



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Fall 2015



Ensuring Preparedness for Bath

A volunteer fire department can be the life-line between life and death in a community – Bath Charter Township is no exception. Our men and women remain on call 24/7 and face all of the commitment and seriousness a full-time firefighter will experience – with a portion of the training and pay. A volunteer firefighter requires continuous training to ensure

preparedness for the variety of situations that may develop. By investing in ongoing quality training and support mechanisms, a volunteer department is better able to support its community. The training provides firefighters with the updated knowledge and skills necessary to handle many unique situations they will need to respond to. In addition,

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Fire Department (Non-Emergency)

Please leave a message.
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Bath, Michigan 48808
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MiCAFE

Assists adults ages 60+ in applying for help with food assistance, medical assistance, in-home help, prescriptive drug assistance and other types of help. (517) 749-3333

Mid-Michigan 2-1-1

If you're looking for assistance with a problem and you don't know where to turn, or you simply want information on a particular human service issue, dial 2-1-1 or (866) 561-2500, www.centralmichigan211.org.

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5303 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911
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Consumers Energy
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Option 1, then Option 2

Sanitary Sewer Service

Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority
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(517) 641-6728 Billing & Payments

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Bath, MI 48808
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Ensuring Preparedness for Bath, FROM PAGE 1



training will boost preparation and department readiness.

Throughout the months of September and October, the Bath Township Fire Department has been training at a structure on Herbison Road, near Hunter Road. The house was scheduled for demolition and the owner, Brett Whitmore, allowed our firefighters to train there. The training was coordinated with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to ensure environmental protection, as well as for the safety of the residents living in the area.

Most recent training has included:

- Rescuing a trapped firefighter, including complex rescue scenarios and moving people from inside a structure to outdoors.
- Advanced fire attack techniques.
- Cutting ventilation holes in the roof.
- Dragging hose in through a house.
- Hidden fire detection by tearing down plaster and lathe.
- Breathing apparatus practice.
- Conducting a controlled burn.
- Saving pet lives using Servpro oxygen masks.
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) as part of a collaborative agreement with Clinton Area EMS.
- Patient treatment protocols.
- All-terrain vehicle operation.
- Emergency medical care of sick and injured persons.

The Fire Department is also moving forward on modernizing its training operation. The Township Board of Trustees recently



approved an online learning system for the Fire Department. This state of the art system will track, record, and facilitate much of the legally mandated regulatory, fire, leadership, personnel, and medical training. This system will also help the Department with its Insurance Service Office (ISO) evaluation in 2016.

Questions about the Bath Township Fire Department can be directed to Chief Dan Oberst at (517) 641-7811 or doberst@bathtownship.us.

Dates to Remember

October 26 Truck or Treat at Bath Elementary School (North Parking Lot) from 6 – 7 pm.

October 31 Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at Tim Horton's on Chandler Road.

October 31 Trick or Treat, 6 – 8 pm in Bath Township. Please be safe and watch for children.

November 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends: Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour.

November 2 Board of Trustees Work Session at the Township Offices. 6pm.

November 2 Board of Trustees Meeting at the Township Offices. 7pm.

November 5 Farmers Market moves indoors to the Bath Township Community Center, 3 – 7 pm.

November 11 Bath Township Offices, Police Administration, Library Center and Senior Center closed in observance of Veterans Day.

November 12 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center. Register on-site starting at 8 am. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

November 14 Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at the Mason Jar Diner on Main Street.

November 16 Board of Trustees Meeting at the Township Offices. 7pm.

November 26 - 27 Bath Township Offices, Police Administration, Library Center and Senior Center closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

November 27 Firefighters Association Christmas Tree Sale begins at the Bath Township Fire Department.

December 1 Winter property tax bills mailed; Due February 15.

December 5 Community Conversation with Supervisory Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at Subway on Chandler Road.

December 7 Board of Trustees Work Session at the Township Offices. 6pm.

December 7 Board of Trustees Meeting at the Township Offices. 7pm.

December 10 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center. Register on-site starting at 8:00 a.m. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

December 15 Sewer bills mailed; Due January 15.

December 21 Board of Trustees Meeting at the Township Offices. 7pm.

December 24 - 25 Bath Township Offices, Police Administration, Library Center and Senior Center closed in observance of Christmas.

December 31 – January 1, 2016 Bath Township Offices, Police Administration, Library Center and Senior Center closed in observance of New Years.



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

Bath Elementary School: 13789 Webster Road, Bath.

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

Fire Department: 5633 Drumheller Road, Bath.

Mason Jar Diner (formerly Third Base/Jo's Diner): 13631 Main Street, Bath.

Subway: 16800 S. Chandler Road, Suite 110 (Chandler Crossings), East Lansing.

Tim Hortons: 3992 Coleman Road, East Lansing.

ATTENTION: Strategic Planning Work in Progress!

When thinking about the future of Bath Township, what sorts of achievements would you like to see accomplished over the next five years?

This is the question our Township Board of Trustees has been considering as it works on producing a brand new strategic framework plan to guide activities and investments in the Bath community.

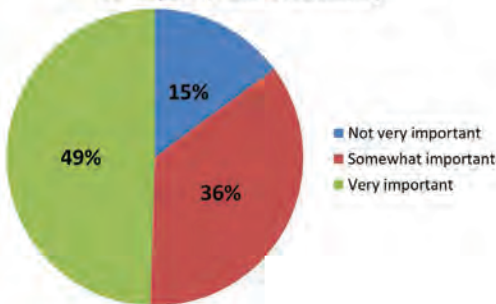
Beginning early in 2015, the Trustees started taking the initial steps of drafting this plan by coming up with four central goals to define our path to long-term success. These four goals have been crafted to encompass a wide range of responsibilities; from the traditional core responsibilities of successful leadership, to the forward-thinking actions that will make us a more appealing and prosperous community in the future. Although these four goals are quite different in their own regard, they are unified, in that they were the product of consensus through a collaborative process among the Trustees and civic-minded citizen leaders.

The four goals of the draft Strategic Plan follow:

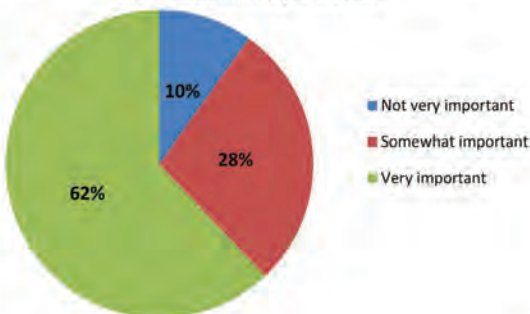
1. Define and strengthen Township identity and promote community.
2. Spark, support, and retain economic development that enhances the quality of life in balance with our community character.
3. Maintain and improve infrastructure necessary to enhance the community's health, safety, and quality of life.
4. Deliver superior services and maintain Township's financial health.

Since announcing the draft strategic plan, an official Township survey was conducted over the summer which attracted over 300 resident responses. We sincerely appreciate those of you who took the time to share your ideas and provided input on the development of this plan. For those residents who missed this

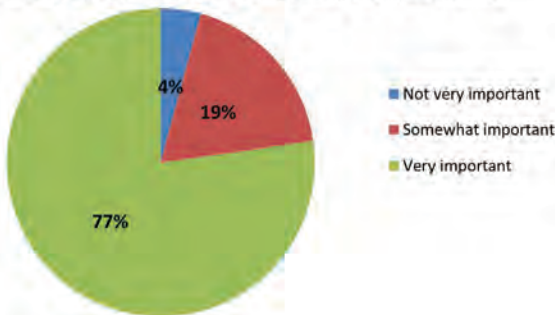
GOAL 1: Define and strengthen Bath Township's identity and promote community.



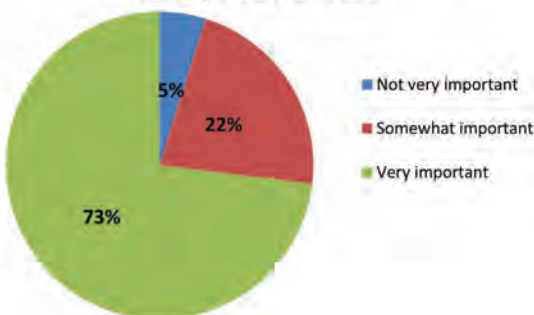
GOAL 2: Spark, support, and retain economic development that enhances quality of life in balance with our community character.



GOAL 3: Maintain and improve infrastructure necessary to enhance the community's health, safety, and quality of life.



GOAL 4: Deliver superior services and maintain Township's financial health.



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Capital Area Community Foundation Awards Senior Center with \$55,000 Grant for Upgrades

The Bath Township Senior Center will receive a significant upgrade thanks to a \$55,000 grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation.

The grant, which must be matched with Township funds, will be used for the second phase of an upgrade to the Senior Center's kitchen. The upgrades will include installing a commercial oven and hood, dishwasher, water heater and refrigerator and enlarging the kitchen space.

The Center's restrooms will also be upgraded to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements as part of the improvements.

Three days a week, the center serves nutritionally sound, home-cooked meals that consist of locally grown, fresh ingredients to seniors from Bath and the surrounding communities – all for just \$3 per person. Demand for the meals has grown steadily since 2012, and the center's current, tiny kitchen can't keep up. Imagine trying to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for 60-80 people in your home three days a week.

"The new kitchen means we won't have to cook in phases," said Karen Hildebrant, who handles administrative services for Bath Charter Township. "We won't be taking pans of au gratin potatoes over to the police department to use their oven so they'll be ready in time for lunch."



Area seniors gather for lunch at the Senior Center.



A glimpse of the Senior Center Kitchen awaiting final upgrades made possible by a \$55,000 grant awarded by the Capital Area Community Foundation.

Hildebrant said the CRCF grant will enable them to better serve a growing population. "We've had to turn people away because we ran out of prepared food," she said. "With this renovation, our dream is to feed everyone who comes through our doors. This grant is the difference between seniors going hungry and having a place to gather for socialization and healthy meals."

The first phase of the kitchen upgrade included installing a commercial sink with three basins and a hot food serving counter, as well as painting walls and ceilings.

The senior center is located at 14480

Webster Road, behind the Bath Township offices. The Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am - 3 pm. A variety of activities are also offered throughout the week. For more information, visit the Bath Township website, www.bathtownship.us, or call (517) 641-5169.

About the Capital Region Community Foundation:

The Capital Region Community Foundation currently has more than \$83 million in assets and was created by the community as a vehicle to support the charitable needs and philanthropic interests of people living in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. The Community Foundation receives gifts to establish endowment funds, and income generated by the more than 400 funds is returned to the community each year in the form of grants. CRCF awarded more than \$3.3 million in grants in 2014. Learn more

State Grant Assists Township with Inspection & Cleaning of Sewers

Bath Township has received a Storm and Waste Water (SAW) grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to assess sanitary sewer conditions and to develop an asset management plan. Assessing conditions of the sewer system will include evaluating manholes and cleaning and televising sewer mains which are older than 20 years old and haven't been televised in the last 10 years.



The cleaning and televising activities were let out for bids late this summer, and Advanced Rehabilitation Technology out of Bryan, Ohio, was awarded the contract. They are scheduled to start the week of October 12 and be completed by the holidays. Residents will be notified when the contractor will be working in their neighborhood.

Reason for cleaning and inspecting the sewers

The cleaning and inspection program keeps the sewer system operating efficiently by:

- helping prevent blockages and backups
- removing built-up debris, such as tree roots, grease, grit and sand
- determining the condition of the sewer so we can repair or replace sewers as necessary

How sewers are cleaned

We use a high-pressure nozzle to flush water down the sewer. The dirt and debris are sucked up through a manhole by a large vacuum truck and taken to the landfill.

How sewer are inspected

We insert a remotely operated video camera into the sewer to record its condition. From the video we can tell if we need to repair or replace the sewer.

Estimate time of cleaning/inspecting

Project will begin in October and be completed by the Holidays. It usually takes about one day to clean the sewer on each block. However, some sewers can take longer, depending on their size and condition.

Items completed by the homeowner before sewer cleaning will begin on your street

Occasionally during cleaning and inspection, air pressure in the sewer can cause water to splash out through toilets, sinks and drains. Take the following precautions to prevent water damage in your home:

- Close the lids on all toilet bowls when not in use.
- Insert drain plugs in all sinks and bathtubs when not in use.
- Remove all floor mats in bathrooms.
- Place an old towel around the base of toilets.
- Wrap the cover of your basement floor drains with thick plastic, and place something heavy over it.

If you are running a faucet in your house to keep the lines from freezing, run water from a tap at the highest elevation in the house (i.e. main floor or upper level, not basement)

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Bath Charter Township Needs You!

The Bath Township community has many types of activities and programs that depend on the help of volunteers. Our staff and elected officials cannot do all that needs to be done without the input of the members of the Bath community. We involve our community using a number of Committees, Commissions, Boards and Authorities. Some of these groups meet once per month; others meet only "as needed." Whether statutory or advisory, each group has a specific purpose.

Statutory boards and commissions are public bodies either required or authorized by law. They have specific duties outlined in state statute and/or the Township's ordinance creating the particular committee. Bath Township's Statutory Committees include:

- Board of Review
- Building Authority
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Election Commission
- Housing Commission
- Planning Commission
- Sewer Board of Appeals
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Advisory committees are not mandated or authorized by specific statutes. A

township board may choose to establish advisory committees to collect information, make recommendations and participate in township programs. Bath Township's Advisory Committees include:

- Farmers Market Board
- Library Committee
- Park Lake Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Police & Fire Board
- Roads Committee
- Senior Services Advisory Committee

Although most turnover occurs at the end of the calendar year, we WELCOME applications at any time. We encourage folks to talk with us, ask questions, and share ideas at any time during the year. All applications are kept on file, and when a vacancy occurs, the Township Supervisor will contact you to discuss the process for becoming involved in more detail.

We would love to have you consider becoming a volunteer to help meet the needs of our community. Please visit the Township website, www.bathtownship.us > Government, for more information. To volunteer, please fill out the application located in the center of this newsletter and return it to Bath Charter Township.



Bath Township Department of Public Works employees have been hard at work installing new signs at all Township recreation areas.

Bath Farmers Market Awarded Grant by United States Department of Agriculture

The US Department of Agriculture awarded a \$58,534 grant to Bath Township under the Farmers Market Promotion Program for October 2015 through September 2017.

The Bath Farmers Market “Successful Vendors Make a Successful Market” project will use multiple strategies to increase customer attendance and sales. Dan Stockwell, chairperson of the Bath Farmers Market Board, said, “We will be offering seminars on marketing for small agriculture and artisan businesses, promotion of Bath Farmers Market and our vendors, and providing hands-on cooking and nutrition instruction.”

The vendor training will be a series of workshops taught by a marketing professional on topics such as social media, direct mail and print advertising, video, branding, and mobile websites. The training will be customized to meet the needs of small-scale vendors using outlets such as farmers markets and local retail outlets. The vendor training will improve marketing capabilities of vendors to benefit their own businesses, in turn successfully impacting the Market overall.

The grant will also be used to develop a marketing strategy specifically for the Bath Farmers Market and will support digital and print advertising of the Market. The marketing strategy will emphasize targeted advertising to populations currently



underserved by the Farmers Market.

The third strategy of the Bath Farmers Market will be building on the success of its current “Guest Chef” cooking demonstrations featuring ingredients purchased at the Market; these demonstrations will be expanded to once per month on a year-round basis. The demonstrations are fun and informative, and they serve to attract customers and increase consumption of local foods.

“Teaching Kids to Cook” demonstrations will be a learning experience for children in grades 6 through 8. The children will help select and purchase ingredients at the Bath Farmers Market. Under the guidance of a trained chef they will then learn nutritional awareness, safe food handling, and basic culinary skills. The program will be repeated during different seasons when different ingredients are in harvest.

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Employee Focus



Skip Losey, retired Bath Township Assistant Fire Chief, passed away in June. His memory will live fondly in our hearts.

Welcome!

- Tyler Douglas, Firefighter (January)
- Roger Dunham, Firefighter (January)
- Mike Hawkins, Firefighter (January)
- Sarah Loomis, Senior Center Kitchen Coordinator (January)
- Christine Miller, Farmers Market Manager (January)
- Ben Monroe, Firefighter (January)
- Alex Suarez, Library Center Clerk (January)

- Avery Lyon, Police Officer (February)
- Dan Oberst, Interim Fire Chief (April)
- Trenton Bailey, Police Officer (May)
- Ryan Soucy, Planning Director (June)
- Ian Costello, Firefighter (August)
- Luke LeFargue, Firefighter (August)
- Ricardo Zamora, Firefighter (August)
- Mary Hoard, Senior Center Assistant Cook (September)



Bath Township Superintendent Dan Wietecha, left, with Dan Oberst, who was appointed as Interim Fire Chief in April.



Clinton County Sheriff Deputy Andrew Wiswasser, left, and Sheriff Wayne Kangas display the awards that the department received during the 2015 MADD Lifesavers Awards luncheon Sept. 23. Wiswasser, a former Bath Township Police Officer, was honored with an Outstanding Deputy award.

Good-Byes

- Police Officer Thomas Miller retired after 20 years of service with the Bath Township Police Department (January)
- Police Officer Clifford "Kip" Harman retired after 29 years of service with the Bath Township Police Department (February).
- Planning Consultant Jim Foulds retired in January after serving the Township well since the early 1990s.
- Deputy Treasurer Jodie George accepted a position with the Clinton County Treasurer's Office (September). Jodie had been with Bath Township for twelve and a half years.
- Library Manager Erin Nausieda accepted a position with the YWCA West Central Michigan in Grand Rapids (September).

Deaths

With deep sadness we were informed of the passing of retired Assistant Chief C.E. "Skip" Losey in June. Mr. Losey was involved with the Township in many ways

during his lifetime in Bath, not the least of which was as a volunteer firefighter who rose to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Losey brought talent, grace and thoughtfulness to the many projects he supervised during his tenure here at Bath Fire. Skip also served as the Chairman of the Bath Charter Township Building Authority, and supervised the funding, and construction of the Drumheller Road Fire Station. Godspeed "Chief 602", your memory lives fondly in our hearts. You will never be forgotten.

Awards

- Assessor Beth Botke was selected as an Emerging Leader by the International Association of Assessing Officers (September)
- Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Wiswasser (a former Bath Township Police Officer) received the Outstanding Deputy Award during a recent MADD Lifesavers Award Luncheon. Deputy Wiswasser made 62 OWI arrests with a 100% conviction rate in 2014.



Roger Dunham and Tyler Douglas received their badges, commemorating their completion of fire school. Congratulations!



Bath Township Senior Center Program Coordinator Nancy Hoyland reaches out to the community to make change for seniors in need. The Center is a proud partner of the Mid-Michigan Diaper Bank, and distributes products to those residents in need from Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.



Ross Pope, Construction Trades Instructor for Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA), and his students were in Bath recently for a couple of special projects. Under the guidance of Pope, the young men re-shingled the Couzens Park gazebo, and the Soccer Park picnic shelter and shed. The Township provided the materials for the projects.

Seniors – Let MiCAFE Help with Resources for Food, Medicine, Rent or Utility Bills!

If you or someone you know in Bath Township is 60 or older and living on a limited income, the MiCAFE (Michigan's Coordinated Access to Food for the Elderly) Program may be able to help with resources for food, medicine, rent or utility bills. Walk-in appointments are available the second Thursday of each month, 9 am – 12 pm, at the Bath Township Library Center, 14033 Webster Road. It is recommended that you contact our local volunteers by calling (517) 749-3333 with questions or to make an appointment.

Our trained and caring volunteers, Theresa, Linda, and Paula can assist in the completion and processing of applications for the Bridge Card (food assistance), Medicare Savings (help with paying Part B premiums), Medicaid, utility assistance, and in-home services. Help with choosing a Medicare Supplemental Plan is also available.



MiCAFE is a program sponsored by Elder Law of Michigan. Elder Law offers many other services that include help with mortgage/foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage counseling, landlord and tenant issues, Section 8 vouchers, public housing, utility company problems, transition housing, relocation, land contracts, homelessness and fair housing issues. Their toll free number for these additional services is (866) 400-9164.

Community Conversations with Supervisor Clark

Bath Charter Township Supervisor Paula Clark hosts "Community Conversations" one Saturday morning each month around the Township. Residents are encouraged to come discuss issues, share ideas and ask questions. She will treat residents that attend to a beverage.

Information, including location and date, are submitted to the DeWitt-Bath Review and the Towne Courier, posted on our

website and on our Facebook page. Residents are also welcome to call the Township Office for more information at (517) 641-6728 or email pclark@bathtownship.us.

UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

October 31, 2015

Tim Hortons
3992 Coleman Road, East Lansing
9:30 – 11 am

November 14, 2015

Mason Jar Diner
(formerly Third Base/Jo's Diner)
13631 Main Street, Bath
9:30 – 11 am

December 5, 2015

Subway
16800 S. Chandler Road, Suite 110 (Chandler Crossings), East Lansing
9:30 – 11 am

Food Programs Available for Low-Income Households

Bath Township is partnering with Capital Area Community Services (CACS) to provide a supplemental food program for low-income households. In addition to helping identify and qualify those in need, the Township will also be a pick-up site for the distribution of food.

There are two different programs to assist people living in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee Counties.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

CSFP food packages are distributed monthly to supplement the nutritional needs of low-income pregnant and breast feeding women, new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to their sixth birthday and those persons at least 60 years of age who meet income eligibility requirements. Food packages have a retail value of approximately \$50. Ninety-four percent (94%) of the packages



distributed go to low income seniors. In addition to distributing food, the CACS program offers food preparation demonstrations, recipe suggestions, and nutritional information to assist program recipients to make healthy dietary choices.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

TEFAP is a quarterly food assistance program that provides commodities to low-income households

four times per year. Although food packages vary, each package includes protein, fruit and vegetables. Items from each food group are made available four times per year to assist recipients in maintaining a healthy diet.

Bath Charter Township residents (Clinton County) can call the Service ACCESS Center for more information at (989) 224-6702. Applications are also available on the Bath Township website, www.bathtownship.us > Services > Food Programs.



Isaac (age 3) and Nola (age 2) Harlan showing off the fish they caught on Park Lake! Isaac and Nola are the grandchildren of Steve and Susan Philip.

Tri-County Bicycle Association Awards Township with Grant for Bicycle Racks

The Tri-County Bicycle Association awarded a \$3,000 grant to Bath Township to install eight bicycle racks around town.

Bath Township used the grant to purchase eight hoop-style bike racks. The Township is providing the materials and labor for installation of the racks, as well as ongoing maintenance. Township Superintendent Dan Wietecha said, "It's a nice little partnership that we can work together with Tri-County Bicycle Association providing the bike racks and the Township installing them."

The bike racks are currently being installed at the Township Offices, Fletcher-Robson Nature Area, Couzens Park, Library Center, Wiswasser Park, Park Lake Beach, Township Soccer Park, and the Bath Community Center. "These locations provide 'close to home' destinations, as well as connections to the regional on-street and trailway network," said Wietecha. The Township worked with TCBA for advice in placing the racks at each site.

Established in 1975, the DALMAC Fund has granted over \$1 million to a variety of bicycling activities in Michigan ranging from safety and education programs to bicycle trail development. This year the DALMAC Fund and Tri-County Bicycle Association awarded nineteen grants totaling \$88,000 to projects across Michigan.



Bath Township Department of Public Works employees (l to r) Linda Evans, Mike Brabant, and Mike Goodwin prepare a site at the Township Offices for the installation of two new bike racks.



Strategic Planning Work in Progress

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initial opportunity for input, there will be more chances to shape the future of this strategic plan.

The Trustees discussed the survey results at their work session on October 5th, prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting. These survey results, including graphic presentation that compiles all of the responses gathered during the survey window, along with thoughtful analysis of the results is available on the Township's website, www.bathtownship.us.

We hope that you will continue to stay tuned to this process, as your constructive critiques will shape the final product that will guide us for years in the future.

Be sure check up on the website for news and developments in this process, or submit your email address to rsoucy@bathtownship.us to be added to the Strategic Plan mailing list. Have other questions? You can reach Ryan Soucy, Planning Director, by phone at (517) 641-5166.

Inspection and Cleaning of Sewers

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without inserting the drain plug.

What to expect after the sewers are cleaned/inspected

Sometimes the sewer cleaning and inspection leaves an odor in the home. If so, run some water down the sink and bathtub drains, flush the toilets, pour a pail of water into each basement floor drain, and open the windows. After a short time, the odor should disappear.

Use of facilities while sewers are cleaned/inspected

Be careful as air pressure in the sewer during the cleaning and inspection can sometimes cause water to splash out through toilets, sinks and drains. Remember to close the lids on all toilet bowls when not in use, and insert drain plugs in all sinks and bathtubs when not in use.

Bath Farmers Market Awarded Grant by United States Department of Agriculture

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"This is super exciting," said Township Superintendent Dan Wietecha. "Other farmers markets are not doing the vendor training or the 'Teaching Kids to Cook' demonstrations. These innovative projects will help the Bath Farmers Market and serve as an example which can be replicated to benefit other markets in the future."

The Bath Farmers Market is held every Thursday afternoon year-round. From May through October, the "summer" Market is located outdoors in the centrally located Couzens Park. From November through April, the "winter" Market is located indoors at the Bath Community Center.

The Market's mission is to promote healthy lifestyles, encourage entrepreneurship, support the local economy, and provide opportunities for farmers and artisans.

Under the 2014 Farm Bill, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service is awarding \$13.3 million in Farmers Market Promotion Program grants to 164 marketing and promotion projects (including 8 in Michigan) involved with farmers markets, community supported agriculture, and other direct-to-consumer outlets for local food.



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

Shop, Eat & Enjoy the Music!

The Bath Farmers Market is open each Thursday year round, 3 – 7 pm! The market offers a wide variety of options for the community to shop including, seasonal fruits and vegetables, eggs, gluten free and regular baked goods, donuts, cider, Mexican food, egg rolls, spring rolls, meats, flowers and so much more – especially as the seasons change!

Local musicians perform every week and they welcome others to join, or just listen. Throughout the year, various activities are scheduled such as children activities, gardening, chefs demonstrations, etc.

Beginning this November, the Market will be slightly changing its focus to include more ready-to-eat food items. So, come pick up dinner and take it home, or dine at the market with our new dining area! More details coming soon!

Please make sure to add the Bath Farmers Market to your calendar and stop by to shop local! If you are interested in receiving the Bath Farmers Market E-Newsletter, please send a request to farmersmarket@bathtownship.us or like the Market's Facebook page (Bath Township Farmers Market). See you at the market!

Summer Market

The summer market runs from the first Thursday in May through the last Thursday in October



from 3 – 7 pm. During this time, the market is held at Couzens Park, 13751 Main Street, Bath, MI 48808.

Winter Market

The winter market runs from the first Thursday in November through the last Thursday in April from 3 – 7 pm. The winter market is held at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath, MI 48808.

Closings

- 11/26/2015 in observance of Thanksgiving
- 12/24/2015 in observance of Christmas Eve
- 12/31/2015 in observance of New Year's Eve