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New Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren

Bath Township, Richfield Township, Richfield Village, and Revere Schools are pleased to announce the installation of an emergency outdoor warning system on Revere Schools' campus on Everett Road. The collaborative effort between the four entities began more than one year ago. The siren was dedicated at a ceremony on March 25th which was held in conjunction with the state-wide warning test at 9:50 a.m.

The new siren will compliment Copley's and Fairlawn's Outdoor Siren Warning Systems located to the south side of Bath Township and the siren located at the Bath Center Fire Station. The new siren will serve the northern end of Bath and the southern end of Richfield. When Bath Communications Center receives notification of a pending Tornado Warning, the sirens are activated by radio control. Once activated, the system will sound a wail for three minutes. Richfield Village Dispatch has the ability to activate the siren as well. School personnel cannot activate the siren.

Both outdoor sirens will be tested every Saturday at noon, weather permitting. The sirens are not tested during potential bad weather to avoid confusion. During this test, the sirens are activated for 60 seconds. *



3/4 Mill Renewal Park Levy

Bath Township Parks hosts over 2000 scheduled events annually. These events range from baseball, softball, lacrosse, football, and tennis games to family reunions and Community Day. Hundreds of residents from Bath use the parks on a regular basis for hiking, jogging, dog-walking, skiing, and horseback riding.

By the end of 2009 the existing park levy will expire. Therefore, Bath Township is putting a $\frac{3}{4}$ (0.75) mill renewal park levy on the ballot May 5th. This levy will fund operations, maintenance and replacement of equipment. A renewal levy is a continuation of the current levy with no new taxes.



Jumping Rope at the BCAC

This $\frac{3}{4}$ mill renewal levy's annual cost to the homeowner is \$21.48 for each \$100,000 of a home's fair market value, which is actually a decrease of \$1.48 below the cost of the existing $\frac{3}{4}$ mill park levy.

Bath Township would like to encourage everyone to vote on May 5th. For more information on the park levy visit www.bathtownship.org. *

Zoning Amendments

The Bath Township Zoning Commission and the Bath Trustees approved six zoning amendments effective April 29th. These amendments include three changes to current language which are modifications to lot size in open space subdivisions, modifications to site plan requirements and additional text referring to the installation of retaining walls. Also two new sections have been adopted on above ground liquid hydrocarbon storage tanks and portable storage units. Outdoor wood-fired boilers have been prohibited.

The Zoning Commission and Bath Trustees recently heard a request for rezoning of property located on Rt. 18 east on North Hametown Road. The applicant has requested the zoning to be changed from R-2 single family residential to B-4 limited business district. The hearing took place on April 6th.

Remember, if you are planning a garage sale this year there is no zoning permit issued but an application stating the locations of the signage is required. The signage allowing for garage sales is four temporary signs not to exceed four square feet. Signs for any other type of special event also require an application along with a deposit prior to placing the signs.

With warm weather around the corner many new projects around the home are getting off the ground, please remember to check with Bath Township Zoning before any construction begins to ensure whether a permit is required or not. *

Overview of Road Maintenance

Bath Township Service Department assumes maintenance responsibility for 61.82 miles of roads during 2009. Those roads are paved in three types of materials: chip and seal, asphalt, and concrete. Road surfaces in Ohio are severely affected by the freeze/thaw seasons and the use of snow and ice control materials. Maintenance schedules are balanced between specific maintenance programs for safe road surface conditions and funds available. Significant increases in fuel as well as petroleum based materials needed to repair and maintain roads have been realized in the past few years.

1. Chip and seal surfaces comprise about half of all township roadways. It is also known as #405 paving and #409 sealing program. Review of 22 roadways for paving and/or sealing is being done.
2. Asphalt paved roads develop cracks as the surface ages. Crack sealing maintenance is being reviewed for 30 roadways. Some worn road surfaces will require milling away about 2 inches of surface, application of a fresh sealcoat, and fresh 2-2 ½ inches of asphalt material. This process is termed #448 paving and is being reviewed for six roadways.
3. While there are only approximately 6 miles of concrete roads in Bath Township, these are the most expensive to maintain. Usually a very durable surface, when water erodes around and under concrete, replacement and drainage correction are needed. Over the past decade, some concrete sidewalk and street panel replacements have been done by the Service Department in-house utilizing material suppliers and finishing contractors. Once estimates are received from the Summit County Engineer and the full effects of the winter and time on road surfaces are assessed, a 2009 paving program will be proposed. The procedure then is to advertise for competitive bid, award the bid, and notify affected residents.

During the spring season, service department personnel are busy with right-of-way plow damage restoration, pothole patching, drainage correction, and driveway apron/culvert replacements.

Memorial Day Observance Veterans' Memorial Park May 25, Noon



**Memorial Day Address:
Major General Donald M. Jenkins**

Solid Waste Guidelines

Bath Township provides solid waste collection through Landmark Disposal. The following guidelines will help Landmark customers avoid confusion and problems on collection day.

All trash must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. If you are late in putting trash out you run the risk of having to wait until the following week for pick up.

Solid waste should be bagged and tied and put out in 32 gallon containers with lift handles weighing no more than 50 pounds. You may also use standard 30 gallon trash bags. Loose trash cannot be accepted.

Fifty-five gallon drums, barrels, or cardboard boxes are not acceptable containers and may not be used.

Bulk materials (brush, shrub trimmings, fencing, carpeting, etc.) should be cut into 48" lengths and tied in 18" bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Furniture or appliances shall be picked up on the regular collection day. It is advised, if you will have an item that requires more than one person to lift, to notify Landmark before your pick up day at 1-888-722-2022.

Leaves, grass clippings, or decomposable yard waste material may be put out in 30 gallon trash bags or 2-ply paper bags, weighing no more than 50 pounds and placed at the point of collection for pick up.

Prepare recycling by placing all commingled materials (i.e. plastics, metal cans, aluminum cans) in a tied blue plastic bag (white or clear also acceptable). The newspapers (clean and dry) may be placed in a brown paper bag or a tied blue bag along side of your other recyclables. Cardboard, including cereal boxes and corrugated, should be flattened and tied in small bundles. Place all recycling on the opposite side of the driveway from the garbage. Note: cardboard boxes should be free of packing material.

Holiday Schedule

The same six holidays are observed each year:
*New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and
Christmas Day.*

When the holiday falls between Monday and Friday, holiday collection will be made the day after the holiday and pick up will be delayed one day for all service days following a holiday. Saturday will be used for Friday customers.

Bath Township bills for solid waste on a quarterly basis. The following quarterly prices for 2009 reflect no increase from 2008.

Curbside	\$46.50
Senior Curbside	\$42.75
Garage Door Service	\$88.50
Senior Garage Service	\$76.50

Park Activities

RAIN BARREL WORK SHOP

Save the Yellow Creek watershed one rain barrel at a time!



In Northeast Ohio, it is estimated that the average homeowner can save 1500 gallons of water per year by using one rain barrel to collect rainwater. This is based on the average rainfall of 37" per year.

On Saturday, April 18th, the Bath Park Board will host a Rain Barrel Workshop, featuring Taiclet's Rain Barrels, at the Bath Nature Preserve, University of Akron Field Station. Two sessions are being offered – Session I at 11:00 a.m. and Session II at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 and an additional, connecting barrel may be purchased for \$30. This is a hands-on workshop so each session is limited to 35 people. Pre-registration is required by April 13th.

Registration forms are located in the Bath Center Rotunda or online at www.bathtownship.org.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Revere Baseball/Softball Association is proud to be hosting their annual Family Fun Day on June 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Bath Baseball Park. This is a community gathering for food, team pictures, and games. It officially kicks off the summer season in Bath Township Parks.

TENNIS LESSONS AT BCAC

Days	Time	Age Group	Price
Tues/Thurs	11 am - noon	7 - 11	\$69
Tues/Thurs	noon - 1 pm	11 - 15	\$69
Mon/Wed	5 pm - 6:15 pm	8 - 14	\$79
Mon/Wed	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm	14 - adult	\$79

Two sessions are offered: I on June 8-25 and II on July 6-23 with a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 students per class on two courts. Classes are first come, first serve.

The tennis lessons are being provided by Towpath Tennis Center. To sign up for the program you can call 330-928-8763 or you can download a registration form at www.towpathtennis.com.

Do you fish?

The Pflueger Fishing Tackle Co. has ties to Bath Township and Bath Pond. Shakespeare, the company who acquired Pflueger in 1996, has donated numerous items of merchandise to the township. Two raffles will be held in late summer. Watch for details.

Concert in the Park

Mark your calendar for the 3rd annual "Concert in the Park" featuring Tony Fortunato and the Emperors of Swing July 24th, 7:00 p.m. Bath Community Activity Center

Walks and Talks

Garlic Mustard Pull

Dr. Randy Mitchell, Department of Biology, The University of Akron, and Mark Purdy, Greater Akron Audubon Society
April 19th, 1:00 p.m. Bath Nature Preserve Trailhead

Help rid the Bath Nature Preserve of one of its invasive plant species. Come prepared to get dirty, bring gloves, long sleeves might help, and join us in the never-ending struggle against unwelcome species.

Field Station Open House: Renovation Tour

Date and time to be announced.

Migratory Bird Walk

Mark Purdy, Greater Akron Audubon Society, and Dr. Greg Smith, Department of Biology, The University of Akron
May 9th, 8:00 a.m. Bath Nature Preserve Trailhead

If you can't make it to Magee Marsh to celebrate "International Migratory Bird Day," then join us for a morning of birding as we look for species that are preparing for the breeding season or just passing through.

"All About Sharks: For Kids and Those Who Think Like Them"

Dr. Rich Londraville, Department of Biology, The University of Akron
May 23rd, 11:00 a.m. Field Station Building

Greater Akron Audubon Annual Picnic

June 23rd, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Field Station Building

Join us for a picnic dinner and a great seminar by Dr. Bruce Cushing.

www.bathtownship.org or www.uakron.edu/biology/fieldstation

Nine Corner Schoolhouses

On Memorial Day, May 25th at 2 p.m. Stony Hill Schoolhouse, located at 49 Hametown Road near the intersection with Medina Road, will host a virtual tour of nine schoolhouses that once provided education to the youngsters in Bath. Schoolmarms and masters, dressed in apparel reflecting the times, will present a short review of each school. The presentation will include the Hammond's Corner School, 1837; Bath Center School, 1827; Ghent School; Hurd's Corners School, 1820; East Bath School, replaced in 1880; Ira School, 1811; McAllister School, replaced in 1881; Farley's Corner School; and Stony Hill School, 1837. A tenth school features the consolidated school built in 1923 still serving fourth and fifth graders, Bath School.



Stony Hill School

The site of the tour is the Stony Hill School. The first record for this school was in 1837 when Edward E. Miller deeded a very small parcel of land from his farm to a joint Bath-Copley

Township district. The site was located 165 feet north of Smith Road, now known as Medina Road or Route 18, and replaced an earlier log schoolhouse on the Elisha Miller property. In 1861, a half acre parcel for a new Sub District #12 building was purchased from Philip Kennedy at Stony Hill. By 1883 the building was in need of various repairs and the addition of two outhouses. Laura McMillan deeded a one acre lot for a new schoolhouse in 1892. This building is the Stony Hill Schoolhouse currently serving as a museum under the direction of the Bath Township Historical Society.

Museum Spotlights Historic Schools

The next Bath Township Museum exhibit "Preserving the Past: Bath Township Schools" opens on Sunday, April 19th. It tells the story of the nine corner schoolhouses that were sprinkled throughout the township. Consolidation occurred in 1923 when the oldest portion of Bath School was built. The museum is open on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 a.m. and Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer there are work tasks available for all...either to be completed at a museum site or at home.

In addition to the main exhibit at the Historic Bath Town Hall, Stony Hill School will be open on Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m. from April 19th through September 27th.

Trustees' Meetings

OPEN HOUSE

Bath Township Center will be open to the public at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd. Residents are invited to tour the Administration, Police, Fire and Service Departments. This is an opportunity to see how the township functions.

MEETING AT STONY HILL FIRE STATION

The trustees will hold their regular 7 p.m. June 8th meeting at the Stony Hill Fire Station. This provides a chance for residents to visit this new joint station that Copley and Bath Township share. A tour will be hosted immediately after the meeting at approximately 8 p.m.

Project Pride

On Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, residents, both young and old, will take to the streets for the Community Project Pride Day – a road-side litter clean up event. Sponsored by Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth, Bath Township, Richfield Township, and Village of Richfield, Project Pride is a way for all residents and businesses to give back to the community and the environment. Groups of youths accompanied by adults will be assigned to a section of road and supplied with trash bags, instructions, and safety materials.

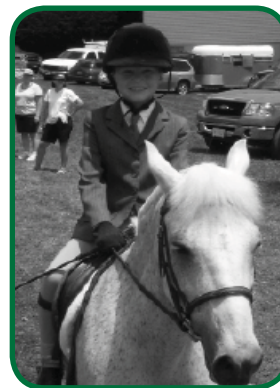
You need your community – now your community needs you! Give three hours of your time to help pick up litter. Call 330-659-5818 to register or visit www.bathtownship.org for more information.

Bath Horse Show

The 65th annual Bath Fire Department Horse Show will be held July 11th and 12th, at the Bath Fire Department Horse Show grounds at the corner of Revere and Everett Rd. (across from Revere High School)



Children's Division Winner



Walk/Trot Class

The Horse Show Chair is firefighter Mike Marias and Bath Volunteers for Service Chair is Amy Bowers. Funding from this year's event will be used to help fund a replacement EMS unit and other equipment.

Comprehensive Plan Review

During the first months of 2009 the Bath Township Comprehensive Plan Review Committee has concentrated its efforts on selecting the consulting firm to lead the community in the updating of its comprehensive plan. A major objective was to assure the updating process would encompass substantial input from the community relative to protecting and enhancing Bath's unique rural character.

In mid December, recommended planning firms were asked to provide the committee their qualifications for updating Bath Township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Simultaneously, the request was posted on the Website of the Ohio Planning Conference inviting other interested planning organizations to participate. Following the receipt of their responses in January, six firms were scheduled for interviews in early February. These sessions proved to be very informative and beneficial to the committee in its

deliberations. Two firms were selected to participate further in interactive sessions to more precisely address planning issues and the scope of the project. As a result of these sessions, both firms were requested to submit their proposals to provide professional services with stated objectives, procedural steps, and costs.

Once the consultant is on board, the emphasis will be on community input. Multiple approaches may be utilized to assure optimal community participation. Focus groups will be called upon, public surveys by computer or other methods, and public meetings will be part of the agenda. The thoroughness of the update in this regard is critical to the quality and utility of the Comprehensive Plan for the community. The future development of Bath will be determined by the participation in this community endeavor. *

Historic Preservation Committee

The Historic Preservation Committee has been working with the consultants at Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. on defining the locations of homes to be included on the National Register of Historic Homes. These include the possibility of four individual properties along the Cleveland-Massillon Road corridor and six properties to be designated as a Historic District in Ghent. The Committee will continue working throughout the Township on the Ohio Inventory Forms (OHI). The OHI includes a brief history of the property along with some exterior photos which will be held on file at the Ohio Historic Preservation offices. The Multiple Properties Document (MPD) which serves as a reference document for any future National Register application, along with the District and individual properties, is tentatively scheduled to be reviewed in a public hearing by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board in December of 2009. *

After the Storm

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

- Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.
- Sediment can destroy animal life and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms, which in turn when dead, sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris-plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts-washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources.

You Can Help

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.
- Inspect your septic system every 2-3 years and pump the tanks accordingly.
- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.
- Remember to pick up pet waste when walking your pet and dispose of it properly. *



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Meeting Dates for Board of Trustees:

Monday, April 13, 2009		7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27, 2009	Revere High School	1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 2009		7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2009		4:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8, 2009	Stony Hill Station	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22, 2009		4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 13, 2009		7:00 p.m.

License Fees Work For Bath

You can help improve roads in Bath Township if you specify that you are a Bath resident when registering a new vehicle or renewing a registration in person with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. If you renew your plates via mail, be sure your renewal application indicates 7765 Bath in the tax district name.

Indicating that you are a Bath resident also helps avoid extra fees that some communities add to registration costs.



Family Disaster Plan

Families should be prepared for all hazards that could affect their area. Every family should develop a family disaster plan. If you have special needs neighbors consider including them in your plan and if possible make accommodations for livestock and pets.

Where will your family members be when a disaster strikes – at home, work, school, or visiting friends? Accountability of family will be a major concern. There is a likelihood that cellular telephone service may be interrupted, as well as electric, gas, and your water supply. You may be forced to shelter in place during severe weather or a health related quarantine situation, or forced to evacuate in a fire or flood emergency.

Often times there is advance warning prior to a weather related incident. Keep tuned to local TV stations and/or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio and take precautionary steps when advised.

There are many local resources available to you regarding disasters and disaster planning for you and your family. Prepare ahead of time, have a plan.

- Bath Fire Dept 330-666-3738(www.bathtownship.org)
- Summit County Emergency Management Agency (www.co.summit.oh.us)
- Summit County Health Dept. (www.schd.org)
- American Red Cross (summitcounty.redcross.org)

Police Safety Town



Learning Fire Safety

Since 1977, Bath Police Department has conducted an annual Safety Town Program aimed at educating pre-kindergarten children on safety practices. Children are given the opportunity to participate in craft activities, story-telling, instructional videos, and play activities that are geared toward various safety

topics. It is offered to children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Participants need to be children of Bath residents or those residing within the Revere School District.

Safety Town 2009 will be held from Monday, June 15th through Friday, June 19th at Bath Elementary School. There are two sessions to choose from, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Until maximum capacity is reached, parents can choose the session they prefer. There is no charge to participate.

If you didn't get your registration form at Revere's kindergarten registration, you may stop by the Bath Police Department at 3864 West Bath Road, or print one online at www.bathtownship.org. Forms need to be turned in by June 1st.

Youth over the age of 12 may volunteer to assist with Safety Town. Volunteer applications are also available at this time. *