



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Winter 2014

Sunset over Park Lake

Tom King Memorial Junk Day: May 10, 2014 • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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 ON APRIL 28

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.

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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.

Promote Your Local Business

The Bath Township community has grown in the number of residents, as well as businesses in the last several years. Local businesses are an integral part of our community, and to that end, we are in the process of creating a Business Directory, which will be housed on our Township website. When completed, residents and other site visitors will have access to information about your local business.

Some local business owners have already provided their contact information, including; owner, type of business, address, phone or email, for the directory. It is the hope of the Township that this initiative will enhance communication and support between the residents and businesses of Bath for the benefit of our community.

Please contact the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 or info@bathtownship.us for further information or to submit the contact information for your business.

Medication Disposal on March 22, 2014

Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications at the Bath Charter Township Medication Disposal Event on Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Bath Township Senior Center, located at 14480 Webster Road, Bath.

Medications should never be put “down the drain” or in the trash, as they can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems. The preferred disposal option is through special events, such as the one Bath Township is hosting, which ensure safe disposal through incineration.

This event is sponsored by the Clinton County Department of Waste Management, local law enforcement, volunteer pharmacists & Bath Charter Township. For more information call (989) 224-5186 or email recycle@clinton-county.org.

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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 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 interested, contact the High School for more information at (517) 641-6724.

Qualified persons may call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 beginning on April 28 to schedule a pick-up appointment for the week of May 5.



DROP OFF PREP

When loading your vehicle, place tires on the bottom and then anything with a cord on top.

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

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Dates to Remember

March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Questions? (989) 227-3333.

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

March 15 Sewer bills mailed; Due April 15 for service coverage of April, May & June 2014

March 15 Wild Game Dinner & St. Paddy's Celebration at Bengel Wildlife Center, Bath. Contact Kim at (517) 641-7677 or wilflife@miwildlife.org

March 22 Chili Cook Off at the American Legion, Bath from 1-4 pm. Contact Kim at (517) 977-4819 or kimberly.dancer@yahoo.com

April 7 Last day to register for May 6 Election

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April 18 Township Offices, Police Administration, Senior & Library Centers Closed in Observance of Good Friday

April 28 Registration begins for Tom King Memorial Junk Day; Visit www.bathtownship.us or call (517) 641-6728

May 6 Election Day

May 8 Clinton County Open Food Distribution Project, Bath Community Center,

5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath. Questions? (989) 227-3333.

May 10 Tom King Memorial Junk Day at Township Offices, 8 am – 12 pm; Pre-registration required (See related article)

May 26 Township Offices, Police Administration, Senior & Library Centers Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

May 29 Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority Clean Water Open House, 5 – 8 pm, 3671 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, (517) 669-8311. Family fun - tours, games, information & free food!

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.

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.



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- Sewage
- Tires on Rims
- Toxic Materials (Anything ignitable, corrosive or reactive)
- Yard Clippings

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Lumber must be cut to four-foot lengths
- 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

IN APPRECIATION

Skip Losey and Granger have proven invaluable in their leadership and continued support of our community.

Bath Township Parks & Recreation

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

SPRING & SUMMER 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 High School Football Field: 6175 East Clark Road, Bath

Bath Middle School Gym: 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 Park: 13751 Main Street, Bath

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

U6 SPRING SOCCER: Adult volunteers needed to serve as coaches for Spring 2014. If interested, contact Becky Goodwin. Your commitment includes a one hour training session with program coordinator Randy Paape, and Tuesday evenings (4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, & 5/20) from 6:30-7:30 pm for the clinic. Two new coaches would allow additional participants to register that did not play in the Fall.

U6 FALL SOCCER (CO-ED): Register beginning 6/1 at the Township Offices. To be eligible, participants must have been born between 7/31/2008 – 8/01/2010. Cost is \$20 per participant. If participant needs a reversible jersey, add \$20 to your fee and indicate size needed.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (FREE TO BATH RESIDENTS AGES 21+): Join Program

Coordinators Lorie Blundy & CJ Lutz on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 pm in the Bath Middle School Gym. Dates include all Thursdays now through 5/24 with the exception of 4/10. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed to participate. Participants must register onsite the first night and each subsequent night of attendance.



BASEBALL: Goal is for players to enjoy and learn the game of baseball. Sportsmanship is top priority of all players, coaches and spectators. Coaches will work together to make this the best baseball experience for our young players. Little Sluggers & T-Ball for more information.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Opportunities include event coordinator, coach, assistant coach, financial contributor, event sponsor, event worker, and merchandise donations. If you are interested, contact Becky Goodwin.

CRAFT, TRINKET & BAKE SALE: Event will be held at the BCC on 4/12 from 9 am – 3 pm. Vendors are needed. If you are interested in an 8' table to sell items, register 3/15 - 4/4 at

the Township Offices. Limited spaces available on a first come, first serve basis for \$15. Registration forms also available online. No refunds for cancellations.

EASTER BUNNY EVENT (FREE & PUBLIC WELCOME): Event is scheduled for 4/15 from 6 - 8 pm at the Gary Lane Soccer Field. Registration is required! Please bring a completed registration form to the event, or arrive by 6:20 to register prior to the egg hunt. Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny! In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the Bath High School Cafeteria. To sponsor an Easter Basket or provide candy for the event, please contact Becky Goodwin.

ELIMINATE THE JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK (SUMMER 2014): Register, pay your fee and show up with a trunk full of wares to SELL! Event advertising is provided by the Township. More information to follow on our website.

FLAG FOOTBALL (CO-ED): Register for Fall Season 6/1 – 8/1 at the Township Offices. Dates, times and cost TBD. Practices in Bath. Games in Meridian Township. More information to follow on our website.

FLIX ON THE FIELD (FREE & PUBLIC WELCOME): NEW! Family films on the High School Football Field this summer - movies will start at dusk. Bring your own blankets, chairs, bug spray, etc. A concession stand will be open with all monies raised benefitting the Bath High School Renaissance Committee for their efforts of achieving academic success. 50/50 raffle will be offered. Contact Becky Goodwin to donate your time, product, or financial support. Date and movie announcements to follow on our website.

LITTLE SLUGGERS BASEBALL (CO-ED, AGES 5 & 6): More information and registration materials to follow on our website.

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL (FREE): Offered on Sundays through 5/25 from 4 - 6 pm at the Bath Middle School for male Township residents, at least 30 years of age. Registration is required at the first event attended. No program on 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20.

MUSIC JAM (FREE & PUBLIC WELCOME): Held each month on the 3rd Wednesday at the BCC from 6:30-9 pm. Sign in required for musicians/vocalists. Each performer will offer one piece of music per time at the microphone. Musicians continue to take turns performing until 9 pm. Snacks are offered for a small fee and a 50/50 raffle is held following intermission. Participants are invited to sing, play an instrument, or simply sit back and enjoy the music.



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.

PROGRAM IDEAS: If you have a program idea or would be interested in an adult kick ball league, aerobics, or fitness classes, please contact Becky Goodwin.

QUARTERLY UPDATES ON PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS: To receive, please send your request to be added to Becky Goodwin.

SCRAPBOOKING: Held each month on the 3rd Friday from 6 pm – midnight at the BCC for a fee of \$4 per session or \$10 per 4 sessions. Bring your materials and enjoy the company of others. Register at the event.

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SUMMER YOUTH PARK SERIES (FREE & PUBLIC WELCOME): Beginning 6/11, programs will be offered at Couzens Park for youth ages 4+. Programs will be held on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-11 am (Bike Rodeo will run until noon). Presenters include Bluebird Society of Michigan, Harris Nature Center, Parkwood YMCA, Bath Township Police (Bike Rodeo), Bath Township Fire Department, Impression 5 Science Museum, Potter Park Zoo, Jeff the Magician, Preuss Pets, Woldumar Nature Center, WLNS TV6 Meteorologist, MSU Horticulture & the Capital Area Humane Society. As other presenters confirm, they will be added to the list of programs and posted on our website.

T-BALL (CO-ED, AGES 4 & 5): Register 4/1 - 4/25 at the Township Offices for \$37. All practices and games will be held in Bath. Games on Monday & Wednesday nights at 6 pm & 7:15 pm beginning 6/2. Practices begin the week of 5/12, one hour per week. No practices held after games begin. No youth pitcher or catcher used during games. Participants will hit off a tee and coaches will serve as catchers (allows coach to assist batter). If participant needs a reversible jersey, add an additional \$20 to the fee and indicate size needed.

YMCA INSTRUCTIONAL VOLLEYBALL / LAVA VOLLEYBALL (CO-ED, GRADES 2-8): Register 3/1 – 3/21 at the Township Offices. Fee is \$30. Practices held one night per week in Bath, 3/24 - 5/20. Games hosted in Bath and neighboring communities on Wednesdays from 6 - 8:30 pm, 4/23 – 5/21. Bath home games require team members from Bath to set up 15 minutes before the match begins, help run the matches when not involved in play, and clean up after each match. Teams that identify a Site Supervisor will be eligible to host games in Bath. Parents, please consider being a Site Supervisor.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP): Funds are available to qualifying students for Bath Township Parks & Recreation programs. Residential and age requirements apply, in addition to participation in one of the following programs: Bridge Card, Medicaid, or free/reduced school lunches. For those who qualify for SAP, the registration will

total \$10. Other commitments apply. For more information or an application, visit the Township Offices, our website or call Becky Goodwin at (517) 641-5167.



ZUMBA: Join instructor Colleen Opphile on Mondays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm at the BCC. Register the first night of class for \$48. Classes held on 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 & 3/31.

ZUMBA TONING: Join instructor Colleen Opphile on Thursdays from 7:15 - 8:15 pm at the BCC. Register the first night of class for \$48. Classes held on 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27.

ZUMBA & ZUMBA TONING COMBINATION CLASSES: Register for both at a discounted rate of \$84.

This is not a complete listing of 2014 programs. Changes may occur during the year. Please watch our website for updates and changes.

Upcoming Events at The Bath Township Library Center

MARCH 1: Saturday Crafternoon (1-4pm):
March is Reading Month! Celebrate by making a bookmark!

MARCH 3: Job Search Strategies (6-7pm):
Learn about the Job and Career Accelerator available to Michigan residents on the Michigan eLibrary web site (mel.org).

MARCH 12: The ABC's of Literacy (6-7pm):
Helps parents/caregivers give young children a jump start on reading. Participants will learn simple ways to help children acquire valuable pre-reading skills through playing, singing, listening, talking and reading.

MARCH 17: Bath Quilting Group (5-7pm):
Share your quilting ideas/techniques with other quilters in the community.

MARCH 19: Raising Young Readers (6-7pm):
Reading proficiency at 3rd grade is a good indicator of future academic success for children. This program helps equip adults with knowledge and skills to help children build their reading skills and make the connections between learning to read and achieving academic goals and future success.

MARCH 22: Genealogy with Earl Watt (1:30-3:30pm):
Learn about genealogy resources and share your own.

MARCH 25: Gardening Program Series, Part One: Seed Starting (6-7pm):
Get your garden started right and get a jump on the growing season by learning to start seeds indoors. You'll learn how to ensure seedling success, save money by growing your own transplants and harvest veggies weeks earlier.


MARCH 27: The Library Center @ The Farmers Market (3-6pm):
Come visit for stories and crafts!

APRIL 1, 15 & 22: Gardening Programs (6-7pm):
Bath Farm to School is hosting four programs this spring to help you get your garden growing. Topics will range from starting plants early to safely controlling pests to making the growing season last longer. Check the township web page and Facebook page for details.

APRIL 12: Saturday Crafternoon (1-4pm):
Join us for Spring crafts and stories!

APRIL 21: Bath Quilting Group (5-7pm):
Share your quilting ideas/techniques with other quilters in the community.

APRIL 24: The Library Center @ The Farmers Market (3-6pm):
Come visit for stories and crafts!



COME VISIT US!

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- Programs
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*Call Bath Library Center for details

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

STORY TIME

Wednesdays & Fridays
at 10:30 AM.
Recommended
for ages 3-5.

ReStore - Clinton County Habitat for Humanity

Shop or Donate – Pick Up Service Available

Whether you are a treasure hunter in pursuit of antiques, a creative re-use whiz, a builder or handyman, or simply someone who enjoys a good deal, stop in and see what the Clinton County Habitat for Humanity ReStore has in store for you!

Located on old US-27 just north of the Industrial Park in St. Johns, the ReStore is where you'll find a wide variety of items at rock bottom prices. It's a hardware store, furniture store, lumber yard, tool shed, plumber's supply, lighting store and more! All proceeds support the construction or renovation of homes for qualifying families in Clinton County



who might not otherwise have the opportunity to own their own home.

The ReStore is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 am - 6 pm, and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. The ReStore provides scheduled pick-ups of large items throughout the year – just call if you are unable to

drop off your donation. Call the ReStore at (989) 227-0000 if you have questions regarding a donation to the ReStore, or drop by the ReStore at 2352 N. US 27 in St. Johns.

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 pclark@bathtownship.us.

UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

March 22, 2014 from 9:30-11 a.m.
Jo's Diner, 13631 Main St., Bath

April 5, 2014 from 9:30-11 a.m.
Bath Township Library Center, 14033 Webster Rd., Bath

May 17, 2014 from 9:30-11 a.m.
Subway, 16800 S. Chandler Rd., Ste. 110 in Chandler Crossings, East Lansing

Discover Bath on April 26, 2014

Members of the Bath community are planning an exciting new event for 2014! Discover Bath will be held on April 26, 2014 from 1-4 pm at the Bath Middle School.

This event will showcase the many aspects that define Bath. Businesses, service and civic organizations, local artists, and students will display or demonstrate their products, services and talents.

Those who participate will not be selling or campaigning, just using this event as an opportunity to make Bath residents aware of what the Bath community has to offer.

If you wish to participate or would like additional information, contact Deb Mercer at (517) 641-4016 or discoverbathdm@gmail.com.

Election Inspectors Needed!

Bath Township is in need of election inspectors – workers (paid) to assist voters at the polls on Election Day. Registered voters who are interested in serving as election inspectors must submit an Election Inspector Application to Bath Charter Township. Election inspector training will be provided by Clinton County in June 2014.

Election inspectors cannot be a challenger, candidate, member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local Board of Canvassers. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Election inspectors are covered by the federal Minimum Wage Act.



Call us, visit the Elections & Voting (Clerk) page of our website, or stop by the Township Offices for more information or an application.

Creation of Flag Lots Prohibited

Effective February 10, 2014, Ordinance No. 31.43 and No. 31.44 will become operational, amending the Bath Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. Ordinance No. 31.43 will prohibit the creation of flag lots and clarify conditions for the use of previously established flag lots. Ordinance No. 31.44 will permit private streets and roads only in commercial site condominiums, as well as delete the section of the Zoning Ordinance entitled "Private roads serving more than one lot" in its entirety.

Should you have questions regarding either of these ordinances, please contact Bath Charter Township Planning staff.



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

Shop Local & Celebrate Bath Every Thursday!

WINTER MARKET FROM 3-6PM EVERY WEEK AT THE BATH COMMUNITY CENTER

You can pick up produce, award winning cheese, freshly baked bread, homemade jams and jellies, eggs and beef, chicken and goat meat. You can also stop by the market for dinner from one of the hot-prepared food vendors. This winter's market is not all food, either, with hand-made scarves and home-made soaps available.

Every fourth Thursday of the month, you can find the Bath Township Library Center at the market with children's events and a story hour.

The Farmers Market is open every Thursday, 3-6 pm at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, through the end of April. Credit, debit and electronic Bridge cards are all accepted.

In May the market will move outdoors to James Couzens Park, 13751 Main St., where it will be open 3-7 pm.

To become a vendor or for more information, contact Christian Scott at (517) 290-5532 or christianscott@gmail.com.

