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BATH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT SUPPORTED BY LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

As part of its service to the community the Bath Rotary Club continues to support the Bath Beautification Project, in which it first participated in 2013. The club provided twenty-two wrought iron, hanging baskets of beautiful flowers which were hung on the light poles along historic Liberty Street. The lovely, floral barrels throughout the downtown area were furnished by the Bath Village Beautification Endowment Fund.

The floral arrangements were made by TNT Greenhouse in Bradford which also provides fertilizer and advice during the summer to help the Rotarians keep the flowers looking beautiful. The baskets were hung this year by the Village of Bath Street Department under the guidance of Tom Guton.

Becky Stranges, Bath Rotarian and Chair of the club's beautification project, remarked, "Bath Rotary is proud to provide the Village of Bath with these hanging baskets. The flowers add a visual pop to our downtown, and Rotary hopes they bring hope and a bright spot to its residents during these trying times."

"On behalf of the club I would like to recognize the watering teams, made up of Bath Rotarians, village and area residents, and some shopkeepers, for their continued dedication throughout the spring, summer, and early fall to maintain the flowers. They are true volunteers and without their help the colorful blossoms would not be possible," added Stranges. Anyone interested in helping with the watering of the flowers is urged to contact Stranges at bstranges@gmail.com. Additional volunteers are always needed to help water the flowers. No experience is required. Only a desire to help Bath be a better place is needed.

Rotary clubs exist to improve communities at home and abroad through a wide array of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational activities. The planning and working together to accomplish goals is the mainstay of Rotary; every member's help is needed in some way to realize these goals. Each Rotarian is encouraged to participate in at least three of the local club's activities or projects each year. Indeed, Rotary is a service club: its business is mankind, and its product is service. The best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else while experiencing self-fulfillment and friendship in the process. The local Rotarians will feel great pride and joy as residents and visitors enjoy the flower baskets and barrels throughout the summer and into the fall.

The Bath Rotary Club, chartered in 1923, is part of Rotary International which was the world's first volunteer, service organization. It meets every Thursday at noon. Anyone interested in more information about Rotary, including membership in the local club, should contact Jessica Thomas, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect, at: jess542002@yahoo.com.

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As part of the Bath Beautification Project, the Bath Rotary Club provides wrought iron, hanging baskets of beautiful flowers along historic Liberty Street in downtown Bath.



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