

Bath Charter Township July 2021 Newsletter

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Brenda Butler-Challender Nominated for Deputy Clerk of the Year

Former Deputy Clerk and, now, Township Clerk Brenda Butler-Challender was nominated for the 2021 Michigan Deputy Clerk of the Year at the beginning of the year. Brenda is now one of two finalists for this category! We are very proud of Ms. Butler-Challender for the recognition of her hardwork and determination to strive for excellence. Brenda's nomination description can be found on the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks [website](#).



New Employees at the Township

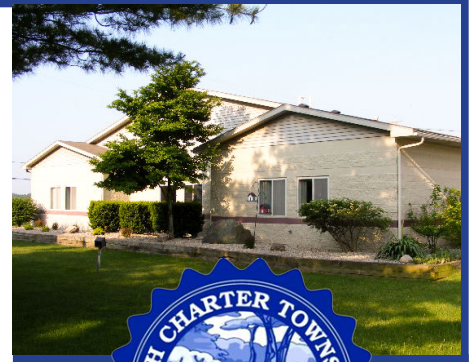
On May 3, **Brittany Matsumoto** began as Bath Township's new Senior Center Programs & Services Coordinator. Early in 2020, Brittany graduated from Olivet College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Gerontology. She is now continuing her studies in Social Work at Michigan State University. Brittany is also a graduate of Bath High School.



Samantha Evans was recently hired as the new Front Office Assistant at Bath Charter Township. Samantha's prior experience with our Township during the Spring and Summer 2020, her skills, personality and ability to fit in with our team made her an excellent match for this position. In Fall 2020, Samantha graduated from Michigan Technological University. She is also a graduate of Bath High School.



The Department of Public Works welcomed **Dallas English** to the crew on Monday, May 24. He has settled into the work easily and is already a strong, contributing member of the team. Dallas came to Bath Township with tremendous experience in operating heavy equipment, training teams in safety and hazardous materials, and repairing/maintaining vehicles.



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Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Recently, there have been several cemetery rules and regulations that have not been properly followed. It is important for these rules to be followed in order for the Township to properly maintain our cemeteries and to avoid damage to flowers, decorations, and other items. **As a courtesy, the Township will allow any sites out of compliance to remove or rearrange items that do not meet the approved rules and regulations no later than July 22, 2021.** After this time, the Township reserves the right to remove, and dispose of, without notice to the owner, any unsightly, deteriorated, neglected, or prohibited items except monuments or markers.

- Artificial flowers or similar ornamentation shall not be placed on the ground between April 15 and October 15, both inclusive. Artificial flowers may be placed in an urn if they are properly secured.
- Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations shall not be placed before October 15 and shall be removed by April 15.
- Flowers may be planted only within twelve inches (12") of the front of the monument or marker. Under no circumstances will such planting be allowed outside the boundaries of the owner's burial space(s).
- Urns must be placed in line with the headstone or placed directly back of the headstone as close as possible.
- The use of glass, plastic or clay containers is prohibited.
- The use of stone, limestone, woodchips, etc. is prohibited.
- Structures of wood or other equally perishable materials, fences, curbs, hedges, and copings are prohibited.
- Chairs, settees, and benches on lots are prohibited.
- The planting of trees and shrubbery shall be done only after approval of cemetery staff as to species, variety, location, and time of planting.
- The Township assumes no responsibility for damage to markers or monuments whatsoever, including regular cemetery maintenance.

Township Updates

- The Township will continue to conduct all Board and Committee meetings via Zoom at least through the end of June. Information on how to participate in virtual meetings can be found on our [website](#).
- Burn permits **MUST** be called into the burn permit phone line **no later than 4 p.m.** the day you wish to activate it. Permits that need to be activated for the weekend **MUST** be called in by 4 p.m. on Friday.
- Sign up for automatic sewer and tax bill payments! More information can be found on our website under [property taxes](#) and [sanitary sewer](#).