Welcome to the new Bath Quarterly!

Welcome to a new year and a new look for the Bath Quarterly. Residents will begin to notice a transformation in Bath Township’s online and print media, including the Bath Quarterly and township website. With a goal to prioritize and streamline public communication, the residents will enjoy the ease of navigation to locate township services and important information. The redesigned Bath Quarterly will provide a user-friendly experience with a promise to be transparent, honest and helpful.

Historic Townhall and Museum

The Bath Township Historical Society will reopen the museum on April 6th, 2020 to feature a new exhibit: Bath Schools Through the Years, 1818-1960.

Museum Hours (Beginning in April)
Mon: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wed: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Last Saturday of each month: 10:00 AM - Noon

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Patti at 330-666-4791.
Bath Township successfully completed a number of notable projects in 2019 and continues to experience growth in both residential and commercial development. The community, through the support of local government, continues to provide economic opportunities for businesses and a stable residential environment for homeowners. Bath Township has made great strides in improving economic development while maintaining its core focus on rural preservation of the community. Local government continues to thrive, due in large part to effective management of township personnel and resources. To accomplish this, a unified team approach among the various departments and employees is essential to maintaining township operations. Bath Township’s long-term sustainability relies heavily upon the effective management of the community’s local government structure. Township departments play a significant role in the provision of services to residents, and proper management of those departments is vital to long-term efficiency and effectiveness. Bath Township Administration has played an integral part in township management during this past year as evidenced by a number of important achievements completed throughout the year.

GET INVOLVED!

**Heritage Corridors of Bath**
The Heritage Corridors of Bath was developed to preserve the historic and scenic byway of the township through events and meetings. Accomplishments in 2019 include the Ohio Historical Marker designation at Bath Center, a trolley tour and an annual “Barn Social.” Recently, the Corridor Management Plan was reviewed and submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation to remain a designated Scenic Byway in the State of Ohio. Meetings resume in February on the second Wednesday during even numbered months at 5:30 PM.

**Friends of Yellow Creek**
Friends of Yellow Creek protects and enhances the aesthetic, physical and biological integrity of the Yellow Creek Watershed through education, conservation and restoration. Meetings resume in February on the third Monday during even numbered months at 7:00 PM.

*For those interested in serving on a committee, please send a letter of interest to the township at 3864 West Bath Road, Akron, Ohio 44333.*
North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve

Bath Township will soon be the recipient of a 73.8-acre parcel located at 4400 Everett Road. In partnership with Trust for Public Land (TPL), the Clean Ohio grant funding was obtained for $1,650,000 to acquire the parcel for the permanent protection of primary headwater habitat streams and nine acres of wetlands within the Yellow Creek watershed. The acquisition creates the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve which will be owned and managed by Bath Township. The property has a number of important environmental attributes, and the preservation will ensure protection of a variety of native plant and animal species. Under the terms of the Clean Ohio grant, the property will allow passive public recreational use in an ecologically sensitive and responsible manner.

Sidewalk Expansion

For those who travel through the Montrose area, the benefit of sidewalks is evident. Many pedestrians travel the corridor on foot and walk from bus stops to their place of employment. The sidewalk construction offers a level of safety unparalleled to any other improvement in the area. The Township Administrator is currently working alongside the Board of Trustees and the Summit County Engineer to explore funding options for continued sidewalk expansion. Last summer the Connecting Community sidewalk project of S.R. 18 was unveiled and has increased pedestrian safety and walkability.

Ghent Road/Cleveland Massillon Intersection

Improvements to the congested North Cleveland Massillon Road and Ghent Road intersection will begin in the summer of 2020. The construction will include a continuous right-turn lane from northbound North Cleveland Massillon Road on to Ghent Road. TriMor Corp. of Twinsburg was awarded the contract through the Summit County Engineer’s Office for $722,556. Bath Township has committed $100,000 toward the improvements, and the Embassy Parkway Landowners’ Association committed $200,000. The project is partially funded by the Transportation Improvement District grant and the County Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds. Detour information and construction updates will be posted on social media and the township website.
Bath Township began 2019 with a total operating budget of $13,356,126. Capital projects planned or completed in 2019 include: the implementation of new financial software, the Cleveland Massillon/Ghent Road intersection improvement (now slated for 2020), heat pump replacements throughout the township buildings, paving of the Bath Center parking lot, a grant match for Rt. 18 sidewalks, restoration to the Historic Townhall (now slated for 2020), and a website redesign and brand development. In addition to replacement of marked police department cruisers, a new communications infrastructure/911 equipment, a new SUV in fire, protective clothing for fire personnel, a backhoe, new generator/electrical system in the service garage, a parking lot expansion at Bath Community Park and infield renovations at Bath Baseball Park. All funds in 2019 closed for the year with a positive balance.

The 2018 Fiscal Year Audit was conducted in 2019 by the Auditor of State of Ohio office with no citations or findings. Many Ohio townships choose to have an audit conducted bi-annually as required by the State of Ohio. Bath Township requests annual fiscal year audits to maintain best practices.

The township is home to the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit, a visitor center located at the entrance of the community on Cleveland Massillon Road near Ghent Square. There are informational panels on the history of Bath and a small walking path with new landscaping features—a great place to visit on the Ohio Scenic Byway.
Staffing changes highlighted much of 2019 for the Bath Township Fire Department. Two full-time firefighters were promoted to Lieutenants, Chris Null and Scott Forshey, to provide more consistent supervision across all shifts. In May 2019, Michael Scott was hired as Fire Inspector to replace the position formerly held by Scott Craig. Scott Robinson was hired as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in June 2019. The department celebrated the retirement of Chief Walter Hower in September 2019 after 32 years of service.

During 2019, department members renewed their ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) certifications. In addition, a new staff SUV was purchased—a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe. 2019 marked the completion of fire safety inspections on virtually all commercial occupancies. The department was especially proud to celebrate the completion of Bath Elementary School—a sizeable project that required oversite from the fire department.

### 2019 FIRE DEPT. STATS

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Chief Robert Campbell was appointed as the permanent fire chief effective January 12, 2020. Chief Campbell formerly served as the Assistant Fire Chief in Bath Township for five years, after a 22-year career at the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The fire chief oversees the operations of two fire stations and manages a staff of 10 full-time and 41 part-time employees. Please join us in congratulating Chief Campbell!
The Bath Township Police Department continues to meet and exceed the expectations of the community through the efficient and effective delivery of emergency services. With school safety at the forefront of priorities for the department, members are actively involved in quarterly safety meetings with the elementary, middle school and high school personnel, as well as the School Resource Officer (SRO). Bath Township continues to partner with the Revere Local School District and the Village of Richfield to support the SRO program, recognizing the importance of having a law enforcement presence in the schools.

Responding to growing concerns about violence committed in places of worship, the department hosted a worship security workshop in November 2018, partnering with a local church for the event. The workshop was well attended and many of the faiths represented have implemented additional security measures in their places of worship to address growing concerns for the safety and security of members.

To ensure compliance with state standards, improvements for the Communications Center have been an ongoing process this past year. A new dispatch phone recorder was installed with user training allowing dispatchers to gain proficiency in the new system. As part of the ever-evolving state standards, improvements to the 9-1-1 system have become necessary. NextGen 9-1-1 is the advanced phone system that allows for text messaging and greater GPS accuracy to identify the location of an emergency situation, particularly important with cell phone calls. The upgrades have been a costly challenge and have required complex provider agreements. Agreements were set in place to provide backup services with communities, including the cities of Hudson, Fairlawn, and Richfield.

2019 POLICE DEPT. STATS

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In 2019, the Service Department crews received 354 new external service requests, and resolved 336 external service requests. Of those requests, 62 were new internal facility related service requests, all of which were resolved. The crew installed 32 residential driveway culverts and 8 road-crossing culverts, in addition to 399.5 tons of asphalt for spot repairs of roadways and drive aprons. Over 3,410 linear feet of road-side ditching was corrected throughout the township. During the winter of 2018-2019, Service Department personnel used a total of 1,527 tons of salt and spent approximately 1,635 hours controlling snow and ice on township roadways. Lastly, the crews completed installation of the road signs provided to the township under the LTAP Township Sign Replacement Grant.

**2019 MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS:**
- **Bath Center Building**: Replaced 4 heat pumps and both generator auto transfer switches
- **Ira Road Facility**: Fuel depot and fuel management system installed
- **Service Building Garage**: Installed new backup generator system

**2019 MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION:**
*Bath Township participated in the Summit County Engineer’s Regional Paving Program, utilizing several separate construction contracts for road projects.*

Yearly Totals:
- **ODOT Item #448 Asphalt Paving**: 0.59 mi.
- **Concrete Road Pavement Repair**: 1573 sq. yards (19 roads)
- **Concrete Sidewalk Replacement**: 813 sq. feet (9 roads)
- **ODOT Item #405 Motor Paving with Chip/Fog Seal**: 2.18 mi.

**2020 GOALS**

**Bath Center Building**: Continue heat pump unit replacement (4-5 units) • Replace upper parking lot under the Summit County Engineer’s Regional 448 program • Replace/upgrade exterior lighting on north side of building and upper parking lot

**Moore’s Chapel Cemetery**: Complete installation of landscape expansion plan

**Historic Town Hall**: Create specs, bid out, and perform major exterior renovation

**Service Building**: Design and create specs for building addition and siding repair

**Roads**: Perform the biennial township road network evaluation • Scheduled replacement of one 5-ton dump truck and 1 crew-cab pickup truck
It is another exciting and busy year in the parks. Residents and visitors can look forward to the completion of many projects, including trail improvements at Bath Nature Preserve and Bath Hill Park, a new park maintenance garage, and a restroom at the Chief Logan trailhead. The demo and razing of 4230 Ira Road on the Bath Nature Preserve will take place. In collaboration with the Summit County Astronomy Club, an informational solar system/planetary walk along the North Fork Trail is being planned.
Residents of Bath Township receive solid waste collection and recycling services through Rumpke, and are billed bi-annually from the township in January and July. All customer service-related questions are handled by the township. To setup new service or cancel prior service, please call Bath Township Solid Waste District at 330-666-4007. For bulk pick-ups or unusual items, please call Rumpke at 800-828-8171.

Bath Township is a proud partner with Simple Recycling, a program designed for residents to properly dispose of clothing and small household items, which cannot be placed in a curbside collection can. Clothing and household items account for almost 10% of municipal waste streams. The recycling program is FREE and can be accomplished in three easy steps:

1. Stop by the Township Administration office to pick up a Simple Recycling bag.
2. Add unwanted items to the recycling bag.
3. Place bags beside regular collection can and recycling container on your normal pick-up day!

For more information on allowable recycling items, please visit: simplerecycling.com/supplies.
In 2019, there were 136 zoning permits issued which included 14 new homes, one new commercial building, and a major subdivision within the township. The new commercial project approved was for the Diyanni homes office and model on Rt. 18 at the North Hametown Road intersection. The approved subdivision is for the Olde Oak subdivision on West Bath Road, west of the West Bath Road and North Hametown Road intersection. Olde Oak is a conventional lot subdivision with seven lots and a new street running south of West Bath Road.

The Board of Zoning Appeals heard 32 cases throughout the year. Of those cases, 29 included variance requests and 10 required conditional use approval. The Appearance Review Commission reviewed 26 cases which involved 17 sign reviews and 10 site plan and/or building elevations.

The Board of Zoning Appeals and the Appearance Review Commission held public hearings on the Stonemill Real Estate project. The approved proposal is for a 22,000 sq. ft. commercial mixed-use building at the corner of North Cleveland Massillon Road and Ghent Road. The anchor tenant of the development is a proposed wine bar with construction of the project slated to begin in 2020. (See renderings to the left).

The Zoning Commission held one public hearing in 2019. The hearing was regarding proposed language for Medical Marijuana. The Commission recommended prohibiting any use or operations of medical marijuana cultivators, processors, dispensaries, and/or testing laboratories within the township. The Board of Trustees adopted the proposed language in May.
DIRECTORY

Administration Offices .................. 330-666-4007
Service/Parks .................................. 330-665-5066
Police (Non-Emergency) .............. 330-666-3736
Fire (Non-Emergency) .................. 330-666-3738
Rumpke (Trash) ................................... 800-828-8171
Simple Recycling ......................... 866-835-5068
Summit County Building Dept ......... 330-630-7280

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020
Township Offices - Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
Water and Sewer District, TCR  6:00 PM
Board of Zoning Appeals, TMR  7:00 PM

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2020
Board of Trustees, TMR  4:00 PM
Friends of Yellow Creek, TMR  7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
Appearance Review
Commission, TMR  5:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
State of the Township
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn • 3180 W. Market Street
Board of Trustees, TMR  11:30 AM
Board of Trustees, TMR  7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
Zoning Commission, TMR  7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020
Water and Sewer District, TCR  6:00 PM
Board of Zoning Appeals  7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
State of the Parks
Park Board, BNP Field Station  7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
Board of Trustees, TMR  4:00 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020
Township Offices - Closed

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
Project Pride  TBD