



February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

April

30 - Township Clean Up Day.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

October

8- 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
2022

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, April 30, 2022

Saturday, October 8, 2022

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

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

Elections 2022

Allegan Schools has an election on May 3, 2022.

State Primary is August 2, 2022.

State General is November 8, 2022.



For helpful information on voting, please visit

<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us> . At this site you can find your voter information, register to vote, view your ballot, get absentee voter information and much more.

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 State of America
3. At least 18 years of age (by election day).
4. Not serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Heath Township now has 2 precincts. The voters won't see a lot of changes at their level, but by law we had too many active voters to have only 1 precinct. Please call the office at 269-751-2403,ext. 102 with any questions, email me at missy@heathtownship.net or stop in during regular office hours and ask for Clerk, Missy Harvey.



HEATH TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Recycling collection is on the **1st Wednesday** of the month. Remember to place your cart out the night before your scheduled pick-up.

Curbside Recycling Service



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

Obey the guidelines!

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

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



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.



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!

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.

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.



Resource Recovery Program

Regional Recycling Depots:

You must bring your Resource Recovery Card!

Each year with your Resource Recovery Card you may recycle **tires (4)**, Styrofoam, **appliances (2)** (stoves, microwaves, dishwasher, refrigerator), **TV/Computer (1)**, **computer monitor (1)** and metal.

⇒ **Salem Township Transfer Station**, 4145 29th Street, located on 29th St South of 142nd Ave. Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8:00am-3:30pm, closed Jan. & Feb. \$3/TV recycling fee; site also provides bulk trash service for a fee.

⇒ **Broken Arrow Recycling**, 1100 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, visit www.barecycling.com for business hours. Does not accept single stream co-mingled recycling.

Visit www.allegancounty.org and search for 'regional recycling depot' for more information.

Allegan County Recycling Coordinator: Rosemary Graham Phone: (269) 686-4559 or Email: rgraham@allegancounty.org

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

- Allegan County Sheriff's Dept.
- Fennville Police Dept.
- Wayland State Police Post
- Most Meijer Pharmacies



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.

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

HHW collection events are hosted throughout the year.

Visit www.allegancounty.org for more information.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

<p><i>For Disposal Contact:</i></p> <p>Allegan County Health Department Resource Recovery Program 3255 122nd Ave. Allegan, MI Tues. & Thurs. by appointment (269) 686-4559</p> <p>DO NOT Place in Curbside Bin</p>	<p>Pesticides- Solid, Liquid, & Aerosol</p> <p>Herbicides, Insecticide, fungicide, rodenticides</p>	<p>Oil based paints-</p> <p>Stains Thinners Solvents Varnish</p>	<p>Automotive Liquids- oil, fluids, sealers, grease, anti-freeze</p>
<p>Cleaners-</p>	<p>Aerosols-</p>	<p>Small Compressed Gas Cylinders or propane tanks-</p>	<p>⇒ Mercury Thermometers ⇒ Acids ⇒ Bases ⇒ CFL Bulbs ⇒ Fluorescent Bulbs ⇒ Batteries</p>
<p>Not Accepted</p> <div> <div> <p>•Radioactive material •Explosives •Ammunition •Tires</p> </div> <div> <p>•Asphalt •Ceiling tiles •Roofing shingles •Building supplies</p> </div> <div> <p>•Trash •Debris •Latex Paint •Acrylic Paint</p> </div> <div> <p>RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL •Hazardous waste containers</p> </div> </div>			

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



Services in Allegan Co:

To learn about what services are available for Seniors and Veterans in Allegan County go to

www.allegancounty.org

or call 1-877-673-5333 for further assistance.

Assessment News

Thank you to the home owners who took time to review and return the Residential Review form last year; I appreciate your verification that your assessment is accurate or noted if there is an error. I will be reviewing another 20% of the township in 2022 as required by the State Tax Commission.

Please contact Profession Code Inspectors if you desire to build, remodel, or demolish a structure on your property. To determine how much a new building or addition will increase your tax bill, use this formula: $50\% \text{ of the value of the new construction} / 1000 \times \text{millage rate} = \text{tax increase due to new construction}$.

Thank you to Randy Reimink, Kenn Westenbroek, and Kirk VanOrder for serving on the Board of Review. The board hears appeals brought by Heath Township property owners and determines the soundness of the appeal before making a determination.

In late February you will receive the Notice of Change in Assessment letter. If you believe the information is incorrect, you can make an appointment with the March Board of Review. We will be meeting March 15 from 2 -9 pm and March 17 from 9 am-4 pm. If you are unable to attend during those times, a written petition may be submitted to the board. Please call me if you have questions or to schedule an appointment with the Board of Review. I am in the office Tuesday mornings 9am to 12pm. My email is lisa@heathtownship.net

Lisa Freeman
Heath Township Assessor
269-751-2403, ext. 107

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

Please call:

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

2022 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Paving 41st St, 132nd Ave to 134th Ave. 1 mile
- Paving 128th Ave from M-40 west to end. .95 mile
- Paving Voss Ave from M-40 west to end. .20 mile
- Dust control on gravel roads will be applied 3 times to 9.5 miles of gravel.
- Gravel will be applied to some of the gravel roads. Roads to be determined.

2021 Hamilton Fire Department Report

As of December 1st, 2021, Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 477 incidents. In comparison to December 1st, 2020, 424 incidents, we are showing a 12.5% increase in incident call volume.

We have been working with Assistant Chief from the Saugatuck Fire Department in writing a Fema Grant for the purchase of new SCBA Air Paks with 4500 PSI 30 minute Air Cylinders. We have to replace 8 sets in our Department. The Grant has been submitted.

In the past year we have completed 16 hours of Medical Continuing Education and 36 hours of Fire Continuing Education.

The jointly owned Live Fire Training Facility in Saugatuck is a huge asset for our continuing fire training. At our recent Live Training Facility board meeting, it was agreed to make an estimated \$12,000.00 worth of improvements to the facility.

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Dillion Vander Kamp on his completion and certification of his EMT license.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue was awarded a \$4,896.00 Safety Grant from Michigan Township Participating Plan. With this grant monies the Department had Back Road Services come and install reflective chevron striping on the rear of our fire apparatus.

The success of Hamilton Fire & Rescue is a direct reflection of the people who have and continue to step forward to serve our community, our community leaders, and most importantly the overwhelming support of our community.

Again, please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, and or suggestions about Hamilton Fire & Rescue.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Haverdink
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

Burn Notification Line

269-751-4444

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR
SMOKE DETECTORS AND CHANGE
THE BATTERIES!



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 notice to please post your address number.

THANK YOU

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

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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HAMILTON, MI 49419

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.

