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Bath Charter Township Newsletter

Spring 2026



Members of the Police & Fire Departments were honored by Governor Whitmer's Office during a Board of Trustees meeting in December 2025 for their bravery and swift response after the plane crash in October 2025.

Tom King Memorial Junk Day: April 25, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808

Scan to Register

Registration begins March 30, 2026: You can register by scanning the QR code above, visiting the Township website at www.bathtownship.us, or calling the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 available to Bath 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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Township Offices

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www.bathtownship.us

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

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The Township Board meets bi-monthly at 6:00 p.m. the first and third Monday 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 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_nPUQUu-jH1ARywel3aiA/playlists

Building Department
(517) 641-4238
buildingdept@bathtownship.us

Burn Permit
Activation Line
(517) 641-6619

Farmers Market
(517) 281-7402
farmersmarket@bathtownship.us
Summer Market: May 28 – October 29, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. at James Couzens Memorial Park

Fire Department
(517) 641-7811
(Non-Emergency)
Fax: (517) 641-6930
fire@bathtownship.us

Ordinance Compliance
(517) 641-7811
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Recreation
(517) 641-5167
bathrec@bathtownship.us

Planning & Zoning
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Police Department
(517) 641-6271
(Non-Emergency)
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Senior Center
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Curbside Service for Residents 65+ and/or Residents with Disability

Curbside Registration is LIMITED: Qualified persons may call the Township Offices at (517) 641-6728 from March 30 - April 17, 2026 to schedule a pick-up appointment for April 20 – 24, 2026. You will be assigned a pick-up date based on a predetermined schedule and the voting precinct you reside in.

Curbside service is reserved for residents age 65+ or residents who have a disability and cannot 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 up 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.

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 (ex. 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 or grass clippings)
- Used Oil

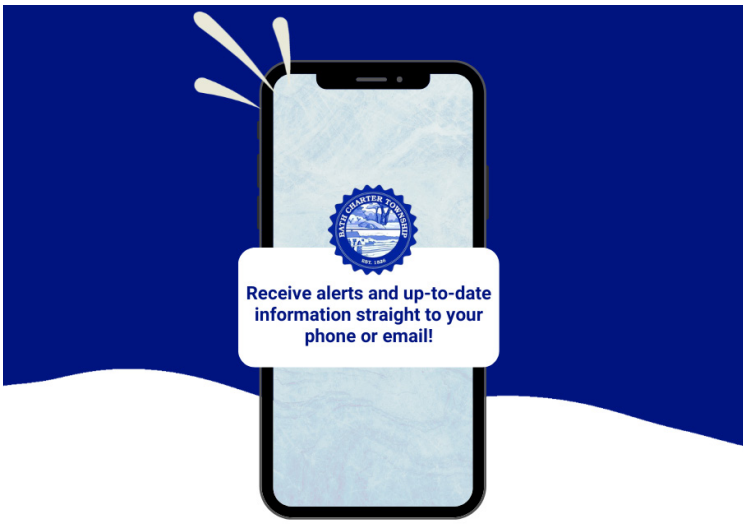


During a recent Board of Trustees meeting, the Board voted to change the structure of Township advisory committees and citizen groups were created to take the place of advisory committees. Citizen groups are not mandated or authorized by specific statutes. Citizen groups serve as important links between Township staff and the Bath Township community at large and provide meaningful discussion, viewpoints, and feedback to staff.

Bath Township's Citizen Groups include:

- Park Lake Citizen Group (advises Township staff on the preservation of the natural integrity of Park Lake)
- Programming Citizen Group (advises Township staff on recreation programming for all ages)
- Roads Citizen Group (advises Township staff on the maintenance of local streets)

Interested applicants should complete an Application for Appointment to Citizen Group and return the completed application and any attachments to Bath Charter Township, 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808, email to: info@bathtownship.us or fax to: (517) 641-4170. Applications are available on the Township website or at the Township Offices.



Sign up for news alerts on the Township website!



BATH FEST

Save the dates for Bath Fest 2026 and watch for more information coming soon. Bath Fest 2026 will include tub races down Main Street, a parade, car show, food trucks, 5K race, and more!

Follow Bath Fest on Facebook for the latest updates!

Recreation Department

Sign up for T-Ball and Little Sluggers through April 30, 2026! Registration can be completed on the Recreation page: www.bathtownshipmi.recdesk.com

Bath residents age 4 and 5 (before or on April 30, 2026) are eligible to participate in T-Ball. T-Ball is recommended for ages 4 and 5 without previous experience. Players who are age 5 will be considered for Little Sluggers baseball IF they have completed a year of T-Ball. Little Sluggers is recommended for ages 5 and 6 (before or on April 30, 2026). Players who are age 5 should have at least one year of T-Ball prior to registering for Little Sluggers. Because those who are age 7 qualify for U8 Baseball, if you wish to continue in this league a parent must contact the Recreation Coordinator prior to registering for permission to participate.

Senior Center

BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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seniorcenter@bathtownship.us

www.bathtownship.us/departments/senior-center.php

ALL SENIORS WELCOME

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 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 Township's Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance, as well as the Permit Application, can be viewed on the Township website at www.bathtownship.us.

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 acres at any time during the calendar year with a permit.

2) Open burning of yard waste (except lawn clipping) shall be allowed by permit in Rural (R) zoned parcels of two acres or less and all residential zoned districts within the township from October 1 through April 30. Such burning shall be prohibited at all other times, except that the Fire Chief, at their discretion, may extend each of the designated time periods for open burning of yard waste for a period not to exceed 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.**

Flowers & Decorations in Township Cemeteries

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



It is important that all cemetery rules and regulations be followed in order for the Township to properly maintain our cemeteries and to avoid damage to flowers, decorations, and other items. **Violation tags will be placed on graves not in compliance with any rules or regulations and will be allowed 30 days to correct the violation.** 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.

- Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations shall be removed by April 15, 2026.
- 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).
- 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.

Headstone Foundations

Headstone foundations are installed 3 times per year:

May
July
September

For more information on ordering a foundation for this year, please contact the Township Offices.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ALERT

RECEIVE A WEEKLY EMAIL

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

BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT