

*Bath Township*  
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## Looking Ahead...

### Annual State of the Parks

- 5/16 6pm Bath Nature Preserve

### 22nd Annual Memorial Day Observance

- 5/27 noon Veterans' Memorial Park

### Bath Community Garage Sale

- 6/8 8am - 3pm Bath Township

### Heritage Corridors Speaker Series

- 6/11 5pm Crown Point

### Bath Art Festival

- 6/15 10-5pm Bath Community Park

### Run to the Sun 5k

- 6/21 7pm Bath Community Park

### Heritage Corridors Speaker Series

- 7/9 5pm Franklin & Associates

## TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

The Administration Office frequently updates meetings and events on the township website. To locate the Calendar information, follow the steps below:

- Visit [www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org)
- Look for LATEST EVENTS on the home page
- Select VIEW ALL EVENTS

A month by month calendar will be available with details of public meetings and annual events.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full-time, part-time and seasonal employment opportunities with Bath Township are found on the Bath Township website. To locate this information, follow the steps below:

- Visit [www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org)
- Select HOW DO I
- Select APPLY FOR
- Select EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Positions are updated as they become available.

## TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION HOURS

**Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**3864 West Bath Road - 330-666-4007**

## Bath Water and Sewer District Board seeking new member

The establishment of the Bath Township Water and Sewer District in the unincorporated areas of Bath Township was necessary to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the township residents. The District is organized under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Section 6119. The District was created by the Summit County Common Pleas Court and is an autonomous board, separate and distinct from the Township trustees.

**For more information or to express interest in the opening, contact Kasha Brackett at 330-666-4007 or [kbrackett@bathtownship.org](mailto:kbrackett@bathtownship.org)**

## Directory

ADMINISTRATION.....330-666-4007  
 FIRE (NON- EMERGENCY).....330-666-3738  
 SERVICE/PARKS.....330-665-5066  
 POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY).330-666-3736  
 RUMPKE (Solid Waste).....800-828-8171  
 SUMMIT CO. BUILDING.....330-630-7280  
 SUMMIT CO. ENGINEER.....330-643-2850  
 SUMMIT CO. FISCAL.....330-643-2632

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## Report A Concern

Did you know? Residents have the ability to report a concern through the Bath Township website under the "How Do I" tab. Resident concerns will then be directed to the appropriate department. A staff member will reply within 3-5 business days via the preferred contact method.

## Bath Township Elected Officials

### Board of Trustees:

**Sean Gaffney, President**  
[sgaffney@bathtownship.org](mailto:sgaffney@bathtownship.org)

**Elaina E. Goodrich, Vice-President**  
[egoodrich@bathtownship.org](mailto:egoodrich@bathtownship.org)

**Sharon A. Troike, Trustee**  
[stroike@bathtownship.org](mailto:stroike@bathtownship.org)

### Fiscal Officer:

**Jen L. Hardin**  
[jhardin@bathtownship.org](mailto:jhardin@bathtownship.org)

# MEMORIAL DAY

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Join us for the Bath Township Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony, a solemn tribute to honor the sacrifices of our fallen heroes and celebrate the values they defended. This year's ceremony promises to be an unforgettable experience, featuring distinguished guest speaker Ron Smetana, L. Col. US Army, Retired.

Prepare to be moved as an Air Force flyover punctuates our tribute, reminding us of the bravery and service of our armed forces. Adding to the solemnity and reverence, the Revere Band will grace us with their musical talents, joined by several members from Revere's Chorale, including a captivating soloist.

The spirit of community and patriotism will be palpable as Boy and Girl Scouts lend their assistance to the ceremony, embodying the values of service and camaraderie. Additionally, we are honored to have a Revere student share her heartfelt essay on what freedom in America means to her, offering a poignant reflection on the significance of our nation's ideals.

Join us on this special day as we come together to honor our heroes, reflect on their sacrifices, and reaffirm our commitment to the values they fought to preserve. Let us stand united in remembrance and gratitude at the Bath Township Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony.

## Bath Township Historical Society Welcomes You

The Bath Township Historical Society is delighted to announce its opening for the 2024 season! This year, the museum invites you to embark on a journey back in time as it unveils its latest exhibit: "Agriculture: The Foundation of Bath Township."

Dive deep into local history as you unravel the captivating story of Wheatland, the very ground upon which Bath Township stands today. In 1808 a Connecticut land company plotted this land into one hundred sections, laying the groundwork for the thriving community we now call home.

Within just two short years, farm families from New England settled upon the promising fields. Armed with little more than their essential belongings and steadfast values of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity, they laid the cornerstone of our township's enduring legacy.

The Bath Historical Society invites you to join in celebrating this rich heritage, exploring the trials and triumphs of the township's forebearers through a beautifully curated collection of artifacts and anecdotes.

The Historical Society and Museum is open to visitors every Monday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 11 AM, as well as Sundays from 1 PM to 4 PM, from April through December. Admission is free!

This year's exhibit boasts a stunning array of twenty panels, each meticulously crafted to chronicle Bath Township's agricultural past. These historical treasures, lovingly curated by the dedicated members of the Discover Bath Barns Committee, serve as a testament to our community's unwavering commitment to preserve and enrich our shared legacy.

So, come one, come all, and heed the call of history as you unlock the secrets of our past. Journey through the annals of time, weaving the threads of Bath's heritage into the fabric of the future. The Bath Township Historical Society eagerly awaits your presence as you embark on this remarkable historical exploration.

The Bath Township Historical Society and Museum is located at 1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Road. Email [bathhistoricalsociety@roadrunner.com](mailto:bathhistoricalsociety@roadrunner.com) for more information.

# flock safety

In an era where technology is constantly evolving, law enforcement agencies are increasingly turning to innovative tools to combat crime and ensure the safety of their communities. One such groundbreaking technology making waves across the country is the Flock Safety ALPR camera system, an automatic license plate reader technology. This technology has proven to be a crucial asset for law enforcement, enabling law enforcement agencies to swiftly and effectively respond to criminal activity.

Communities throughout the country have been implementing Flock cameras, integrating them into their law enforcement networks with remarkable results. The implementation of this cutting-edge technology has led to a significant uptick in the resolution of crimes, thanks to its ability to provide real-time data and track vehicles involved in illegal activities.

A recent incident has underscored the invaluable role of Flock cameras in law enforcement. In a heart-wrenching case, a three-year-old child was reported missing after the vehicle her father was driving was left unattended in a business lot with the child inside and the vehicle was stolen. The situation escalated into a frantic search, with law enforcement agencies deploying all available resources to locate the child and apprehend the perpetrator.

Fortunately, the outcome of this ordeal was a testament to the power of Flock technology. Through the utilization of Flock cameras, law enforcement officers were able to swiftly track the stolen vehicle's movements, pinpointing its location with precision. Within a remarkably short span of time, the vehicle was located and to the immense relief of everyone involved, the child was found unharmed inside the vehicle.

This incident serves as a reminder of the critical role that Flock cameras play in enhancing public safety and apprehending criminals swiftly. The seamless integration of this technology into law enforcement networks has empowered agencies to respond more effectively to incidents, thereby safeguarding communities and preventing further harm.

Beyond this specific case, the successes of Flock cameras in Bath Township have been profound. Since implementing Flock cameras in our community in February 2024, Bath Police officers apprehended an individual involved in a hit/skip traffic accident, recovered a stolen motor vehicle and obtained important evidentiary information that was instrumental in two separate residential burglaries investigations. The impact of Flock technology is far-reaching and undeniable. Its ability to provide crucial leads and evidence has revolutionized the way law enforcement agencies approach crime solving, enabling them to adapt to the ever-evolving landscape of criminal activity.

Moreover, the effectiveness of Flock cameras extends beyond reactive measures; they also serve as a deterrent to potential offenders. The knowledge that their movements are being monitored act as a powerful deterrent, dissuading individuals from engaging in criminal behavior and contributing to overall crime reduction in our communities.

As we continue to harness the power of technology in the pursuit of public safety, the role of Flock cameras as a vital law enforcement tool cannot be overstated. Their ability to provide real-time data, track vehicles, and aid in the resolution of crimes makes them an indispensable asset. By embracing and leveraging this innovative technology, we are not only enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement, but also creating safer and more secure communities for all.



# SPOTTING & STOPPING CONSUMER SCAMS

As the temperatures rise and summer approaches, it's not just the heat we need to be wary of, it's also the increase in consumer fraud. Scammers often prey on unsuspecting individuals during this time of year, offering enticing deals that are too good to be true. Here are some common scams to watch out for this summer:

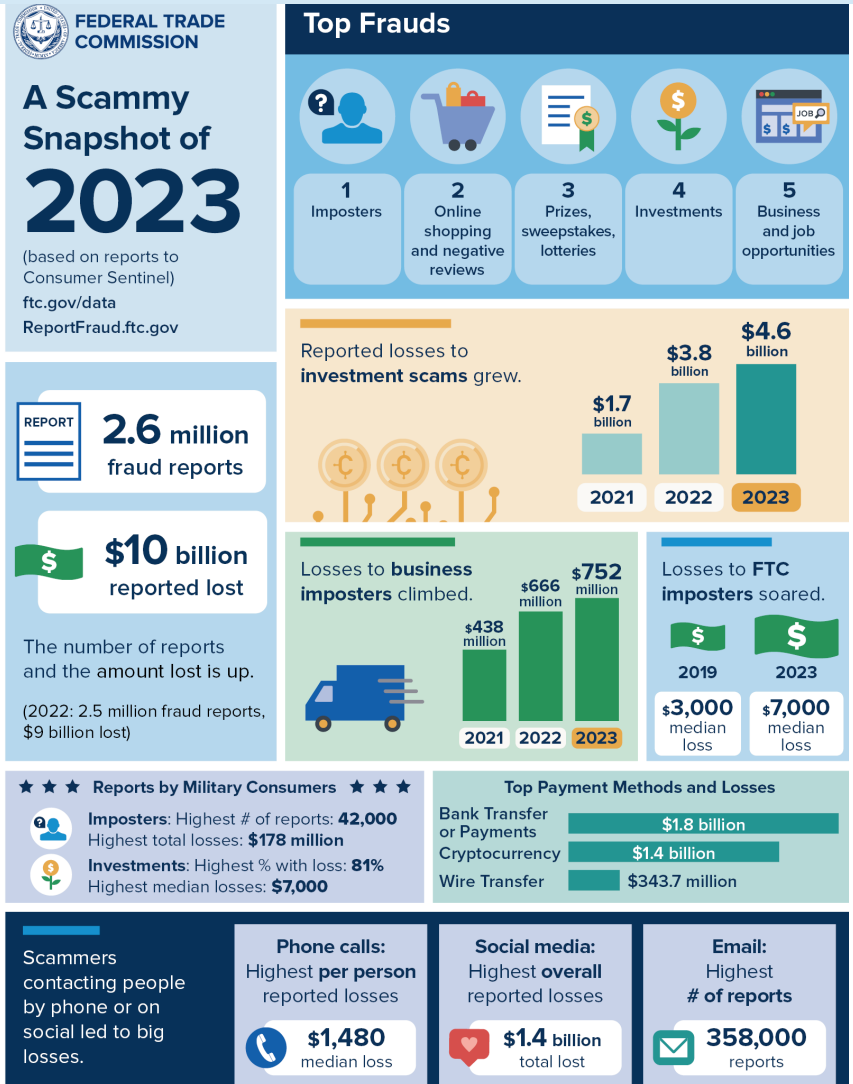
- **Tree Trimming Scams:** Be cautious of individuals who offer to trim trees for a reduced price. While it may seem like a great deal, these scammers often lack the necessary skills and equipment to do the job properly. In some cases, they may even cause damage to your property or trees.
- **Leftover Materials Paving Scams:** Another common scam involves individuals claiming to have leftover materials from a previous job and offering to pave your driveway at a discounted rate. However, these scammers often use subpar materials or cut corners, resulting in shoddy workmanship and costly repairs down the line.
- **Phone Scams:** With the rise of technology, phone scams have become increasingly prevalent. Scammers may pose as law enforcement officers, or representatives from reputable companies like Microsoft, claiming that your computer is locked or infected with a virus. They then demand payment for remote repairs or access to your personal information.

So, how can you protect yourself against these scams?

1. **Verify Before You Pay:** If someone offers you a deal that seems too good to be true, take the time to verify their credentials. Ask for references or check online reviews to ensure they are reputable.
2. **Trust Your Instincts:** If something feels off, or you're unsure about a situation, don't be afraid to ask questions or seek a second opinion. It's better to be safe than sorry.
3. **Don't Give Out Personal Information:** Be cautious about sharing sensitive information, such as your bank account or social security number, over the phone or online. Legitimate companies will never ask for this information unsolicited.
4. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you encounter a potential scam or fraudulent activity, don't hesitate to report it to the authorities. You can contact the Bath Township Police Department or file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or the Ohio Attorney General's Office Consumer Fraud Division.

Visit: <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/> or <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/About-AG/Contact/Report-A-Scam>

By staying vigilant and informed, you can protect yourself against consumer fraud and enjoy a safe and scam-free summer season. Remember, when in doubt, always verify and trust your instincts!



# GRANT FUELS HERITAGE EVENT SERIES



In 2026, the United States of America will celebrate its 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! To celebrate, each state has been encouraged to highlight its unique character and contributions to the nation.

Ohio has fully embraced this opportunity with the formation of the AM250-OH \$1M grant program. The program is designed to highlight the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations, and significance of all people in Ohio from before its founding to the present day.

Bath Township applied for and received an AM250-OH Trillium Local Activity Grant. The township's proposal was submitted with the intent of highlighting the rich heritage of the area. James McClellan, a member of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee and chair of the Discover Bath Barns sub-committee, stated that "the \$4800 in grant funds will be used to support a series of events that commemorate Bath's rich heritage, through the lens of the barns in our Township."

In supporting the grant proposal application, Becky Corbett, chair of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee said, "Our goals are to preserve our Township's heritage that is represented by the barns in our community and to enhance our driving experience when traveling on Bath's Scenic Byways."

When learning that Bath Township had been selected as one of 23 grant recipients in Ohio, Sharon Troike, Bath Township Trustee, stated, "It is clear the committee has worked hard to focus their efforts on our heritage and community events. They have had our support from the start, but it is great to receive a positive affirmation for the project from the state."

The family-friendly community events will be held in various locations throughout the township and include the annual Barn Social, an exhibit on the agricultural heritage at the Bath Township Historical Museum, a three-part Speaker Series about Barns and Barn Quilts, a Road Rally, a self-guided Discover Bath Barns Heritage Barn Trail, a 5k Race, a curated Heritage Trolley Tour where you can meet some of Bath's first citizens, and more! In the coming months, look for additional information on these events on the Bath Township website and Facebook Page.

To register for events, please visit the Bath Township website at:

<https://bathtownship.recdesk.com> or scan the QR code.



Bath Township shelter reservations, field scheduling, and garden plot memberships are now available online! Residents or guests can search, reserve, and pay from the convenience of their home! The township will continue to expand the offerings and features available online, including program reservations, and community alerts. Visit [bathtownship.RecDesk.com](https://bathtownship.RecDesk.com) to register.

## **Bath Township Service Department will complete the following seasonal road work:**

1. Concrete Road Repair- replacing approx. 1250 square yards of concrete road panels throughout the township.
2. #449 Hot-mix Asphalt: resurfacing of Greenhaven Drive and Greenhaven Circle.
3. #405 Motor Paving with #422 Chip Seal and Fog Seal: resurfacing Sourek Rd. (from Revere Rd. east to township line), Meadow Park Dr, Cardinal Rd, Clover Hill Rd, Tanager Rd, Rolling Meadows Rd, & Hickory Farm Ln (Bath Nature Preserve).
4. Pavement Marking: applying center and edge lines on Wye Road.



# 12TH ANNUAL BATH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



**SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH**  
**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Bath Business Association (BBA) More information at [www.bathbusinessassociation.com](http://www.bathbusinessassociation.com)

## LACE UP FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Excitement is brewing in Bath Township as the Bath Parks Board, in partnership with Bath Township, prepares to host two thrilling 5k runs this year. These events are not only about getting active and enjoying the beauty of Bath but also about giving back to our community by supporting our local parks and preserves.

Kicking off the racing season is the beloved annual **\*\*Run to the Sun 5k\*\*** on Friday, June 21st, starting at 7 PM at the picturesque Bath Community Park. As the sun sets on one of the longest days of the year, participants will embark on a journey through lush greenery, scenic trails, and the vibrant community spirit that makes Bath Township shine.

The excitement doesn't end there! Mark your calendars for the second race of the year, the **\*\*Barn Burner 5k\*\***, set to take place on Saturday, September 21st at 9am. This race promises an unforgettable experience as runners traverse through the breathtaking landscapes of the newly unveiled North Fork Preserve of Bath. Spanning across 78 acres of pristine wilderness, this preserve is a testament to our commitment to preserving natural beauty for generations to come.



The Barn Burner 5k isn't just about running—it's part of a week-long celebration of heritage-themed events organized by the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee. As you dash through the preserve, you'll not only be supporting our parks but also immersing yourself in the rich history and cultural significance of our community.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to give back, these 5k runs offer something for everyone. So, lace up your running shoes, gather your friends and family, and join us as we run, walk, and jog towards a brighter, greener future for Bath Township.

Registration is open now on [Racesignup.com](https://www.racesignup.com). Let's make these runs the highlight of our summer and fall seasons, all while supporting our local parks and preserves!

Together, let's run for a cause and make a difference in our community. See you at the starting line!

## 2024 BARN BURNER 5K TRAIL RUN



**SCAN TO REGISTER**  
**BARN BURNER 5K**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

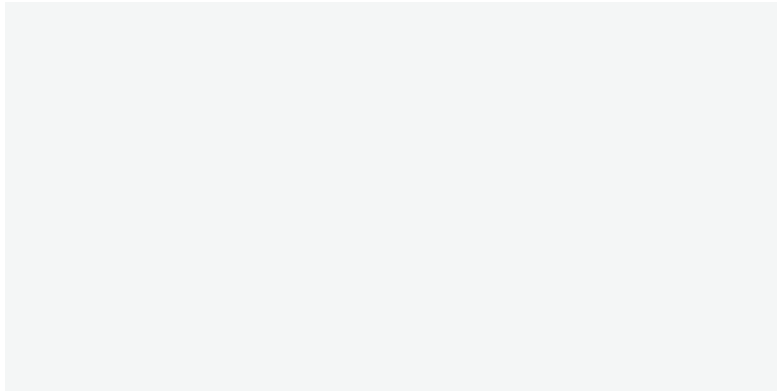


**SCAN TO REGISTER**  
**RUN TO THE SUN 5K**  
**JUNE 21, 2024**





The Bath Art Festival will be held at Bath Community Park at 1615 N. Cleveland-Massillon Road. For additional information, visit [www.bathartfestival.com](http://www.bathartfestival.com). The festival will feature 70+ unique vendors including fine artists, jewelers, potters, woodworkers, glass artists, soap and lotions makers and many fine craft artists.



## BATH TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee continues to evaluate elements of the township to assist in creating broad policies which will help to guide future decisions regarding land use, including the physical, economic, environmental, and social aspects of the community. Public events will be held throughout the year to get input from the community. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.bathowship.org/compplan](http://www.bathowship.org/compplan) for an overview of the project and updates to the process including meeting dates and public forums.

# Discover the Charm of Heritage Barns!

Bath Township, spanning 23 square miles, boasts over thirty picturesque barns, making it a true countryside gem. Travelers along the 39-mile Heritage Corridors of Bath Scenic Byway are treated to scenic vistas, historic hamlets, and charming farmland dotted with these iconic structures.

Designated by the Ohio Department of Transportation in 2000, this byway is one of twenty-seven in the state, connecting historical landmarks such as Ghent, Hammonds Corners, Hale Farm and Village, and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Many of these barns, some over a century old, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or within the Ohio and Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, adding to the area's rich heritage.

In 2024, the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail was established to preserve the stories behind these architectural treasures. While the trail's official opening is slated for late June 2024, visitors can anticipate exploring stops like the Lemmon Barn, Swigart Barn, and Hammond Cranz Barns.

This 19-mile trail, featuring nine stops along the scenic byway, showcases historic barns, natural

wonders, recreational spaces, and cultural highlights, including barn quilts and local eateries. Once open, the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail will include the following stops:

1. Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit
2. Historic Bath Township Hall and Museum Barn
3. Lemmon Barn (The North Fork Preserve of Bath)
4. Underwood Barn (Western Reserve Playhouse)
5. Swigart Barn (Crown Point Ecology Center)
6. Hale Farm & Village (Western Reserve Historical Society)
7. Hammond Cranz Barns (Cuyahoga Valley National Park)
8. O'Neil Barn (Summit County Metro Parks)
9. Welton Barn (Anderson)

For more information on the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail and upcoming events like the opening ceremony and speakers' series, visit <https://www.bathtownship.org> and click the "Heritage Corridors of Bath" tab.

To stay up to date on added events or to get more involved, send your contact details to [reception@bathtownship.org](mailto:reception@bathtownship.org) with the subject line "Discover Bath Barns."