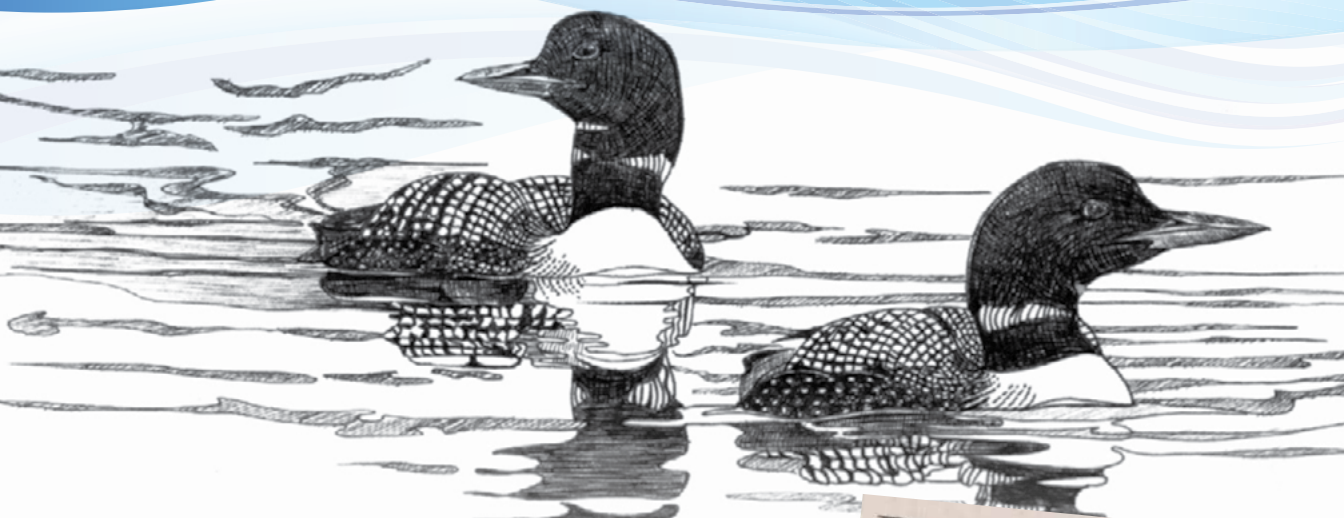




Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2015



Tom King Memorial Junk Day: May 9, 2015 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Junk Day is named in honor of Bath Charter Townships former Treasurer, Tom King. He served as Treasurer for 16 years before he passed away on November 9, 2000. Tom was a great guy and is missed dearly by all who knew him.



Bath loses one of its nice guys

By LYNN SUTFIN
Editor

BATH TWP. — The corner barstool stood tilted up against the bar at the Bath American Legion Hall, a full draft sat in front of it — waiting for the man everyone considered “one heck of a nice guy.”

That beer would sit untouched throughout the evening, but its significance made an impact on all who saw it.

That was Tom King's barstool, the place where he sat and shared laughs, stories and the talk of the town with fellow Legion members.

“If someone was sitting in it when he got here, he would buy that person a beer just to get them out of his seat,” laughed Yvonne Cowdry. “He was a great guy, always willing to help, especially the senior citizens here in Bath.”

King, 64, passed away Nov. 9, just days shy of his Nov. 20 retirement from the position of Bath Township



Tom King

treasurer, a position he had held for the past 16 years.

King did not run for reelection as the township's treasurer this year, instead making way for board member Steven Wiswasser to take the seat.

“He really enjoyed his community,” said friend Gene Conley. “He put a lot into the community because of that. He was just a great guy.”

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Township Offices

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www.bathtownship.us
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M/T/Th/F, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
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buildingdepartment@bathtownship.us

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Please leave a message.
(517) 641-7811

LIBRARY CENTER

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Bath, Michigan 48808
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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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Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority
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(517) 641-6728 Billing & Payments

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14137 Webster Rd.
Bath, MI 48808
(517) 641-6365

Tom King Memorial Junk Day May 9, 2015 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Dispose of household items – including furniture, electronics and appliances – at the Township during the Annual Tom King Memorial Junk Day.

This is a free program to Bath Charter Township residents. Space is limited and registration is required to participate. There is a 2-load limit per address – a truck or trailer load equates to one load.

If authorized items are mixed with unauthorized items in your load, our crews are not obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 20

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.

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 drop-off site.

Items must be placed curbside by 8 am on the day of your scheduled pick up. Crews will not enter your property to collect items.

If you need help placing items curbside, there may be assistance available through Unity in the Community, a Bath High School program. If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, our crews are not obligated to sort the

materials and may refuse the entire load.

Qualified persons may call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 beginning on April 20 to schedule a pick-up appointment for the week of May 4.

IN APPRECIATION

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.

Dates to Remember



APRIL 9

Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath. Register on-site starting at 8:00 a.m. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

APRIL 15

Sewer bills due; Service coverage of April, May & June 2015.

Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations placed in either Pleasant Hill or Rose Cemeteries shall be removed by this date.

APRIL 18

Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at Jo's Diner, 13631 Main Street in Bath.

APRIL 20

Registration begins for Tom King Memorial Junk Day. Call (517) 641-6728 or go online www.bathtownship.us.

APRIL 30

Unity in the Community (Bath High School): Register in advance for assistance with a service project at your home. Call Annette (517) 641-6724 ext. 4227.

MAY 2

Countywide Tornado Siren Testing at 12:00 p.m.

MAY 4 – 8

Curbside Service for Residents 60+ and/or Disabled for Tom King Memorial Junk Day; Pre-Registration Required. Call (517) 641-6728 or go online www.bathtownship.us.

MAY 5

Special Election; Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MAY 7

Farmers Market returns to James Couzens Park, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAY 9

Tom King Memorial Junk Day, Registration Required; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Township Offices.

MAY 14

Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath. Register on-site starting at 8:00 a.m. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

MAY 15 – 17

Friends of the Library Center Book Sale at the Township Offices.

MAY 25

Bath Township Offices, Police Administration and Senior Center closed in observance of Memorial Day.

MAY 28

Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) Annual Open House, 5:00 - 8:00 pm at 3671 W Herbison Rd. in DeWitt. Free and open to the public! More at www.sccmua.com.

MAY 30

Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at McDonald's on the corner of East Saginaw and Marsh Roads in Haslett/ Bath Township.

JUNE 6

Countywide Tornado Siren Testing at 12:00 p.m.

JUNE 11

Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath. Register on-site starting at 8:00 a.m. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

JUNE 13

Community Conversation with Supervisor Clark, 9:30 – 11 am at Subway, 16800 S. Chandler Road, Suite 110 in Chandler Crossings, East Lansing.

JUNE 15

Sewer bills mailed; Due July 15.

JUNE 20

Summer Solstice Event by Friends of Park Lake, Wiswasser Park in Bath.

JULY 1

Property tax bills mailed; Due September 14.

JULY 3

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

JULY 9

Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath. Register on-site starting at 8:00 a.m. (989) 227-3333 for questions.

JULY 15

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

AUGUST 7-8

Bath Days: A two day festival held each year to bring the community together with family, fun and entertainment.

Tom King Memorial Junk Day

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ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

- Asbestos (including ceiling/ floor tiles and insulation)
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Dangerous Items (such as lumber with nails sticking out)
- Demolition Materials (including concrete, brick, block, shingles and other roofing materials)
- Large Wood Pieces
- Drums/Barrels that are Not Empty/Clean
- Hazardous Waste (or any container with a hazardous waste label)
- Household Refuse
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Liquids
- Medical Waste (including Sharps Materials)
- Non-Household Liquid Waste
- Paint Cans that are Not Dry
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (such as fluorescent light ballasts and other materials containing PCBs)
- Radioactive Waste
- Sewage
- Tires on Rims
- Toxic Materials (Anything

- ignitable, corrosive or reactive)
- Yard Clippings

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Lumber must be cut to four-foot lengths
- Up to 10; Tires MUST be off rims, free of dirt and water
- Large pieces of glass 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

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 9, 2015 which allows residents to dispose of many types of items at no or minimal charge.

Clinton County 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.

In Bath, four tornado sirens are activated by Central Dispatch simultaneously with DeWitt and Eagle sirens. Bath Township tornado sirens are located at James Couzens Park near Main Street, Park Lake Road and Webster Road, Austin Way and Coleman Road, and Upton Road and M-78 (mobile home park).

Questions on Countywide Tornado Siren Testing can be directed to Clinton County Central Dispatch at (989) 224-6792.

Bath High School Unity in the Community

Bath High School's annual Unity in the Community day will be Thursday, April 30th.

If you are interested in having a service project done at your home or other area in the community, please contact Annette Flegal at aflegal@bathschools.net or 517-641-6724 ext. 4227.

A background check is required for all jobs where students are present. The process takes about five minutes and can be completed in the high school office with a valid form of identification.

Spring Clean-Up & Recycling Resources

Bath Charter Township has compiled information about programs and services for recycling, single day collection, and reuse events. Please visit the Spring Clean-Up & Recycling Resources page of our website, www.bathtownship.us.

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management also has service and current event information available online at www.clinton-county.org, or you can call (989) 224-5186.

911 in Clinton County

All residents in Bath Township should be aware that in Clinton County, and only in Clinton County, 911 is for emergency and non-emergency calls. In order to get a non-emergency call to Central Dispatch you still need to dial 911. This procedure is designed to simplify calls for service in Clinton County. Some people feel that they are tying up a 911 line. In our county the dispatcher will quickly ascertain whether a true emergency exists. If your call is not an emergency and another call is an emergency, they will put you on hold and deal with the emergency call first.

Bath Police Neighborhood Watch Alert



Sign up to receive a weekly email alert from the Bath Charter Township Police Department.

Send your name and email address to Kristi Colby at kcolby@bathtownship.us or call 517-641-6271.



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



Road Proposal on May 5, 2015 Ballot

On May 5, 2015, citizens will have the opportunity to vote on Proposal 2015-1, a statewide ballot proposal aimed at road construction and maintenance. Currently, under Michigan's Constitution, sales taxes paid at the pump on gasoline and diesel go primarily to schools and local governments, not roads. Passage of Proposal 2015-1 would change this dynamic by (a) removing three taxes on fuel—the current 6% sales tax on gasoline and diesel, the additional 19-cent/gallon tax on gasoline, and the additional 15-cent/gallon tax on diesel, (b) replacing all of those taxes with a flat 14.9% wholesale tax paid directly by gas and diesel stations, (c) increasing certain vehicle registration fees, and (d) dedicating all the revenues from the wholesale tax on fuel and registration fees to transportation. If passed, Proposal 2015-1 is expected to generate \$1.2 billion annually for road construction and maintenance and \$116

million annually for public transportation.

To replace the revenues to schools and local governments lost by dedicating taxes paid at the fuel pump to transportation, Proposal 2015-1 would increase the sales and use tax on non-fuel taxable items from 6% to 7%. If passed, this is expected to replace the lost revenues, as well as generate annually an additional \$200 million for schools, \$111 million for local governments, and \$173 million of general fund revenues. Legislation tied to the proposal would provide tax relief to certain low- and middle-income taxpayers through the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Passage of Proposal 2015-1 would also require warranty protections, competitive bidding, and performance-based systems for road construction and maintenance projects.