

Township to suspend nonessential operations

Due to state and federally declared emergencies amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Bath Township has implemented plans to reduce public access to its facilities and contact among employees.

The following nonessential township services have been suspended indefinitely: fire department inspections; blood pressure checks; fingerprinting; in-person solid waste payments (checks may still be delivered, mailed or paid online); park and shelter reservations; and the receptionist desk.

For nonemergency service calls to the police department, which include private property crash reports, civil reports and identity fraud, dispatchers will gather information for a report over the phone.

The township has canceled most events through April 30.

The board of trustees will continue to meet, but will limit public access, as permitted by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost during a declared emergency. To remain compliant with open meeting laws, the township will offer a GoTo meeting link for residents to listen and respond to agenda items in real time. A link will be posted on the Bath Township Facebook account the day of the meeting.

The fire department is on lockdown, which only permits the chief and fire

Bath Nature Preserve welcomes 'year of the birds' with new bird-watching program

by Laura Straub

"Bird-watching is fun, easy and rewarding," said Dr. Lara Roketenetz, University of Akron Field Station manager.

And with the launch of Bird Blitz, the new program Roketenetz is spearheading, bird-watching in the Bath Nature Preserve will be more interactive than ever.

Bird Blitz will be self-guided recreation, similar to the Summit Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree, designed to encourage school-age children and their families to learn more about bird-watching and the species living in the Bath Nature Preserve.

"Participants will pick up a Birds of Bath Nature Preserve guidebook, which is being developed, and check off how many birds they can spot at Bath Nature Preserve

department personnel to enter the facility. The police department and dispatch center implemented similar procedures.

Residents are encouraged to call the township for any general questions or concerns. They are also encouraged to support local businesses. Bath, Copley and Fairlawn area restaurants have posted carryout menus to their websites.

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during the course of several seasons," said Roketenetz. "Small milestone prizes will be awarded as participants reach higher levels of bird species."

According to Roketenetz, the idea for Bird Blitz came from John Landis, a former Field Station Volunteer of the Year.

"He is an amazing photographer and his son, Alexander, who is a Revere student, is a wonderful artist and illustrator," Roketenetz said. "We wanted to work together to make birding accessible and fun for the community, as well as create an important resource for Bath Nature Preserve and the University of Akron Field Station."

She estimated that the cost to launch Bird Blitz would be \$4,000, so Roketenetz and her collaborators worked with the University of Akron Foundation to apply for a Bath Community Fund grant, which they received.

"The money will pay for the guidebook to be illustrated by Alexander, as well as the printing, some of the incentive rewards and loaner binoculars for participants that need them," she said.

Roketenetz said she hopes to have a list of bird species in the guidebook by June and the guidebook completed by late summer.

In the meantime, bird-related programming at the Field Station is being planned.

"We also will schedule some bird walks and lectures," Roketenetz said.

As always, the programming provided by the Field Station is free and open to the public, although some events have registration limits.

Bird Blitz isn't the only bird-related project in the works at the Field Station this year. In January, another former Volunteer of the Year, Mike Edgington, and a group of volunteers began a formal census of the bird species found at Bath Nature Preserve. Edgington plans to account for species that overwinter, those that migrate and nest in Bath and those that migrate through.

Construction on a chimney swift tower, made possible by a grant from the Greater Akron Audubon Society, is scheduled to begin in spring, as well. Markus Vogl from the University of Akron and Margarita Benitez from Kent State University will design the tower, intended to welcome chimney swift birds to the area.

"This is going to be a year of the birds for the University of Akron Field Station and

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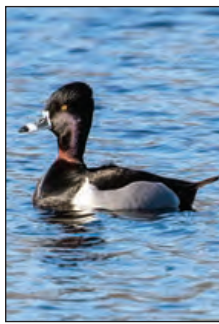
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Bath Nature Preserve guests may spot a common yellowthroat, a ring-necked duck or an American tree sparrow during their visit. Photos by J. Landis

juncos, blue jays, mourning doves, eastern bluebirds, red-bellied woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers, house finches, tufted titmice, white-breasted

nuthatches, chickadees and more. There is also an eagles' nest on the property, as well as many other raptors, including owls and sometimes even a northern shrike." ∞

Bath Nature Preserve," Roketenetz said. She has some simple advice for nature enthusiasts ready to start bird-watching now. "Look up," she said. "This is a great place to bird watch, and the species change with the seasons. Just at the University of Akron Field Station feeders right now, you can see northern cardinals, dark-eyed

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