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Shooting Activities Concern Residents

Over the years, the Bath Police Department has received calls from residents concerned about shooting activities on private property. Residents are frequently surprised to learn that there is limited authority for township police to intervene in this area. However, that's certainly not to say that shooting activities on private property don't concern township officials. Rather, officers responding to calls of open shooting seek to address all resident concerns and when asked, will inspect the range area to ensure that such activity is being undertaken responsibly. This means ensuring that the property owner has all appropriate safeguards in place, so as to avoid injury or damage to persons or property.

The question of responsible shooting on private property is balanced against the general health and safety of the community. Certain limits to open shooting in a township are presented in Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.162; Discharge of firearm on or near prohibited premises:

- (A) No person shall do any of the following:
 - (1) Without permission from the proper officials and subject to division (B)(1) of this section, discharge a firearm upon or over a cemetery or within one hundred yards of a cemetery;
 - (2) Discharge a firearm on a lawn, park, pleasure ground, orchard, or other ground appurtenant to a schoolhouse, church, or inhabited dwelling, the property of another, or a charitable institution;

- (3) Discharge a firearm upon or over a public road or highway.

Discharge of a firearm on one's own property is exempt from the previous exclusions.

In 2012, the Ohio Township Association, responding to questions from local government representatives and others, examined the issue of open shooting in townships and sought to have state lawmakers give trustees the power to enact local gun control ordinances. At the time, opponents to any proposed law addressing open shooting said that the likelihood of trouble related to shooting in townships was low and that different regulations in each jurisdiction could lead to confusion about the laws.

While the effort to pass legislation giving townships the authority to regulate open shooting was not successful in 2012, the issue remains important to the Ohio Township Association and townships throughout the state. However, at present, there is no legislation being considered to allow townships to retain authority over this area. Residents concerned with open shooting in our township often seek guidance on how best to approach this issue. For those situations in which open shooting is done on a regular basis and which may constitute a nuisance or violate other laws, an effort to mediate a resolution with the property owner is the preferred course of action. Township representatives will continue to monitor proposed legislation in this area and update residents on any developments. ❁



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Service Department Guidelines for Fall

As fall approaches, the Bath Service Department asks all residents to refrain from raking leaves onto the roadside. When deposited into a roadside ditch, catch basin, or along the curb, leaves block the flow of water and cause drive culverts and storm sewers to become clogged. If you would like to dispose of your leaves, they can be bagged and placed out with your trash for pickup by our local trash hauler.

Fall is also a great time to inspect the stability of your mailbox. Over time, mailbox posts can rot and the hardware that attaches and holds a mailbox together can become loose. A loose mailbox is much more likely to be damaged by snow cast from the road plow blades during winter snow removal. Please take a minute to check your mailbox and make any necessary repairs before the weather turns cold. ❁

Guidelines for Solid Waste

Since the roll-out of the exclusive contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling, there have been some changes in the way collection is handled in Bath Township. This caused some confusion as both Rumpke and the administration worked through the details. Below is a more detailed explanation of the cart usage and service guidelines which highlight some of the situations that continue to prohibit collection.

All trash and recyclables must be placed at the curb (or outside of the garage door for garage door subscribers) by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Solid waste should be bagged, tied and put into the **brown trash cart**. Trash that does not fit into the cart as well as low volume customers who choose not to use the trash carts may place trash bags on the ground at the street. The weight should not exceed 50 pounds. Use of additional carts that are “similar in size and shape” to the cart Rumpke provided is allowed; however, Rumpke will not be responsible for any damage. Carts from other trash companies will not be serviced. Additional trash carts may be leased on a yearly basis from Rumpke. Contact them at 800-828-8171.

Recycling may be loose and co-mingled inside the **green recycling cart**. Please do not use this cart for trash or yard waste. The blue recycling carts that some residents received in the past may also be used. Also, per

our contract with Rumpke, recycling now includes plastic of all shapes #1 - #7.

Exceptions:

If a resident chooses to place a bag of recycling at the curb, it must be in a clear or blue bag – easily recognizable as recycling.

Garage Door customers need to bag all recycling in clear or blue bags as it must be separated from trash into a recycling area at the transfer station.

➤ Cart Placement:

- **Face the wheels/handle away from the street.**
- **Place *within* 3 feet of the street.**
- **Place at least 3 feet from other carts, mailboxes and other objects.**



These are good examples of cart placement.



In this photo, the smaller cans cannot be lifted by the mechanical arm and will not be serviced. Also, access to the brown trash cart is blocked.



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Meeting Dates for Board of Trustees:
 Monday, October 17, 2016 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, November 7, 2016 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, November 21, 2016 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 5, 2016 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 19, 2016 4:00 p.m.
 Settlement Meeting - tba

Bath Solid Waste District Pricing for July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Curbside Rates per Quarter	
\$49.50 Regular	\$42.09 Senior
Garage Door Pick-up per Quarter	
\$130.50 Regular	\$114.99 Senior

Residents who are 65 or older or are disabled qualify for the Senior Rate. Residents may contact the Bath Township Solid Waste District at 330-666-4007 to sign up for service. Other inquiries may be directed to Rumpke at 800-828-8171 or the township.

“Living Trees” to be Planted

Through the generosity of township residents and friends of Bath Township, Bath will be planting 27 donated trees this fall. These trees were purchased through the Living Tree Program in 2015-2016. The Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit will receive 19 of the trees to be incorporated into the approved landscape design. The other eight trees will be planted at the four township parks (Bath Baseball Park, Bath Community Park, Bath Hill Park, Bath Nature Preserve) and also at Bath Township Center.



Bath Township offers the Living Tree Program as an opportunity for residents to commemorate a special event or to remember a loved one by having a tree planted on township property. A commemorative brass leaf plaque will also be placed on the bronze “Living Tree” located in the Bath Township Trustees’ Meeting Room. The cost for a “Living Tree” is \$200 per tree. This includes your choice of recommended trees, planting of the tree, proper care and maintenance, and one engraved brass leaf plaque. Forms can be found at bathtownship.org. *

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Halloween

The Bath Fire Department Incorporation will be hosting their annual Halloween Party this year on Sunday October 30, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. following the Township Trick or Treat 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please come join us for refreshments and a spooktacular time.

Wye Road Bridge Lighting & Cookie Tour

Once again the Bath Business Association will host the *Wye Road Bridge Lighting*. There will be activities, refreshments and Santa will arrive.

Friday, November 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This is a free event.

Heroin Crisis

Ohio’s “911 Good Samaritan” law became effective on September 13, 2016. A person who calls 911 to save a friend who is overdosing is immune from minor drug offences under a new Ohio law. The law grants immunity to qualified individuals from arrest, charge, prosecution or conviction. The law only applies to possession of controlled substances and only if a qualified individual seeks or obtains medical assistance for treatment of an overdose.

A qualified individual is one who seeks or obtains medical assistance and within thirty days obtains a screening and receives a referral for treatment. Treatment must be from a community addiction services provider. Documentation must be submitted to the prosecutor.

Immunity cannot be granted for individuals currently on probation from any court in the state. Prison inmates under supervised release from the Department of Corrections do not qualify nor those previously granted immunity two or more times.

Bath Police Department Officers have saved six people in 2016 who were suffering from drug overdose. *

Sunday, November 6, 2016 Set Your Clocks Back



WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOCK

CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY



Safety Forces Open House Was Fun For All

On Saturday, August 6, Bath Fire and Police held an open house for the community. They featured demonstrations, the safety trailer, squirt house, fire trucks, police cruisers, and a helicopter.





Bath Township Museum

Downton Bath, 1900-1950

The 2016 Bath Historical Museum exhibit features the lives and families of Bath during the first half of the 20th century. Featured will be: the Whitcraft Store and the 1912 fire, the families of Manton, Saalfield, Englebeck, Cranz, and Whitcraft, Ira Hershey, Mary Linder, and Bath Trustee Warren Scott Thorp.

Museum Hours:

Monday 2 - 4 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Last Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - Noon

Free Admission

Fall Event

Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Gene Kiefer will be speaking about Irving Berlin.

For more information visit:
www.bathtownship.org

Saturday, October 15

Two Fun Events on One Day in Bath Parks



The 4th annual Bath Steeplechase 8K will kick off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. The 2K Family Fun Run will start immediately after at 10:15 a.m. The Steeplechase takes the runners on a scenic run through the Bath Nature Preserve and Community Park with easy hurdles and obstacles along the way.

Jim Chaney, current Race Director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon, is returning as the Race Director. Race services are provided by Summit Athletic Running Club. Serpentine is the premier sponsor. The Mustard Seed Market and Café will once again be a Hospitality Tent Sponsor and provide nourishing refreshments to the runners following the race.

Registration is a must and can be done online at www.bathsteeplechase8k.org. Spectators are welcome and can cheer on the runners for free. Volunteers are also needed. Email Pam Reitz at pam.reitz@gmail.com.

At noon Fall Into Nature begins at the University of Akron Field Station in the Bath



Nature Preserve. Bring your family and friends for a relaxing afternoon of fall beauty and fun.

Activities include hayrides, pumpkin painting, the Blessing of the Dogs and a story walk. There will be music by Celtic Rush, tasty food and treats, informative and interactive displays, a photography contest, and, new this year, a pie baking contest. Rules and entry forms for the contests may be found at www.bathtownship.org.

Cascade Auto Group is again the premier sponsor and will provide shuttles to and from the parking areas. The event is free and takes place from noon to 3 p.m.