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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.

- 1/6 Bath Business Association: 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting Room
- 1/7 Fairlawn Rotary: 7:30 am Vicious Biscuit (Every Wednesday morning)
- 1/8 Bath Richfield Kiwanis: 6 pm Fellowship Hall (twice a month board meetings)
- 1/9 Bath Volunteers for Service: 9 am Bath Church
- 1/14 Heritage Corridors of Bath: 4:30 pm Trustee Conference Room
- 1/15 Bath Park Board: 6 pm Trustee Meeting Room
- 2/3 Bath Business Association: 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting Room; guest speaker Vito Sinopoli
- 2/10 Discover Bath Barns: 5 pm Trustee Meeting Room
- 3/1 Bath Township Historical Society and Museum: 1-4 pm 2026 museum season opening
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- 3/6 Bath Volunteers for Service: 9 am Bath Church
- 3/11 Heritage Corridors of Bath: 4:30 pm Trustee Conference Room
- 3/15 Bath Township Museum: 2 pm Sunday Sessions; Native Peoples of the Cuyahoga Valley
- 3/19 Bath Park Board: 6 pm Trustee Meeting Room
- 3/29 Bath Township Museum: 2 pm Sunday Sessions; Number 3, Range 12 of the Western Reserve

REPORT A CONCERN

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.

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:

Sharon A. Troike, President
stroike@bathtownship.org

Sean F. Gaffney, Vice-President
sgaffney@bathtownship.org

Elaina E. Goodrich, Trustee
egoodrich@bathtownship.org

Fiscal Officer:

Laura Tuttle
ltuttle@bathtownship.org

BATH TOWNSHIP WINTER SNOW & ICE OPERATIONS

As winter continues in Northeast Ohio, Bath Township officials remind residents of snow and ice control procedures, parking regulations, and ways the community can help keep roads safe during severe weather.

The Bath Township Service Department maintains approximately 62 lane miles of township roads, while an additional 62 lane miles of county roads run through the township and are maintained by the Summit County Engineer's Office. Township crews are responsible for plowing and salting all township-maintained roads.

Winter operations are planned months in advance, including securing salt supplies, servicing equipment, and preparing crews for extended storm response. During snow events, crews follow coordinated routes that prioritize primary roads, hills, and intersections, then move to secondary streets as conditions improve.

When snowfall exceeds two inches, the Service Director may declare a snow emergency, triggering a township-wide on-street parking ban. Keeping vehicles off roadways during snow events is critical. Even one unattended vehicle can block plow routes, slow operations, or prevent roads from being treated. Vehicles obstructing plowing during a snow emergency may be cited or towed if necessary.

Winter conditions can impact police and fire response times. Clear, passable roads and resident cooperation help emergency crews respond as quickly as possible.

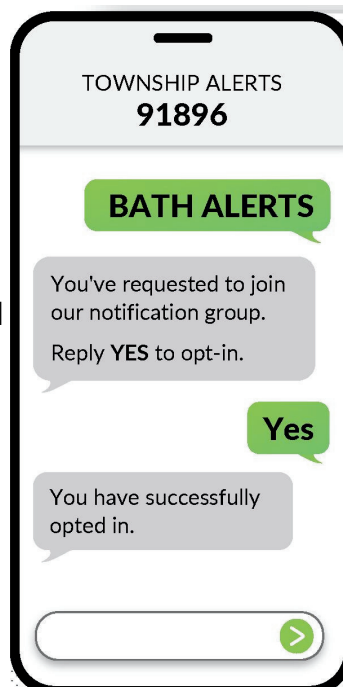
Residents are asked to ensure house numbers are clearly visible from the road, including numbers on homes, mailboxes, or address markers. Snow, poor lighting, or faded numbers can make locating an address difficult—especially in emergencies where every minute counts.

Township crews monitor weather conditions throughout the winter and respond to overnight storms, icing events, and extended snowfalls. Residents are encouraged to prepare by maintaining their vehicles, clearing driveways and sidewalks, and traveling cautiously.

Bath Township appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents and thanks road crews for their long hours keeping roads safe.

For updates on snow emergencies, road conditions, and township notifications, residents are encouraged to follow official township communication channels, including the township website, social media, and local news. Residents may also receive alerts through the TextMyGov system, which provides weather-related notifications and important township updates. Enrollment information is available at: bathtownship.org/textmygov

Bath Township asks all residents to stay informed, stay safe, and work together to meet the challenges of winter.



Sign up to receive township text messages

Get Started,

opt-in to any of the following notification groups:

- For Emergency Notifications, text **"BATH ALERTS"** to **91896**
- For Weather Notifications, text **"BATH NWS"** to **91896**
- For Event Notifications, text **"BATH EVENTS"** to **91896**

UPGRADES UNDERWAY AT BATH COMMUNITY PARK

Bath Community Park has been a focus in 2025 as work continues with a series of upgrades designed to enhance the park for families and visitors. One of the most exciting improvements is the installation of new playground equipment, which is already giving the area a fresh look.

Midstate Recreation has added several new features to the playground, including a Live Wire Zip Line, Low Climb Tunnel, Cone Spinner, and Superdome climbing structure. These additions offer kids a variety of new ways to play, explore, and stay active.

Meyers Design completed the surrounding site work, installing a safe surface made of crushed stone under the certified playground wood fiber, along with a new wood timber border around the play area. They also refurbished and reinstalled select pieces from the former lower playground, preserving some community favorites while integrating them into the updated space.

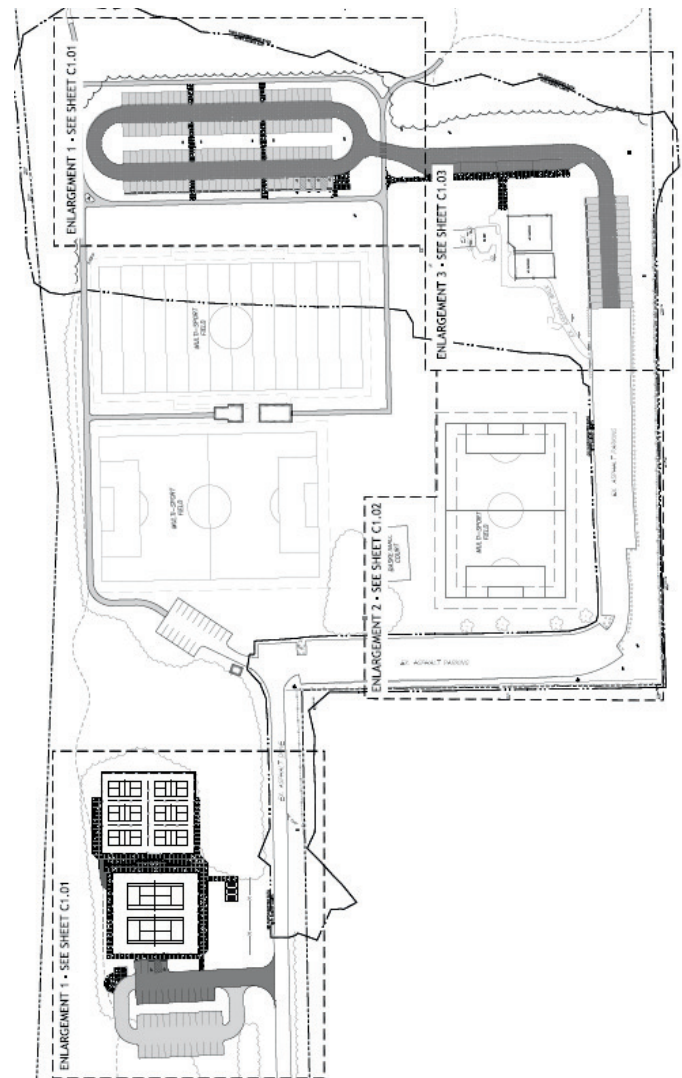
This project also benefited from the hard work of the Bath Township Roads Department and the Bath Township Parks Department, who hauled in dirt, leveled the ground, and compacted a brand-new area to support the upgraded playground space. Their efforts provided a solid foundation for all the new features.

The refreshed playground will be ADA compliant and is expected to officially open in spring 2026.



In addition to the improvements to the playground, Bath Community Park is preparing for temporary closure starting sometime in mid-June 2026. This closure will allow construction to begin for upgrades to the parking lot, stormwater system, tennis and pickleball courts, and accessibility and trail networks. These efforts represent a long-term master plan, developed with the assistance of EDG (Environmental Design Group), to guide park improvements in the years ahead.

These enhancements reflect the community's continued investment in making Bath Community Park a safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable destination for everyone. More updates will be shared as the project progresses.



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

Bath Township is pleased to announce a special community celebration in honor of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Residents are invited to mark their calendars for June 6 for a day of family fun, pride, and patriotic spirit. An exciting occasion designed to bring the community together around this historic milestone.

The June 6 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 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 show 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 offering a memorable view of Bath Township.



To make the event a success, the township is asking for volunteers to assist throughout the day. Those willing to donate their time will help with wayfinding, activity monitoring, game facilitation, set-up, tear down, and much more. If you are interested and willing to volunteer during a portion of the event, please reach out to Renee Flynn at rsflynn@earthlink.net or Kasha Brackett at kbrackett@bathtownship.org who will be collecting volunteer contact information as we approach the event date.

“Bath Township is excited to celebrate this significant anniversary. This event reflects both our appreciation for the nation’s history and our commitment to fostering a vibrant, connected community,” said Vito Sinopoli, Bath Township Administrator.

The celebration is free and open to the public (with food and beverages available for purchase). Parking and shuttle details will be announced closer to the event date.

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

STAY INFORMED WITH THE BATH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Looking for an easy way to keep up with what's happening in Bath Township? The Bath Township Community Calendar, located in the News & Announcements section of the township's website, is your go-to resource for local events and meetings.

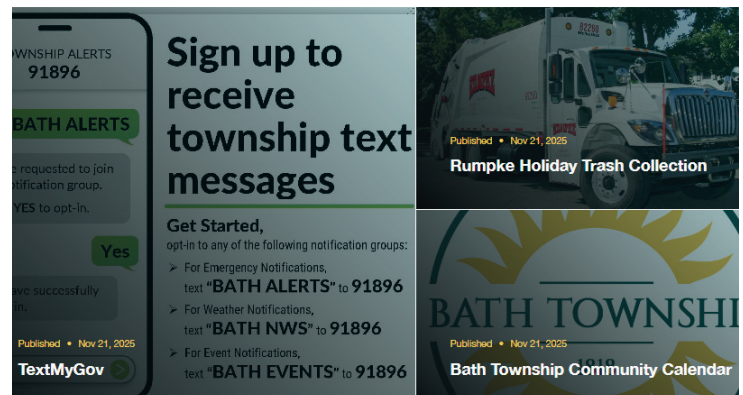
Updated weekly, the calendar includes official township meetings and events, along with community meetings, programs, and activities hosted by local organizations and groups throughout Bath Township. It's designed to give residents a single place to see what's going on in the community; whether you're interested in public meetings, family-friendly events, or opportunities to get involved locally.

Residents are encouraged to check the Community Calendar regularly to stay informed and engaged with all that Bath Township has to offer.

Visit www.bathtownship.org and look for the Bath Township Community Calendar under the News & Announcements section.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



BCF to Award First Impact Grant for America-250

Bath Community Fund's Advisory Board has earmarked \$10,000 for a 2026 America-250 Impact Grant to help local organizations celebrate and honor America's 250th Birthday.

Applicants for America-250 Impact Grant funding can be local governmental entities, local nonprofit organizations, and/or community organizations using a fiscal sponsor within Bath Township. Projects to be considered for funding should commemorate the founding of the United States, while acknowledging the impact of Bath Township residents, past and present, on the community's history, environmental preservation, and arts and culture – core areas of interest for Bath Community Fund.



Grant applications will be open online from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31, and up to five grants could be awarded. Grant decisions will be announced in early March 2026. To learn more about Bath Community Fund's America-250 Impact Grant, scan the QR code here or call Akron Community Foundation's Director of Agency Engagement & Endowments, Brian Reitz, at 330-436-5628. To learn more about Bath Community Fund, visit bathcommunityfund.org or contact Bath Community Fund Advisory Board Chair Rev. Mark Frey at mwfrey73@gmail.com.

BATH HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES AMERICA

The Bath Township Museum will reopen on Sunday, March 1st 2026 with a new exhibit celebrating America's 250th Anniversary!

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. If you have a loan item to offer, please contact Bath Township Museum at bathhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com or text message to 330-734-8511.

Back by popular demand for 2026, former educator and current Museum Administrator, Lee Darst, will host a series of Sunday Sessions. All sessions are free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend and bring friends, family, and neighbors along! All Sunday Sessions begin at 2:00 pm (unless otherwise noted) at the museum which is located at 1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Road.

Sunday Session topics will span 250 years of the American experience, focusing on the Bath Township citizen response to the various topics.

- March 15 - Native Peoples of the Cuyahoga Valley
- March 29 - Township 3, Range 12 of the Connecticut Western Reserve
- April 19 - Watch for more details on "The Heart of Bath" Tour that is currently being developed.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events!

As always, the Bath Historical Society and Museum is looking for volunteers. A wide variety of tasks are available both at the museum or at home and with whatever time commitment fits your schedule.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Lee Darst via email bathhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com or text message to 330-734-8511.



BATH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Bath Township is supported by a variety of boards and committees that play an important role in shaping the community and advising township leadership. Below you'll find the board/committee missions and responsibilities, highlighting many ways residents can get involved. Even when positions are full, residents are encouraged to express interest to help the township maintain a list of those willing to serve when opportunities arise.

HERITAGE CORRIDORS OF BATH

The Heritage Corridors of Bath is a designated Scenic Byway in Ohio, encompassing 39 miles of scenic Bath Township roadway. This committee was developed to assist in preserving the historic and scenic byway of the township.

DISCOVER BATH BARNs

Discover Bath Barns was established as a volunteer-led initiative to sustain a focus on the Barns of Bath Township, to preserve and enhance these structures for the benefit of the community.

BATH PARK BOARD

Bath Park Board is an independent 501 (c)(3) organization working as a liaison group in an advisory capacity to Bath Township Trustees for the betterment and preservation of the township parks. The Park Board sponsors several educational activities and events to create awareness of and encourage the use of Bath parks.

WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

The Water and Sewer District was established under O.R.C. 6119 in the unincorporated areas of Bath Township to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the township residents. This board is an autonomous board, separate and distinct from the Township Trustees. This board oversees the approval process for businesses and residential properties seeking connections to sanitary sewer or city water lines.

BATH ATTRACTIONS

Bath Attractions is a group of community members and organizations who share information regarding upcoming events in Bath Township. The group meets twice a year to discuss events and dates, and submits the official information to our local newspapers.

APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION

The Appearance Review Commission members are appointed by the Township Trustees and are tasked with reviewing site plans, building elevations, and signage for commercial projects and to make recommendations to the Zoning Inspector.

ZONING COMMISSION

The Zoning Commission members are appointed by the Township Trustees and are tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on zoning text amendments and proposed changes to the township zoning map.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals members are appointed by the Township Trustees and are tasked with reviewing and deciding on variance requests and conditional uses in accordance with the Zoning Resolution.

To express interest in joining a board or committee, please email Kasha Brackett at kbrackett@bathtownship.org.