



Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Spring 2021



2020-2021 Snow Sculpture Competition Winner: Delaney

Tom King Memorial Junk Day: May 1, 2021, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808

Registration begins April 12, 2021: You can register online at www.bathtownship.us or call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to register.

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 ONLY.**

Space is limited and registration is required to participate. **There is a two-load limit per address – a truck or utility-sized trailer (4-feet x 6-feet) load equates to one load.** If unauthorized items are mixed in your load, our crews are not obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.



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The Township Board meets to take action on business items at 6:00 p.m. the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Exceptions occur to accommodate holidays.

Agendas are prepared in advance and are available on our website at www.bathtwpmi.documents-on-demand.com/

Meetings are recorded for the purpose of public viewing, and are available in their entirety to the public, via www.bathtownship.viebit.com/

Township Offices

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Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Drop Box Available 24/7
Notaries Available

Building Department

(517) 641-4238
buildingdepartment@bathtownship.us

Burn Permit

Activation Line
(517) 641-6619

Farmers Market

(517) 281-7402
Fax: (517) 641-4170
farmersmarket@bathtownship.us
*Summer Market: May 6 – October 28,
3 – 7 p.m. at James Couzens Park*

Fire Department

(Non-Emergency)
Please leave a message.
(517) 641-7811
Fax: (517) 641-6930

Ordinance Compliance

(517) 641-5176
kdouglas@bathtownship.us

Parks & Recreation

(517) 641-5167
bathrec@bathtownship.us

Planning & Zoning

(517) 641-5166
ntafelsky@bathtownship.us

Police Department

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

Senior Center

(517) 641-5169
seniorcenter@bathtownship.us

COVID-19 Office Updates

Our offices are currently open to the public, however residents are still encouraged to utilize our drop box, mail, or online payment options for bill payments or other business if possible. Receipts can be mailed upon request. Township phone numbers, online payment options, and additional departmental service information can be found on our website at www.bathtownship.us. Please continue to monitor our website and Township Facebook page for updated information.

Curbside Service for Residents 65+ and/or Disabled

Curbside Registration is LIMITED: Qualified persons may call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 from April 12 – April 23, 2021 to schedule a pick-up appointment for April 26 – April 30, 2021. You will be assigned a pick-up date based on a predetermined schedule and the voting precinct that your residence is in.

Curbside-only service is for residents age 65+, or who are physically disabled and can't bring their materials to the drop-off site.

- **There is a ONE-LOAD limit per address.**
- Items must be placed curbside by 8:00 a.m. on the day of your scheduled pick up. Items can be placed curbside the weekend before your pick-up.
- Crews WILL NOT enter your property to collect items.
- If the weather forecast shows rain, please place a tarp over your items. We will leave the tarp on your property.
- If unauthorized items are placed for collection, our crews are not obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load, leaving it on your property.



REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL

- Lumber and carpet **MUST** be cut to four-foot lengths or less
- Protruding nails in lumber **MUST** be removed or bent down
- Large pieces of glass should be broken into a pail
- **Household/residential tires only**
- **Tires **MUST** be off rims, free of dirt and water; Up to 10 accepted**

Electronics Recycling – Accepted Items

- PC Monitors
- Keyboards
- Hard Drives
- Printers, Fax Machines and Copiers
- Televisions and other monitors
- Misc. Electronic (stereos, wires, etc.)
- Items not accepted for electronics recycling may still be eligible for disposal as part of this event. Please see Items **NOT ACCEPTED** during the event below.

Items NOT ACCEPTED

Please visit Clinton County Waste Management at www.clinton-county.org, for additional resources and special collection events, including items listed below that are not accepted during our event.

- Asbestos (ceiling/floor tiles and insulation)
- Dangerous Items (lumber with nails sticking out)
- Demolition Materials (concrete, brick, block, shingles and other roofing materials)
- Drums/Barrels (Not Empty/Clean)
- Household Refuse
- Lead Acid Batteries (car batteries)
- Liquids
- Low-Level Radioactive Waste (some household clocks and smoke detectors)
- Medical Waste (Sharps materials not properly contained)
- Non-Household Liquid Waste
- Paint Cans that are Not Dry
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls, PCBs (fluorescent light ballasts)
- Radioactive Waste
- Regulated Hazardous Waste
- Septage/Sewage
- Tires on Rims
- Toxic Materials (ignitable, corrosive or reactive)
- Yard Waste (leaves, grass clippings)
- Used Oil

Funding for Scrap Tire Disposal was made possible by an EGLE Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant

Jason Almerigi Appointed to Board of Trustees

Jason Almerigi was appointed to the Board of Trustees in January 2021. He is currently the Director of Assessment for the College of Social Science at Michigan State University. He obtained a Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD in Psychology, all from Michigan State. Jason and his wife have lived on a small-scale farm in the Bath Community since 2008. Jason has served on the Planning Commission since 2016, the Farmers Market Board from 2017-2018, the Road Committee from 2018-2021, and the Downtown Development Authority from 2019-2020. He has been a member of the Michigan Association of Planning since 2016, the American Evaluation Association since 2005, and the Association of Learning in Higher Education since 2019.



"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as our newest trustee and will do my best to represent all members of our community. My first priority is to make sure the Township develops and acts upon a plan to improve high speed internet access and stability. We've started the process and I'll make sure we finish it. My second priority is to support collaborations between our existing assets – the Farmers Market, Parks and Recreation Department, Senior Center, Library, and Schools – to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our families. Finally, I will highlight those aspects of our community that bring us together – Bath's rich history, our strength and resiliency, and our shared values."

Flowers & Decorations in Township Cemeteries

Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations shall be removed by April 15, 2021.

Artificial flowers, shrubs, or similar ornamentation shall not be placed on the ground between April 15 and October 15. Artificial flowers may be placed in an urn if they are properly secured. Urns must be placed in line with the headstone or placed directly back of the headstone as close as possible.

Flowers may be planted only within 12 inches of the front of the monument or marker and under no circumstances will such planting be allowed outside the boundaries of the owner's burial space(s).

Disallowed items will be removed immediately by cemetery personnel with no responsibility for return of same or its contents.

Please visit the Cemeteries page of our website at www.bathtownship.us for the full version of the Cemetery Rules & Regulations.



Change of Address

Have you moved and reside at a new-to-you address within Bath Township? Does your driver's license require updating and you are having difficulty getting an appointment at the Secretary of State? Consider coming into the Bath Charter Township Office to update your voter registration. Come in with your current driver's license and proof of new residency (utility bill, bank statement, etc.), and we will update your voter registration for you while you wait. It only takes a couple of minutes, and the Secretary of State will then automatically mail you an address update sticker for the back of your license. No appointment required.

Solicitors and Peddlers

If you ever have questions regarding solicitors and peddlers, or to see if there is a permit on file for someone that comes to your door, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office or the Bath Township Police Department.

Solicitors/peddlers must apply for and receive a permit through the Bath Charter Township Clerk's office. As a part of that permit process, individuals may be required to submit fingerprints and a criminal background check is conducted.

Peddling, soliciting or vending may take place within the Township only between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Solicitors and peddlers with permits are prohibited from:

- Threatening or annoying residents or in any way engaging in conduct which is or would tend to create a nuisance.

- Engaging in business without carrying the license issued.
- Conducting in business within any Township park or upon any property owned or controlled by the Township without specific approval of the Township Board.
- Obstructing any street, alley, sidewalk, driveway or other place.
- Entering the premises of a private residence to solicit or peddle when the occupant has displayed a "no soliciting", "no peddlers", "no solicitors", "no salesperson," "no trespassing" or similar sign on the premises.

Bath Charter Township's Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance, as well as the Permit Application, can be viewed on the Township website.

Township Job Opportunities

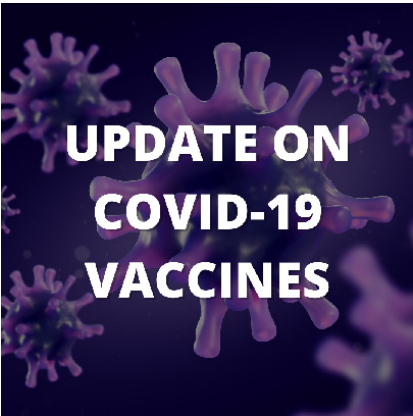
The Township will soon be hiring for several job openings, including:

- Recreation Coordinator
- Senior Center Assistant Cook
- DPW Temporary Summer Help

Monitor our Township Facebook page and employment webpage for additional information.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Residents who do not have access to the internet or who need assistance navigating the vaccine scheduling process can call the COVID-19 Hotline at (888) 535-6136 (press 1), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 2-1-1. If you are over 65, you may call the Tri-County Office on Aging at (517) 887-1440.



Tri-County Meal Program

The Bath Senior Center serves as a pick-up location for the Tri-County Office on Aging meal program. This program takes place every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Senior Center parking lot. Meal pick-up **MUST** be arranged in advance by calling Tasha Stetler at (517) 887-1393. Anyone age 60+ and their caregivers are eligible to participate. The program includes seven (7) frozen meals with fruit, bread, and milk. Meals will need to be properly reheated in order to consume, preferably by using a microwave.

Burn Permits

Bath Township residents should be reminded that:

- 1) Open burning shall be permitted in all areas zoned Rural (R) on parcels greater than two (2) acres at any time during the calendar year with a permit and
- 2) Open burning of yard waste (except lawn clipping) shall be allowed by permit in Rural (R) zoned parcels of two (2) acres or less and all residential zoned district within the township from October 1 through April 30. Such burning shall be prohibited at all other times, except that the Fire Chief, at his/her discretion, may extend each of the designated time periods for open burning of yard waste for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

Other things to remember are:

- 1) All burning must be done during daylight hours. The fire must be completely out before dark.
- 2) Fires must be in an area away from tall grass, trees, shrubs, etc.
- 3) Fires must be a safe distance from all buildings. A safe distance is determined by the weather conditions and the material to be burned. Example: Cardboard gives off firebrands (sparks) that can carry in the wind for a long distance.
- 4) If, after you have received your permit and before you start burning, there is a significant increase of wind velocity (10 mph and above) all permits are voided.
- 5) If your fire should get out of control, please call 911 immediately.

Take Back Meds at the Bath Police Department

The Bath Township Police Department is a drop-off location for the Take Back Meds Program.

The program is a joint effort between local pharmacies and law enforcement, as well as government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal.

Disposing of your medicines at our Police Department will ensure that your medicines will not be stolen from the garbage, will not enter our environment, and deters abuse and overdoses at home.

How to Prepare the Medication for Drop Off

Bring medications in their original container. Do not remove the name of the medication. Pharmacy staff must be able to see the medication type so it can be properly sorted. Black out ALL identifying personal information on the prescription label.

Accepted at our Police Department Drop Box

- Pain Relievers
 - Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Demerol, Oxycodone, Fentanyl
- Anxiety Medication
 - Valium, Xanax, Zoloft, Prozac
- Sleep Aids
 - Ambien, Lunesta, Sonata
- Behavior Modification Medication
 - Ritalin, Methylphenidate, Adderal
- Cough Medication
 - with Dextromethorphan
- Illegal Drugs
 - Marijuana, Heroin, Cocaine



For more information, please visit www.takebackmeds.org, or contact the Ingham County Health Department, Bureau of Environmental Health at (517) 887-4312.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Bath Charter Township Offices, Police & Fire Administration, and Senior Center are closed to observe all national holidays, including:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day
Day-After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day



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

BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT