



February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

May

8 - Township Clean Up Day.

June

5- HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

October

9- Township Clean Up Day.

December

1- Winter tax bills mailed.

Township meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

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Office hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Heath Township Annual Newsletter

www.heathtownship.net

2021

Township Clean Up Day ****New Location & Time****

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 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Saturday, October 9, 2021

****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 5, 2021 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.

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 combined 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.

2021 Curbside Recycling Dates:

March 3	October 6
April 7	November 3
May 5	December 1
June 2	January 6, 2022
July 8 *	February 2, 2022
August 4	March 2, 2022
September 1	April 6, 2022

* 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 select *Recycling* for more information.
Or contact: Allegan County Recycling Coordinator, Rosemary Graham
Phone: 269-686-4559 email : rgraham@allegancounty.org

Fire Department News

As of December 31, 2020, Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 462 incidents, which is a 4% increase over 2019.

2020 was challenging in many ways. No one was prepared for the effects of Covid-19 on our communities. We, as the fire/rescue service, receive several daily updates and policy changes from the Michigan Department of Health on how our level of response would change for all medical emergencies and those updates continue to come each day. The Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) we needed diminished overnight. We worked with our partners, Graafshap, Holland and Saugatuck Fire Departments to fill our needs for the PPE's we all needed. We also wish to express our deepest thanks to both Hamilton Distributing and Dykhuis Farms for coming through with the additional needed PPE's for us. The Covid-19 issue is still very much fluid in what is coming and how it will affect emergency services. We as Hamilton Fire will remain committed to serving the needs of our community as we go forward.

In 2020, Mike Bosch and Frank Cronin completed the State of Michigan Fire Fighters Instructor training course and are now state certified Fire Fighter Instructors.

Dillion VanderKamp completed the State of Michigan Fire Fighter 1 & 11 training course and is now a certified Fire Fighter.

Rob Heuer, Craig Poll, Mike Bosch and Cory Heuer have completed and are certified in Confine Space Rescue. Numerous fire fighters from area departments were in the class. This class was paid for by a grant from CHS Hamilton. The training was done in February at the Graafshap Fire Station and taught by HazMat Solutions.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue has completed 12 training sessions at our Live Fire Training Facility in Saugatuck this past year. Other fire agencies were a part of those training sessions. The Training Facility is a valued tool in developing and maintaining our fire fighting skills. As part of our training, we have done 5 on site walk through tours of major facilities in our response area.

In 2021 Ben Sheffers and Dillion VanderKamp will be attending an EMT class at Graafshap Fire Station.

We were awarded a Michigan Township Participating Plan grant of \$4995.00 used to install rear vision cameras on 5 of our responding fire vehicles, a State of Michigan grant of \$5423.00 for live fire training, a CHS grant of \$5000.00 to purchase confine space rescue equipment and we used a 2019 grant that was carried forward in the amount of \$5000.00 to update our jointly owned, with Holland Fire Department, response trailer.

We were turned down for the FEMA grant to upgrade our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in 2020 after applying for the third time.

Looking ahead, we are projecting to replace Rescue 860 in the fiscal year of 2024/2025, at which time it will have been in service for over 25 years.

We at Hamilton Fire & Rescue are truly blessed with a great group of people. The challenges they have faced this year have been huge. Never once was there any hesitation to serve and respond to a request for help. In fact, many times they would ask, "What can I do to help? What do you need?"

Our success comes from the people who make up Hamilton Fire & Rescue, our community and our partners in the fire service.

Please contact me any time with questions, concerns and/or ideas.

Respectfully submitted

David Haverdink

Chief

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

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

Can we FIND
YOU...

In an emergency, every
second counts.

Please make sure your
address number is
clearly posted and visible
from the street, and
or, at your driveway.

From time to time we
will be spot checking
for address numbers. If
yours is not visible, we
will leave you a notice
to please post your address
number.

THANK YOU

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

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

batteries!***



HEATH TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Curbside Recycling Service

2021 Curbside Pick Up Dates			
January	6th	July	8th
February	3rd	August	4th
March	3rd	September	1st
April	7th	October	6th
May	5th	November	3rd
June	2nd	December	1st




All homes in the township are serviced on the **1st Wednesday** of the month. Remember to place your cart out the night before your scheduled pick-up.

Website Reminder

Please visit www.allegancounty.org select Recycling for more information about **all** of the recycling services offered through Allegan County Resource Recovery Program.

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1. Rinse All Containers.
 2. Leave caps on containers.
 3. Break down cardboard boxes.
 4. Check for recycling symbol and number on plastic material.
 5. Respect recycling station and property.
 6. Follow all guidelines.

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1. No items with any food or soiled material in recycling container.
 2. No Hazardous Waste in recycling. (engine oil, pesticide, paint, etc.)
 3. No large plastic items in recycling. (plastic lawn chairs, five gallon bucket, etc.)
 4. No Clothes.

NO STYROFOAM!

Heath Township residents are eligible for curbside recycling service. Sign up by contacting Allegan County Resource Recovery at (269) 686-4559.

Obey the guidelines!

Contaminated recycling ends up in landfills and increases overall recycling costs.

Allegan County Resource Recovery

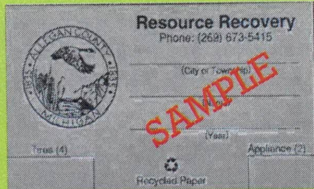
For additional information about recycling or to learn more about recycling events in Allegan County please visit www.allegancounty.org and click 'recycling' on the home page.

The Resource Recovery Coordinator, Rosemary Graham, can assist with specific questions regarding recycling. Please call (269) 686-4559 or email rgraham@allegancounty.org.

Residents may also contact Republic Services at (877) 698-7274 to report a missed pickup.

Program funded through a voter approved recycling surcharge located on winter property tax bills.

2021 NEWSLETTER



If you did not receive a 2021 Resource Recovery (Recycling) Card please contact Heath Township Hall at (269) 751-2403. This card is required to receive depot services.

Regional Recycling Depots:

You must bring your Resource Recovery Card!

Your Resource Recovery Card allows you to recycle **tires (4)**, **Styrofoam, appliances (2)** (stoves, microwaves, dishwasher, refrigerator), **TV/Computer, and metal.**

The following locations are open the ***1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** (Closed Jan & Feb) :

- 1) ***Salem Township Transfer Station**, 4145 29th Street, (located on 29th St South of 142nd Ave.)
open from 8:30am-3:30pm. (\$2/TV recycling fee; site also provides bulk trash service for a fee.)
- 2) ***Allied Waste/Republic Recycling Station**, 3310 M-40 Hwy, Hamilton, open 9am-12noon.
- 3) **Broken Arrow Recycling**, 1100 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, visit www.barecycling.com for business hours.

Unwanted Medications can be dropped off at the following law enforcement stations:

- Allegan County Sheriff's Dept.
- Fennville Police Dept.
- Wayland State Police Post
- Douglas Police Dept.



Heath Twp. Residents have access to a sharps collection program. Sharps containers are available at the Allegan County Heath Dept.

Contact Rosemary Graham for more information. (269) 686-4559.



Please remember our recycling program is **NOT** your garbage or trash service.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENTS

HHW can be dropped off by appointment at the Allegan County Health Department. Contact Rosemary Graham at (269) 686-4559 to schedule an appointment.

Collection events are hosted throughout the year. Visit www.allegancounty.org for more information.

2021 Event Dates

9:00am-12:00pm

Wayland Area Collection Event

May 1st | Harding's Parking Lot, 300 Reno Dr.

Hamilton Area Collection Event

June 5th | Recycling Depot Site, 3310 M-40

Otsego Area Collection Event

Oct. 2nd | Otsego City DPW, 243 Farmers St.

Scrap Tire collection events are hosted throughout the year. For information visit www.allegancounty.org, click 'recycling'.

Contact Rosemary Graham at 269-686-4559 for event specific information.



Dates will be posted late spring 2021.

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



Reminder that
all land owners
are responsible
for enforcing
this policy with
their renters.

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

Thank you to all who took time to review and return the Residential Review form. Your feedback ensures that your assessment is based on accurate information.

The Residential Review form is sent to 20% of properties in Heath Township to comply with the State's guidance that assessors maintain a routine of reviewing each parcel in the township. The form contains a sketch of your property showing buildings and improvements. It also contains information on the interior of your home. If you receive a form this year, please take a moment to review the size and description (1 story, 1.5 story ...) for each component. Make corrections if needed. If the form is correct, I would still appreciate getting it back with your affirmation that the information is accurate.

In February you will receive a Change Notice which compares last years values to the values for 2021. Please review carefully to make sure you are receiving 100% Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) if this is your homestead. Information on appealing your assessment is also included in the notice.

If you have questions about your assessment, I am in the office on Tuesday mornings 9:00 am–12:00 pm. You can also email lisa@heathtownship.net or leave a message at the office 269-751-2403, ext. 107.

Lisa Freeman - Heath Township Assessor

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

2021 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Paving 42nd St, 132nd Ave to 134th Ave. 1 mile
- Paving 132nd Ave., 42nd St. to 41st St. .5 miles
- Paving Jennifer Lane & Sara Lane, north of 131st Ave .72 miles
- Dust control on gravel roads will be applied 3 times

Election News



To register to vote in Michigan you must be:

1. A resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote for at least 30 days before election day.
2. A citizen of the United States of America.
3. At least 18 year of age (by election day).
4. Not serving a sentence in jail or prison.

For helpful information on voting, please visit <https://vote.michigan.gov>. At this site you can find your voter information, register to vote, view your ballot, get absentee voter information and much more.

Precinct inspectors are people who are paid to assist voters at the polls on Election Day. Registered voters interested in serving as election inspectors must submit an election inspector application to their local clerk. In addition to their name, address and date of birth, applicants must include their political party preference and qualifications to fill the position such as education or experience. A precinct inspector must be a registered voter of the State. They cannot be a challenger, candidate, member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local Board of Canvassers. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve.

As always, if you have any questions, please call the office at 269-751-2403, ext. 102, or stop in the office during regular business hours, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm, and talk to the Clerk, Missy Harvey.

Senior Services and Veteran Services in Allegan County

There are many services available for Seniors and our Veterans in Allegan County. You can learn more about what is available on the Allegan County website at www.allegancounty.org under the Senior and Veteran Services option. You can also call 1-877-673-5333 for either service.

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.



HEATH TOWNSHIP OFFICES
3440 M-40
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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 135th Avenue and 44th 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.

