



# Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Winter 2013



Ice Fishing Derby 2013  
on Park Lake

## Bath Township Selected for Community Assessment Grant

The Michigan Rural Council selected Bath Township for a technical grant award which is intended to assist the community in an assessment process. The goals for this project are: 1) assist small communities choose their own destinies; 2) aid in the assessment of community assets in a changed economic landscape; and 3) provide long-term plans, tools and references for economic development success.

To accomplish these goals, a team will be sent to our community on March 14, 2013. There are three focus groups scheduled in the afternoon followed up by a town hall meeting from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Township will post more information at [www.bathtownship.us](http://www.bathtownship.us) as we get closer to the date. In addition, a survey will also be available for residents to complete as part of the community assessment process.



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# Medication Collection Event



Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications on Saturday, March 23, 2013, from 10 am until 2 pm at the Bath Township Senior Center located at 14480 Webster Road in Bath.

Residents are encouraged to participate in these events to dispose of medications responsibly. **Medications should never be disposed of by flushing or pouring items "down the drain."** Most substances are not able to be filtered by water treatment plants. As a result they can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems, and possibly affect human health. Landfill disposal has similar challenges. The preferred disposal alternative is through special incineration technologies, which destroy chemical compounds while preventing pollution to the environment.

Don't miss these great opportunities to clean out home medicine cabinets and ensure unwanted pharmaceuticals are managed properly. For more information about this event, contact the Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186 or [conserve@clinton-county.org](mailto:conserve@clinton-county.org), or the Bath Township Senior Center at 641-5169 or [dconley@bathtownship.us](mailto:dconley@bathtownship.us).

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



# Rental Housing Regulations



Prior to October 21, 2012 Bath Charter Township did not have in place any means by which to effectively address Rental Housing complaints.

The recent adoption of Ordinance 66, now establishes minimum standards for the maintenance of rental structures and the surrounding premises and identifies the responsibilities of the owners, renters, operators and occupants as well as allowing for the administration, enforcement and penalties for Rental Housing violations.

## **THE ORDINANCE NOW ALLOWS FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO INITIATE COMPLIANCE FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:**

- Exteriors of Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Premises Conditions: (Sanitation, Grading & Drainage)
  - Structural Conditions: (Structural Members, Exterior Surfaces, Foundation Walls, Exterior Walls, Roofs, Chimneys, Stairs & Porches, Handrails & Guardrails, Windows & Door Frames, Weathertight, and Insect Screens)
- Interiors of Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Structural Members
  - Interior Conditions: (Surfaces, Lead-based Paint, Bathroom & Kitchen Floors and Decay)
  - Exit Doors
  - Exit Facilities
- Light and Ventilation for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Alternative Devices (other methods that will provide the equivalent)
  - General Requirements
- Plumbing for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Required Facilities
  - Water Closet (toilet) and Lavatory (sink)
  - Bathtub or Shower
  - Kitchen Sink
  - Rooming Houses
  - Water System. (Contamination, Supply and Water Heating Facilities)
  - Sewage System. (Maintenance)
- Mechanical for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Heating Facilities
  - Cooking and Heating Equipment
  - Installations
  - Chimneys, Flues and Vents
  - Safety Controls
  - Combustion Air
  - Fire Places
- Electrical for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Extension Cords
  - Outlets
  - Receptacles
  - Installations

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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.



**ADULT VOLLEYBALL:** Residents ages 21+ are invited to participate in free recreation volleyball from 7:30-9:30 pm on Thursdays in the Bath Middle School Gym. All skills levels are welcome. Register at the event.

**CRAFTING:** Join area crafters at the BCC on Tuesday evenings. Please watch the website for details.

**EASTER BUNNY EVENT:** Friday, March 22 from 6-7:30 pm at the Gary Lane Soccer Field. This event will feature our very own Easter Bunny, games, prizes, Easter Baskets, and 2,500 stuffed eggs for ages 1-12. The egg hunt will begin at 6:30 pm on the Soccer Field. The Holiday Inn Express of Okemos has partnered with us to offer a free one-night stay to the lucky winner in a drawing of all registrants (must be present to win). This event is free and open to the public. Registration will take place at the event starting at 6 pm.

**LAVA VOLLEYBALL CLINIC:** Join Program Coordinator Katy White for this 5-day introductory clinic providing instruction and drills.

Boys and girls in grades 2-8 who are interested in learning the game, and working on skills and techniques for the LAVA Volleyball season, or those who simply want to try it; this is your opportunity to join us for a fee of \$19 (those who qualify for the Scholarship Assistance Program are free; however you must fill out the necessary paperwork to participate, during the registration period). Registration will be held February 7-22 at the Bath Township Offices, Monday-Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. The program will be held in the Bath Middle School Gym, March 4-8. Grades 2-5 will practice from 4-5:15 pm and grades 6-8 will practice from 5:15-6:30 pm. For those who have played in previous years, join us to assist and hone your skills.

## **LAVA VOLLEYBALL (LEAGUE PLAY):**

This instructional, recreational league uses the modified “wash” method of scoring while teaching boys and girls in grades 3 – 8 the game of volleyball. Games will be held on Wednesday evenings at various locations, including Bath. All practices will be held in Bath. Games begin late April and run through May. We are currently working on a program for 2nd grade and are hopeful to have one in place by late February. Please watch the website for details.

## **MARCH MADNESS HOOP SHOOT:**

Wednesday, March 6 from 6-8 pm in the Bath Elementary School Gym. Participants will identify their “team” (parent/guardian & youth) and shoot to win. Each two-member “team” will shoot 10 free throws from designated areas (depending on grade level). The team making the most baskets in each division wins a trophy for the youth participant. Ties will be determined by the highest youth score. Team divisions will include grades K-2, grades 3 & 4, and grades 5 & 6. Second and third place youth will be awarded a medal in each division. Dick’s Sporting Goods has offered gift certificates to be used in a drawing of all youth participants. First name drawn will receive the highest denomination gift certificate and so on. Winners do not need to be present to accept prizes but



it is highly encouraged. This program is free to those who participated in the K-1 Basketball Clinic and Level I Basketball; the fee for all others is \$5.00/team. Revenue from this program will be used to support the youth Scholarship Assistance Program fund. Register at the event.

### **MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL:**

Male residents ages 30+ are invited to attend from 4-6 pm on Sundays at the Bath Middle School Gym. This event is free. Register at the event.

**MSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** For free tickets to MSU Women's Basketball games, visit the Bath Township website to reserve and/or print your tickets. Each email address may order up to 10 tickets per each home game that you wish to attend.

**MUSIC JAM:** Join musicians as they play instruments and sing at the BCC on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-9 pm. Snacks are offered for a donation and a 50/50 raffle is held. Attendees may choose to play an instrument, sing, or simply sit back and enjoy the entertainment.

**ROD BUILDING:** This class will provide ages 10-adult with the opportunity to build a fishing rod. Please watch the website for details.

**SCRAPBOOKING:** This program is offered on the third Friday of each month from 6 pm-midnight at the BCC for a fee of \$3.00/night or \$10.00/4 nights. Simply register at the event and bring your scrapbooking/craft to work on in the company of others. Note: This program does not meet in July and December.

**U6 SOCCER:** Includes a fall and spring session for a total of 12 weeks (began Fall 2012). To complete the last 6 weeks of the program, the Spring session will begin on Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Gary Lane Soccer Field. If you did not participate in the Fall 2012 session and are interested in joining, please call Director Becky Goodwin at 641-5167. Participants must have been born between July 31, 2006 and August 1, 2008.

**ZUMBA:** A fitness program designed with Latin and International dance rhythms for ages 18-60, this workout feeds the body, soul and mind. Join Instructor Colleen Opphile on

Mondays in the Bath Middle School Cafeteria from 7:15-8:15 pm. Class will be held on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 for a fee of \$40. Registration takes place at the cafeteria on February 25 prior to the event.

**ZUMBA TONING:** Zumba Toning takes the original Zumba class to the next level. Using lightweight, maraca-like Zumba toning sticks, the class emphasizes muscle work along with rhythms using a combination of cardio and body-sculpting techniques. Toning sticks will be made available during class, or you may choose to purchase a set from the instructor for an additional \$12. Join Instructor Colleen Opphile on Thursdays in the Bath Community Center from 7:15-8:15 pm. Dates for the next session include February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 for a fee of \$40. Registration takes place at the BCC on February 28 prior to the event.



Please email Parks & Recreation Director Becky Goodwin at [rgoodwin@bathtownship.us](mailto:rgoodwin@bathtownship.us) if you would be interested in the following: (1) programs including Adult Golf League, Adult/Youth Golf League, Adult Kickball, Rod Building, Rocketry for youth, Geocaching, Casino Trip, family bowling night/event, U6 Soccer, or (2) being added to a mailing list to receive Parks & Recreation information, or (3) have a program that you would be interested in running through Parks & Recreation.

For complete details on any of the events or programs listed, please visit [www.bathtownship.us](http://www.bathtownship.us) – Parks & Recreation - current programs or call Becky Goodwin at 517-641-5167.

# Resident Programs

## FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAMS

### Bath Charter Township Senior Center

517-641-5169

14480 Webster Road

Bath, MI 48808

[www.bathtownship.us](http://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.

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.

### Veteran's Services at Bath Charter Township

517-641-6728

14480 Webster Road

Bath, MI 48808

[www.bathtownship.us](http://www.bathtownship.us)

Hours: 9 am – 3 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Service: Assistance with applications for compensation, and a variety of other services.

Eligibility: Veterans and their family members at no charge.

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL

### MiCAFE at Bath Charter Township

517-749-3333

14480 Webster Road

Bath, MI 48808

[bathtownship.us](http://bathtownship.us) or [elderlawofmi.org/micafe](http://elderlawofmi.org/micafe)

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## Snow & Ice Removal on Sidewalks

A reminder that the Township has an ordinance which requires property owners who have a sidewalk adjacent to their property to keep it clear of obstructions, which includes snow and ice. The Township is asking for your assistance to ensure that our school children have a safe means of walking to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

For further information please contact the Ordinance Compliance Department at 517-641-5165.



## 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.

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.

# Township Looks to Expand Collaboration With Local Municipalities

Bath Township, DeWitt Township and City of DeWitt were awarded a \$10,000 grant to analyze and develop a collaborative building inspection program. The grant will fund the research necessary to outline the elements of an interlocal agreement between the three communities. The preliminary analysis is leaning toward a consolidation of the building departments. Municipal staff and a consultant have been reviewing the potential impact to operations, finances, and service delivery.

We are anticipating that a recommendation will be made to the governing bodies of each municipality within the next 120 days. If any resident has questions regarding this grant project, please feel free to contact Troy Feltman at 517-641-6728 or [tfeltman@bathtownship.us](mailto:tfeltman@bathtownship.us).



## 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](mailto:kcolby@bathtownship.us) or call 517-641-6271.

## Rental Housing, FROM PAGE 3

- Defects
- Elevators, Escalators and Dumbwaiters
- Fire Safety for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Egress (means of exiting)
  - Direct Exit
  - Locked Doors
  - Fire Escapes
  - Emergency Escapes: (Windows or Doors, Maintenance and Security)
  - Accumulation and Storage: (Waste Materials, Flammable & Explosive Matter, Flammable Liquids)
  - Fire Protection Systems: (Fire Alarms, Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Detectors)
- Sanitation for Rental Dwelling Units:
  - Cleanliness
  - Disposal of Rubbish and Garbage

- Garbage and Rubbish Storage Facilities
- Extermination
- Vermin and Rat Infestation

In the event of a violation, a Municipal Civil Infraction Violation Notice could be issued by an Authorized Township Official and payable to the Township's Municipal Ordinance Violation Bureau within 10 days.

The Ordinance Amendments in their entirety may be viewed on the Township's webpage ([www.bathtownship.us/](http://www.bathtownship.us/)), located on the left side under Ordinances (recently added).

For further information please contact the Ordinance Compliance Department at 517-641-5165, and/or the Building Department at 517-641-4238.



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



## Bath Farmers Market

Fresh, locally grown greens available every week!

3-6 pm every Thursday

What will you find at the market?

- Fresh, locally grown produce sold by the people who grow it
- Baked goods, Mexican and Mediterranean prepared foods, kettle corn, artisan cheese, and farm fresh eggs
- Live music every week
- Credit, Debit and Bridge cards accepted

**Winter Location: Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd. (just east of Webster Rd.)**

**We're on Facebook - Visit us at Bath Township Farmers Market**