



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Spring 2013



Easter Bunny Event
March 2013

Tom King Memorial Junk Day: May 4 – Save the Date!

Residents of Bath Charter Township are encouraged to bring household items they no longer want – including furniture, electronics and appliances – to the Township for free disposal on Saturday, May 4, 2013, during the Annual Tom King Memorial Junk Day. Registration is required.

The event will take place at the Township Offices, located at 14480 Webster Road, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. There is a two-load limit

per address – a truck or trailer load equates to one load.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON APRIL 15

Starting on April 15, you can register online at www.bathtownship.us or call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to register. Register early because registration will close when we reach 300 registrants.

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To sign up to have your Bath Charter Township Newsletter emailed to you, instead of mailed, please email info@bathtownship.us. Please provide your name and address.

Volunteers Needed for Community Clean Up Day!

When: Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Meet at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath

Volunteers are welcome to join the effort to Clean Up the Bath Community! Community service organizations, schools, clubs and individual volunteers are invited to participate in cleaning up designated areas of Bath Charter Township.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance and then check in for assignments and trash bags at the Bath Community Center the morning of May 4. Refreshments will be provided for volunteers.

This effort coincides with the Township's Annual Tom King Memorial Junk Day. Trash and other items collected will be disposed of through the Township's program.

To register please visit www.bathtownship.us or call (517) 641-6728.

Countywide Tornado Siren Testing

Spring is here and the threat of a severe storm comes with the season. All tornado sirens within Clinton County are activated by Clinton County Central Dispatch.

Central Dispatch will be conducting monthly testing of all in-county tornado sirens at noon on the first Saturday of each month, April through October. The test will not be completed if inclement or stormy weather is in the area. Tornado siren testing consists of a 1-minute blast or cycle and then the deactivation tone is sent.

An actual tornado warning will have the siren sounding a solid tone for a full three minutes. If you hear this three minute solid tone, you are to seek immediate shelter.

Central Dispatch does not send out "all clear" tones. You should listen to your local radio or TV for the status of the storm in your area.

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CURBSIDE SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS 60+ AND/OR DISABLED

The Township will also provide a curbside-only service for citizens age 60+, or individuals who are physically disabled and can't bring their materials to the Township Offices drop-off site. Qualified persons may call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 beginning on April 15 to schedule a pick-up appointment with the Department of Public Works.

Bath Charter Township appreciates the efforts of Skip Losey and Granger. Both have proven invaluable in their leadership and continued support of this community-based clean-up effort.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

- Asbestos
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Demolition materials, including large amounts of concrete, brick, block,



- shingles and other roofing materials
- Insulation
- Large pieces of wood
- Drums/barrels which are not empty
- Hazardous waste, or any container with a hazardous waste label
- Household refuse
- Lead acid batteries
- Liquids
- Medical wastes
- Paint cans that are not dry
- Radioactive materials

- Sewage
- Tires on rims
- Toxic materials that are ignitable, corrosive or reactive
- Yard trimmings

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Lumber must be cut to four-foot lengths
- Tires **MUST** be off rims, free of dirt and water
- Large pieces of glass

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Dates to Remember

April 8 Last day to register for the May 7, 2013 Election.

April 11 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? (989) 227-3333

April 11 MiCAFE at Bath Township Offices, 9 am – 12 pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

April 13 Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at Subway, 16800 S. Chandler Rd., Chandler Crossings, East Lansing

April 15 Sewer bills due; Service coverage of April, May & June 2013

April 15 Tom King Memorial Junk Day registration opens: www.bathtownship.us or (517) 641-6728

May 1 Identity Theft Presentation, 12:30 pm, Township Senior Center. Questions? (517) 641-5169

May 4 By 2 pm; Submit applications to receive absent voter ballot by mail for May 7 Election

May 4 Tom King Memorial Junk Day, 8 am – 12 pm, at Township Offices. Please see related article.

May 6 By 4 pm; Vote absentee voter ballot in person at Township Offices for May 7 Election

May 7 7 am – 8 pm; Election Day: Please see related article



May 7 By 4 pm; Emergency absentee voting for Election

May 9 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? (989) 227-3333

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

May 27 Township Offices, Police Administration & the Senior Center closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 1 Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority Clean Water Open House, 11 am – 3 pm, 3671 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt. Questions? (517) 669-8311

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BCC at 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Registration at 8 am. Questions? (989) 227-3333

June 13 MiCAFE at Bath Township Offices, 9 am – 12 pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

June 15 Sewer bills mailed; Due July 15

July 1 Property tax bills mailed; Due September 14

July 4 Township Offices & Police Administration Closed in observance of Memorial Day.

July 15 Sewer bills due; Service coverage of July, August & September 2013

Park & Facility Rental



Make your reservations for 2013 at one of our facilities or parks! The Bath Community Center, the Senior Center, Wiswasser Park Pavilion and the James Couzens Park Gazebo are all available to citizens on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservation forms are available at the Township Offices or online at www.bathtownship.us > Rental Facilities. Call us at (517) 641-6728 with questions.

Committee Vacancies

There are currently vacancies on several Bath Charter Township Committees, including:

Library, Senior Services, and the Housing Commission.

If you would like to be considered for appointment, please download and complete an application from www.bathtownship.us > Township Documents > Committee Application, and contact Township Supervisor Paula Clark at (517) 641-6728 or pclark@bathtownship.us.

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- should be broken into a pail
- NO tractor tires allowed unless you have prearranged for an additional fee

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING - EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED

Computer Systems / Accessories

- CRT monitors
- LCD displays
- CPUs
- All-in-ones
- Laptops
- Servers
- Switches
- Hubs
- UPS systems
- Keyboards

- Mice
- Speakers
- Wireless internet cards
- Hard drives
- Optical drives
- Wires and cables
- Discs: CDs, DVDs, diskettes & floppies

Audio & Video Equipment

- Televisions
- DVD players
- VCRs
- Stereos
- Radios
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- Radios
- Game systems

Handheld Devices

- Cell phones
- Pagers
- PDAs

- Two-way radios

Office Equipment

- Fax machines
- Photocopiers
- Printers
- Scanners
- Telephones
- Typewriters
- Adding machines

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

- Hazardous materials of any type
- Batteries not integral to computer systems
- Smoke detectors

Bath Township Parks & Recreation

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

BCC = Bath Community Center, located at 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL: Program has been cancelled.

BOATER SAFETY: If you are interested, please call Ralph (United States Power Squadron) at (517) 230-9122. Classes are intended for ages 12+.

CRAFTING: Join crafting coordinator Helen Sanders at the BCC on Tuesday evenings from 5-8 pm for a fee of \$3. You can bring a project to work on or participate in the scheduled project (visit "Current Programs" on the website for a list of special projects, which may require additional supplies and/or money. Registration takes place at the event.



CUSTOM ROD BUILDING 101: In partnership with Project Fish – Join instructor Coh Rohen to construct your own 6'6" spinning rod. Coh has professionally built custom fishing rods for over 20 years and is now interested in sharing his knowledge with you on April 23 & 24 from 7-10 pm at the BCC. This program is intended for ages 10 through adult (anyone ages 10-15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, one rod for one registration fee).

Upon completion of the class, participants will have built a custom fishing rod for a fee of \$55. Registration for Bath Township residents began on 3/18/2013. Non-residents may register beginning 4/01/2013, provided space is available. Pre-registration is required with a class limit of 12 participants. An instructional DVD will be provided to each participant who registers at the Township Offices for viewing prior to attending the event.

CO-ED YOUTH BASEBALL:

- **T-Ball (Ages 4 & 5):** Registration runs from March 18 – April 30. Games begin the week of June 3 and will be played on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 6 & 7 pm through June 27. Practice will be held 1x/week beginning May 13. The fee is \$33, unless you have not already purchased a reversible Township jersey and then the fee will be \$53.
- **Little Sluggers (Ages 5, 6 & 8):** Registration runs from March 18 – April 12. Games begin the week of May 27 and will be played Monday – Thursday at 6 and 7:15 pm in Laingsburg through June 28. Practice will be held 1x/week beginning the week of May 6. The fee is \$42, unless you have not already purchased a reversible Township jersey and then the fee will be \$62.
- **U8 (Ages 8 and under by June 1 and one year experience)** Registration runs from March 18 – April 12. Games begin the week of May 20 and will be played Monday – Thursday at 5:30 or 7:15 pm in Bath and DeWitt. Games will not be scheduled after July 3. Practice will begin the week of April 22. The fee is \$51, unless you have not already purchased a reversible Township jersey and then the fee will be \$71.
- **Note:** Reversible Township jerseys are used in baseball, basketball, flag football and beginning Fall 2013, U6 soccer. Jerseys will be issued prior to the start of games.



is September 3 – October 29 on Tuesday nights from 6 – 7 pm. Towards the end of October, the time will be moved back a half hour to 5:30-6:30 pm. Spring season is April 15, 2014 – May 20, 2014 on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm. Each player will receive a t-shirt and soccer ball. Cost is \$40 for Fall 2013/Spring 2014.

GOLF: If you or your child(ren) would be interested in a golf league, please call Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin at (517) 641-5167.

HOOK, LINE & SINKER: Do you like to fish but lack the equipment to do so? Fishing poles are available for check out at the Bath Township Offices, along with a small tackle box, bucket and top for up to 3 days, free of charge. To check out the equipment, you must be 17 years or older and a resident of the Township (present a state I.D. as proof). Simply stop by the Township Offices and fill out the registration materials.

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL: If you are a 30+ male resident of Bath Township, come participate in Men's Open Gym Basketball on Sundays from 4 – 6 pm in the Bath Middle School Gym. Dates include 3/17, 3/24, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/12 & 5/19. Register at the event – program is free.

MUSIC JAM: Music Jam continues on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the BCC from 6:30 – 9 pm. A 50/50 raffle is held and refreshments are offered for a donation. Participants are invited to sing, play an instrument, or simply sit back and enjoy the music.

U6 SOCCER: Registration for the SPRING 2013 league still has room for more participants. Open to girls & boys born between July 31, 2006 & August 1, 2008 (birthdates are strictly adhered to). Cost is \$35/participant. Spring season is April 16 – May 21 on Tuesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Each player will receive a t-shirt and soccer ball. To register, call P&R Director Becky Goodwin at (517) 641-5167. FALL & SPRING 2013-14 league registration runs June 3 – August 9. Open to girls & boys born between July 31, 2007 & August 1, 2009 (birthdates are strictly adhered to). Fall season

VOLUNTEER: If you are interested in volunteering to clean up a park, plan an event, volunteering to work an event, or to clean up after an event, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin at (517) 641-5167 or bgoodwin@bathtownship.us.

ZUMBA: A fitness program designed with Latin and International dance rhythms for ages 18-60. This workout feeds the body, soul and mind. Registration takes place on the first class date prior to the event at the BCC. April/May sessions are 4/8, 4/15, 4/22 & 4/29 from 7:15-8:15 pm for \$32. May/June sessions are 4/6, 4/13, 4/20 & 6/3 for \$32.

ZUMBA TONING: A fitness program that takes the original Zumba class to the next level. Using light-weight maraca-like Zumba toning sticks, this class emphasizes muscle work along with rhythms using a combination of cardio and body-sculpting techniques. Toning sticks are available during class, or you may purchase a set from the instructor for an additional \$12. Registration takes place on the first class date prior to the event at the BCC. April/May sessions are 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2 for \$32. May/June sessions are 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30 & 6/6 for \$40.

COMBO CLASSES: Includes all Zumba & Zumba Toning dates for April/May or May/June - Register for the April/May Combination classes for \$56, or register for the May/June Combination classes for \$63.

BATH TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 7 pm at the Bath Township Offices. In the event of a holiday, meetings will be moved to the next business day that is not a holiday.

What are Noxious Weeds?

The Federal Plant Protection Act of 2000 defines Noxious Weeds as any plant or plant product that can directly or indirectly injure or cause damage to crops (including nursery stock or plant products), livestock, poultry, or other interests of agriculture, irrigation, navigation, the natural resources of the United States, the public health, or the environment.

After May 1, 2013, the provisions of the Township Weed Control Ordinance will again become effective for the entire mowing season. If you own a parcel of land in any district other than the Rural District, in which weeds have grown over 6 inches in height; the weeds shall be destroyed to within 50 feet of any building. Weeds within platted subdivisions, condominiums and site condominiums shall be destroyed to a depth of the parcel or 165 feet, whichever is less.

Failure to destroy weeds may result in a Township representative entering upon the parcel and addressing the concern at the owner's expense.

The destruction of Noxious Weeds assists in the prevention of contributing to blight conditions, fire hazards, insect, pest and rodent harborage, pollen dust, seeds spreading to an adjoining property and/or a public health, safety or welfare concern.

For further information, the Code of Ordinances in its entirety is available on the Township's web page at www.bathtownship.us, or you may contact the Ordinance Compliance Department at (517) 641-5165.

Bath & Laingsburg School Elections to be Held May 7, 2013



The Bath and Laingsburg Schools will be holding an election on May 7, 2013. Due to the historically low turnout for school elections, two of the precincts that serve the Bath School voters will be consolidated with another precinct. This will be for this election only.

THE CONSOLIDATIONS ARE:

- Precinct #4: Bath School voters who normally vote at the Psalms 91 Church (located at 7501 Coleman Road) will vote at Precinct #2, Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath, Michigan. This building is located on the north side of Park Lake Road just east of Webster Road in front of the Hawk's Ridge development.
- Precinct #5: Bath School voters who normally vote at the Bath Fire Station (located at 5633 Drumheller Road) will vote at Precinct #1, Township Hall, 14480 Webster Road, Bath, Michigan. This building is located just east of the Fire Station at the corner of Webster and Drumheller Roads.

The polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please call (517) 641-6728.

Park Lake Lake Level Project Update

by Phil Hanses, Drain Commissioner

HISTORY

A lake level was established for Park Lake under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 194 of 1939, on June 16, 1941. As a result, Clinton County became responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the lake level and the Drain Commissioner was the delegated authority. A lake level control structure was constructed along with berms north and south of the structure, however it is unclear on how the project was paid for. There is little, if any, evidence that the county has performed any maintenance on the dikes or the control structure since it was constructed.

In March of 2012, the Bath Township board passed a resolution requesting that Clinton County take action to establish a special assessment district, consult with the Township in the design of necessary improvements including but not limited to the berm and lake level control structure. On March 27, 2012 the county Board of Commissioners passed a resolution directing the Drain Commissioner to

determine the special assessment district boundaries, make recommendations as to any revisions to the established lake level, and institute proceedings in Circuit Court to revise the established lake level and to establish a special assessment district.

A preliminary engineering study was completed in July, which considered the feasibility of a project, recommended solutions, estimated costs of construction, identified properties to be included in a

special assessment district, and recommended a lake level to be set by the circuit court judge. The study was available at the Drain Commissioners office, the Bath Township office, and on their respective web sites. The Drain Commissioner and the engineer gave a presentation of the study at the August 8 Friends of Park Lake Meeting.

On August 21, Circuit Court Judge Tahvonen held a public hearing and formally set the lake level at 844.4 and established a special assessment district consisting of all properties having frontage or direct access to the lake.



source: Fourquare.com

In early October, a survey datum error was discovered which required a shift in the established legal lake level elevation, but not the actual proposed water elevation. On December 21, 2012, Judge Tahvonen issued an order to amend the August 21, 2012 order, which now sets the legal lake level at 845.2. The assessment district was not amended.

In October, 12 soil borings were completed at strategic locations along Webster Road

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and along the dikes north and south of the existing control structure. It became apparent that reconstruction of the north dike in the existing location would not only be unlikely to be permitted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, it would become very expensive due to poor soil conditions and require costly remediation of impacted wetlands. As an alternative, the project team looked at using the existing southerly extension of Webster Road as the dike as it minimized impacts to existing wetlands and it provided the opportunity to address other issues the Township was dealing with. With the Webster Road alternative, construction costs for the north dike segment are estimated to be about 50% less than rehabilitating the existing dike. However, this alternative does require six easements for construction and will require the purchase of one 5.06 acre property that was formerly outside of the north dike. In addition, an access easement across the Oak Island mobile home park will be required a parcel to allow for convenient construction access to the south dike.

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Several alternatives with estimated costs have been developed. Please refer to the Park Lake Lake Level Control Study with the revision date of November 2012 for a detailed explanation of each alternative.

[http://www.clinton-county.org/Portals/0/drain/ParkLake/Study Without Appendices 2012 12 07.pdf](http://www.clinton-county.org/Portals/0/drain/ParkLake/Study%20Without%20Appendices%2012%2007.pdf)

- Alternative I:** Do nothing
- Alternative II:** Rehabilitation of Existing North Dike
- Alternative III:** Relocate North Dike to Webster Road
- Alternative IV:** Rehabilitation of South Dike
- Alternative V:** Replace Existing Outlet Control Structure



source: Fourquare.com

The recommended design is a combination of alternatives III, IV, and VI including replacement of the existing lake level control structure with a new structure, relocating the north dike to along Webster Road, and replacing or rebuilding the south dike on its existing location. Total estimated construction cost is \$592,000 which does not include costs associated with legal, administrative engineering, easement acquisition, contingencies, or permitting that may be part of the project. A detailed breakdown of itemized costs for each of the alternatives can be found in Appendix E of the study.

FINANCING

Initially Bath Township advanced \$16,000 towards the preliminary engineering and legal expenses needed to prepare for the Circuit Court hearing in August. In December, the Drain Commissioner borrowed \$100,000 to pay for continued engineering and legal services, property appraisals, and geotechnical work. Ultimately, bonds will be sold to pay for construction and all other project costs. Special assessments to properties within the Lake Level District will be made to cover the bond payments. It is estimated that the project will be financed over a 10 to 20 year term, however the final determination will not be made until all project costs are known and the special assessment roll has been prepared.

Keeping the Township Orderly & Neat

Maintaining healthful surroundings for life in agricultural, residential and non-residential areas is attainable through the efforts of the entire community.

If you have any of the following located on your property outside of a completely enclosed building, you could potentially be in violation of the Township’s Code of Ordinances:

TRASH & RUBBISH

Any and all forms of debris not otherwise classified.

JUNK

Includes parts of machinery or motor vehicles, broken and unusable furniture, stoves, refrigerators and other appliances, remnants of wood, metal or any other cast off material of any kind, whether or not the material could be put to any reasonable use.

JUNK VEHICLES

Any wrecked or dismantled vehicle, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, tractor trucks and trailers, utility trailers, mobile homes, recreation vehicles (motorcycles, boats, travel trailers, motor homes, campers, all-terrain

vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers), and other similar vehicles which are not licensed for use upon highways of the State and shall also include, whether licensed or not, any vehicle which is inoperable or does not have all of its main component parts attached.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Includes lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts, equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

For further clarification, the Code of Ordinances in its entirety is available on the Township’s web page at www.bathtownship.us, or you may contact the Ordinance Compliance Department at (517) 641-5165.

The Township will again be hosting the Annual Tom King Memorial Junk Day on May 4th which allows residents to dispose of many types of items at no or minimal charge.

Notary Services Offered at Township Offices



A notary public is an officer commissioned by the Michigan Secretary of State to serve as an unbiased and impartial witness. The most common function of the notary is to prevent fraud by attesting to the identity of a person signing a document.

Notarization on a document certifies that the person whose signature is entered on the document personally appeared before the notary, established his or her identity, and personally signed the document in the presence of the notary. We have several members on staff who are notaries. We offer this service free of charge.



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

All Open Burn Permits to Expire 3/31/13

The temperatures are getting warmer and the days are getting longer, reminding us that spring is quickly approaching. You may be thinking of all the spring cleaning projects that await you.

We would like to remind you that it is time to renew your open burning permit for your property.

There are a couple of ways to do this:

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.

