



#### February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

#### June

9 - Township Clean Up Day.

16 - HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

#### July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

9- Last day to register for State Primary.

#### August

7- State Primary.

#### September

14- Summer tax bills due.

#### October

9- Last day to register for November General Election.

#### November

6- State General Election.

#### December

1- Winter tax bills mailed.

# Heath Township Annual Newsletter

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2018

## Township Clean Up Day **\*\*New Location\*\***

The location for the township clean up day will be at the  
Republic Recycling Station located at 3310 M-40, Hamilton  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following date:

## Saturday, June 9, 2018

**\*\*You are responsible to unload what you are dumping.\*\***

**\*\* If you are disposing of burn barrel contents; it must be in a garbage bag.\*\***

### HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

**When: June 16, 2018 9:00 a.m. ~12:00 p.m.**

**Where: Republic Recycling Station, 3310 M-40, Hamilton**

(See Page 2 for more details.)

#### Acceptable Materials:

##### Electronic Items:

- Televisions (1 TV Limit)
- Computer Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Copiers
- Video Gaming Units
- Scanners
- Keyboards/PC/Laptops
- DVD Players/VCR
- Radios, CD Players

##### Hazardous Waste:

- Oil Based Paint
- Drain Oil/Auto Fluids
- Wood Stain
- Cleaning Products
- Paint Thinner
- Adhesives
- Weed Killer
- Fertilizer
- Pest Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Deck Sealer
- Mercury Items
- Medical Waste Sharps

Latex Paint is Not Accepted.

**Heath Township  
3440 M-40  
P.O. Box 241  
Hamilton, MI 49419  
Phone: 269-751-2403  
Fax: 269-751-2804  
info@heathtownship.net  
Office hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
and  
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/ COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT:**

Allegan County Resource Recovery is hosting a Regional Household Hazardous Waste/TV/Computer Recycling Event at the Republic Recycling Station. (See date, location and time on page 1). All materials received at this event will be recycled or properly disposed of by certified vendors that strive in protecting the environment. This is a great way to responsibly clean-out the garage, pole barn or basement.

Heath Township residents can drop off acceptable materials (detailed on page 1) at this event. **Please present your Resource Recovery Card that is in with your winter tax receipt information to confirm eligibility.**

Contact Rosemary Graham at 269-686-4559 if there are questions about this event.

## **Heath Township Curbside Recycling**

Residents can participate in a curbside recycling program through the township. Recyclables are collected by Republic Services on the first Wednesday of each month. When the regularly scheduled collection day falls on or after a holiday in that week, service will be provided one day later. **Materials must be set out the night before collection. This service is for residential homes only.**

To sign up for this valuable program, please go to the Township Hall during office hours or call Allegan County Resource Recovery at 269-686-4559. **(This service is funded by the \$36 surcharge on the winter tax bill.)**

**\*Missed Customers/Weather Delays:**  
Please contact Resource Recovery if you were missed on the regular scheduled pick-up day. Any weather related delays will be posted to the website referenced on the bottom of this page.

The following recycling items can be comingled together: **Plastic bottles and containers, metal cans, clear and colored glass, newspapers, paper, cardboard and magazines.** Items must be clean! If your cart is not large enough to accommodate your recycling needs, remember that this material can be dropped off at the Republic Recycling Station listed below.

### **2018 Curbside Recycling Dates:**

April 4	September 6*
May 2	October 3
June 6	November 7
July 5*	December 5
August 1	

\* Alternate collection day due to holiday.

### **Republic Recycling Station:**

Residents can use their Resource Recovery Card at the Republic Recycle Station, (located at 3310 M-40, Hamilton) for the following items: **Appliances, Cardboard, Household Batteries, Styrofoam, TV's/Computers, Tires and Curbside Recycling Overflow Material.** Hours of operation are from **9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.** on the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. This site is closed in January & February.

**Please visit [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org) select *Recycling* for more information.**  
**Or contact: Allegan County Recycling Coordinator, Rosemary Graham**  
**Phone: 269-686-4559 email : [rgraham@allegancounty.org](mailto:rgraham@allegancounty.org)**

## Fire Department News

In 2017 we responded to 404 incidents. Our projection was 380 incidents for 2017, while our three year average is 343 incidents. While the incident volume is up 9%, our total expenses are up only 2.4%.

In 2017 the 800 MPSCS Radio System was brought on line in the fall. With that came the need for additional training that was not planned for, but was a requirement of the State. The equipment part, and supporting network of this project was fully funded by the Allegan County 911 Surcharge. The estimated value for Hamilton Fire is \$195,000.

Hamilton Fire was part of an "Active Shooter" training this past spring at Hamilton High School. We also took part in additional training events in Saugatuck and Allegan.

We welcomed three new people to the department. Casey Cooper comes to us from Port Sheldon Fire and is currently enrolled in a EMT class. Nate Heuer comes to us from AMR, as a paramedic, and is enrolled in the Fire Academy. Jack Meidema comes to us with no background and is also enrolled in the Fire Academy.

The joint Fire Training Facility construction was put on hold for 2017. A delay in getting the drawings from Grand Rapids, finalizing the Interlocal Agreement, and projected cost over runs cause the delay. We hope to start construction in the Spring of 2018.

On December 7, we were audited by ISO. The audit went very well. The auditor was pleased with our records and the move towards increase in Auto Mutual Aid programs. He was also interested in our level of response to an incident, future increasing of site visits, and joint training programs. It is possible that we could see a rating drop.

We have met with MDOT's project engineer on the M-40 improvement project that will happen this summer. While the project will be a challenge at times, both lanes of M-40 will be open. The project is scheduled to start as soon as school is out in June and must be completed by the end of August. MDOT has stated that the Fire Department will be part of all project meetings during construction.

At this point we do not foresee any major equipment purchases over the next few years. The rescue truck will need some additional work to the frame. It was found that the cross member ties are heavily rusting.

Each year the demands placed on the Fire Service continue to increase. We, in Hamilton, have been very blessed to have a great group of people to answer those calls. This has also been noted by ISO and our surrounding agencies.

We can only attribute our success to having a great group of people to work with from the Firefighters, to the Fire Board, to the Local Units of Government and our Community.

Respectfully,

David Haverdink, Chief  
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

***Burn  
Notification  
Line  
269-751-4444***

***Remember to  
check your smoke  
detectors and  
change the  
batteries!***



To read  
more about  
the Heath  
Township  
Burn  
Ordinance  
see the  
Township  
website.



## **Heath Township Burning Ordinance**

Adopted: September 8, 2003 Effective: October 17, 2003  
Amendment Adopted: August 9, 2004 Effective: August 17, 2004

No open burning shall be permitted in Sections 5 and 6 of Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan. However, a resident in Section 5 or 6 may apply to the Hamilton Fire Chief or designated officer to obtain a special permit for open burning or campfires. This permit request must be in written form. Residents may apply for a seasonal campfire permit as long as they have an approved fire ring. In consideration of any permit, adjoining property owners must be notified by an applicant. Open burning and campfires in other sections of the Township shall be governed by the provisions of Section IV.

### **Section IV**

#### **Provisions for Open Burning**

All open burning, as in out-of-doors burning on the ground, shall comply with the following provisions:

1. Be attended by a competent person at all times.
2. Burning to occur only after sunrise and extinguished and admitting no smoke after 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. during daylight savings time.
3. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any structure, fencing or woodpiles.
4. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any public or private property line.
5. No burning shall occur within a 24 hour period proceeding and during any Trick-or-Treat hours established by the Township Board.
6. No burning shall occur if it is determined by the Fire Chief that conditions are such that burning would be hazardous to health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the community.

#### **Enforcement and Penalties**

The enforcement of this ordinance and regulations established by the Township Board shall be performed by such person or persons as the Township Board designate by resolution. Any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation who shall fail to comply with the rules as defined and set forth in this ordinance, shall be deemed responsible for the municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statue which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

1st Offense within 2 year period*	\$100.00
2nd Offense within 2 year period*	\$250.00
3rd Offense within 2 year period *	\$500.00

\*Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

## Campfire Permit Residential (Sections 5 & 6)

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: All campfire permits EXPIRE on December 31 of each year**

This can also be found  
on the Township  
website under the Fire  
Department tab or  
stop in to the  
township office during  
office hours and pick  
one up.

**Location of the campfire:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the campfire pit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Known Hazards: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Names and Addresses of adjoining property owners:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Has each owner been contacted about the campfire? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_, if so then by whom:

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hamilton Fire & Rescue  
P.O. Box 274, Hamilton, MI 49419**



## Assessment News

This year the assessing staff will be inspecting property in sections 6, and 28 – 36 to comply with the State Tax Commission's recommendation to inspect 20% of the township. A property inspection consists of measuring and photographing all buildings and structures on the property. You will receive a letter prior to the inspection to let you know what to expect. Thank you for allowing us to verify our records concerning your property information.

Please remember that a building permit is required for new construction (including decks, finishing a basement, accessory buildings) as well as demolitions. Contact **Professional Code Inspections** listed below for permit information.

Lisa Freeman, Assessor

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Do you need a building permit or have building and zoning questions???

Please call:

**Professional Code Inspections (PCI)**  
1575–142nd Street  
Dorr, MI 49323

(616) 877-2000 Or 1-800-628-3335

## 2018 Road Work



- Various roads will have some gravel applied.
- Dust control application three times.
- Pave 41st Street from M89 to M40.
- Pave 47th Street from 132nd to South Street.
- Pave 132nd from M40 to 44th.
- Pave South Street to Hubbard Street.

## Election News

### Election Dates

August 7, 2018	State Primary
November 6, 2018	State General Election

### Registration Deadlines

July 9, 2018	Last day to register for August Primary
October 9, 2018	Last day to register for November General Election

To register to vote, you must be all of the following:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old by Election Day
- A resident of Michigan
- A resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

If you want to check to see if you are registered, visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

For further information on elections, please check out the State website at [www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections).

This year Heath Township and all of Allegan County will be using new voting equipment due to a state mandated upgrade. The current equipment is 12 to 15 years old. The bulk of the cost will be covered by the federal Help America Vote Act and the State of Michigan. The township will be budgeting \$4,000 for two new tabulators. The federal and state funds will be enough to cover the first five years of a 10 year contract for the equipment. In years 6 to 10, the county and townships will have to pay for maintenance on the machines as well as software licensing agreements from our annual budget.

Voters will mark and submit their ballots in the same way; the tabulator will scan and make a digital copy of the ballot.

For Allegan County, this change will improve how voting totals are accumulated from each precinct and report those results more efficiently.



### **Heath Township residents in sections 5 and 6\*:**

This coming fall we will resume the leaf pick up service. We ask that you do not burn your leaves. This is for the health and safety reasons in these heavily populated areas. We ask that you put your leaves by the roadside, on your lawn, and we will have them picked up weekly by Straight Line Lawn Care.

**Sorry, we cannot accept branches or brush.**





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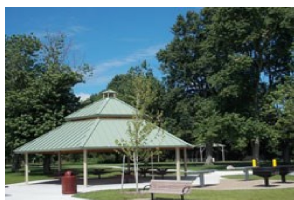
## Parks

### **Township Parks**

Come enjoy the Heath Township Parks. The picnic pavilions have tables and grills! The parks are for everyone to enjoy! Whether you want to enjoy the skate park, playground, have a picnic or just sit on the fishing/observing deck down by Schutmaat Park.

#### **Schutmaat Park on Rabbit River and**

**Heath Township Park by the Township Office.**



### **Outdoor Discovery Center Nature Preserve**

#### **New in Heath Township!**

The Rabbit River Preserve, located in Hamilton at 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street, is a 65 acre extension of the ODC Nature Preserve with a research and observational focus on riparian systems and forest ecology. This trail system is a wonderful site for viewing spring wildflowers, which will stay in bloom throughout the summer months. During daylight hours, it is a great location for running, walking, and hiking with a view. Motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted in the preserve. Please respect this unique ecosystem by staying on the designated trails and leaving the wildlife you find alone. We fully encourage you to visit the preserve to take in your surroundings and take some pictures of the beautiful wildflowers. While on your hike, you can also admire various species of songbirds and ducks.

