

**Bath Homeowners' Association** is pleased to be one of the earliest advocates for the Bath Barn Historical initiative.

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in support other projects such as this one, to "Keep Bath Beautiful."

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## **Discover Bath Barns!**

Did you know . . . the State of Ohio designated the barn as the State Historical Agricultural Structure in 2019 and that there are over 60 barns in Bath, with some of them listed on the National Register of Historic Places? It's true!

The next time you take a drive around our community, slow down and start discovering Bath's many barns! They are everywhere – poll barns, horse barns, carriage barns, dairy barns, bank barns and more. Barns are an important part of our Township history worth preserving and enhancing.

This year, the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee is putting a spotlight on Bath's barns through the Discover Bath Barns project. Bath Township resident, James McClellan, is leading the effort to showcase Heritage Barns in Bath, barns that are 100+ years old.

The stories of these barns, the families who built them and how they have been used throughout the years will be celebrated through a year-long series of events that will culminate with Bath Township's Heritage Events scheduled to take place in September. The events include the Commemorative Barn Social at the Bath Township Historic Town Hall, a traditional Road Rally, a ribbon cutting on Discover Bath Barns Heritage Barn Trail, and a Heritage Trolley Tour of the township's historic sites, and even a 5K Race called the "Barn Burner 5K" to be held at the North Fork Preserve on Evertte Road.

However, there are plenty of other ways to find out more about the historic barns of bath prior to September. Kicking off Discover Bath Barns activities will be a 3-part speaker series featuring the history and heritage of barns, barn quilts and barn preservation, a Barn Quilt competition and Barn articles in the Bath Country Journal, and Home 330 magazine. The Bath Township Historical Society's Museum exhibit titled; "Agriculture" will also add excitement to Bath's "barn-mania" year.

To receive information and invitations to Discover Bath Barns events, please send your contact information to <a href="mailto:reception@bathtownship.org">reception@bathtownship.org</a> with a Subject Line titled; Discover Bath Barns.

For more information about the Heritage Corridors of Bath and the Discover Bath Barns project, visit <a href="https://www.bathtownship.org/">https://www.bathtownship.org/</a> and click the "Heritage Corridors of Bath" tab. You can reach out to James McClellan through this website: <a href="mailto:james.mcclellan@bathhomeowners.org">james.mcclellan@bathhomeowners.org</a>