



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Summer 2016



Bath Township Fire Department Water Resuce Training on Park Lake

Postmark No Longer Accepted as Paid on Time for Tax and Sewer Payments

Beginning with the current sewer billing cycle and for 2016 tax bills, all payments must be received by the due date or the payment will be considered late. If mailing your payment, please allow sufficient time for delivery to Bath Township. Payments are

also accepted during business hours at Bath Township Offices at 14480 Webster Road, and at any time in the secure drop box located next to the entrance. We also offer free auto-withdrawal, and online payment options.



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Township Offices

14480 Webster Rd. • Bath, MI 48808
(517) 641-6728 • info@bathtownship.us
www.bathtownship.us

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Drop Box Available 24/7
Notaries Available

Building & Zoning Department

M/T/Th/F, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
(517) 641-4238
buildingdepartment@bathtownship.us

Burn Permit Activation Line

(517) 641-6619

Fire Department (Non-Emergency)
Please leave a message.
(517) 641-7811
(517) 641-8330 Fax

Library Center
14033 Webster Rd.
Bath, Michigan 48808
(517) 641-7111
(517) 641-7112 Fax
library@bathtownship.us

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

Parks & Recreation
(517) 641-5167
bgoodwin@bathtownship.us

Police Department (Non-Emergency)
(517) 641-6271
(517) 641-8189 Fax
police@bathtownship.us

Senior Center
(517) 641-5169
seniorcenter@bathtownship.us

Clinton County Offices
(888) 224-2450
www.clinton-county.org

Clinton County Road Commission
(989) 224-3274
www.ccrcc-roads.com

Veterans Services
Serving Clinton & Ingham Counties
5303 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 887-4331
www.va.ingham.org

Supportive Services for Veterans Families
Clinton County Department of Human Services
(517) 231-3961

Streetlight Outage
Consumers Energy
(800) 477-5050
Option 1, then Option 2

Sanitary Sewer Service
Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority
(517) 669-8311 Emergencies & Back-Ups
(517) 641-6728 Billing & Payments

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

Coming Soon at the Bath Farmers Market



August 4

Beekeeping Demonstration with Robbyn Smith

August 11

Guest Chef Drew Kuhlman of The Kale Emporium

August 18

Planting Herbs Demonstration

August 25

Healthy Snacks for Kids Activity

September 1

Dirt Up Close! Microscope Activity for Kids

September 8

Guest Chef

September 22

Guest Chef Adnan Shinnag of Michigan State University



Bath Farmers Market

shopbfm.org

YEAR ROUND

Market, Music and More...

Thursdays 3-7pm

SUMMER LOCATION
(MAY-OCTOBER)
COUZENS PARK
WEBSTER ROAD
(across from
Bath Middle School)

WINTER LOCATION
(NOVEMBER-APRIL)
BATH TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CENTER
5959 PARK LAKE ROAD



Project Updates

- Township Office Parking Lot Lighting – Completed. New LED lighting was installed for improved lighting, safety, and security.
 - Senior Center Deck – Completed. Fundraising paid for the materials, and volunteers provided the labor to replace the deck. Thank you to Curtis Builders and all who assisted.
 - Sanitary Sewer Lift Station 209 – Completed. New wet well floor, pumps, piping, and gas tight hatch were installed at Lift Station 209 off Saginaw Highway behind Meijer.
 - Sanitary Sewer Manholes – Completed. We “hard-piped” the existing passive carbon filters at the manholes on Wood and Herbison Roads. This should reduce the amount of odorous gas that escapes the system. Meters have been placed to test the air and measure the results of this project.
 - Couzens Park Gazebo – Last year we had Clinton County RESA re-roof the gazebo.
- Our Public Works Department plans to re-stain the structure this summer, depending on staffing and weather.

 - Couzens Park Bathroom – Architectural plans will be reviewed by the Bath School Board in late June. Then the project will be advertised for bids. Construction will not start until after Bath Days.
 - Fire Hall Roof – We’ve met with the architect and the original project manager from when the Fire Hall was built in 2000. They gave us names of several contractors specializing in metal roofs to correct multiple leaks in the roof.
 - Park Lake Beach – Approximately 60 tons of sand is planned to replenish the beach.
 - Township Office Flagpole – We’re working with the Bath Lions Club on plans to landscape and move the flagpole in front of the Township Office so it will be more visible.

Asphalt	
Coleman - Upton to Shiawassee	
County line (rating 2)	\$160,000
1.39 miles mill and pave @ 330 lbs/syd	
- 20' wide	
Herbison – Center to Upton	\$124,000
0.51 miles pulverize, base, and pave	
The Meadows	\$30,000
2-4 severely deteriorated areas, mill and repave	
Gravel	
Center – Herbison to Howe	\$25,000
1.01 miles 2,000 ton 23a gravel	
Chip Seal	
Howe – Angle to Upton	\$25,000
1.00 miles (rating 6)	
Fawn Valley, Tiffen, and Nelson	\$11,000
0.44 miles (rating 2)	
Overband	\$22,000
Brush Spray	\$3,000
Chloride	\$45,000



Park Lake Non-Native Weed Treatment



For several years, Bath Township has contracted with PLM Lake & Land Management Corporation for herbicide treatment of non-native plants in Park Lake. Typically, our annual treatment has been spot treatments near the beach and boat launch. This year (2016) we upped the process to conduct a whole-lake treatment for one of the non-native species. The obvious benefit is to restore the lake ecology, but it will also save the Township some \$30,000 in reduced herbicide treatments over the next four to five years.

There are two invasive exotic species in Park Lake that are the primary targets of our management effort. Both have negative impacts on the lake ecology by displacing native plants, altering food web interactions and drastically altering aquatic habitat.

The first, **Eurasian watermilfoil**, has most likely been in the lake for decades. Its density and distribution throughout the lake change from year to year based on management activities and environmental conditions. A currently high distribution and density of Eurasian watermilfoil has called for a whole-lake treatment during the 2016 season using the herbicide Fluridone.

Fluridone is applied to the whole lake evenly at a very low concentration (6 ppb). At this low rate

Fluridone is very selective for Eurasian watermilfoil allowing native beneficial plants to grow. Fluridone is a systemic herbicide which will kill the entire plant opposed to contact herbicides that only affect the parts of the plant they come in contact with. It also is unique in that it requires a very low concentration (2-4 ppb) for an extended period of time (30-45 days).

The first application of Fluridone was conducted on April 27th. An additional treatment was applied on May 17th. The concentration of Fluridone has been monitored at several locations throughout the lake at intervals of 48 hours, 14 day & 30 days post treatment. The Fluridone residues on a lake-wide average have been 5.3 ppb, 4.1 ppb and 3.93 ppb respectively. We will be conducting an additional sampling at 60 days post treatment.

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Bath Township Parks & Recreation

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

Summer & Fall 2016 Schedule

To register for classes and events, or apply to coach or volunteer for a program, you may visit the Bath Township Offices, Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.

Summer Activities are held from 11 am–noon, in James Couzens Memorial Park unless otherwise noted in the program description. All programs are free and open to the public. Adult must stay with their participant. Anyone participating in the YMCA programs must have on file in the Township Offices the Concussion forms packet and Emergency Medical form. Forms are available in the Township Offices or online. Bring your camera!

To obtain more information or registration materials online, please visit www.bathtownship.us > Departments > Parks & Recreation > Current Programs.

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

Bath Middle School: 13675 Webster 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).

Gary Lane Soccer Field: 15420 Gary Lane, Bath.

James Couzens Memorial Park: 13751 Main Street, Bath.

Rickard Boat Launch: 6498 Park Lake Road, Bath.

Park Lake Beach: 6244 Park Lake Road, Bath.

Wiswasser Park: 6499 Park Lake Road, Bath.

**ALL BATH TOWNSHIP
PARKS ARE TOBACCO
AND ALCOHOL FREE.
THANK YOU.**



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

Basketball: Watch the website for details on programming for Basketball (grades K-2).



Brownie Troop #30383 donated cookies to the Bath Township Senior Center

Brownie Troop #30684

Bath Charter Township would like to acknowledge and thank Brownie Troop #30684 for beautifying James Couzens Memorial Park with the addition and continued maintenance of flowers!

Bath Township Police K-9 Unite: Summer Activity
Summer Activities are held from 11 am – 12 pm in James Couzens Memorial Park.

Monday, August 8 – Join Officer Lapham of the Bath Twp. Police in a program of “Meet and Greet” Aiko from the Bath Canine Unit, and learn about his training and skills. Discover his greatest asset! At 11:30 join art teacher Jeannie Hanson and create an artistic tribute to Aiko with a fun printmaking project

Buck Pole: SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6 - 8:30 pm.

Clueless the Clown: Summer Activity in the Park
Summer Activities are held from 11 am – 12 pm in James Couzens Memorial Park.

Monday, August 15 – Come join in with Clueless the Clown and enjoy his clown antics, comedy magic, and balloonology.



DeWitt YMCA Hula Hoop Games at James Couzens Memorial Park

DeWitt YMCA: Summer Activity in the Park
 Summer Activities are held from 11 am – 12 pm in James Couzens Memorial Park.

Thursday, August 11 – Join the DeWitt YMCA for Backyard Games.

Fishing Contest on Park Lake: Attention anglers! Through December 31, 2016, catch, spear or shoot a tagged fish in 2016, clip the tag and bring it to the Township Offices to claim a prize. Prizes will be awarded to the first five tags presented to the Bath Township Offices on a first come, first serve basis. All DNR rules apply. Choose from one of the following donated prizes: 2 person – 4 hour guided fishing experience with No Fish, No Fee guide Calvin Stier on Houghton Lake; a custom-built rod by Coh Rohen of Bath; a tackle box, tackle, tin sinkers, rod holder and fillet knife donated by Meijer of Bath Township and the families of Tom Cooley and Mike Goodwin; a custom-built ice fishing rod combo by Bill Gruhn of Laingsburg; or a \$50 Meijer gift card. David Hall of hallprint.com.au donated the fish tagging equipment. Thank you to all our sponsors for your generosity!

Flix on the Field: Join us August 12 for Dolphin Tale 2 at the Gary Lane Soccer Field (movies start at dusk). 30 minutes prior to the August 12 movie, local puppeteers will provide entertainment with Sir Edmund & the Quest for the Hidden Treasure. The Bath Lions Club will be on site to offer popcorn and bottled water for a fee of \$1/each. Suggested items to bring are a blanket, lawn chair, flashlight, and bug repellent. Join us for a night of laughter and fun!!

Gentle Yoga: Sessions are offered for adult's ages 18+ at the BCC. Session I is held on Mondays from 5:15-6:15 pm. Session I dates include August 1/8/15/22/29, 2016. Session II will take place at the BCC from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays at the BCC. Each session is \$25 and each class requires a minimum of six registrants. Watch the website for August class dates.

High School Soccer: If you are a high school age male who would be interested in playing on a Club Soccer Team in the fall, please contact P&R Director Becky Goodwin at 641-5167.

Men's Open Gym Basketball: Held on Sundays from 4-6 pm. For male Bath residents, ages 25+. Watch the website for details.

Pirate Treasure Hunt: Ahoy Matey!! Swashbuckling ladies and gents, let's hoist the sails and join the fun on Saturday, August 20 from 9 am – noon. Pirate teams of four people will search for clues at various locations directing them to adventures on the high seas (within the township). Come dressed for the occasion in pirate attire (expect to get dirty) and along your travels, collect pirate accessories to sport as well as items to donate to a local charity. Each team will need one driver and a vehicle to take part. Discover areas of the Township as you follow the clues. A key selected by one lucky registrant will unlock the treasure chest of prizes, will that be you? Team registrations will be accepted at the Bath Township Offices through August 5. A minimum of four teams will be needed.

Truck or Treat: SAVE THE DATE: Monday, October 24 from 6-7:15 pm.

U6 Soccer: Registration runs through August 12 at the Township Offices. Boys and girls born August 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012 are eligible to participate. The fee is \$35 and each registrant will also need a reversible jersey for an additional \$20 if you don't already have one. The jersey is used in U6 soccer, flag football, basketball, and baseball. This program takes place September 10/17/24, October 1/8/15/22/29, 2016, April 15/22/29, 2017 and May 6/13/20, 2017 on Saturday mornings from 10 - 11 am at the Gary Lane Soccer Field. Registrants will be invited to take part in the annual Homecoming Parade.

Zumba & Zumba Toning: Watch the website for August class dates.



DeWitt YMCA Parachute games at James Couzens Memorial Park

Fluridone is very slow acting but very effective for Eurasian watermilfoil. Based on a recent survey, we are seeing signs of the herbicides effect on the milfoil plants. Typically, by the end of June all of the milfoil beds will have collapsed and within a few weeks following there will be no sign of milfoil within treated lakes.

The second invasive species is **Starry stonewort**. Relatively new to Michigan, Starry stonewort has quickly become one of our lakes biggest threats. It is a macro algae that grows as a dense bottom cover species. It has the potential to grow over 6 feet thick and crowd out all native and non-native plant species within its path.

It was first discovered within Park Lake near the boat launch and within a few years has spread alarmingly fast throughout the northeast quarter of the lake. Because it is an algae, it responds best to copper herbicides. However, treatment success has been limited due to Starry stonewort's growth characteristics. So treatment is limited to areas near the beach and boat launch. We are continuing to look for alternatives that will be more effective at long term control and have higher success at reducing its potential to spread throughout the lakes that it invades.

- The Park Lake Advisory Board advises the Township on how best to preserve the natural integrity of Park Lake and the surrounding area to benefit the people and wildlife using the lake. Their annual report contains information about the lake and its ecology. The report is on the Township website here: <http://bit.ly/1pgJ7Cv>
- A recent Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program educational video about exotic aquatic plants was recorded at Park Lake. Special thanks to Park Lake Advisory Board members Dan Hayes, Don Parkey, and Emi Fergus. The video is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-i7lvA7gK-I&authuser=0>
- The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Agriculture and Rural Development are planning the third annual aquatic invasive species "Landing Blitz" outreach event for July 1 through July 10, 2016 as part of Michigan's annual Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week. On Saturday, July 2, the Landing Blitz will be at the Rickard Boat Launch on Park Lake with the MSU mobile boat wash to raise awareness about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) through recreational boating and related activities.



Good-bye, Geese!

At a parks and recreation conference last year we learned about a product which could deter geese from the park and beach areas. We checked with a couple of other municipalities, and they'd had good results using it.

Ultra Control is a Michigan-made product. It is made from food extracts and is biodegradable. Ingredients are food grade and "generally recognized as safe" by the USDA. For the geese, it is an irritant to their sense of taste and smell.

Geese have been a problem: leaving an unsightly and unsanitary mess for our residents using the park. And

scraping goose droppings from the park sidewalks and cleaning the beach had been a regular chore for the Public Works Department.

So we decided to try Ultra Control to deter the geese from Wiswasser Park, the boat launch, and beach area. This spring it was applied around the perimeter and in areas where geese tended to congregate. A touch-up application will likely be needed this summer.

So far, we have been really pleased with the results. We will monitor its effectiveness to determine whether this might be a long-term solution to keeping nuisance geese from the park and beach areas.

Elections & Voting

August 2, 2016 State Primary Election
November 8, 2016 State General Election
Polls are open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Voting Precinct Locations

The following is a list of Bath Charter Township Voting Precinct Locations. If you are unsure where to vote, please call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728.

Precinct 1: Bath Charter Township Offices, 14480 Webster Road, Bath

Precinct 2: Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath

Precinct 3: Bath Middle School, 13675 Webster Road, Bath

Precinct 4: Spirit of Christ Church, 8170 Coleman Road, Haslett

Precinct 5: Fire Department, 5633 Drumheller Road, Bath

Voter Registration Deadline

The voter registration deadline to vote in the November General election is October 11, 2016.

Senior Citizens & Absentee Voting

Do you know that anyone age 60 and over can vote by absentee ballot without providing any additional reason? You can sign up to automatically receive an absentee ballot application before each election. Absent voter applications are available by calling the Township or by visiting our website.

Who Can Vote by Absentee Ballot In Michigan?

- Anyone over the age of 60
- If you expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered to vote
- Anyone who is physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- Anyone who cannot attend the polls because of their religious beliefs
- Anyone who has been appointed as an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you reside
- Anyone who is confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Michigan Secretary of State: Election & Voter Information

Voters can also use the Michigan Secretary of State website, www.michigan.gov/sos to view sample ballots, track absentee ballots, verify voter registration and other election-related information.



2016 Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Business Awards

Congratulations to this year's award winners: Vitek Family Dentistry for Contributing to our Community; Human Performance Institute (HPI) for Benefiting the Community; **Monticello's Market of Bath Township for Food Systems**; Northside Towing for Entrepreneurial Spirit; and Capital Area Humane Society for Community Excellence

The Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Awards Program is a partnership between the City of Dewitt, DeWitt Township, Bath Township and Watertown Township. The event is made possible with the support of Mercantile Bank of Michigan.



14480 Webster Road, Bath
Free Parking
(517) 641-5169



**Bath Township
Library Center**

14033 Webster Road, Bath
www.bathtownship.us

NOW Serving Lunch 5 Days a Week!
12:00 p.m. Monday—Friday
Cost is \$3/meal for residents; \$3.50/non-residents and those under age 55 (beverage included)

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HOURS
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Tuesday & Thursday: 2 - 8 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 6 pm
Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday: 11 am - 3 pm

Phone: 517-641-7111
Fax: 517-641-7112
E-mail: library@bathtownship.us

Clinton County Road Commission

The Clinton County Road Commission, or CCRC, is responsible for over 1,176 miles of county roads within sixteen townships, including Bath Charter Township, and 180 miles of interstate, U.S., and state trunk lines.

They provide traffic control devices and maintain the roadsides along these roadways in addition to routine maintenance work. Working with other governmental units, CCRC works hard to utilize every dollar available for maintaining and improving our county road system.

CCRC has a road crew comprised of 34 union employees who work year round to maintain Clinton County’s road system. They also have two union office employees and an administrative staff of 13 whose goal is to provide service and assistance to the residents of our county.

If you have a question, suggestion or concern for CCRC, please contact them.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 6:30 am - 4:30 pm. Closed Friday.

After hour emergency call 911

Telephone: 989.224.3274

Fax: 989.224.4003

E-mail: ccrc@ccrc-roads.com

Web: www.ccr-roads.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCRCROADS/

County Road Commissions

Under Michigan law, county road commissions exist to maintain safe and efficient roads and bridges for the people of Michigan (Public Act 283, 1919).

County road agencies are as diverse as the communities they serve and have a variety of responsibilities including:

- Building and maintaining everything from single-lane gravel roads to multi-lane divided highways;
- Constructing roads, bridges and culverts, and maintaining these features;
- Maintaining roads in winter, including snow removal and salting;
- Conducting preventative, roadside and gravel road maintenance; and
- Ensuring safe and steady traffic patterns.





14480 Webster Road
PO Box 247
Bath, MI 48808
517.641.6728

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

FREE FOR FALL: Clinton County Clean Community Event

**Saturday, September 17,
from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Granger Facility, 16980 Wood Road, Lansing

Clinton County residents are encouraged to take part in this great recycling and reuse event! Acceptable items include: household hazardous waste, unwanted medications, farm and landscaping chemicals, motor oil and antifreeze, electronic waste (there is a fee for TVs and computer monitors), scrap metal, clothing and textiles, reusable household items, books and magazines, and reusable building materials.



Most items are accepted free of charge, but nominal fees do apply to TVs and monitors (cash or check only). More information is available on the Clinton County website www.clinton-county.org, calling the office (989) 224-5186 or emailing recycle@clinton-county.org.

