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UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting and event information is available on the township website. Please visit www.bathtownship.org and select BATH COMMUNITY EVENTS on the home page.

- 4/11 Discover Bath Barns: 1-3 pm Barn Quilt Workshop; registration required
- 4/15 Revere High School: 9 am Senior Citizen Breakfast and Spring Musical
- 4/16 Bath Volunteers for Service: 12:30-5:30 pm Blood Drive; Bath Church
- 4/16-4/19 Revere Players: Legally Blonde Spring Musical; Revere High School
- 4/19 Bath Township Museum: 1 or 2 pm Heart of Bath Tour, registration required
- 4/19 Camp Christopher: 1-3 pm Open House
- 4/25 Bath Township: 9 am -12 pm Community Project Pride Roadside Clean-up
- 5/8-10 Crown Point Ecology Center: 10 am - 4 pm 21st Annual Organic Plant Sale
- 5/16 Crown Point Ecology Center: 5 pm Big Band in the Big Barn
- 5/17 University of Akron and Bath Township: 1-4 pm Spring into Nature with STEM free family event!; Bath Nature Preserve at the U of A Field Station
- 5/17 Bath Township Museum: 2 pm Sunday Sessions; Wheatfield
- 5/21 Bath Park Board: 7 pm State of the Parks; University of Akron Field Station
- 5/25 Bath Veterans' Memorial Park: 12 pm Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- 5/31 Bath Township Museum: 2 pm Sunday Sessions; Hammondsburgh
- 6/6 Bath Community Park: 10:30 am - 8 pm America 250 Community Event
- 6/7 Bath Community Park: 10 am - 5 pm; Bath Art Festival
- 6/13 Bath Township: 8 am - 3 pm BBA Annual Community Garage Sale

WEBSITE UPGRADE

In the coming month, Bath Township will be updating the township website with a refreshed appearance and layout. During the transition period, some information might be unavailable online. In addition, there will be changes in the layout and location of information moving forward. Please let township staff know if you need assistance finding information during and after the transition period. You can contact us at 330-666-4007 or by sending an email to reception@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

EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION HOURS

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

BATH TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Trustees:

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BATH TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY!

Bath Township is pleased to announce a special community celebration in honor of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Mark your calendars for June 6th for a community celebration filled with family fun, pride, and patriotic spirit! An occasion designed to bring the community together around this historic milestone.

The June 6th celebration will run from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm and will feature a variety of events hosted at Bath Community Park, offering something for all ages. Attendees can look forward to kicking off the event with a community parade showcasing local organizations, neighborhood groups, historic vehicles, and a bicycle and pet procession.

After the parade, guests will enjoy a day of activities in the park, including live entertainment, family activity zones, classic games, inflatables, food trucks, a Touch-a-Truck experience, and a car cruise-in featuring collector vehicles.

Additional attractions during the celebration include a refreshment area offering beer and wine, a variety of music, and a tethered hot air balloon experience that will offer a memorable view of Bath Township. Bath Township is excited to celebrate this significant anniversary. This event reflects an appreciation for the nation's history and a commitment to fostering a vibrant, connected community.

The celebration is free and open to the public (with food and beverages available for purchase). Parking will be at the Township Administration Building and Bath Elementary with shuttles running throughout the event.

Save the date and join Bath Township for a community event that honors history, celebrates community, and creates lasting memories.

To learn more about the event or if you are interested in participating in the car cruise-in or the community parade, register online at:

bathtownship.org/CelebrateAmerica



Summit Soil and Water Conservation District works to protect and improve local soil, water, and natural resources by providing education, technical assistance, and conservation programs for residents throughout Summit County.

Residents can also apply for Mini Grants to support small conservation or environmental improvement projects. Applications for 2026 are due April 6th.

Stay up to date on local stormwater projects, water quality efforts, tips for managing stormwater, events, and ways to help protect our streams through the Summit County Surface Water Management District's quarterly newsletters. Check them out by scanning the QR code!



Sunday June 7th, 10 am to 5 pm at Bath Community Park, 1615 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd.

The Bath Art Festival is celebrating its 10th year, and the community is invited to join in for a day filled with creativity, great food, and lively entertainment. Explore a wonderful variety of arts and crafts while enjoying a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Come celebrate local artists, discover unique handmade pieces, and spend the day enjoying everything the festival has to offer!

- 75 Artists
- Local food vendors
- Free admission and parking
- Rain or shine

Visit BathArtFestival.org for additional information.

THE BATH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: “AMERICA 250... THE BATH TOWNSHIP EXPERIENCE”

The Bath Township Historical Society and Museum reopened on March 1st and will remain open for the 2026 season until December 31st. This year, the museum is excited to announce the new exhibit for 2026 celebrating America 250! The exhibit will feature the daily lives of Bath Township citizens as they share the American experience in celebration of 250 years as a nation. The Museum will display clothing, artifacts, maps, flags, and photographs to show what was happening locally and nationally during each era.

Museum Administrator, Lee Darst, plans to continue the popular Sunday Sessions series in 2026, covering a wide variety of topics spanning the 250 years of the American experience. The focus of each session will be the Bath Township citizen response to the various topics. All Sunday Sessions begin at 2:00 pm at the museum located at 1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd.

- May 17th, Early Wheatfield
- May 31st, Hammondsburg
- June 21st, The Corners of Bath
- July 19th, Early Industries



Bath Homeowners Association: Supporting the Bath Community

The Bath Homeowners Association (BHA) is a non-political, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to promoting the health, welfare, and quality of life for residents of Bath Township. Through community discussion, information sharing, and collaboration with local civic groups, BHA works to help preserve the character of Bath and encourage a strong sense of community, guided by the motto “Keep Bath Beautiful.”

Members receive the Bath Homeowners newsletter, updates on local issues, and the opportunity to participate in activities and vote at the annual meeting.

BHA volunteers also advocate for protecting Bath’s open spaces, natural resources, and wildlife.

Residents are encouraged to attend the Bath Homeowners Association Annual Membership Meeting on May 21, 2026, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. at Old Trail School. The evening will include township updates from Bath Township Administrator and Police Chief Vito Sinopoli, information on local initiatives, and the election of BHA board members.

All residents are welcome to attend and learn how to get involved in supporting the Bath community.

MEMORIAL DAY

Bath Township invites all to attend the Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony, a meaningful gathering dedicated to honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country and the freedoms they protected. This year's ceremony will feature guest speaker Brigadier General Tom Luczinski, whose remarks will help guide the day of reflection and remembrance.



The ceremony will take place beginning at noon on Memorial Day, May 25th, at the Bath Township Veterans Memorial located at the southeast corner of West Bath Road and North Cleveland Massillon Road. Attendees are encouraged bring a lawn chair and to park at the Township Administration building or Bath Elementary. A shuttle will be available for those who need additional assistance.

Attendees will witness an Air Force flyover during the ceremony, serving as a moving reminder of the courage and dedication of our nation's military. The Revere Band and Choir students will provide musical accompaniment. Boy and Girl Scouts will also participate, representing the spirit of service and community. One honored Revere student will present their selected essay related to the Declaration of Independence, offering a thoughtful perspective on the ideals upon which our nation was founded. We invite residents and guests to take part in this special observance as we pause to remember our fallen heroes, reflect on their sacrifice, and express our gratitude for their service.



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Bath Township honors the service and sacrifice of its veterans by including their names on a tribute stone at the Veterans Memorial. Names of U.S. military veterans who live, or have lived, in Bath Township are eligible to be included on the stones. The stones are a permanent acknowledgement of the men and women of Bath Township who answered the call to serve this country. Every veteran with ties to Bath Township who wishes to be recognized is welcome to have their name added.

Interested parties can submit the veteran's name, branch of service, dates of service (if known), as well as contact information, to Bath Township Historical Society at PO Box 1, Bath, Oh, 44210. The information can also be dropped off at the Bath Township Museum, located at 1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Road during museum hours (Monday and Wednesday, 9-11 am, and Sunday, 1-4 pm). Once verified, the Bath Township Historical Society will add the names to the monument stones.

Mail Theft and Check Washing: What Residents Should Know

Recent incidents across Northeast Ohio have highlighted a growing concern for residents: identity theft linked to stolen mail. Law enforcement agencies report that thieves are targeting residential mailboxes in search of envelopes containing personal checks. Once obtained, criminals may use a process known as “check washing,” where chemicals remove the original ink so the check can be rewritten with a different payee and a much larger dollar amount before being fraudulently deposited or cashed.

While no system is completely foolproof, residents can take several steps to reduce their risk. One of the most important is limiting how much personal information is shared. Sensitive details such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and dates of birth should only be provided when there is a legitimate need and a trusted recipient.

Residents should also take precautions with outgoing mail. If possible, bring checks directly to the post office rather than leaving them in an unsecured residential mailbox. Using electronic bill payment or online banking can also reduce the need to mail checks.

Regularly monitoring financial accounts is another key safeguard. Reviewing monthly bank and credit card statements can help identify unfamiliar charges or withdrawals early. Residents should also periodically check their credit reports to confirm that all listed accounts were legitimately opened and that no new accounts have been created without authorization.

Keeping organized financial records at home can also be helpful. While financial institutions typically retain copies of checks and account documentation for several years, maintaining your own records allows quick access if documentation is needed to dispute fraudulent transactions.

If you believe you may be a victim of identity theft, it is important to act quickly. Residents can report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338) and contact their financial institutions immediately.

Incidents involving stolen mail should be reported to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service through your local post office. Victims should also notify the fraud departments of the three major credit reporting agencies to place a fraud alert on their credit file: Equifax (888-378-4329), Experian (888-397-3742), and TransUnion (800-916-8800). Ohio residents can also seek assistance from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office at 800-282-0515.

Identity theft often crosses state and even international borders, which can make investigation difficult. However, taking proactive steps to protect personal information, monitor financial accounts, and report suspicious activity quickly can significantly reduce the risk and help residents avoid a costly and inconvenient situation.

[MORE INFO >>](#)



HEART OF BATH TOUR

Step into the past and explore the present on this one-of-a-kind guided tour of Bath Township. Along the way, you'll meet historic figures in period costume who will bring Bath's rich history to life, followed by current staff members who will share how these same places serve our community today.

The tour begins at the Bath Township Museum and continues through several important township locations, including the Fire and Police Departments, Administration Building, Service Department, and Bath Elementary School. You'll hear fascinating stories, see behind the scenes, and gain a deeper appreciation for the people and places that shape Bath Township.

This engaging, family friendly experience is free and open to all ages. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot and discover the Heart of Bath, past and present.



- 🕒 Free, family-friendly event
- 🕒 Tours start at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.
- 🕒 Register at bathtownship.recdesk.com

April 19th, 2026

1241 N Cleveland Massillon Road



Revere Safety Town will be held Monday, June 15th through Thursday, June 18th at Richfield Elementary School, 3080 Revere Road. The program is open to all incoming Kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year who reside in the Revere community. The two sessions will include a morning session from 9 am to 11:45 am and an afternoon session from 1 pm to 3:45 pm.



Each session will be capped at 100 students. Submit applications online using the QR code. If you have any questions please email us at reveresafetytown@gmail.com. Registration is open from March 15th to May 15th. Your Safety Town team includes Scott Dressler, SRO/Richfield Police, Geoff Kuzas, Bath Fire, Stacie Campbell, Bath Police, and Danny Pierce, Richfield Fire.

SPRING INTO NATURE WITH



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

PRESENTED BY
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
FIELD STATION AND
BATH TOWNSHIP

A FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT!

Bath Nature Preserve

4160 Ira Road

Sunday

May 17th

1-4 p.m.



QUILTING 250 YEARS OF SPIRIT

The Discover Bath Barns Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the "Quilting: 250 Years of Spirit" contest, a creative initiative celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Community members are invited to submit an original 12-inch by 12-inch quilt design which reflects themes of historical legacy, civic pride, and the resilient spirit of the Bath Township community, while aligning with the national America 250 commemoration.



The winning quilt square will be announced on June 6th during the Bath Township America 250 Celebration. The selected design will then be transformed into a full-scale barn quilt and prominently displayed on a Bath Township property. This contest has been generously supported through the Bath Community Fund Impact Grant.

Participants may create their quilt square designs using a medium of their choice. The contest runs from now until April 24th.

Visit bathtownship.org/discoverbathbarns or email discoverbathbarns@gmail.com for complete contest details.



The 48th Annual Tour of Distinctive Homes will run from June 1st through June 12th, 2026. Bath Volunteers for Service (BVS) Tour of Distinctive Homes has showcased beautiful homes and gardens throughout Northeast Ohio while raising funds to support the community. Proceeds benefit nonprofit organizations serving the Bath and Greater Akron area and provide scholarships to students in the Revere Local School District.

In 2025, BVS awarded more than \$61,000 in grants supporting programs that address food insecurity, crisis intervention, mental health services, education, and other community needs.

This year's tour features a Virtual Video Home Tour highlighting six distinctive homes and landscapes that can be viewed anytime online, or guests may attend the in-person Watch Party Brunch to view the tour while enjoying a catered brunch and presentations from design and landscape professionals. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and help support BVS's ongoing mission of strengthening the community through charitable giving and scholarships. Learn more at www.bathvolunteersforservice.com.

SPRING BRINGS A NEW SEASON IN BATH PARKS

With the arrival of spring, the busy park season is once again underway. Bath Township is fortunate to be home to five beautiful park properties that offer residents and guests many ways to enjoy the outdoors.

From peaceful nature walks to family-friendly recreation, there's something for everyone. The township maintains an extensive trail network, along with three playgrounds located at Bath Community Park, Bath Baseball Park, and Bath Hill Park. These parks also feature a variety of athletic fields and courts, providing plenty of opportunities for recreation and organized sports.

Residents can also take advantage of community garden plots, available for a small fee, where participants grow everything from flowers to fresh vegetables. At Bath Nature Preserve, the Summit County Astronomy Club welcomes visitors to enjoy the night sky on most clear evenings.

Planning a gathering? The township's four park shelters, two at Bath Community Park (closing temporarily for 2026 beginning June 1st) and one each at Bath Baseball Park and Bath Hill Park, are available to reserve for picnics, parties, and community events.

After a very successful first season, canoeing, kayaking, and paddleboarding will again be permitted on Bath Pond in Bath Nature Preserve beginning June 1st.

Throughout 2026, residents and visitors will also see several park improvement projects.

Work at Bath Community Park will focus on improving parking lot safety, expanding the trail network and connectivity, and upgrading stormwater management. In addition, driveway and parking improvements will take place at North Fork Preserve of Bath to ensure safe and accessible entry for visitors. These projects may cause intermittent or extended closures, but they are essential to maintaining safe, accessible, and well-maintained parks for everyone.

If you're interested in reserving a shelter, athletic field, or community garden plot membership, visit bathtownship.recdesk.com to check availability and make a reservation.

With so many opportunities to explore, relax, and stay active, Bath Township hopes you'll find your own favorite way to enjoy the parks this season.



IMPACT GRANT AWARDS AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Advisory Board of Bath Community Fund (BCF) earmarked \$10,000 in 2025 for an Impact Grant to help local nonprofits celebrate and honor America's 250th Anniversary while staying true to the mission and vision of BCF. Nine grant applications were vetted by Akron Community Foundation, and the fund's grants committee, headed by Diana McCool, selected three recipients for grant funding:

- Bath Township – \$8,500 to support a free, all-day, family friendly celebration June 6th, 2026, in honor of America 250;
- Bath Gamma Garden Club – \$1,000 to support patriotic-themed beautification efforts in Bath for the 250th Anniversary;

- Discover Bath Barns and Heritage Corridors of Bath (fiscal agent Bath Township) – \$500 to support the 2026 quilt-design competition focused on “Quilting, 250 Years of Spirit.”

BCF's Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 23rd, 5:30 p.m., at Crown Point Ecology Center, is free and open to the public. Board members will update supporters on fund finances, unveil new initiatives for fund sustainability, and introduce a new board member while saying thank you to term-limited board chair, the Rev. Mark Frey. For details, scan the QR code or visit www.bathcommunityfund.org

An Akron Community Foundation Fund 



Project Pride

Bath Township's Roadside Clean-up
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

9 AM TO 12 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PRIOR REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

In addition to roadside clean-up, Bath and Richfield will offer the additional participation opportunities below:

BATH TOWNSHIP:

- **Yard Debris Disposal** (contractors excluded), Bath Organics Recycling, 1188 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling**, Bath Fire Department, 3864 W. Bath Rd.
- **Drug Take-Back**, Acme Fresh Market, 3979 Medina Rd.

RICHFIELD:

- **Paper Shredding** (limit 3 boxes, no wet or shredded paper or X-rays), 4410 W. Streetsboro Rd.
- **Gently Used Clothing Recycling**, (Clothing for all ages and genders accepted), 4410 W. Streetsboro Rd.
- **Electronics Recycling**, (restrictions apply) 4410 W. Streetsboro Rd.

Pick up road assignments, safety vests, and trash bags from 9 am -12 pm at Revere High School, 3420 Everett Road



Bath Business Association



BATH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

SPONSORED BY BATH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13th, from 8am-3pm!

Sign up flyer will be in the April & May Bath Country Journal or register online by visiting www.bathbusinessassociation.com.

Listings will include short description, map, yard sign, and advertising for \$30. Deadline for registration is May 8th. New This Year: online and print advertising to 100,000+ homes. A portion of the proceeds go to support the Bath Business Association scholarship fund which will award two \$1000 scholarships for area students graduating in 2026 and planning to study business or related majors.



BURN BAN

In effect during the months of
March, April, May, October and November
between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAXES

There has been increasing discussion at the state level about eliminating property taxes in Ohio, and many residents have understandably asked what that could mean for Bath Township. The reality is stark: property taxes are the foundation that allows townships to exist and operate. In Bath Township, well over 90 percent of the operating revenue comes directly from voter-approved property tax levies. Without that funding, the township would not simply face reductions in service, there would be no realistic way for the township government itself to continue operating.

Nearly every essential service provided in Bath Township is funded through property taxes. Township fire/EMS department, police department, road maintenance crews, and parks system all rely on these locally approved levies. These funds support rapid emergency response, maintenance of more than 60 miles of township roads, care for the parks and green spaces, and the daily work required to keep the community safe and functioning. Property tax funding also allows responsible planning for the future including replacing aging fire apparatus, resurfacing deteriorating roads, maintaining trails and facilities, and ensuring the police officers have the staffing, training, and equipment necessary to serve the community.

If property taxes were eliminated, there is currently no alternative funding source that could replace the revenue loss. Ohio townships have extremely limited authority to raise funds through other mechanisms such as sales taxes or income taxes. Because property taxes account for more than 90 percent of Bath Township's operating revenue, the loss of that funding would leave the township without the financial resources necessary to operate its departments or provide basic services.

In practical terms, that would likely mean Bath Township could no longer function as an independent township government. The land, infrastructure, and service responsibilities would need to be absorbed by another level of government. This could potentially be done through annexation by a neighboring city or village, or by being incorporated into county-level service systems. Decisions about public safety, road maintenance, parks, and community services would no longer be made locally at the township level.

Bath Township is committed to being a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars and to preserving the high quality of life our residents value. As discussions about property taxes continue at the state level, we will keep residents informed and continue advocating for policies that allow local governments like Bath Township to continue serving their communities.