



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Summer/Fall 2014



Flix on the Field, July 14'

2014 Millage Renewal Proposal

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

The renewal of the Police and Fire Protection Millage will raise revenue to help fund Bath Charter Township's Police and Fire Departments.

If you have additional questions after reviewing the following information, please contact the Township at (517) 641-6728.

FAQS ON THE POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Is this a new millage? No, this is a millage renewal.

Is this an increase in the millage rate from the previously approved millage? No, the millage approved by voters in 2012 levied 3 mills over 2 years.

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Township Offices

14480 Webster Road
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

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pclark@bathtownship.us

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BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

BURN PERMIT ACTIVATION LINE

(517) 641-6619

FIRE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCY)

Please leave a message
(517) 641-7811

LIBRARY CENTER

14033 Webster Road
Bath, Michigan 48808
(517) 641-7111

MICAFA

Michigan's Coordinated Access to Food for the Elderly
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

PARKS & RECREATION

(517) 641-5167

POLICE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCY)

(517) 641-6271

SENIOR CENTER

The Center offers a healthy home cooked lunch at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cost is \$3.00 per meal. Take out is available. (517) 641-5169

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

STREETLIGHT OUTAGE

Consumers Energy
(800) 477-5050
www.consumersenergy.com
Option 1, then Option 2

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority
(517) 669-8311 for emergencies and back-ups.
(517) 641-6728 for billing and payments.
www.sccmua.com

BATH POST OFFICE

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

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Bath Township Welcomes Dan Wietecha as New Superintendent



Dan Wietecha, Bath Township's New Superintendent (center) enjoys zucchini racing at the Farmers Market with Bath Township Library Center Manager Anne Purosky (left) and a resident (right).

Hi, my name is Dan Wietecha. I grew up in Grand Rapids and my parents still live there, so coming back to Michigan has been a bit of a homecoming for me.

In mid April, I started as the new Bath Township Superintendent. It is an appointed (not elected) position. The Superintendent manages and supervises the Township's day-to-day operations, prepares and administers the annual budget, and is its personnel director. I also advise and assist the Board of Trustees and am a non-voting member of the Township's various committees.

I've done similar work for nearly fifteen years. The last seven years I was the City Administrator in Evansville, Wisconsin. Prior to that, I was something of a "circuit rider" Administrator for three small, rural communities: Courtland, Lafayette, and Nicollet, Minnesota. The people of these towns remain very dear to me, and I still subscribe to their local newspapers.

But there comes a time to move on and seek new professional challenges.

When I left Evansville, the City Council passed a resolution in appreciation of my work. One of its lines noted, "Dan is an avid proponent of top-notch service and focused city staff and elected officials on the importance of teamwork and the provision of excellent customer service." Other lines mentioned financial stability, community resilience, and continuous improvement. But really, as my colleagues of seven years recognized, it all came down to best practices in pursuit of top-notch service.

When I first visited Bath last October to see whether I wanted to apply for the job and live here, people waved. I was a stranger, with out-of-state license plates, driving around neighborhoods to get a first impression of the community. And twice people out for a walk waved as if I was a neighbor from down the street. It may sound corny, but I really liked the friendliness.

Now, in my first three months on the job, I have met with all of the Township committees and some of our intergovernmental partners at least once. The Farmers Market (Thursday evenings at Couzens Park) has quickly become a favorite of mine. And I am starting to meet more of the community such as at the Friends of Park Lake, the Memorial Day parade, and the upcoming Bath Days.

In the Township's operations and governance, we emphasize openness and transparency. We have started our planning for the 2015 budget with an eye toward long-term stability. I expect to review and update the Township's personnel policies in the near future. We have several infrastructure projects – including sewer improvements and road maintenance – in the works. And we continue to support enhancements – such as Park Lake, the Library, and the Senior Center – for our community. It is all about a striving for top-notch service.

Thank you; I look forward to serving as your Superintendent.

Dates to Remember

August 1 & 2
Bath Days Festival

August 5
Primary Election; polls are open from 7 am – 8 pm.

August 14
Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Questions? (989) 227-3333.

August 14
MiCAFE at Bath Township Library Center, 9 am – 12 pm, or (517) 749-3333 for appointment

September 1
Township Offices, Police Administration, Senior & Library Centers Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 11
Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Questions? (989) 227-3333.

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



September 14
Summer Tax payments are due. Since September 14 is a Sunday this year, payments will be accepted through September 15 without interest.

September 15
Sewer bills mailed; Due October 15 for service coverage of October, November & December 2014

September 17
Flu Shots available at the Senior Center from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, for more information call Dana at (517) 641-5169.

October 6
Last day to register for November 4, 2014 Election

October 9
Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Questions? (989) 227-3333.

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Simplify your Bills – Save Stamps, Time & Paper!

Enroll in Bath Charter Township’s automatic payment program for sewer and tax bills, and/or e-billing (sewer only).

Call us, visit the Treasurer’s page of our website or stop by the Township Offices for more information.

2014 Millage Renewal Proposal

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

If the millage is approved by voters, how much will my tax bill change? The millage renewal proposal calls for levying up to 3 mills for the next 2 years. If the millage is renewed by voters, your bill would be \$3.00 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of your property (which can be obtained from the Township's website). If approved, the millage renewal would be included in the 2014 winter property tax bill.

How much do Police and Fire Protection services cost? Bath Charter Township's 2014 budget (amended) for the Police Department is approximately \$1.3 million, and approximately \$309,000 for the Fire Department.

Does this millage renewal pay for the total cost to provide Police and Fire protection? No, the millage renewal only covers two-thirds of the total cost to provide protection. The remaining one-third is funded out of the Township's General Fund.

How long would the proposed millage be in effect, and what happens when it expires? The millage renewal proposal calls for levying up to 3 mills for the next 2 years. At the conclusion of the two years, the Police & Fire Protection Millage would expire. The Township Board of Trustees would then evaluate the need to continue the millage.

When and where do I vote? Voting will take place on

Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on this day. If you have questions regarding the Primary Election, voter registration, polling locations, or to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office at (517) 641-6728. The following is a list of Bath Charter Township Precincts and Polling Locations:

Precinct 1
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

Police & Fire Protection Millage Renewal

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Bath Charter Township, of 3.0 mills, which has not been reduced by any required millage rollback, be renewed at 3.0 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for two (2) additional years, beginning in 2014 and through 2015 inclusive, for the purpose of operating, equipping and

purchasing police and fire protection services through the Bath Charter Township Police Department and Bath Charter Township Fire Department, raising an estimated \$1,095,773.86 in 2014? This is a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2013 tax levy.
☒ Yes ☐ No

Bath Township Police Department

The Bath Township Police Department has 12 full-time police officers, one part-time police officer, three reserve police officers, and one full-time administrative employee. The Department also operates a detective bureau and a K-9 program. The Department provides coverage to residents and businesses in the Township on a 24 hour-a-day, 365 day-a-year basis. In 2013, the Police Department responded to 15,927 calls for service, which was an increase of 3,745 calls over 2012.

Bath Township Fire Department

The Fire Department staff consists of up to 30 Paid-On-Call Firefighters/EMTs, and a full-time Fire Chief. The Fire Department responded to 744 calls for service in 2013, and 766 in 2012. The ice storm in December 2013 generated more than 60 runs in a 24-hour period.

Bath Township Parks & Recreation

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

SUMMER & FALL 2014 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. To obtain registration materials online, please visit www.bathtownship.us > Departments > Parks & Recreation > Current Programs.

Bath Community Center (BCC):

5959 Park Lake Road, Bath

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

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

Gary Lane Soccer Field:

15420 Gary Lane, Bath

Rickard Boat Launch:

6498 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

U6 SOCCER REGISTRATION (CO-ED):

Program is open to boys and girls born between July 31, 2008 and August 1, 2010 - Register before August 16, 2014. The clinic will be held at the Gary Lane Soccer Field on Tuesday evenings. \$20 fee covers Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 seasons. Reversible jersey is mandatory; to purchase, add \$20 to your registration fee.

BASKETBALL (K-1 CLINIC):

November 2015 clinic is open to kindergarten and 1st grade youth. Program will provide instruction, recreation and development of individual skills, with an emphasis on team play and group cooperation. More details to come on the P&R website as they become available.

BASKETBALL (LEVEL 1, CO-ED):

Program offered to 1st – 3rd graders. December practices, then one game per week during January and February (weeknights only). Program will provide instruction, recreation and development of individual skills, with an emphasis on team play and group cooperation. Parents: Coaches are needed – Please consider becoming a volunteer. More details to come on the P&R website as they become available.



Summer Activities in the Park, Bath Volunteer Fire Fighters

BUCK POLE: Saturday, November 15 at the Bath Senior Center. Hang your buck for a chance to win a prize! Refreshments and door prizes will be offered.

COOKIES, SANTA & THE MRS:

Saturday, November 22, 10 am – 12 pm (during Senior Center Craft Sale). Ashley Photography will offer a photo opportunity. During your visit, share your wishes with Santa and visit with Mrs. Claus, all while enjoying Holiday music provided by accordion player Jack Chamberlain. Participants have the opportunity to construct a “wish list” that can be deposited in the Township mailbox.

CRAFTING: Every Tuesday from 3:30 – 6 pm at the BCC. Free and open to the public. Bring a craft to work on and register on-site.

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION (CO-ED): Program is offered to K-6th graders. Register before August 1, 2014. Practices in Bath, games in neighboring communities on Sunday afternoons. \$45 fee - Reversible jersey is mandatory; to purchase, add \$20 to your registration fee.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join Bath Township residents on September 22 from 5 – 7 pm at Wiswasser Park for a free ice cream social. Duit's LegenDairy Service will be on hand to serve ice cream, and the Grand Fish will offer those in attendance the opportunity to try out a canoe or kayak at the Rickard Boat Launch. The Bath Library Center will offer a Make It & Take It project, and the Bath Senior Center will host a Silent Auction.

ICE FISHING DERBY: Annual event will be held on Park Lake in February during the DNR Free Fishing weekend. More details to come on the P&R website as they become available.

MUSIC JAM: Sessions are free and open to the public. Join area musicians on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the BCC from 6:30 – 9 pm for entertainment. Bring an instrument to play, provide vocals or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the music. 50/50 raffle held at intermission. Snacks are offered for a small fee.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Bath Township Offices Board of Trustees Room. Public welcome.

SCRAP AROUND THE CLOCK: November 7, 8 & 9 at the BCC. Join scrap bookers beginning Friday at 6 pm until midnight, return on Saturday from 9 am to midnight, and Sunday 9 am to 3 pm. Register with Beth at 204-3752. \$25 fee to participate.

SCRAPBOOKING: 3rd Friday of each month from 6 pm – midnight at the BCC. Fee of \$3/session or \$10/4 sessions. Please bring your scrap-booking materials and join in the fun. No scrap-booking in December.

SNOW SCULPTURE COMPETITION: This annual competition runs from December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015. Build a snow/ice sculpture; register your masterpiece at the Township Offices for a chance to win a Meijer gift card. Entries will be judged using "winter wonderland" as the theme. The 2014-15 event is sponsored by a friend of Parks & Recreation, offering two \$25 Meijer gift cards (to 1st & 2nd place winners).



Summer Activities in the Park, Woldumar Nature Center

TARGET ARCHERY: Parks & Recreation is seeking a NASP Certified instructor. If you are interested in becoming a certified archery instructor, or if you are currently certified and interested in teaching the class, please call Becky at 641-5167.

TRUCK OR TREAT: Free and open to the public. Monday, October 27 from 6 - 7:15 pm. If your family or business would like to hand out candy to the little goblins, please contact Becky at 641-5167.

ZUMBA: Mondays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm at the BCC. Dates include July 14, 21, 28, August 4 & 18. Adults ages 18+ can register on-site the first night for \$40.

ZUMBA TONING: Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm at the BCC. Dates include July 17, 24, 31, August 7 & 21. Adults ages 18+ can register on-site the first night for \$40.

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ZUMBA & ZUMBA TONING COMBO:

Register for Zumba Combo - includes all Zumba & Zumba Toning classes in July & August for a discounted fee of \$70.

ZUMBA & ZUMBA TONING classes are offered throughout the year. Visit our website for more information.

HUNTER SAFETY, MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL AND ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL will be offered this Fall. Watch our website for more information.

If your family would be interested in attending a social event in Bath Township showcasing a

hypnotist, please contact Becky at 641-5167. If there is enough interest, a winter social will be planned.

Want to get involved? Parks & Recreation offers volunteer opportunities for coaching, volunteering at events, and donations. Please contact Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin at (517) 641-5167 or bgoodwin@bathtownship.us to get involved.

Resident Programs

FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Bath Charter Township Senior Center
517-641-5169
14480 Webster Road
Bath, MI 48808
www.bathtownship.us
Hours: M, W & F, 9 am – 3 pm
Service: Offering a healthy, home cooked lunch at noon, or take out.
Eligibility: No age requirement.
Cost is \$3.00 per meal.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

MiCAFE at Bath Township Library Center
517-749-3333
14033 Webster Road
Bath, MI 48808
bathtownship.us or elderlawofmi.org/micafe
Hours: 9 am – 12 pm on the second Thursday of each month; other times by appointment.
Service: Assists in application for Bridge Card, Medicare Savings, Medicaid, utility assistance and in-home services.
Eligibility: Adults ages 60 and older.

Upcoming Events at The Bath Township Library Center



**Bath
Township**
Library Center

COME VISIT US!

14033 Webster Rd. Bath, MI 48808
Ph (517) 641-7111 · Fax (517) 641-7112
www.bathtownship.us · e-mail: library@bathtownship.us
Anne Purosky, Library Center Manager

AUGUST 9: End of the Summer Reading Party from 11 am - 1 pm. It's time to party! Everyone who finished the Summer Reading Program is invited! Join us for pizza, cookies, stories and prize drawings!

SEPTEMBER 12: Friends of Bath Township Library Center Fundraiser from 5 pm - 8 pm at the Bath Community Center. Join us for a hot dog/chili dinner and a silent auction. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the children's and teen collections.

OCTOBER 18: Anniversary Open House from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Stop by and see how we have grown in the last year! Join us for refreshments, activities and a Book Fair!

Check our event flyers for more information on upcoming events. Flyers can be picked up at the Library Center or by visiting the Townships website at www.bathtownship.us.

Hours	
MONDAY	1 PM-7 PM
TUESDAY	1 PM-7 PM
WEDNESDAY	10 AM-12 PM, 2 PM-7 PM
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	10 AM-4 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM-4 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

2014 Summer Tax Season

Summer tax bills are payable from July 1, 2014 through September 14, 2014.

Since September 14, 2014 is a Sunday this year, tax payments will be accepted through Monday, September 15th without interest.

All tax bills are initially mailed to the property owner.

Tax information can be found on the website.

- Visit – www.bathtownship.us
- Online Services
- Tax Information Search
- Search by address, name or parcel #
- Tax Information tab
- Jump to: Tax History
- Click arrow left of “Year” on any line
- Below Tax Bill Breakdown – option to print tax bill and/or tax information

You may defer your summer tax bill until February 14, 2015 without interest. To qualify, your household income must be less than \$40,000 for the prior year AND meet at least one of the following:

- Senior Citizen (62 years or older)
- Paraplegic, quadriplegic
- Eligible serviceman, veteran, widow/widower
- Blind person
- Totally and permanently disabled

Deferment forms must be filed with the Township Treasurer’s Office by September 15, 2014. The form is available on the Treasurer’s page under Departments on the website. If you filed a deferment form last year, you should have received a new form with your summer tax bill this year.

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 pc Clark@bathtownship.us.

UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

August 9, 2014 from 9:30-11 a.m.
Subway (inside the Bath Meijer) 7157 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing

September 27, 2014 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Spagnuolo’s Ice Cream & Fudge Shop, 16800 Chandler Rd., Ste. 103, East Lansing

October 18, 2014 from 9:30-11 a.m. (Tentative)
McDonalds, Corner of East Saginaw & Marsh Roads in Haslett/Bath Township

Bath Senior Center Kitchen Expansion

Present this ticket to your server and 20% of your sales will benefit the organization listed above

MAX & ERMA'S

Max & Erma's Lansing
2515 Lake Lansing Rd.
517-316-7477

Visit MAXANDERMAS.COM to view our menu & learn about our Good Neighbor RewardsSM program.

Proceed donation does not include gift certificate sales.

MAX & ERMA'S

PRESENTS

Bath Senior Center Kitchen Expansion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

20% of your sales will benefit the organization listed above. Valid on lunch, dinner & carryout. Thank you for your support!

Flyer distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation.

SHIELD YOURSELF FROM THE FLU.

RITE AID

RITE AID

PLUS, GET A FREE IMMUNIZATION EVALUATION.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Date: 9/17/2014 Time: 10:30am-12:30pm
Location: Bath Township Senior Center
If you have any questions, please contact: Dana- 641-5769



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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PO Box 247
Bath, MI 48808
517.641.6728

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

Shop Local & Celebrate Bath Every Thursday!

The Bath Farmers Market promotes healthy lifestyles, encourages entrepreneurship, supports our local economy, and provides opportunities to celebrate, and market the talent, knowledge, and skills of farmers and artisans.

Come out and find the finest producers of local goods. The Summer Market runs from the first Thursday in May through the last Thursday in October from 3 – 7 pm at Couzens Park, 13751 Main Street in Bath. The Winter Market runs from the first Thursday in November through the last Thursday in April from 3 – 6 pm at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath.

To become a vendor or for more information, contact Market Manager, Christian Scott, at (515) 994-0236 or farmersmarket@bathtownship.us.

Stop by the Farmers Market's NEW website at www.shopbfm.org.

