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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting and event information is available on the township website. Please visit [www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org) and select **BATH COMMUNITY EVENTS** on the home page.

- 4/5 Music at Bath Concert: 4pm The Bath Church; Andrew Sords Quintet
- 4/6 Bath Township Historical Society: 1-4pm Historical Museum season opening day
- 4/9 Senior Citizen Breakfast and Musical: 9am Revere High School; RSVP required
- 4/10 Bath Volunteers for Service: Blood Drive 12:30-5:30pm Bath United Church
- 4/10-13 Revere Players: Spring Musical; 7pm Thurs-Sat, 2pm Sun; Revere High School
- 4/26 Project Pride Community Cleanup: 9-12; Supply pick-up at Revere High School
- 4/27 Camp Christopher: 1-3pm; Open House
- 4/27 Music at Bath Concert: 5pm The Bath Church; Singers Companye
- 5/6 Summit Soil and Water: 5:30-7pm; Rain Barrel Workshop; Bath Nature Preserve
- 5/7 Discover Bath Barns: Barn Quilt Workshop; Bath Township Trustee Meeting Room
- 5/10-11 Crown Point Ecology Center: 10-4 Annual Organic Plant Sale & Festival
- 5/15 Bath Park Board: 6pm State of the Parks; University of Akron Field Station
- 5/17 Crown Point Ecology Center: 10-4 Annual Organic Plant Sale & Festival
- 5/18 Music at Bath Concert: 5pm The Bath Church; Alla Boara
- 5/26 Bath Township: 12pm Memorial Day Celebration
- 6/1 Bath Art Festival: 10am-5pm; Bath Community Park
- 6/7 Bath Fire Department: 9-11 Community CPR/AED Class; RSVP required
- 6/8 University of Akron Field Station: 11-3 Spring Into Nature free family event
- 6/10 Discover Bath Barns: Speaker Series, details TBD
- 6/14 Bath Business Association: Community Garage Sale
- 6/20 Bath Township: 5-10pm; Sun's out, Fun's out Summer Solstice Community Party
- 6/20 Bath Park Board: 7pm; Run to the Sun 5k; Bath Community Park; [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)

## TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
3864 West Bath Road - 330-666-4007

## WATER AND SEWER BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBER

The Bath Township Water and Sewer District is 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 and is an autonomous board, separate and distinct from the Township Trustees.

The Water and Sewer Board Plan reflects the agreements in the Joint Economic Development Districts that Bath has entered into with Akron and Fairlawn. The plan has been approved by NEFCO.

Interested applicants may contact Kasha Brackett at [kbrackett@bathtownship.org](mailto:kbrackett@bathtownship.org) or by calling 330-666-4007.

## 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

EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

## 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:

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

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

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

### Fiscal Officer:

**Laura Tuttle**  
[ltuttle@bathtownship.org](mailto:ltuttle@bathtownship.org)

# BATH COMMUNITY PARK

## Public Forum Recap

Bath Township, in partnership with Environmental Design Group, recently held a public forum to discuss potential upgrades to Bath Community Park. The forum focused on safety concerns, accessibility, and future improvements based on community input.

### Key Issues Identified:

- Parking and Safety: Residents and Township officials have highlighted the need for more parking to improve accessibility and overall safety.
- Stormwater Control: Winter conditions and resident feedback have emphasized the need for better drainage to keep the park safe and usable.
- ADA Compliance: Ensuring the park meets accessibility standards for individuals with disabilities is a priority.
- Restroom Expansion: Increased park usage has created a demand for additional restroom facilities.
- North Fork Trail Connectivity: Residents expressed interest in interior connectivity of the North Fork Trail.
- Recreational Enhancements: Suggestions included dedicated pickleball/tennis courts, an upgraded upper playground, and potential new amenities such as an amphitheater, splash pad, pool, and dog park.

### Next Steps and Funding Considerations:

Bath Township acknowledges the suggestions and plans to address them during the upcoming budget review.

### Planned actions include:

- Allocating funds for parking expansion, stormwater control, ADA compliance, and restroom additions.
- Assigning park employees to work on internal trail connectivity.
- Pursuing grant funding to renovate pickleball/tennis courts, which will require a township funding match.
- Prioritizing the renovation and enhancement of the upper playground.

### Upper Playground Renovation:

Township officials have determined that the playground near the tennis courts will be removed, with salvageable equipment repurposed for the upper playground. The playground's chip base will also be replaced. However, a full upgrade is extremely costly and as such, is not currently attainable within the township's budget.

To help fund this project, the township is seeking donations from residents and local organizations. Visit [bathtownship.org/donatetobathtownship](http://bathtownship.org/donatetobathtownship)

### Get Involved:

Residents interested in contributing to the playground renovation or other park improvements can contact the Bath Township Administration Office at 330-666-4007. Your support will be crucial in making these much-needed upgrades a reality!



Bath Township Fire Department will host 2 Community CPR classes in 2025. Classes are open to Bath Township residents and employees of township businesses exclusively.

Saturday, June 7, 9-11am and Saturday, October 11, 9-11am  
To Register:  
Call 330-666-3738 or  
Email- [cpr@bathtownship.org](mailto:cpr@bathtownship.org)  
Cost is \$35 per person.



# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF GIVING BACK & THE PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE!

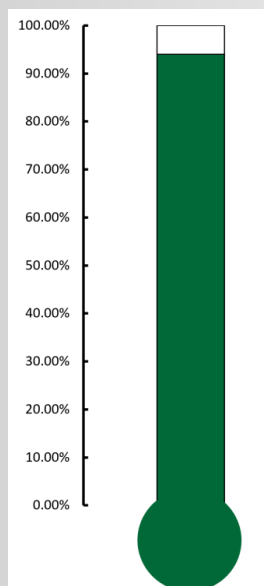


Heading into the final months of the “For Bath, Forever” 10th Anniversary Campaign, Bath Community Fund’s Advisory Board and Anniversary Committee members are working hard to reach, if not surpass, the goals of raising \$400,000 for the endowment and adding 100 new donors to the fund family.

Thanks to the generosity of so many supporters of Bath Community Fund in the past 18 months, nearly \$380,000 in gifts and pledges – almost 95% of that monetary goal – has been donated! Additionally, the number of new donors grows each month, increasing fund supporters from throughout the community.

Bath Community Fund was established in June 2014 through a collective donation of \$10,000 from seven couples as an affiliate fund of Akron Community Foundation. The campaign’s progress means the fund’s endowment has grown to more than \$1.5 million, ensuring a legacy of philanthropy in the Bath community for generations to come. Additionally, this growth will ensure that annual grant awards will be available in perpetuity to the many nonprofits serving our community, benefiting Bath Township forever.

Informational gatherings are planned throughout the spring and summer to continue spreading the news about the fund and its benefits. Watch for details about Bath Community Fund’s 10th Anniversary Celebration, a ticketed event for community members planned for August 1st at the Doubletree in Fairlawn. It will be a “Past-Present-Future” celebration recognizing the accomplishments of the fund’s first 10 years, the successful culmination of the “For Bath, Forever” 10th Anniversary Campaign, and a look to the promise of the future as the fund continues to grow and impact our Bath community.



To learn more about Bath Community Fund and how you can be part of this community resource, please visit [bathcommunityfund.org](http://bathcommunityfund.org) or contact Jody Konstand by email at [jmkmedia@msn.com](mailto:jmkmedia@msn.com) or by phone at 330-618-4477. To join the campaign, visit [akroncf.org/give/BCF](http://akroncf.org/give/BCF) or scan the QR code included here.



**Register by**  
**MAY 15**

Revere Safety Town will be held June 16th through 19th, 2025 (Mon. - Thurs.) at Bath Elementary School, 1246 North Cleveland Massillon Road. The two sessions will include:  
Morning Session: 9:00 am to 11:45 am  
Afternoon session: 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm

The program is open to all incoming Kindergarten students for the 2025-2026 school year residing in the Revere district. Student applications will be done online by scanning the included QR code. If you have any questions please email [reveresafetytown@gmail.com](mailto:reveresafetytown@gmail.com).



# Decoding Township Taxes

Townships generate revenue from local property taxes, gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes, as well as the local government fund from the state. As a township, by law, Bath cannot levy income tax on residents or charge additional sales tax for purchases made in the township. The primary source of tax revenue for townships is through property taxes, and any increase in property taxes must be approved by voters.

Whether you receive semi-annual property tax bills from the Summit County Fiscal Office, or you have your tax funds in escrow, you've probably wondered where your tax dollars are going. In the included graphic, you can see a breakdown of a semi-annual tax bill for an example home in Bath Township with an appraised value of \$330,780. Township property taxes are based on the taxable value, which is typically 35% of the appraised value of the home. The total tax bill of \$3,149.20 is broken down into 11 different buckets, each with a specific purpose. Education investments, including local school districts and CVCC, and county services, including but not limited to the Library, Zoo, Metro Parks, and Children's Services, each receive a significant portion of the revenue from every property tax bill. In this case, \$710.36 of the total is allocated to Bath Township to provide essential township services, such as Road & Park Maintenance, Zoning, Police, Fire, and other administrative support, to our approximately 10,000 residents, while the remaining \$2,438.84 is distributed to these other broader areas.

Property taxes assessed can vary by taxing district. If you are curious about Bath and surrounding areas, please visit <https://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/component/jdownloads/finish/25-property-tax-rates-full-effective/1900-2024-tax-rates> for a full list of property tax rates in Summit County. If you would like to see the tax breakdown for your own property, but don't have your paper tax bill handy or don't receive paper tax bills, you can view the information online at the Summit County Fiscal Office Portal by visiting <https://propertyaccess.summitoh.net/search/commonsearch.aspx?mode=realprop>. Once you search and click on your property, navigate to the right-hand side of the page and click Printable Tax Bill to display the information in an easy-to-read format.

	Taxable	Appraised
LAND VALUE:	31,110	88,890
BLD VALUE:	84,660	241,890
TOTAL VALUE:	115,770	330,780
TAX RATE:	99.340000	
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	60.303495	
REDUCTION FACTOR:	0.392959	
Non Business Credit Factor:	0.078829	
Owner Occupied Credit Factor:	0.019707	
		<b>1ST HALF 2024</b>
SUMMIT COUNTY-AKRON ZOO 21RI		40.40
SUMMIT COUNTY-BD OF DEV DISABILITI		234.99
SUMMIT COUNTY-BOND RETIREMENT		23.50
SUMMIT COUNTY-CHILD SER 19RI		74.53
SUMMIT COUNTY-CHILDREN SERVICES BO		35.58
SUMMIT COUNTY-GENERAL		91.39
SUMMIT COUNTY-MENTAL HEALTH 20R		97.71
<b>BATH TWP</b>		<b>710.36</b>
REVERE LSD		1,603.72
CUYAHOGA VALLEY JVSD		104.44
AKRON SUMMIT LIBRARY		62.70
SUMMIT METRO PARKS-GENERAL 21RI		69.78

For more assistance reading and understanding your property tax bill, scan the QR code to visit the Summit County Fiscal Office Tax Bill Explanation webpage.



# Bath Township Historical Society

The Bath Township Historical Society and Museum is excited to welcome visitors for the 2025 season! This year's featured exhibit, Mills + Industries of Early Bath Township, offers a fascinating look into the township's rich history.

The museum opens on April 6, 2025, and will remain open several days a week through December. Admission is free!

Visit the museum at 1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd. For more information, email [bathhistoricalsociety@roadrunner.com](mailto:bathhistoricalsociety@roadrunner.com). Interested in getting involved? The museum is always looking for community volunteers!



## ★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

Bath Township will host the 23rd annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on May 26, 2025, at noon at the Bath Township Veterans Memorial located on the corner of West Bath Road and Cleveland Massillon Road.

This year's ceremony will feature an invocation and benediction from Fr. Cameron Popik, Parochial Vicar St. Hilary Parish, music from the Revere High School Band, Flag Presentations by a local Boy Scout troop and Bath Township Fire and Police Departments, and speeches from a local Revere student and Lt. Colonel Andy Emanuele, US Army, Army Airborne and Ranger, retired. Additionally, for the third year in a row, the ceremony is scheduled to include an aircraft flyover.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawnchair and to park at Bath Elementary School. A golf cart will be available to transport guests in need of assistance.



## Rain Barrel Workshop

**Tuesday, May 6th**

**5:30pm to 7pm**

**Bath Nature Preserve  
4240 Ira Road**



**Register Now!**

**Cost: \$60 dollars**



- Build a functional rain barrel!
- Learn to conserve and collect water
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Save money \$

\*Registration required\*

## Grow Local

Bath Township is proud to offer a community garden located in beautiful Bath Nature Preserve.

Garden plots are now available for the season, and all Bath Township residents are invited to join in!

New gardeners may rent one garden plot on an annual basis. Returning gardeners may rent additional plots, as availability allows.

Rental fees: \$25 per plot per season (\$20 for age 65+). Plot memberships are available online at [bathtownship.recdesk.com](http://bathtownship.recdesk.com).

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, the community garden is a great way to connect with nature, grow your own produce, and meet fellow Bath residents.

2025  
**Spring**  
INTO  
NATURE  
WITH STEM  
**SUNDAY JUNE 8TH**  
**1-4 PM**  
**BATH NATURE PRESERVE**  
**4240 IRA ROAD**

The University of Akron Field Station, Bath Township Park Board, and Bath Township are planning the annual Spring into Nature with STEM family event to be held on Sunday, June 8th from 1-4 pm, rain or shine.

This science and nature-themed day will once again be held at The University of Akron Field Station at Bath Nature Preserve, located at 4240 Ira Road. This free event focuses on educating families about the flora and fauna of Bath Nature Preserve and Ohio in addition to encouraging the exploration of the connections between science and nature. Volunteers will be ready with hands on learning activities and lots of take-aways for the kids!

# SUN'S OUT, FUN'S OUT!

## First Annual SUN's OUT, FUN's OUT (SOFO) Summer Solstice Party at Bath Community Park

**Daylight "SAVE"ings THE DATE: Friday, June 20, 2025, 5pm-10pm**

Let's lighten up and kick off summer together while reconnecting with fellow community members and mother nature! Dust off your sandals. Don your best shades. It's time to soak up some good vibes!

Festivities will start at 5pm for this family friendly community event. There will be music, games, and activities for all ages. Food trucks will be in attendance so bring a picnic blanket and some lawn chairs and come hungry! Hang out and enjoy a beautiful summer evening in Bath Township along with your family, friends, and neighbors.

The SOFO event will coincide with the annual Bath Parks Run to the Sun 5k fundraiser which will begin at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the run to raise money for Bath parks, sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Akron/RuntotheSun5k> or scan the QR code.





MAILING LABEL AREA

**Sunday, June 1st, 2025 10 am - 5 pm**

Discover Fun, Food, Entertainment, and Arts & Crafts at Bath Community Park, 1615 N. Cleveland-Massillon Road. This annual event, a local tradition since 2016, offers visitors a chance to enjoy a wide array of arts and crafts, delicious food, and live entertainment, all set in the stunning natural beauty of Bath Community Park. Visit the Bath Art Festival Sunday, June 1st to discover some local artists, great food and music.

# PROJECT PRIDE

BATH TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP EVENT

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

# April 26, 2025

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

**VOLUNTEERS CAN PICK UP THEIR ROAD ASSIGNMENTS,  
SAFETY VESTS, AND TRASH BAGS**

**AT REVERE HIGH SCHOOL 3420 EVERETT RD FROM 9-12**

**Pre-register via QR code or same-day  
registration at Revere High School**



### ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Yard Debris Disposal** (\*Contractors Excluded)  
Bath Organics Recycling, 1188 N. Cleve-Mass Rd.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling**  
Bath Fire Department, 3864 West Bath Rd.
- **Drug Take-Back**  
Bath Township or Richfield Police Departments
- **Electronics Recycling & Document Shred**  
Richfield Town Hall Pavillion