



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Fall 2013



Wiswasser Memorial Park
on Park Lake Road

Library Services in Bath Township

Since 1973, Bath Charter Township residents have had access to library services through a contract with the DeWitt District Library. To use those services, Bath Township residents have had to go to the library in DeWitt. To pay for those services, Bath Township has dedicated to the DeWitt library its share of "penal fines" that Bath Township might be able to collect if we had our own qualified library. (The Michigan Constitution requires that "penal fines" paid for things like traffic tickets be used for library

services if a qualified library exists. The law allows the DeWitt library to receive Bath's share of penal fines in addition to their own because our Township has a contract with the library.) The DeWitt library also gets more State Aid due to the inclusion of Bath's population in the total population served by the DeWitt library.

The Township's Library Committee has been studying the creation of a library in Bath for several years. On July 15, 2013, the Bath

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Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12

Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to service your smoke alarms! Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half.

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button. Your smoke alarm batteries should be replaced at least once per year. When you replace the batteries, you should also clean (dust or vacuum) your smoke alarms. Dust and debris could keep the alarms from working properly.

Other important facts about smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on your household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location.
- Alarms that are hard-wired should have battery backups in case of a power outage, and should be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If you, or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, consider installing an alarm that combines flashing lights, vibration and/or sound.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

Firefighters Needed

Bath Charter Township Fire Department has immediate openings for volunteer firefighters. These are paid "on-call" positions available to local residents who are able to quickly respond to our service area of Bath Charter Township. All training and equipment provided.

All candidates will need to complete an application form in order to be considered for the position and you must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Applications are available at Bath Charter Township Offices at 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at www.bathtownship.us.

Library Services, FROM PAGE 1



Charter Township Board approved the creation of a Library Center based upon an updated proposal provided by the Library Committee.

The new Bath Township Library Center will serve as an "outpost" of the DeWitt District Library, allowing residents to have access to DeWitt's collection for delivery to Bath, rather than having to always travel to DeWitt. In addition to access to the DeWitt District Library's full collection, the Bath Township Library Center allows Bath residents to have access to MelCat, a library cooperative that allows for access to materials from other libraries, delivered to Bath for free.

In accepting the Library Committee's proposal, the Township Board has created the Library Center to be a department of your Township

government. It will be open on a part-time basis to help manage costs and assess its benefit. It will be supervised by existing Township staff like all departments. Ultimately, the Library Center is under the authority of your elected Township Board of Trustees. The modest funding allocated from the Township to the Library Center is from the Township's general fund and the Township Board has committed to funding the Library Center at least through the end of 2014, at which time decisions will be made about how to proceed with our ultimate goal of having library services remain permanent in Bath. No new taxes will be levied during this time for the creation or operation of the Bath Township Library Center. A copy of the approved proposal for the Library Center is available on the Bath Charter Township

website at www.bathtownship.us for your review.

THE COMING MILLAGE ELECTION

After the Township Board approved the Library Center proposal, some Township residents initiated a petition drive under a law passed in 1877. The petitions would place a question on the November 5, 2013 ballot for the specific purpose of creating, operating and directly funding an independent Public Library. Only 50 signatures were required to be obtained and verified, and since that number was met, the Township Board formally approved the language for placement on the ballot at their regular meeting on August 19, 2013.

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The ballot language, as required by the petition and, thus, as approved by the Township Board reads as follows:

“Shall Bath Charter Township levy a total of 0.25 mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000.00) on the taxable value of property located in Bath Charter Township for four years beginning with the 2013 tax levy year and continuing through the 2016 tax levy year (inclusive), which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000.00) to be used only for the specific purpose of operating and directly funding an independent Public Library in Bath Charter Township as defined under the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, Public Act 164 of 1877, MCL 397.201, et seq? If approved, this would be a new millage.

Yes____

No ____”

Regarding this proposal and the choice voters will make on November 5, please review the following information provided for voter education.

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC LIBRARY APPROVED BY VOTERS

If the millage passes on November 5, it creates an independent Public Library that will be governed by an independently elected Board of Directors, rather than by the Township Board. However, initially the Bath Township

Board must appoint the first Board of Directors. These Board-appointed directors will serve for two years until the next township election in 2016. At that time, voters will elect a new Library Board of Directors.

While some may find it exciting for Bath to finally have a library of its own, the creation of an independent Public Library in Bath will have many impacts that residents should be aware of:

1. If the township has an independent library, it is unclear that our longstanding relationship with the Dewitt Public Library can continue. If it does not, Bath residents will no longer be able to access services at the DeWitt District Library without paying a “non-resident membership fee.” If that relationship ends, the DeWitt District Library will not service the independent Public Library by shipping materials from its collection, and will not provide access to MelCat, the extended cooperative collection. Those services will have to be separately obtained by the new library.
2. If the relationship with the DeWitt District Library ends, all library services will be handled by the new library and must be funded by the 0.25 mills levied to Township residents, plus any penal

ties that are available after the library is officially established. It is too soon to know if funding for an independent library would start in 2014 or 2015. The independent Public Library can work with other area libraries to share or extend services into the Bath area, but contracts would have to be negotiated with payments (not unlike what we are paying now for the same service) to those entities to cover their costs (if they are interested).

3. The Library of Michigan only provides State aid to “recognized” libraries. To be recognized, a library must be supported at the local level with 0.3 mills or more. (The 0.25 mills on the ballot in November does not meet this test.) In addition, to be recognized and eligible to receive State aid for libraries, our independent library would be required to hire a certified library director and at least one certified staff person. Without this recognition, State Aid is not available, nor is the availability to participate in “library cooperatives.” Library Cooperatives are important to libraries as they bring in services for reduced costs because they are shared. Thus, to meet the 0.3 mills threshold, an additional millage would need to be sought from township residents after the November election or the



Township Board would have to provide additional funding to the library from general operating expenses, and the new library would have to hire professional staff. See "State Aid to Public Libraries Application Process, Michigan Department of Education, Library of Michigan, Issued October 1, 2011." Professional staff is not required for the Township to open and use the approved Library Center.

4. The 1877 law that allows for creating a township library does not have a provision that would allow the voters or the Township Board to change their mind and go back to the way it is now or to adopt a different form of library in the future. Once created, the independent township library cannot be dissolved, even if a better way to provide library services came about. If it

was decided after a year or more that, for example, the Township would be better served by creating a District Library, like DeWitt or the Capital Area District Library, the 1877 law does not allow that to happen. Rather, it would probably require that the Legislature amend the 1877 law if Bath wanted to go in a different direction, should the millage pass and the independent township library is created.

LIBRARY SERVICES BETWEEN NOW AND THE ELECTION

The Township has moved forward with the approved Library Center, which will open prior to the November election. Understandably, the creation of the Township Library Center and the concurrent request for an independent library millage has generated some confusion in the community. The Township has no official

position on the millage. Information so that voters can make an informed choice is always important and is the reason for this article.

As with all elections, we encourage residents to exercise their right to vote on November 5.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please contact the Bath Charter Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 or info@bathtownship.us.

Bath Township Parks & Recreation

Mission: To provide educational programs, recreational activities, community facilities and quality parks for the enrichment of township residents.

Fall 2013 - Winter 2014

To register for classes or apply to coach or volunteer for a program, you may visit the Bath Township Offices, Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. To obtain registration materials online, please visit www.bathtownship.us > Departments > Parks & Recreation > Current Programs.

Bath Community Center (BCC): 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath

Bath Township Offices: 14480 Webster Road, Bath, (517) 641-6728 or info@bathtownship.us

Bath Township Senior Center: 14480 Webster Road, Bath (behind Township Offices)

Rose Lake Shooting Range: 14500 Peacock Road, Bath

Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin can be contacted at (517) 641-5167 or bgoodwin@bathtownship.us

ADULT VOLLEYBALL: If you would be interested in coordinating this program, please contact Director Becky Goodwin. Your commitment would include arriving early one night/week to set up and staying after the program to take down the equipment. You would also coordinate registration as participants enter and maintain order.

BUCK POLE 2013: Celebrate the opening day of the firearms deer season on 11/15/2013 from 6-9 pm by attending this Bath Township event. The Township Senior Center will be serving up free hot chocolate, coffee and chili while attendees share in stories of the day's events. If you harvest a deer and hang it on the Buck Pole, you become eligible to win a prize. All others in attendance can take part in a door prize raffle by registering and picking up a ticket. Buck Pole winners will be determined by a measurement of the inside spread plus the number of points.

Current sponsors include Wolf Creek Productions, Meijer of Bath Township, Bob Evans Farms Restaurants of DeWitt, Specialized Deer Processing of St. Johns, Mid-Michigan Guns & Gear of Bath, Commemorative Bucks, and Spagnuolo's Party Store & Deli of Bath. To become a sponsor, please contact Director Becky Goodwin.

HOOK, LINE & SINKER: This program provides Bath residents ages 16+ the opportunity to check out fishing equipment for up to three days from the Township Offices. The fishing kit includes a fishing pole, two bobbers, sinkers, and hooks. Registrants must show proof of residency.



HUNTER SAFETY: An accelerated one-day class will be held on 11/9/2013 from 7:30 am-4 pm. Once registered, participants must report to the Rose Lake Shooting Range by 7:30 am on Saturday. Following the shooting experience, participants will report to the BCC for instruction and testing. Transportation is the responsibility of the participant. To register you **MUST** visit the Township Offices prior to attending. When you register, you will be

issued the "Today's Hunter in Michigan" book, 88 pages. Participants MUST read the book and complete the chapter review exercises in the back of the book prior to your arrival at the shooting range. If you report to the Rose Lake Shooting Range and the exercises are not completed, you will be asked to leave. The fee to participate is \$7 and all equipment is provided. This class has a limited enrollment of 40 students and a "no refund" policy. Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult for this class.

ICE FISHING DERBY: Watch the website for details on our annual Derby in February 2014. This event is open to the public and held during the DNR free fishing weekend.

K-1 CO-ED BASKETBALL CLINIC: This clinic will be offered 11/4, 11/18, 11/25, & 12/2/2013 from 6-7 pm for youth in kindergarten and 1st grades. This program provides instruction, recreation and the development of individual skills. An emphasis will be placed on team play and group cooperation. Registration will run from 10/1-10/18 at the Bath Township Offices. The fee to participate is \$20. Each participant will need a reversible jersey for an additional \$20, if you don't already have one. This program is in need of parent volunteers to assist Program Coordinator Nick Smith. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete a Coach/Volunteer Application when you register your child.

LEVEL I CO-ED BASKETBALL: This program will be held in December, January & February for youth in grades 1, 2 & 3. This non-competitive program will allow participants the opportunity to practice on Tuesdays, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 from 6-7 pm, and participate in games on Tuesdays, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25/2014 from 6-7 pm or 7-8 pm. Registration will be held 11/1 – 11/22/2013 at the Township Offices. The fee to participate is \$25. Each participant will also need a reversible jersey for an additional \$20, if you don't already have one. Parents will be needed as volunteer coaches to assist Program Coordinator Mark Skidmore; please consider filling out the Coach's Application when you register your child.

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL:
Join Program Coordinator Jon Hinsman for 2

hours of basketball in the Bath Middle School Gym. This program is free of charge for men who reside in Bath Township and are at least 30 years of age. Attendees must register at their first event. Dates include Mondays, 10/7, 10/21 from 7-9 pm, followed by Sundays, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 & 12/29/2013 from 4-6 pm.

MOVIES IN THE PARK 2014: Bath Township Parks & Recreation is seeking businesses who would be interested in becoming a sponsor for this program. Sponsorships range from \$100-\$400. Please contact Director Becky Goodwin if your business would be interested in having their name displayed at the event as a 2014 Sponsor.

MUSIC JAM: Held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the BCC from 6:30-9 pm. This program allows musicians to share their talents, enjoy a snack, and take part in a 50/50 raffle. This event is free and open to the public.

ORV SAFETY TRAINING: In Michigan, operators of ORVs under the age of 16 are required to have a Safety Training Certificate and be under the supervision of an adult to legally operate an ORV. While the training is not required for those 16+, the DNR recommends all riders get the safety training. To obtain information on the traditional ORV Safety Training classroom course, call Cpl. John Morey at (989) 619-3784 or Ed Golder at (517) 335-3014. Information on the new online course can be found at www.ATVcourse.com.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Bath Township Offices Board of Trustees room. Please join us!

QUARTERLY UPDATES ON PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS: To receive, please send your request to be added to the parent email group to Director Becky Goodwin.

SCRAP AROUND THE CLOCK: This program is held 11/1, 11/2 & 11/3 at the BCC, beginning on Friday at 6 pm and ending on Sunday at 3 pm. If interested in registering for this event, please contact Coordinator Beth Botke at 641-7816.

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Dates to Remember

October 10 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? (989) 227-3333

October 10 MiCAFE at Bath Township Offices, 9 am – 12 pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

October 11 Flu Shots available at the Bath Township Senior Center; For more information call Dana at (517) 641-5169

October 14 Columbus Day; Township Offices are open, but there is no U.S. mail

October 15 Sewer bills due; Service coverage of October, November & December

Middle School west hallway (Parks & Recreation Event)

October 31 Halloween; Trick or Treat, 6–8 pm

November 3 Daylight Savings; Don't forget to "fall back" one hour

November 5 7 am – 8 pm; Election Day: Please see related article. By 4 pm; Emergency absentee voting for Election

November 7 Bath Farmers Market Moves Indoors, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd.

November 11 Veterans Day; Township Offices, Senior Center & Police Administration Closed

November 14 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? Please call (989) 227-3333

November 14 MiCAFE at Bath Township Offices, 9 am – 12

pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

November 15 Buck Pole (Parks & Recreation Event) from 6-9 pm behind the Township Offices, 14480 Webster Rd., Bath

November 23 Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at

Subway, 16800 S. Chandler Rd., Chandler Crossings, East Lansing

November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving; Township Offices, Senior Center & Police Administration Closed

December 1 Winter tax bills mailed

December 12 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? (989) 227-3333

December 12 MiCAFE at Bath Township Offices, 9 am – 12 pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

December 14 Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at a location TO BE ANNOUNCED. Watch for information in the DeWitt-Bath Review, and on the Township's website & Facebook page

December 14 Craft Show at the Bath Township Senior Center from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; For more information call Dana at (517) 641-5169

December 24 & 25 Christmas; Township Offices, Senior Center & Police Administration Closed

December 31 & January 1 New Years; Township Offices, Senior Center & Police Administration Closed



October 18 Farm to Fork Fall Feast, 5:30 - 8 pm at Peacock Road Tree Farm, 11854 Peacock Rd., Laingsburg. Tickets are on sale at www.bathtownship.us

October 28 Truck or Treat, 6-8 pm at the Bath Elementary School North Parking Lot. In the event of inclement weather: Bath

Notification of Ordinance Change

Effective February 10, 2014, Ordinance No. 31.43 and No. 31.44 will become operational, amending the Bath Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. Ordinance No. 31.43 will prohibit the creation of flag lots and clarify conditions for the use of previously established flag lots. Ordinance No. 31.44 will eliminate private roads for residential use and will permit private streets and roads only in commercial

developments, as well as delete the section of the Zoning Ordinance entitled "Private roads serving more than one lot" in its entirety.

Should you have questions regarding either of these ordinances, please contact Bath Charter Township Planning staff.

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SCRAPBOOKING: Held on the 3rd Friday of each month (excluding December & July) at the BCC from 6 pm-midnight. The fee to participate is \$3/night or 4 nights/\$10. Bring your scrapbooking materials and enjoy the company of others sharing the same interest while working on your project. This program is open to the public and registration takes place at the event.

TARGET ARCHERY: This class is for ages 9+ and will take place at the BCC on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm on 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/3 & 3/10/2014. The fee to participate is \$45. Shooting at a distance of 30', participants will learn proper techniques for target shooting. This class will be taught by Mike Goodwin, who has over 39 years of experience in archery, and is a certified instructor for the National Archery in the Schools program. Registration takes place at the Township Offices beginning 12/12 and will continue until the class is full (limit of 10 students).

TRUCK OR TREAT 2013: This event will be held on Monday, October 28, from 6-8 pm in the Bath Elementary School north parking lot. Trick-or-Treaters can dress for the occasion and visit area businesses at their vehicles for a treat. We are in need of businesses to participate, as well as candy. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held in the west hallway of the Bath Middle School.

Current sponsors include Meijer of Bath Township, Bath Music Jammers, Northside Service Inc., Bath Community Schools Transportation, Joe Eddington Siding & Windows, American Rentals, E.D.S. Irrigation, Classy Lassies of Bath & Beyond, Rebecca's Studio of Dance, Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes of DeWitt, Bath Township Department of Public Works, Dave Fry Realty, Bob Evans Farms Restaurants, and the Peacock Road Tree Farm. To donate to the event, become a sponsor or register as a business to hand out candy, please contact Director Becky Goodwin.

ZUMBA & ZUMBA TONING FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER: Join Instructor Colleen Opphile for Zumba on Mondays, and Zumba Toning on Thursdays at the BCC. Registration takes place on the first night of class. Zumba will meet 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18 & 11/25/2013 for a fee of \$48. Zumba Toning will meet on Thursdays, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14 & 11/21/2013 for a fee of \$40. Each class runs from 7:15-8:15 pm. Register for both classes at a discounted rate of \$77.

ZUMBA & ZUMBA TONING FOR DECEMBER: Zumba sessions for December will be held on Mondays, 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16 for a fee of \$24. Zumba Toning will be held 12/12 & 12/19 for a fee of \$16. Sessions will be held at the BCC from 7:15-8:15 pm. Register for both classes at a discounted rate of \$35.

Residential Accessory Buildings

An accessory building is defined in the Zoning Ordinance as a building or structure customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal structure and located on the same lot as the principal building.

If you or someone you know wants to put an accessory building on their property the following may apply:

- An accessory building, including carports attached to the principal building, shall be made structurally a part thereof, and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this ordinance applicable to the principal building. Breezeways, as an attachment between the garage or carport and the main building, shall be considered a part of the main building, but shall not be considered livable floor area.
 - An accessory building, unless attached and made structurally a part of the principal building, shall not be closer than ten feet to any other structure on the lot.
 - No accessory building shall be closer than ten feet to any interior side or rear lot line.
 - Accessory buildings are subject to all setback requirements from the street applying to the principal building; provided, however, when topographic conditions prevent compliance with this provision, the board of zoning appeals may vary the above requirements in such a manner as to contribute to the public safety and general welfare.
 - An accessory building shall not occupy more than 30 percent of the area of any rear or front yard.
- No detached residential accessory building shall exceed 20 feet in height. Detached accessory buildings for other uses may be constructed to equal the permitted maximum height of structures in said districts, subject to board of zoning appeals approval if the building exceeds 20 feet in height. This restriction shall not apply to agriculturally oriented accessory structures.



A Zoning (Land Use) Permit is required with a \$50 application fee and a Building Permit is also required if floor area of a detached accessory structure exceeds 200 square feet.

If you have any further questions please contact the Building Department at 517-641-4238 or buildingdept@bathtownship.us.

Posting for Township Superintendent

The Charter Township of Bath (Clinton County, Michigan) a full service township just north of metropolitan Lansing and Michigan State University. Salary dependent on qualifications and includes excellent benefits. Requires local government management experience, strong oral and written communication skills, and budgeting and labor relation abilities.

Prefer advanced degree in related field. List of entire duties available. Apply immediately with resume and cover letter to Paula Clark, Supervisor, P.O. Box 247, Bath, Michigan 48808, or email to pclark@bathtownship.us, telephone (517) 641-6728. Resumes accepted until October 31, 2013.

A New Look for the Beach at Park Lake

For some time, Bath Charter Township had desired to make the Beach at Park Lake more aesthetically pleasing and to provide a space for all to enjoy, regardless of physical ability. Early in 2013, planning began and Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin submitted a grant application to the Capital Region Community Foundation for beach renovations at Park Lake. Word was received in June that the Township had been awarded a grant of \$6,000 from the CRCF towards the construction of a 16' x 24' handicap accessible pavilion overlooking the lake. Construction began the just one month later in July.



The project included the addition of a 5' wide sidewalk, which provides for ease of connectivity from the parking area to the pavilion and existing sidewalk. A handicap accessible grill and picnic tables also allow for those of any ability to enjoy the beach experience. The swimming area is now identified with a newly purchased buoy and rope system, separating it from the handicap accessible fishing dock located on the west end of the Beach. Benches, trash receptacles, and a bike rack were all added during the renovation.



A generous donation of \$1,000 was received from The Friends of Park Lake and a discount on plants was offered by VanAtta's Greenhouse and was applied toward the landscaping project to complete the renovation.

Tell the Bath DDA What You Think!

The Downtown Development Authority would like to hear from you! Please click the BathDDA link at www.bathtownship.us. Then you can click on the survey link under Recent Announcements to give your opinions on the Main Street district, or just provide general comments. The DDA will use feedback in determining projects to pursue in the future.

The DDA District in Bath includes the Webster Road corridor from I-69 north, includes the four corners of Webster Road and Clark Road, as well as the traditional Main Street district.

For questions, please contact Brian Keesey at the Bath Township Offices, (517) 641-6728.



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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

A Reminder on Open Burning Permits

Fall is upon us and we would like to remind you that it is time to renew your Open Burning Permit for your property, if you have not already done so since it expired at the end of March 2013.

Open burning shall be permitted in all areas zoned "Rural" on parcels greater than two (2) acres at any time during the calendar year with a permit.

Open burning of yard waste (except lawn clippings) shall be allowed by permit in "Rural" zone parcels of two (2) acres or less and all residential zoned district within the Township from October 1 through April 30. Such burning shall be prohibited at all other times, except that the Fire Chief, at his/her discretion, may extend each of the designated time periods for open burning of yard waste for a period not to exceed (14) days.

There are a couple of ways to renew your Open Burning Permit:

Come to the Township Offices during regular

business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm) and fill out a new application, or download the application from our website at www.bathtownship.us and return the completed document to the Township Offices:

- Fax: (517) 641-4170
- Email: info@bathtownship.us
- Drop Box: There is a secure, 24-hour drop box located next the Township Office entrance

Questions? Call us at (517) 641-6728 or send us an email at info@bathtownship.us.

