Meeting, the Board confirmed leadership roles and adopted several administrative resolutions necessary for Township operations.

2026 Board of Supervisors

- Chuck Dennie, Chairman
- Stephanie DerOhannessian, Vice-Chairperson
- Michael Davey, Supervisor
- Giovanna Iacono, Supervisor
- Dr. Eileen Ming, Supervisor



Several operational resolutions were also adopted, including the 2026 fee schedule, tax levy, and professional service appointments.

Public Safety Updates: Police and Fire

The Board continues to approve the hiring of additional officers to strengthen the **Bethel Township Police Department** and ensure continued, reliable service to residents.

BTPD asks residents to be aware of an increase in scam attempts targeting residents, particularly those that involve requests to purchase gift cards. Please remember that legitimate organizations and agencies will never request payment in the form of gift cards. If you receive such a request, do not respond or make any purchases. Instead, verify the request through a known and trusted contact method, and report the incident to the appropriate authorities.

Bethel Township Hose Company #1

is hosting its annual Easter Plant Sale at the fire house (3737 Foulk Road, Garnet Valley) during the following dates and times:

- Thursday, 4/2, 10am-7pm
- Friday, 4/3, 10am-7pm
- Saturday, 4/4, 9am-5pm

Interested in volunteering with the Bethel Fire Company? Visit www.bethelfire.com or email info@bethelfire.com to learn more.



Pictured: Annual Easter Plant Sale hosted by Bethel Township Hose Company #1 held in April 2026.





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Pictured: The golden hour at Bethel Community Park (Brice Shirbach Photography).

Upcoming Events in the Township

Paper Shredding & Drug Takeback

Saturday, April 4, 2026

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Behind the John Myers Building

Residents can safely dispose of personal documents and unused medications at this free event.

Spring Yardwaste Pickup

Monday, May 11, 2026

During Trash Pickup

Curbside

Opdenaker Trash Removal will collect curbside yardwaste on May 11th for all of Bethel Township.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2026

12:45 PM

Clayton Park

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of egg hunting, prizes, and community fun.

Dinner and a Movie Night

Friday, May 29, 2026

Movie will start at dusk

Bethel Springs Elementary School

Join us for an outdoor movie night with delicious bites available for purchase from local food trucks!

Updated Meeting Guidelines

The Board passed a meeting decorum policy during the March Board of Supervisors meeting to ensure meetings remain productive & respectful.

Key points of the policy include the following:

- Public comment continues to be welcomed throughout meetings and during a general comment period
- Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- Comments must be directed to the Board, not individuals
- Disruptive behavior (examples: interruptions, demonstrations, etc.) is not permitted
- Civil discourse is expected at all times
- Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a warning, loss of speaking privileges, or removal from the meeting if necessary

The goal of this policy is to help balance open public participation with efficient Township operations.

Highway Department Update

In March, the Board authorized the purchase of a Holland PowerStar 4-wheel drive tractor and root rake grapple to support the Highway Department's maintenance operation. This equipment will assist with roadside clearing, storm cleanup, and general infrastructure maintenance throughout the Township.

At the start of 2026, the Highway Department responded to a series of challenging winter weather events, including intermittent snowfall, high winds, and freezing rain, which led to power outages and required emergency coordination across Township services. We commend their dedication, responsiveness, and hard work in keeping our community safe during these difficult conditions.

Education & Community Partnerships



The Township continues to partner with the **Garnet Valley School District** to support student engagement programs such as the Junior Supervisor and Parks & Recreation Ambassador Program. In February, **Junior Supervisor Nitya Gulati** was sworn in by **Magisterial District Judge Wendy Roberts** (pictured), and the Township also welcomed **Parks and Recreation Ambassadors Elsie Gupta & Shruti Sridhar**.

The Junior Supervisor serves in a non-voting, observational role by attending monthly Board of Supervisors meetings, sitting with the Board during public meetings, and presenting brief updates related to the school community. Parks and Recreation Ambassadors serve as youth representatives for the Township by attending Parks and Recreation Board meetings, helping plan and staff community events, and supporting event logistics and outreach.

Ask the Township

How do I report issues?

Notice a public sidewalk in need of repair or a clogged stormwater drain? Submit a request through Bethel Township's **311 Request System** to help us address it promptly.

- Go to www.betheltwp.com, and click on "Report a Concern"
- Create an account or login
- Select a service
- Create and send the request

You can view your requests and track their progress directly through the system.

Get Involved

Attend a Meeting

Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the John L. Myers Building (1092 Bethel Road, Garnet Valley).

Meetings are also livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel (@OfficialBethelTownship).

For information on all Township meetings and events, please visit the calendar on Bethel's homepage.

